

Agency: Department of Fish and Game**Project Title:****Project Type: Other**

Salmon Research, Restoration and Enhancement Initiative for the Matanuska Valley and Susitna Valley Drainage Systems

State Funding Requested: \$2,500,000
One-Time Need

House District: Statewide (1-40)

Brief Project Description:

Funding for Salmon Research, Restoration and Enhancement Initiatives for the Matanuska and Susitna Valleys River Drainage System

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$2,500,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2015 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$2,500,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Funding Details:

2.5 million was appropriated last year for this ongoing project

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Salmon are important to the communities and economies of the Matanuska and Susitna Valleys. Recent downturns in productivity and abundance in the Susitna River drainage is spurring the Department of Fish and Game (Department) to better understand and characterize the changing productivity and abundance trends in salmon returning to the Susitna River and to identify actions that could be taken to lessen the hardships experienced by residents of the Mat-Su Valley that use and depend on this resource. This project will fund activities that will focus on research, restoration, stock assessment, and/or any enhancement that needs to be conducted in the Susitna River drainage to address those concerns about the declines in productivity and abundance

Project Timeline:

Ongoing

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Department of Fish & Game

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? Yes No

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