

# 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 in Southeast Alaska. Since 1995, SEAL Trust has partnered with communities, landowners, and others to ensure that vital habitat, recreation, open space, and historic areas remain in place for the benefit 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 nearly 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 (and more specifically, to allow for 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 2.7 mile 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.

### PHASE 2: Site Enhancement (IN PROGRESS)

Improve the site to allow for easy and safe public access to Gastineau Channel and the Refuge. The property is currently vacant and needs site work to prepare the property for daily public use, including:

- Access stairs down to Gastineau Channel and the Refuge
- A public parking area (for roughly 5 vehicles)
- Bank restoration and stabilization
- Property kiosk and signage providing educational information and fishing notices for the general public, as well as a permanent list of the benefactors and partners that made the project possible

### FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

The total fundraising goal for the site enhancement is \$115,000. To date, we have secured \$46,500 (or 40%) of our fundraising goal and we are actively working to raise the final \$68,500 needed to begin construction.



View from the future public recreation area looking north along Gastineau Channel

### NEXT STEPS

During the fall of 2017, SEAL Trust will finalize the site design and permitting requirements. We anticipate construction starting in the spring of 2018. A ribbon cutting ceremony will occur once the site work is complete.

Please join your neighbors and turn this underutilized site into a public recreation area for our entire community to enjoy.

**Your support is the next step!**

To make this community recreation project a reality, please visit our fundraising page: <https://goo.gl/s1jzx0>