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An image of the 2014 aerial photo is shown. The mouth of the Chena River is shown. Question from the audience about the mouth of the Chena River. Henszey shows an image of the Chena River mouth from May 10, 2015. Question from audience about the blueish water coming from the gravel in the Tanana River channel that is in the process of becoming only a high-flow channel. Henszey said a lot of times you see that blueish water where river water is moving through the gravels and comes out as ground water on the other side. He isn't sure why that happens and it could be shallow and there's enough wind to mix the turbidity of the glacial flour. Someone comments about warm waters in that area. He said you see that type of coloration where ground water is coming in. Comments in the audience that can't be understood about a slough around Rabbit Island near Clay Cemetery. Comments about the mouth of the Chena River and navigation. Comment from someone in the audience about a dredging process in the 1990s. Henszey said it silted in and now the riverboat doesn't go past the mouth of the Chena.