

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Ass.****Federal Tax ID: 92-0062550****Project Title:****Project Type: Other**

Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association - Haines/ Skagway Spawning Channels

State Funding Requested: \$620,000
One-Time Need**House District: 5 / C****Brief Project Description:**

Construction of new spawning channels in the Klehini and Chilkat floodplains to increase chum salmon spawning habitat.
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Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$620,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$620,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

In the Chilkat Valley, where unstable, braided glacial streams limit salmon populations, spawning channels effectively provide chum salmon stable, high quality spawning habitat. For instance, NSRAA's Herman spawning channel provides wild spawning chum conditions that result in around 10 times greater egg to fry survival than what occurs in the Klehini or Chilkat Rivers. Spawning channels constructed with this grant money will mimic the Herman spawning channel, and be located on either or both the Klehini and Chilkat Rivers. Pre-construction monitoring will determine the most suitable location(s) for channel construction. Additionally maintenance of existing spawning channels and in-stream incubation boxes will occur.
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Project Timeline:

Phase I: Initial pre-construction monitoring will begin in late summer of 2012 and continue through the winter until spring of 2013.
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Phase II: Permitting and engineering of new channel construction and existing channel maintenance will occur in 2013.

Phase III: Construction of new channels and existing channel maintenance will occur in 2014. Majority of expenses will be expended during construction phase.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

NSRAA

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? Yes No

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