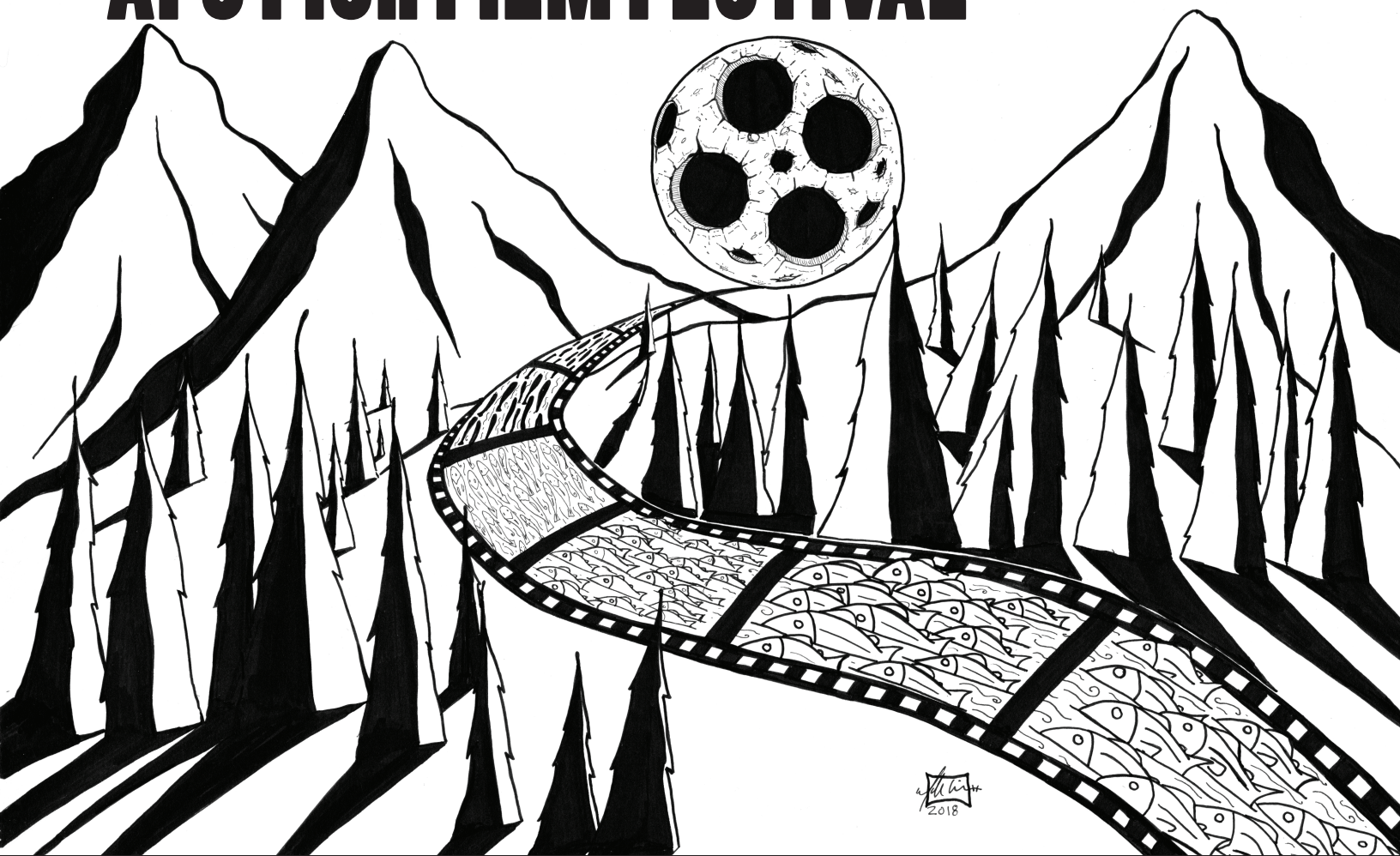


**Alaska Experience Theater**

3 back-to-back showings  
starting Tuesday, May 22 @ 8PM

# ALASKA 2018 AFS FISH FILM FESTIVAL



## 1 Yukon Kings (07:15)

*Go Project Films*

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Set in the remote Alaskan Yukon Delta, Yukon Kings follows Yup'ik fisherman Ray Waska as he teaches his grandkids how to fish during the summer salmon run. With environmental and cultural forces threatening their subsistence way of life, Ray holds onto the hope that his grandsons will one day pass on the traditional knowledge to their children.

