

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

Chinook Salmon Enhancement in Northern Cook Inlet

State Funding Requested: \$2,000,000
One-Time Need**House District: Mat-Su Areawide (7-11)****Brief Project Description:**

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Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$2,000,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2014 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$2,000,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Funding Details:

N/A

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

There clearly has been challenges with salmon runs in the Mat-Su Valley and it is important to provide Alaskans the opportunity to harvest these resources. While addressing the research gaps and using in season tools to more precisely manage fisheries will help make a difference too, enhancement efforts to provide alternative fishing opportunities through the department's stocking program is an important component of an overall approach to address these challenges. Fisheries and enhancement staff took a critical look at possible enhancement possibilities for the Mat-Su Valley and identified potential sites that would most benefit Valley residents looking to fish for Chinook salmon. Possible enhancement locations include the Little Susitna River, Montana Creek, Deception Creek, and the Eklutna Tail Race. This funding will allow the department to identify the most feasible locations to enhance Chinook salmon in the Mat-Su Valley to provide improved sport fishing harvest opportunities over a five-year span.

Project Timeline:

FY14-FY19

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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