# Klawock Lake Sockeye Public and Stakeholder Meetings

**Background: Sockeye salmon originating in the Klawock Lake watershed on Prince of Wales Island are an important ecological, cultural, economic, and subsistence resource. Klawock Lake sockeye salmon stocks have declined dramatically over the last century, especially in the last decade. Numerous efforts to understand and manage sockeye and sockeye salmon habitat on Klawock Lake have been undertaken over the years, including in recent years. To help improve the condition of this resource, there is a need for those involved or potentially involved with the use, management, conservation, and research associated with Klawock Lake sockeye salmon and their habitat to communicate and identify opportunities to collaborate on future management decisions and research and monitoring work.**

**The Nature Conservancy, working with the Klawock Cooperative Association, the Southeast Alaska Fish Habitat Partnership, and the Sustainable Southeast Partnership, is interested in facilitating discussion among interested stakeholders, including community members, land managers, fish and wildlife managers, local governments and tribes, subsistence interests, commercial fishing interests, researchers, and other stakeholders in order to:**

* **Build common understanding of the history and current status of and activities that concern sockeye salmon in the Klawock Lake Watershed**
* **Identify additional information that is needed to better understand Klawock Lake sockeye salmon**
* **Identify opportunities for stakeholders to partner on shared goals to help improve the condition of this resource.**

**In order to accomplish these goals, we will host two meetings:**

**Public meeting (May 17, 2017; Hosted by KCA with support from TNC and SSP):**

* **Share basic information about ongoing management, research and monitoring efforts by TNC, ADFG and KCA with interested community members and general public**
* **Allow for feedback from interested community members on management and research needs to be shared at stakeholder meeting**
* **Identify community representation and individuals to participate in stakeholder meeting**

**Stakeholder meeting (October or November of 2017; Hosted by TNC with support from SEAKFHP and others):**

* **Share detailed information about past and ongoing research, management, and monitoring efforts by stakeholder groups (community interests, land managers, fish and wildlife managers, local governments and tribes, subsistence interests, commercial fishing interests, researchers, others) with each other.**
* **Identify information needs to better understand Klawock Lake sockeye salmon**
* **Identify opportunities for stakeholders to partner on shared goals to help improve the condition of this resource.**