## 2 Restoring America's Salmon Forest (06:00)

*Sitka Conservation Society & Southeast Sustainable Partnership, US Forest Service*

Bethany Goodrich: [info@sitkawild.org](mailto:info@sitkawild.org)

Nestled deep within our earth's largest temperate rainforest-conservation takes a unique form. Meet a vibrant team of heavy equipment operators working deep in the Tongass National Forest of Southeast Alaska. Learn about the Sitkoh River Restoration Project and the benefits of river and stream restoration.

## 3 Blueheads & Bonneville (06:40)

*Sage Lion Media / WNTI and DFHP*

Therese Thompson: [tthompson@westernnativetrout.org](mailto:tthompson@westernnativetrout.org)

In 2011, the Western Native Trout Initiative (WNTI) and Desert Fish Habitat Partnership (DFHP) joined the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, Trout Unlimited, and their many partners in the Weber River Partnership in funding a series of 3 large habitat projects in an 18 mile stretch of the Weber River near Ogden, Utah. This film celebrates the strength of these partnerships to benefit the native bluehead sucker and Bonneville cutthroat trout.

## 4 In Southwest Alaska (04:43)

*Jason Ching*

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This video highlights the scenery of Iliamna Lake and Lake Aleknagik in Southwest Alaska. These two watersheds provide spawning habitat for some of the largest returns of wild sockeye salmon from Bristol Bay, and also serve as important habitat for the development and growth of salmon in their early stages of life. As a keystone species in Bristol Bay, sockeye salmon are of large economic importance to the commercial fishing industry and local lodge outfitters, they serve as an important food source for local communities, and also support the diverse and amazing ecosystems within these watersheds.

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## Mat-Su salmon PARTNERSHIP



## 5 Voices of the Chena (12:20)

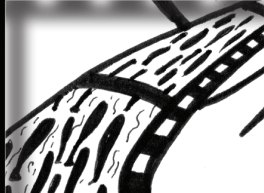
US Fish and Wildlife Service / Tanana Valley Watershed Association  
jimmy\_fox@fws.gov & bryn.tvwa@gmail.com

Deep in the heart of the Great Land lies the Chena River. This river is home to the second-largest run of Yukon River king salmon, yet it flows through one of the most populated cities in the state. This film celebrates the progress the community is making to conserve, restore and protect king salmon and the Chena River for themselves and future generations.

## 6 Alaska Salmon Project-King Maker Chickaloon Village (03:08)

The Salmon Project and Great Land Trust  
eharrington@salmonproject.org & lkugel@greatlandtrust.org

The King Makers of Chickaloon Native Village have brought the salmon back to Moose Creek. The village participated in a habitat restoration project to return Moose Creek to its relic path after being straightened by the railroad nearly 100 years ago. The straightening of the river resulted in bedrock waterfalls that acted as a barrier for spawning salmon. Since the restoration, salmon have returned to the headwaters of Moose Creek. This is their story.



## SOUTHEAST ALASKA FISH HABITAT PARTNERSHIP



## 7 A Creek Once More (08:50)

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It seemed an almost impossible task: re-create the historic path of a creek in Crater Lake National Park that was wiped off the landscape more than one hundred years ago. Determined conservation partners, tribal organizations, landowners, corporations and individuals banded together to make it happen. More than two dozen key players collaborated to re-connect the historic channel between Sun Creek and Wood River to benefit an isolated population of the now-threatened Bull Trout and Interior Redband Trout. A short film created by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service tells the remarkable, inspiring story.

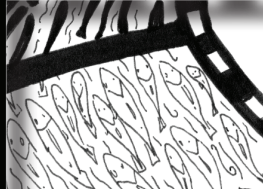
## Tour the Kwethluk Weir (03:57)

Lisa Hupp / US Fish and Wildlife Service  
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Swim with migrating salmon as they move up the Kwethluk River in Alaska and pass through a weir. Tour the weir with our staff and learn more about how weirs help us manage salmon for future generations.



## Western Native Trout Initiative



## 9 Stream Watch Legacy: growing strong roots & making a difference for 20 years! (05:15)

Alaska Teen Media and the Kenai Watershed Forum  
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Stream Watch Volunteers are ordinary people making extraordinary efforts to protect Kenai Peninsula fish habitats. The program is jointly administered by KWF and Chugach National Forest. Volunteers complete a myriad of projects ranging from hands-on, river protection projects to sharing on-river, educational stewardship messages. Volunteers come from the local area but also out-of-state and out-of-country. Everyone is invited to make a difference!

## Unprecedented Fish Passage Improvements in the Mat-Su Borough (03:12)

Mat-Su Borough and US Fish & Wildlife Service  
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A time lapse videography of the installation of a stream simulation culvert on Cottonwood Creek in the Mat-Su Borough. The funding partners, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Alaska Dept of Fish & Game, and Mat-Su Borough also give commentary on the importance of fish passage projects within the Borough and the Borough's level of commitment.

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