

SUBJECT: INFORMING THE ASSEMBLY OF THE MANAGER'S AUTHORIZATION OF
A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE ALASKA SUSTAINABLE
SALMON FUND FOR FISH PASSAGE IMPROVEMENTS.

AGENDA OF: June 21, 2022

ASSEMBLY ACTION:

presented to the Assembly 6-21-22
(Signature)

MANAGER RECOMMENDATION: For information only.

APPROVED BY MICHAEL BROWN, BOROUGH MANAGER: (Signature)

Route To:	Department/Individual	Initials	Remarks
	Originator - A. Senta	AS 6/3/22	
	Public Works Director	TDC	3 June 2022
	Finance Director	CS	
	Borough Attorney	NS	
	Borough Clerk	Boyd for Item	

ATTACHMENT (S): None

SUMMARY STATEMENT: The Public Works Department has been invited to submit an application to the Alaska Sustainable Salmon Fund for Fish Passage Improvements in the Borough. The application is due online June 29, 2022.

This project would continue a partnership between the Matanuska-Susitna Borough (MSB), the Alaska Sustainable Salmon Fund (AKSSF), and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G), to address fish passage barriers identified and prioritized by ADF&G during a comprehensive assessment of the MSB fish passage barriers. Our partners have worked together to prioritize and select barriers located on MSB owned roads and will jointly develop designs. The MSB will provide design and construction oversight and ADF&G will assist in project development and inspection.

The MSB Assembly annually approves grant matching funds for fish passage improvement projects. The MSB intends that this locally derived funding be used to leverage additional funding to the maximum amount possible, knowing the need exceeds their ability to provide funding derived from local taxes solely. This project proposes to use those local funds to leverage as much funding as possible to improve fish passage at the prioritized sites. The AKSSF grant opportunity requires a 26% local funding match, making it a very attractive grant to pursue.

Additional legislation to accept and appropriate the funding will be sent forward once the grant agreement is received, which is anticipated in December of 2022.