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**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
CLASSROOM SALMON EGG TAKES SCHEDULED FOR
OCTOBER 11-12**

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game Aquatic Education Program and the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District will start this year's Salmonids in the Classroom Program with two coho salmon egg-takes. The egg-takes will be at Bear Creek near Seward on Tuesday, October 11, and at the Anchor River in Anchor Point on Wednesday, October 12.

Presentations by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game will be conducted hourly and are scheduled for 10:15 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at Bear Creek, while Anchor River presentations are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Students from Kindergarten through high school will attend the egg takes. Students will arrive hourly at each location to participate in the egg takes and to learn about salmon life cycles, egg fertilization, external anatomy, salmon identification, and habitat requirements. More than 550 students are expected to attend. Each school will take approximately 300 eggs back to their classrooms to observe eggs develop into free-swimming coho salmon fry. The fry from these incubation projects will be released next spring back into Bear Creek or at selected landlocked lakes.

The incubation projects are part of the Salmonids in the Classroom Program to teach students about salmon biology, and salmon habitat requirements. Students will watch eggs develop and learn about salmon in class the entire school year.

School egg takes will also be held in several other communities.

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