



Alaska's "Break Free" World Fish Migration Day - Film Festival

Saturday, May 21st , 2022

Greetings - today is World Fish Migration Day! ([World Fish Migration Day – Connecting fish, rivers and people](#)) Today's worldwide celebrations provide wonderful opportunities to reflect on all the amazing aquatic species found all across the planet who sustain and inspire us; and, to express deep appreciation for the many folks and organizations who work hard to keep them and their habitats productive and resilient. Join Us – as we celebrate World Fish Migration Day and Alaska's many fish habitat stewards and the work they do to keep our rivers, lakes and nearshore areas clean, functioning and in top shape for our fish, ourselves and our communities! It is a joy that we can share this work through a collection of short films.

Grab some popcorn, sit back, and enjoy!!!!

Films Include:

Mosaic – The Salmon Wilderness of Bristol Bay, Alaska

Contributed by: Daniel Schindler, Jason Ching, and Chris Boatright; University of Washington – Alaska Salmon Program; cboat@uw.edu, 206-930-8979

Brief Film Description: The film highlights the connection between habitat and the long-term stability of Bristol Bay's salmon populations and fisheries productivity.

Video Length: 10min 27sec

URL for online viewing: <https://vimeo.com/637271167>

Salmon Forest

Contributed by: Sitka Conservation Society and the US Forest Service

Brief Film Description: The Salmon Forest is a 30-minute documentary film that explores the connection between wild salmon and life in Alaska's Tongass National Forest, the largest national forest in the United States. The film follows Alaskan salmon on their epic migration from the streams of the forest to the ocean and back, revealing the various lives they impact along the way. Filmed in stunning high definition, The Salmon Forest highlights one of the last healthy homes for salmon on Earth, and provokes a deeper understanding of this complex and beautiful ecosystem.

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URL for online viewing: [Salmon Forest](#) / [The Salmon Forest | Tongass National Forest - Alaska Nature Documentary - YouTube](#) / <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rm25cRi8TL8>

Mitchell Creek Fish Pass Reconstruction

Contact: Eric Castro eric.castro@usda.gov

Brief Film Description: 2018 reconstruction project on a fish pass structure in Southeast Alaska where the Forest Service teamed up with the Student Conservation Association to complete this project in 12 short weeks.

URL for online viewing: <https://vimeo.com/388603502>

ABOUT SALMON and the COPPER RIVER

Contact: Lisa Docken at lisa@copperriver.org

Brief Film Description: Matt Piche speaks about what makes the Copper River watershed

URL for online viewing: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QNIPdDatQm4>

ABOUT CRWP and CULVERTS for FISH PASSAGE

Contact: Lisa Docken at lisa@copperriver.org

Brief Film Description: Learn about Culverts and how they impact Fish Passage in the Copper River watershed

URL for online viewing: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uXi0bHpHE6g>

Why Restoration? Fish. People. The Future.

Contributed by: Ian Johnson, Hoonah Native Forest Partnership

Brief Film Description: Community Forests and locally driven workforce are the crux of the Hoonah Native Forest Partnership. This video dives into why stream restoration is needed and how its linked to maintaining healthy fish, people and communities.

URL for online viewing: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nfff4CcHflc&t=6s>

On the Water with the Southeast Alaska Watershed Coalition and the Youth Conservation Corps in Cube

Contributed by: Khrystl Brouillette, Southeast Alaska Watershed Coalition,
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Brief Film Description: During the summer of 2021, a team from the Southeast Alaska Watershed Coalition (SAWC) worked with the Angoon Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) to remove a culvert from a remote area on Admiralty Island. This fantastic group of youths did a lot of work, alongside SAWC staff, to dig, carry, saw, and finally, remove a culvert that was blocking fish passage near Cube Cove. This project is part of a larger initiative to improve fish habitat across Admiralty Island.

URL for online viewing: <https://vimeo.com/629287158>