

100 Miles of Salmon Stream Conserved!

The next time you drive between Anchorage and Talkeetna, imagine that the highway is following a beautiful, healthy stream or river that's full of salmon – eggs laid in rock beds, just-hatched juveniles making their way out to the ocean for the first time, or young fish swimming upstream to breed. This imaginary river that spans the distance between Anchorage and Talkeetna is equal in length to the number of miles of salmon stream that Great Land Trust has conserved throughout Southcentral Alaska, protecting important salmon habitat forever.

With the completion this month of a new project to conserve 11.4 acres along the Kenai River – Lower Kenai River Frontage Mile 10 – **GLT has reached the milestone of conserving over 100 miles of salmon streams!**



While 100 miles is only a portion of the distance that Pacific salmon might travel during their migration upstream, having each of those miles provide healthy stream beds and smooth passage is crucial for salmon to be able to make their way to their spawning grounds.

Salmon are so important to our way of life in Alaska. They are an integral part of natural food chains and ecosystems, they're the center of cultures and economies, and they're a symbol that Alaskans can rally around. We are lucky to have such an abundant natural resource at our fingertips, and at GLT, we are striving to keep it that way by protecting important habitat all throughout the region. From Kodiak to Talkeetna to Cordova, we work to protect both the small streams that run through our communities that are home to salmon breeding grounds, as well as the major rivers like the Kenai that we count on to pull fish out of each summer.

We hope you'll join us in celebrating this achievement by casting a line, dipping your nets in the water, taking a hike along a stream, or cooking up your favorite salmon recipe. Here's to an abundance of healthy fish for many years to come!

