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MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 16, 2025TO: Mayor and AssemblyFROM: Michael Brown, Borough ManagerRE: Manager's Weekly Post

2nd Quarter Fish & Wildlife Commission Report: The Fish and Wildlife Commission held regular meetings on April 10 and May 8. In addition, special meetings were conducted on May 15 and June 17. On May 15, the Commission hosted representatives from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to discuss wildlife concerns in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough. The June 17 special meeting focused on discussing potential comments to the Borough Assembly regarding the proposed waterbody setback ordinance. No resolution was adopted at that meeting. The Commission will reconvene on July 16 to continue deliberations on the matter.

2nd Quarter Investment Summary: (04/01/25-06/30/25)

- Total return for the last quarter was 0.19% with interest received of \$1,234,634.
- Average market value for our portfolio was \$216,388,294.
- This quarter there were no new Investments Purchased.
- This quarter there was \$20MM in Maturities.
- 43% of the portfolio consists of Callable Bonds.



Provídíng Outstandíng Borough Servíces to the Matanuska-Susítna Communíty

Public Affairs Media Flyover:

Disaster Mitigation

 <u>State plans major project to combat river erosion on highways near Butte and Sutton</u> Mat-Su Sentinel

Trails

 <u>New map aims to help users navigate more than 1,100 Mat-Su Trails</u> Mat-Su Sentinel

Fishing

- Mat-Su Sockeye!
 - Frontiersman
 - Court affirms split federal-state salmon management system for Alaska's Cook Inlet Alaska Beacon
- Alaska wins legal battle to protect Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery
 The Delta Discovery

Community

<u>Mat-Su Borough puts proposed pedestrian-only Saturdays in Talkeetna on pause</u>
 KTNA

Infrastructure Expansion

- Palmer airport must expand over golf course or pay millions to FAA
 Mat-Su Sentinel
- Port MacKenzie project gets \$7.8 million from Feds
 Must Read Alaska

Medical/Health

- <u>Mat-Su Regional Medical Central plans \$70 million behavioral health expansion</u> Frontiersman
- <u>Mat-Su Regional Medical Center Seeking State approval for 45-bed Behavioral Health Hospital</u>
 Alaska Beacon

Wildland Fire Danger

- New incident off of Whirl a Way Circle near Palmer AkFireInfo.com
- Mat-Su wildfire sparked by old burn pile prompts firefighting response Your Alaska Link

MSB Facebook metrics this month

• Views up by 786.5% Interactions up 360%

Future Events:

- Assembly Special Meeting on Public Safety, Saturday, August 2, 2025, at 10 a.m., Station 6-2, 4568 S. Knik-Goose Bay Rd., Wasilla
- Mat-Su Borough presentation to Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce, Tuesday, August 5, 2025, at 12:00 p.m., Evangelo's Restaurant, Wasilla