

For Spawning Ground

Streams to Be Cleared of Debris

JUNEAU — Stream clearance work in Southeastern Alaska started this week and will continue through June, the Department of Fish and Game announced.

Stan Swanson, deputy director of the department's division of rehabilitation, enhancement and development, said that at least four streams in the Juneau area and four more in the Petersburg area will be cleared this year under the program.

The program to remove trees, stumps and debris from the streams is designed to recover lost salmon spawning grounds and improve salmon access to upstream spawning areas.

Crews working from the state vessels "Auklet" and "Shad" will remove stream debris previously marked by division of commercial fisheries personnel.

Streams in Basket Bay on Chichagof Island and Hobart Bay on the mainland are the first to be cleared.