

**SUBJECT:** INFORMING THE ASSEMBLY OF THE MANAGERS SIGNATURE ON, AND THE SUBMITTAL OF, A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE ALASKA SUSTAINABLE SALMON FUND REQUESTING \$962,000 FOR FISH PASSAGE IMPROVEMENTS.

**AGENDA OF:** July 20, 2021

**ASSEMBLY ACTION:**

*Presented to the Assembly*  
*7-20-21*  
*[Signature]*

**MANAGER RECOMMENDATION:** For information only.

**APPROVED BY MICHAEL BROWN, BOROUGH MANAGER:** *[Signature]*

Route To:	Department/Individual	Initials	Remarks
	Originator - P. Graham	PG 7/6/2021	
	Public Works Director	Terry Dolan	Digitally signed by Terry Dolan Date: 2021.07.08 15:33:50 -08'00'
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	Borough Attorney	<i>[Signature]</i>	
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**ATTACHMENT (S) :** None

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:** The Public Works Department prepares and submits an application to the Alaska Sustainable Salmon fund for Fish Passage Improvements in the borough, when it opens.

This project continues a partnership between the Matanuska Susitna borough (MSB), the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) and the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to address fish passage barriers identified and prioritized by ADF&G during a comprehensive assessment of the MSB funded by the Alaska Sustainable Salmon Fund (AKSSF) from 2009-2011. Partners worked together to prioritize and select barriers located on MSB owned roads and will jointly develop designs. The MSB will provide construction oversight and ADF&G will re-survey sites post completion and update the Fish Resource Monitor (culvert mapper). Sites were selected based on assessment data and prioritized by the extent of upstream habitat and the severity of the barrier.

The MSB Assembly annually approves funds for stream crossing replacement projects. The MSB intends that this locally derived funding be used to leverage additional funding to the maximum amount possible, knowing the need greatly exceeds their ability to provide funding derived from local taxes. This project proposes to use those local funds, these grant funds and secured funds from USFWS to improve fish passage at these sites.

Additional legislation to accept and appropriate the funding will be sent forward once the grant is received.