

## **Anadromous Fish Streams**

Anadromous fish spend some of their adult lives in salt water, and migrate to rivers and lakes. In Alaska, all 5 species of salmon and several other fish including sheefish and whitefish are anadromous. The streams where they reproduce or spend the winter are afforded special protections under the Anadromous Fish Act. The Office of Habitat Management and Permitting has catalogued these waters as important for spawning, rearing, and migration of anadromous fish. Another law is the Fishway Act, which gives the office the ability to protect streams when fish passage could be impeded by a proposed use or activity, such as installing a culvert or a low water crossing. In Alaska, the protection of fisheries and fish habitat is a high priority.