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## NVE's Fisheries Programs

### LOWER RIVER Sonar Station

The sonar at Flag Point, Mile 27 of the Copper River, began counting on May 4<sup>th</sup>. The first fish was seen on May 8<sup>th</sup>. The set up has again been altered and improved from last year's operation. NVE collaborates with Alaska Department of Fish and Game on this project.

### BAIRD CANYON

Baird Canyon was mobilized on May 6<sup>th</sup>. The fishwheels are ready to be launched, although the frozen river has temporarily halted operations. Baird Canyon is the location where the Sockeyes and Chinook are tagged.

### Caution advised with dead birds

Alaskans who find a group of dead or sick birds are asked to call the toll-free hotline (866)527-3358. Subsistence gathers should take care in the field. For example, berries, bird eggs and vegetation that may have been contaminated by bird droppings should be carefully washed.

### CANYON CREEK

The intended date for mobilization of the fish wheels at Canyon Creek is weather dependent. The initial stages of mobilization have begun, and will be completely mobilized when the river ice clears at Chitina. Canyon Creek is the location where the fish tagged at Baird Canyon are recaptured and counted.

### WATER USE

A century ago, the average American used only about 10 gallons of water per day to drink, cook, clean & bath. Today, the average person uses 100 gallons per day.

### May is Wetlands Month

Wetlands are considered valuable because they protect and improve water quality, store floodwaters, and provide fish and wildlife habitat.

Relating to fish and shellfish, wetlands play an important part in providing food, protection and spawning areas.

Wetlands are some of the most biologically productive natural ecosystems in the world, supporting a diversity of species.

Aquatic plant life flourishes and the energy is passed up the food chain to fish, waterfowl and other wildlife, as well as us.

### Recycling Opportunities

**Printer cartridges** (all models & brands) are being recycled by the Cordova Girl Scout Troop. The cartridges can be dropped off at Mt. Eccles Elementary School or at the NVE office and they will be shipped to Seattle. The Girl Scouts receive \$2 for each cartridge recycled.

**Aluminum cans** (i.e. soda) can be recycled at the Post Office, in the large blue bin, please do not place bags into bin.

Any questions please call Amy@ 7867