

71440-2009-916 Protect Coastal cutthroat habitat via water reservations in Southeast Alaska

State(s): Alaska

Managing Agency/Organization: Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Type of Organization: State Government

Project Status: Completed

Project type: WNTI Project

Project action(s): Water quantity, Water quality, Watershed

Trout species benefitted: Coastal Cutthroat

Population: SE Alaska Coastal Cutthroat

The objective of this project is acquire water rights to maintain natural water levels in lakes to protect trout habitat. To accomplish this, 3 years of hydrological data will be collected on 4 high value lakes in Southeast Alaska (SEAK). Instream flow laws allow agencies to legally acquire water rights but several years of flow data is required. The need to acquire water rights to maintain trout habitat is important as competition for water continues to increase for hydroelectric development.

Objectives:

- protect and maintain healthy coastal cutthroat watersheds through a process of filing for Alaska water reservations

Partners:

- Alaska Fish and Game, US Fish and Wildlife Service

Funding Source(s):

- National Fish Habitat Action Plan

Project cost: \$82,000.00

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