

May 2018 Program



Guest Speaker: **FRED TELLEEN**

Topic:

**Fly Fishing Alaska's Great Rivers
including the Kvichak, Naknek,
Togiak, Kanektok and Kenai River**

I fly fish to live (25+ years guiding). I live to fly fish (obsession). At the age of two, I captured my first Bluegill in Southern Michigan. Since then, I have never stopped looking into waters for fish. My first wild trout came from the waters of Glacier NP a few years later. I spent much of my youth chasing fish in Wisconsin, the Great Lakes and throughout central Canada. I went to Alaska in 1989, where I met my wife, started a family and spent 26 seasons guiding anglers.

My family moved to Great Falls Montana in August of 2007, though I continued to travel and work seasonally in Alaska through 2014. I'm now a full time Montana resident working for North 40 Fly Shop. On the side, I guide the Missouri River, host destination trips and put in time on a business called The Fly Project.

The **Kvichak River** is a large river, about 50 miles (80 km) long, in southwestern Alaska in the United States. It flows southwest from Lake Iliamna to Kvichak Bay, an arm of Bristol Bay, on the Alaska Peninsula. The Kvichak River is part of the watershed downstream of the proposed **Pebble Mine**. The **Naknek River** is a stream, 35 miles (56 km) long. It flows west from Naknek Lake to empty into Kvichak Bay, an arm of Bristol Bay.^[2] The river and lake are both known for their sockeye and other salmon. The **Togiak River** is a stream, 48-mile (77 km) long, in the southwestern part of Alaska.^[3] The Togiak is a popular and productive river, producing very good catches of all five species of Pacific salmon. Dolly Varden char and rainbow trout are also present. The river itself is very scenic, with excellent chances of observing wildlife including brown bears, caribou, moose, eagles and beaver. The **Kanektok River** is located in the Togiak National Wildlife Reserve of Southwest Alaska and flows westward 85 miles from Pegati Lake and into the Bering Sea at the city of Quinhagak. The **Kenai River** is the longest river in the Kenai Peninsula of south central Alaska. It runs 82 miles (132 km) westward from Kenai Lake to its outlet into the Cook Inlet.

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