

Salmon Live Here



STORIES OF THE FISH WE LOVE IN THE MAT-SU VALLEY

*A storytelling event hosted by The
mat-su basin salmon habitat partnership*

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 8 • 6 - 8 P.M.
PALMER TRAIN DEPOT

Emcee

Mike Wood

musical guests

The Mountain Waxwings

storytellers

Kristin Van Trease

Lynn Hosack

Rain Wade

Brent Johnson

John Gaedeke

Joshua Ashline

Mike Wood: Mike is board chair of the Susitna River Coalition and founder of the Su Salmon Co., a commercial fishing operation that harvests and sells salmon from Cook Inlet, at the mouth of the Susitna River. Mike and his wife, Molly, homestead north of Talkeetna in Chase, and he fishes the Susitna River year-round.

Kristin Van Trease: Until last year, Kristin spent every summer of her life on a fishing boat. For her first fish-free summer, she went on a 6-week bike tour in Europe. People asked her if she missed fishing...she did. But she also loved waking up and eating a croissant every morning.

Lynn Hosack (CTTC USN Ret.): Lynn retired from the U.S. Navy in 1983 and has been fishing the waters of the Mat-Su since 1981, primarily for kings. For the last 20 or so years, he and his family have spent the king season on Montana Creek and during that time they have met people from all points of the globe wanting to catch a king. P.S. His advice is free!

Rain Wade: Rain is Ahtna Athabascan of the Caribou Clan, and a citizen of Chickaloon Village. The Matanuska Valley is her ancestral home, and she has lived here almost her entire life. She seasonally work for Chickaloon Village as a Cultural Interpretive Guide.

Brent Johnson: Brent has setnet in the Ninilchik - Coho area since 1962. He has also served on the Kenai-Soldotna Fish and Game Advisory Committee, on the Kenai Peninsula Fishermen's Association, and for the past nine years as president of Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association. Brent is on the board of directors for the Kasilof Regional Historical Association and is a past president of that group. He served two terms on the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly.

John Gaedeke: John is a second-generation Brooks Range guide, raised at Iniakuk Lake in the heart of the Brooks Range. He spends half the year at Iniakuk Lake guiding summer hiking, floating, fishing and flightseeing trips as well as winter dogsled expeditions, day trips and northern lights viewing. The other half of the year he is a carpenter in Fairbanks.

Joshua Ashline: Joshua is a Fish Biologist for the United State Fish and Wildlife Service. He grew up in rural northern Vermont and spent his childhood outdoors catching panfish and newts in the beaver pond in the backyard, and crayfish in the mountain creek across the road. He believes this early and often exposure to the outdoors and playing in aquatic environments sparked his passion for aquatic ecology. Since coming to Alaska in 2009, he has focused his work efforts on identifying the seasonal habitats of juvenile Coho Salmon in the Mat-Su Valley, to better inform restoration efforts with respect to fish passage issues.



The Matanuska-Susitna Basin Salmon Habitat Partnership believes that thriving fish, healthy habitats, and vital communities can co-exist in the Mat-Su Basin. Learn more about the Partnership and Symposium at the Mat-Su Salmon Partnership website at www.matsusalmon.org and follow us on Facebook!