

PERFORMANCE REPORT

STATE: Alaska

GRANT NO.: F-31-29

GRANT TITLE: Aquatic Resource Education

PERIOD COVERED: July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

STUDY NO. AND TITLE: AE-2-1 Angler Outreach, Education and Information

STUDY OBJECTIVES:

The objectives of the Angler Outreach, Education and Information Program are to:

1. Provide sport fishing education to Alaskans and visitors.
2. Provide information and education to Alaskans and visitors about responsible use of aquatic resources.
3. Maintain current partnerships through support of classroom aquariums, classroom visits, and teacher trainings.
4. Support and increase awareness of Alaska's fishery and angling opportunities by providing staff and material to recreational fishing trade shows and other events.

RESULTS/DISCUSSIONS:

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Sport Fish Division offers a variety of resources and activities in the Southcentral Region to promote ethical sport fishing and stewardship. Individuals of different knowledge and skill levels participate in varying capacity with the aquatic education program to meet their specific needs and gain desired information and skills.

Through hands-on experience and exploration all participants discovering local aquatic resources and a basic fundamental knowledge of angling practices. Kids and adults, of all ages, watch salmon develop online or in their classroom and learn about common local species, anatomy and identification as well as ethical sport fishing techniques and much more. Each presentation is customized to the audience and provides the information about local fisheries and information that is applicable to that area creating a foundation for respect and appreciation for local aquatic resources.

Partnerships with local school districts were maintained during FY18. Participation included the following:

Salmon Egg Incubation Projects (FY18) (School Year 2017/18)

Anchorage Area (62 schools)

Salmon for Dissections:	350 fish = ~2000 students*
Egg take:	1,445 students
<u>Ice Fishing:</u>	<u>2,188 students</u>
Anchorage total interactions:	5,633 students

*Fish provided to teachers so they could lead salmon dissections on their own classroom.

Kenai Peninsula (29 schools)

Egg take:	720 students
Dissections:	690 students
Ice fishing:	670 students
Salmon release training:	60 students
Salmon celebration:	900 students
<u>Misc other presentations:</u>	<u>50 students</u>
Kenai Peninsula total interactions:	3,090 students

Matanuska –Susitna Area (22 schools)

Egg take:	942 students
<u>Salmon Education Presentations:</u>	<u>2,482 students</u>
Matanuska - Susitna total interactions:	3,424 students

Additional Activities and Events:

Dillingham

- Salmon Camp Presentation (Bristol Bay) – 15 students
- Math/Science Week Presentation ~ 12 students
- Career Week presentations (Dillingham Middle School) ~60 students

Kodiak

- Kodiak High School presentations – 200 students
- Kodiak 4th grade presentations – 80 students
- Salmon Life Social booth – 250 kids
- Salmon Camp – 50 kids

- Kodiak Seafood Center Symposium Kids Corner – 50 kids
- School fun nights – 4 schools
- Ocean Science presentations – 50 kids

Kenai Peninsula

- Kenai Peninsula Sport, Rec, and Trade Show (youth fishing activity, licenses and information booth) – 6,500 general public attendance
- Kenai River Festival (fish printing)– 250 t-shirts printed and 6,500 general public attendance

Anchorage

- Potter Marsh Discovery Days – 1,000 General Public
- Focus Group Special Needs fishing opportunity – 30 kids
- Outdoor Youth Days – 60 kids
- Ice Fishing events at Mirror and Jewel lakes.
- Discovery Days at Campbell Creek ~800 students
- Anchorage Campbell Creek Youth Only Fishery – ~300 participants (45 fishing rods loaned out)
- Anchorage Ship Creek Youth Only Fishery – ~400 participants (101 fishing rods loaned out)
- Salmon Lifecycle newsletters – teacher and students in Mat-Su, Anchorage, and Kenai Peninsula
- Alaska Great Alaska Sportsman Show – 25,000 General Public



Ice fishing at Jewel Lake in February 2018.



Ship Creek egg take presentation at William Jack Hernandez Sport Fish Hatchery.

FINAL REPORT STATUS:

This performance report constitutes the final report of activities for study AE-2-1 during this reporting period.

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