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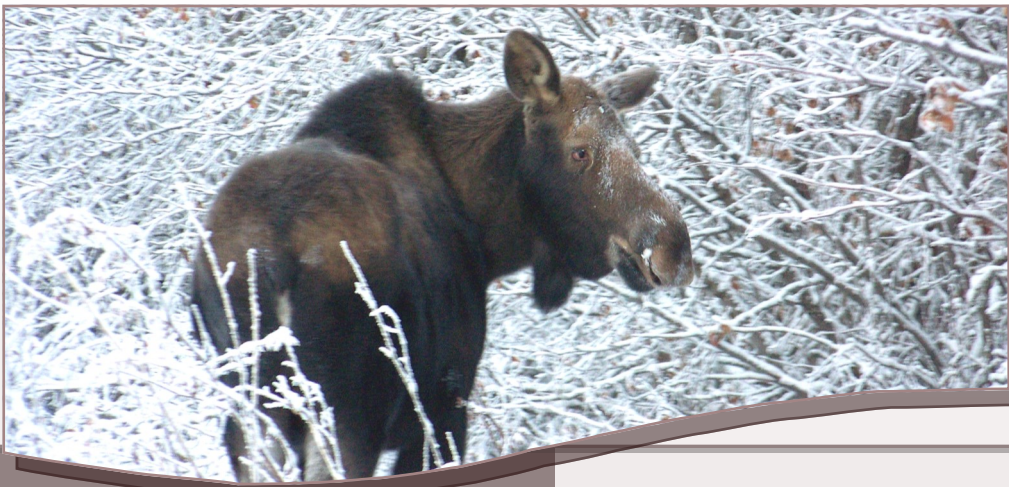


Wildlife Wednesdays

Free talks first Wednesday of the month at Mat-Su College 7:00-8:00p.m.

February 3rd

Coming to America: A Moose Story *Kevin Colson of Alaska Department of Fish & Game*



Moose are common in large parts of Alaska and Canada, but it hasn't always been that way. Join Kevin Colson, Alaska Department of Fish and Game Wildlife Biologist, as he talks about how we've gradually uncovered the story of how moose populated the state. We'll talk about how extinct species of moose, the Ice Age, Canadian logging, relocations and blind luck have led to where moose are now, and what the future may hold for them.

March 2nd

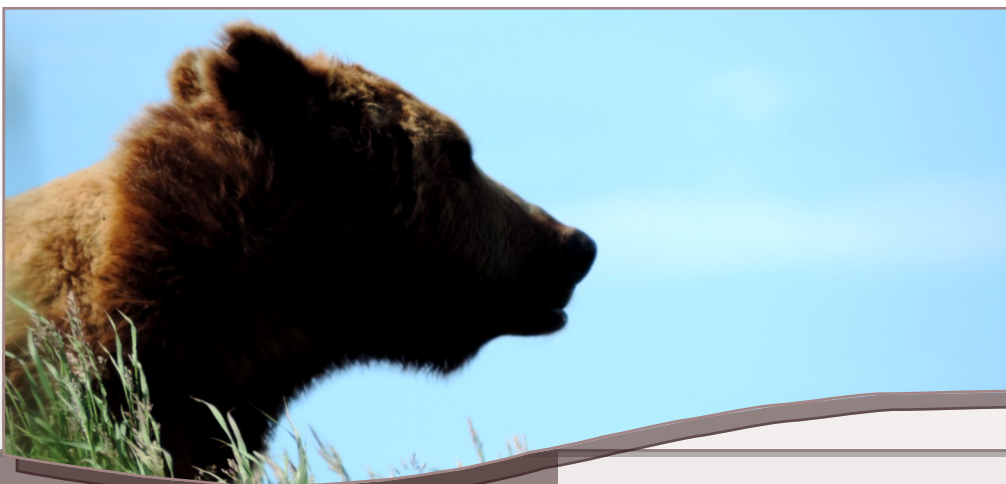
Baby Salmon Live Here! *Jon Gerken of US Fish and Wildlife Service*

What's so special about that lake, pond, creek, or river in your backyard? A lot for juvenile Coho Salmon who spend up to four years in freshwater before migrating downstream to the ocean. Why, where, and what they do in that time period can impact their growth, survival and ultimately their ability to spawn as an adult. Jon Gerken has been conducting juvenile Coho studies in the Big Lake area since 2011. Come hear about a two-inch fish that swam 15 miles upstream over 50 days to find a spot to rest for the winter, then swam the same distance downstream in just six days to saltwater. *Photo credit: Katrina Mueller*



April 6th

Documenting Dinner: What's on the Brown Bears' Menu? *Chris Brockman of ADF&G*



We all know that brown bears are omnivores, but just how much do they hunt versus forage, and if fish aren't available, what is their preferred food? Alaska Department of Fish and Game Biologist, Chris Brockman, placed video-camera collars on seven brown bears in Unit 13 to find out the answer. Join us as Chris shares some of the amazing video footage and elaborates on the feeding behavior of these bears.

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