

Mat-Su Fish & Wildlife Commission

An opportunity to collaborate to benefit fisheries & wildlife in the Mat-Su – SALMON SYMPOSIUM UPDATE



What is the MSB FWC?



- Started in 2007: “Mayor’s blue ribbon commission”
- 8-member commission Advocates for fish and wildlife
- Stay apprised of FWC activities:
 - Visit our web page: <https://www.matsugov.us/boards/fishcommission>
 - Visit our “fish hub”: <https://www.matsugov.us/fishhub>
 - Next meeting: Thursday, Nov. 17, 4 PM...



What's at stake in our work?

- ▶ The Mat-Su has been famous for it's King and Coho Salmon runs...
- ▶ Fishing is important to us – sustenance for the mind and the body.
- ▶ Salmon habitat and moose habitat overlap...



Susitna sockeye salmon display their spawning colors as they migrate up a clear-water tributary.



Alaska's Israel Payton posing next to, what is believed to be, a world record bull moose at 80 inches. (KTUU)
By Kari Bustamante
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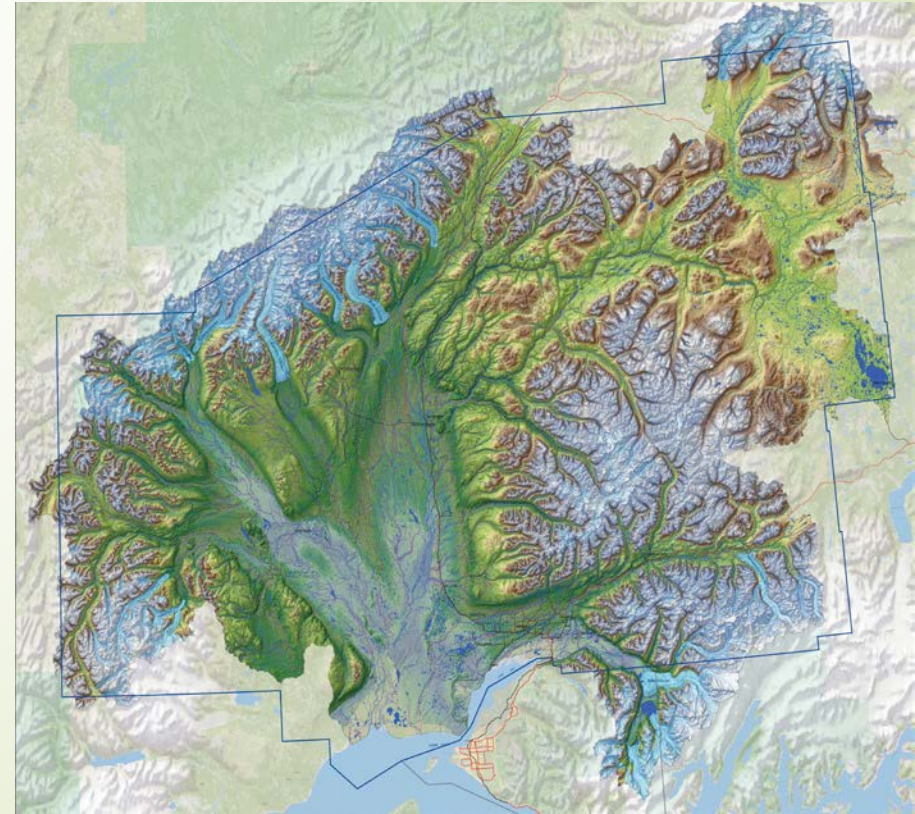
SOA Water Reservation System

- Special FWC meeting June 2022 on this topic.
- Short public comment period concern.
- Reserving adequate water in changing climate



West Susitna Access Road

- FWC wants development that is compatible with safeguarding fisheries habitat



MEA Transmission Line Impacts

- An example of how the FWC engages with the public to address fish and wildlife concerns



Future Work

- December 7: ADF&G Fisheries Summary Meeting
- Susitna Basin Recreation Rivers Plan Update
- NPFMC Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing
- Board of Fisheries 2024



A better future together?

- ▶ Let's work together to make the Mat-Su a fishing destination for all

