

[32] Approximately one in five Alaskans live in rural areas, most of whom are Alaska Native. In these rural villages, fishing is critical not only for food — subsistence fishing constitutes about 60% of what rural Alaskans eat — but also essential to the cultural and spiritual wellbeing and survival of Alaska Native people.

The last few years, salmon runs in western Alaska have collapsed, a crisis that threatens both food security and cultural heritage for many rural villages.

Government officials agree that in rivers where salmon are scarce, fishing should be limited to subsistence use. But there is disagreement about whether subsistence fishing should be limited to rural residents, or open to all residents.

When salmon are scarce in a river, some officials have pushed to limit fishing to rural residents. Other officials have pushed to open fishing to all residents, not just rural residents, arguing that the Alaska state constitution requires opening subsistence fishing to all Alaskan residents.

Which of the following comes closest to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

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When salmon are scarce, fishing should be limited to rural residents.	67	84	70	52	67	66	64	68	64	71	79	64	67	59	55	64	81	77	62	75	65	67
When salmon are scarce, fishing should be open to all residents.	28	16	24	42	28	29	28	28	29	27	16	31	29	33	39	30	18	17	31	18	31	30
Don't know	5	1	6	6	5	5	8	4	6	3	5	5	4	9	6	6	1	6	7	7	4	3
(NET)	+39	+68	+46	+10	+39	+37	+36	+40	+35	+44	+63	+33	+38	+26	+16	+34	+63	+60	+31	+57	+34	+37
Weighted N	1,008	178	521	309	507	501	347	661	636	372	132	732	390	99	162	122	139	96	230	173	183	422

[33] Trawling is an industrial method of fishing that involves pulling a vast net behind a boat. Trawling accounts for the majority of Alaska's commercial fishing volume, mostly pollock. Trawling can catch or hurt non-targeted species like salmon and whale.

Do you support or oppose federal legislation to ban trawling in the waters off the coast of Alaska?

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Strongly support	48	38	55	41	48	47	41	51	45	51	52	49	43	52	52	48	54	46	49	37	53	49
Somewhat support	26	33	22	27	25	26	26	25	25	27	17	26	27	29	22	24	28	22	27	24	25	25
Somewhat oppose	13	23	9	13	13	13	15	11	13	13	9	14	19	6	6	13	9	13	14	19	10	11
Strongly oppose	7	3	7	11	7	8	8	7	9	5	11	6	5	6	7	11	9	15	4	10	7	9
Don't know	7	2	7	8	7	6	9	5	8	5	11	6	7	8	13	5	2	5	6	10	6	6
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	74	71	77	68	73	73	67	76	70	78	69	75	70	81	74	72	82	68	76	61	78	74
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	20	26	16	24	20	21	23	18	22	18	20	20	24	12	13	24	18	28	18	29	17	20
SUPPORT (NET)	+54	+45	+61	+44	+53	+52	+44	+58	+48	+60	+49	+55	+46	+69	+61	+48	+64	+40	+58	+32	+61	+54
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[34] On August 18th, 2026, voters in Alaska will decide whether to enact **Ballot Measure No. 1**, a proposed amendment to the Alaska Constitution. If passed, the amendment would go into effect 90 days after certification.

Below is the text of the amendment that will appear on the ballot in the primary election in August:

An Act Limiting Contributions to Campaigns

"This act would change the amount of money that people and groups can give to state and local political campaigns. A court ruling in 2021 removed the limits on contributions by individuals. With this act, individuals could give \$2,000 to candidates and \$5,000 to political parties. Groups besides political parties could give \$4,000 to candidates and \$5,000 to other parties or groups. Individuals could also give \$4,000 to joint campaigns for governor and lieutenant governor, and groups could give \$8,000. These limits would increase with inflation every ten years beginning in 2031."

If the election were held today, would you vote **Yes** or **No** on this amendment?

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I would vote Yes on this amendment	65	65	67	61	62	68	60	67	61	71	55	66	61	74	72	57	65	64	66	56	62	69
I would vote No on this amendment	16	18	15	15	15	16	11	18	18	12	20	16	15	10	10	23	19	19	14	10	21	17
I would skip voting on this amendment	7	8	7	6	8	6	13	4	6	9	8	6	7	4	7	10	9	4	7	14	6	5
Not sure	13	9	11	18	15	10	16	11	16	7	17	12	17	12	11	10	6	13	13	20	12	10
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