

Marjory & Edgar Huizer Fishing Access Site

Project Information Sheet



INTRODUCTION

The Southeast Alaska Land Trust (SEAL Trust) is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to conserving lands throughout Southeast Alaska. Since 1995, SEAL Trust has collaborated with communities, individuals, and organizations to ensure that highly valued habitat, recreation, open space, and cultural and historic areas continue to thrive for the well-being of each generation. This includes purchasing or accepting donations of land and interests in land to accomplish SEAL Trust's conservation mission. Today, SEAL Trust protects and stewards over 3,500 acres throughout Southeast Alaska.



PROJECT PURPOSE

To improve the quality of life in Juneau by providing a new public access point to Gastineau Channel and the Mendenhall Wetlands State Game Refuge (Refuge) for recreation (including public fishing access), scenic views, as well as to provide an ecological buffer for the protected 3,800-acre Refuge.

PHASE 1: Site Acquisition (COMPLETE)

In 2015, SEAL Trust partnered with a major donor and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game Division of Sport Fish to purchase a quarter acre parcel located at approximately mile 2.7 of North Douglas Highway in Juneau. The property is named after the major donors – two well-known Juneau locals who were passionate about conservation and recreation. The property is named the “Marjory & Edgar Huizer Fishing Access Site” in their honor.



View from the Huizer Fishing Access Site looking north along Gastineau Channel

PHASE 2: Site Enhancement (IN PROGRESS)

Improve the site to allow for easy and safe public access to Gastineau Channel and the Refuge. In 2018, significant site work occurred to prepare the property for daily public use, including:

- Bank restoration and stabilization
- Grading of the parking area (for roughly 5 vehicles)
- Construction of the access stairs down to Gastineau Channel and the Refuge

The remaining site work includes:

- Installing wheel stops in the parking area
- Installing a kiosk and signage to provide educational information and fishing notices to the general public
- Installing a permanent sign honoring the sponsors and

FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

The total fundraising goal for the site enhancement is \$115,000. To date, we have secured \$77,000 (67%) and we are actively working to raise the final \$38,000 needed to complete our fundraising campaign.

FINAL STEPS

During the spring of 2019, SEAL Trust will complete the remaining site work.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony, officially opening the property to the public, is scheduled for May 11th at 1PM.

Your support is the final step!

To help us complete this community recreation project, please donate at our website: www.SoutheastAlaskaLandTrust.org