



# Alaska Fish and Wildlife Fund

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## ABOUT NFWF

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The Chilkat Mountains in Alaska

## OVERVIEW

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) announced a 2020 year round of funding for the Alaska Fish and Wildlife Fund to continue to enhance the viability of fish and wildlife in Alaska by filling key information gaps, implementing conservation actions that help build resilience and mitigate threats, while supporting and engaging Alaskan Natives and local communities. The eight grants totaling \$560,000 leveraged \$1,487,020 in match contributions to generate a total conservation impact of \$2,047,020.

## GRANTS

### Engaging Native Communities in Emperor Geese Conservation for Subsistence Hunting Opportunities (AK)

Grantee: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Grant Amount:.....	\$50,000
Matching Funds:.....	\$777,960
Total Project: .....	\$827,960

Conduct outreach in rural coastal Alaskan communities on Kodiak Island and in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Region to educate and engage Native Alaskan residents in emperor geese conservation to ensure future recreational and subsistence hunting opportunities. Project will initiate a broad-scale public education and outreach initiative to deliver a timely, clear, and consistent message about emperor goose ecology, harvest management, and conservation need.

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### Engaging the Community to Restore Habitat for Sockeye Salmon in the Klawock Watershed (AK)

Grantee: Southeast Alaska Watershed Coalition

Grant Amount:..... \$59,318  
 Matching Funds:..... \$97,270  
 Total Project: .....\$156,588

Restore sockeye salmon habitat and engage with local community groups to build capacity for the management of Sockeye salmon. Project will: 1) improve fish habitat quality and quantity; 2) conduct stream habitat assessments; and 3) develop and implement a best management practice plan for watershed landowners.



Salmon in Alaska

### Baseline Assessment of Hydrology and Water Quality within the Vogel Lake Complex (AK)

Grantee: Kenai Watershed Forum

Grant Amount:..... \$102,746  
 Matching Funds:..... \$106,350  
 Total Project: .....\$209,096

Establish baselines for hydrology and water quality parameters throughout the Vogel Lake complex on the Kenai Peninsula in Alaska to develop a treatment plan for invasive northern pike for the benefit of native coho salmon, sockeye salmon, and rainbow trout. Project will conduct a hydrologic connectivity assessment, establish a stream discharge station to capture outflow, and perform water quality monitoring on three sites.

### Assessing Impact and Effects of Elodea on Sockeye Salmon in Eyak Lake (AK)

Grantee: USDA Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Research Station

Grant Amount:.....\$127,078  
 Matching Funds:..... \$201,794  
 Total Project: .....\$328,872

Assess the impact and effects of Elodea, a non-native aquatic plant, on sockeye salmon within Eyak Lake in Alaska to fill information gaps and provide insight on Elodea impacts on other Pacific salmon and native fish. Project will conduct three studies to inform relevant management agencies and stakeholders on cost-effective techniques to address Elodea control and eradication.

### Assessing Mortality of Chinook Salmon During Freshwater Migration in Western Alaska (AK)

Grantee: Bering Sea Fishermen's Association

Grant Amount:..... \$67,936  
 Matching Funds:..... \$92,940  
 Total Project: .....\$160,876

Estimate the prevalence of heat stress and pre-spawn mortality in migrating western Alaska adult Chinook salmon using natural biomarkers in the tissues of living individuals. Project will identify specific locations and populations where heat stress mortality is more likely in order to prioritize conservation efforts.

### Monitoring and Habitat Assessment of Pacific Salmon in the Eklutna River Post-Barrier Removal (AK)

Grantee: Trout Unlimited

Grant Amount:..... \$101,086  
 Matching Funds:..... \$102,625  
 Total Project: .....\$203,711

Conduct monitoring on four sites on the Eklutna River in Alaska, post-barrier removal, for the benefit of Pacific Salmon. Project will determine the adequate amount of water to be returned to the Eklutna River to restore fish passage, and document the historical use of salmon by the Eklutna tribe to quantify the true cultural cost of salmon loss in the Eklutna River.

### Water Quality Monitoring in Chilkat Valley to Assess Chinook Salmon Population and Habitat (AK)

Grantee: Takshanuk Watershed Council

Grant Amount:..... \$42,570  
 Matching Funds:..... \$98,816  
 Total Project: .....\$141,386

Produce comprehensive, scientifically valid, and legally defensible current baseline water quality data for the Chilkat and Chilkoot watersheds in Alaska. Project will: 1) conduct baseline water data collection into its third year; 2) engage State and Federal regulators on permitting and water quality issues; and 3) build capacity and engage with the Chilkat Indian Village, Chilkoot Indian Association, and the Village of Klukwan.

### Community Engagement with Federal Fish and Wildlife Projects on the Copper River (AK)

Project State: Alaska

Grantee: University of Alaska Anchorage

Grant Amount:..... \$9,266  
 Matching Funds:..... \$9,266  
 Total Project: .....\$18,532

Facilitate an Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program (ANSEP) student internship with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and U.S. Forest Service relating to Pacific salmon conservation projects on the Copper River, Alaska. Project will give an ANSEP student field work experience to support their pursuit of conservation careers, and the student will serve as liaisons between federal managers and local communities.