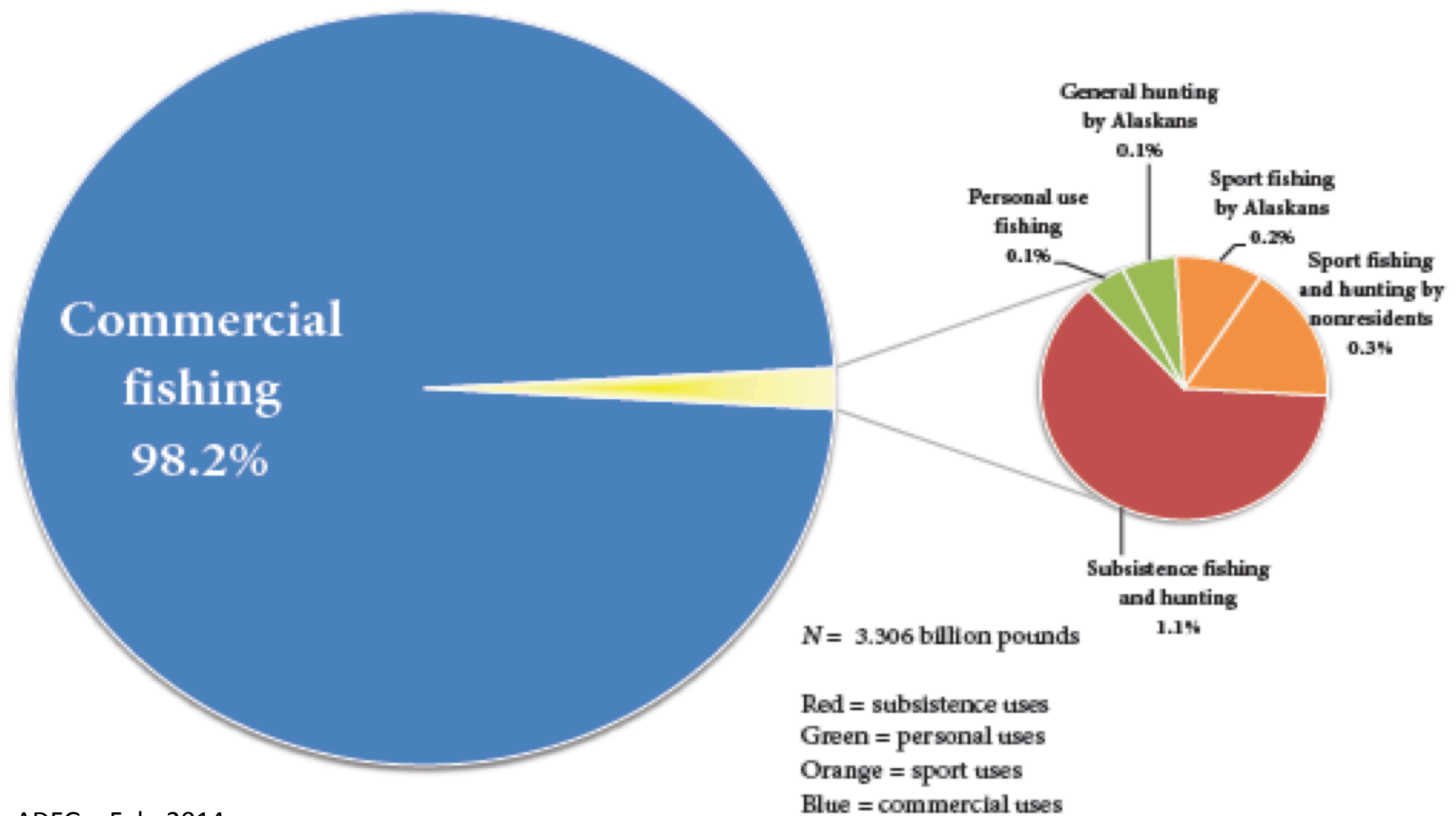




Senate Resources Committee  
Upper Cook Inlet Salmon Dialogue  
March 24, 2014

**Who harvests fish and game?  
Resource harvests by use in Alaska**



Source: ADFG – Feb. 2014

- Less than 20 % of the Upper Cook Inlet Salmon resource is available to over 150,000 sport fishers, and over 20,000 personal use households.
- Over 80% of the Upper Cook Inlet salmon resource is available to fewer than 1,300 commercial fishers.



## Division of Commercial Fisheries

### Mission and Core Services

Overview

**Mission and Core Services**

Organization

Budget

Director

Staff and Contacts

#### Contribution to Department Mission

The mission of the Division of Commercial Fisheries is to manage subsistence, commercial, and personal use fisheries in the interest of the general well being of the people and economy of the state, consistent with the sustained yield principle, and subject to allocations through public regulatory processes.

#### Core Services

- Stock Assessment and Applied Research: Maintain ongoing programs for the enumeration, assessment, and understanding of salmon, herring, groundfish, and shellfish stocks.
- Harvest Management: Control the harvest of fishery resources for subsistence, commercial, and personal uses according to plans and regulations.
- Aquaculture Permitting: Permit and provide regulatory, technical, and planning services to aquatic farmers and private nonprofit hatchery operators.
- Information Services and Public Participation: Develop, maintain and disseminate data, analyses, and published reports.

See also: [Commercial Fishing](#)

Source: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=divisions.cfmission>



## Alaska Constitution

### Art VIII, Sec II – General Authority

↳ The *legislature* shall provide for the utilization, development and conservation of all natural resources belonging to the state...



**Title 16** “The commissioner is the principal executive officer of the department...”

- ➡ there is created the Board of Fisheries
- ➡ there is created a Board of Game

**ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES  
UPPER COOK INLET FINFISH  
January 31 – February 13, 2014  
Egan Civic Center, Anchorage**

**COMMITTEE A: PERSONAL USE (25 proposals)**

Board committee members: Huntington – chair; Morisky; and Jeffrey.

**COMMITTEE B: COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING (13 proposals)**

Board committee members: Kluberton – chair; Jensen ; and Johnson.

**COMMITTEE C: KENAI RESIDENT SPECIES, GUIDES, BOUNDARIES, AND HABITAT (22 proposals)**

Board committee members: Johnson – chair; Jeffrey; and Huntington.

**COMMITTEE D: NORTHERN COOK INLET ESCAPEMENT GOALS, AND COMMERCIAL, SPORT, AND SUBSISTENCE FISHING (32 proposals)**

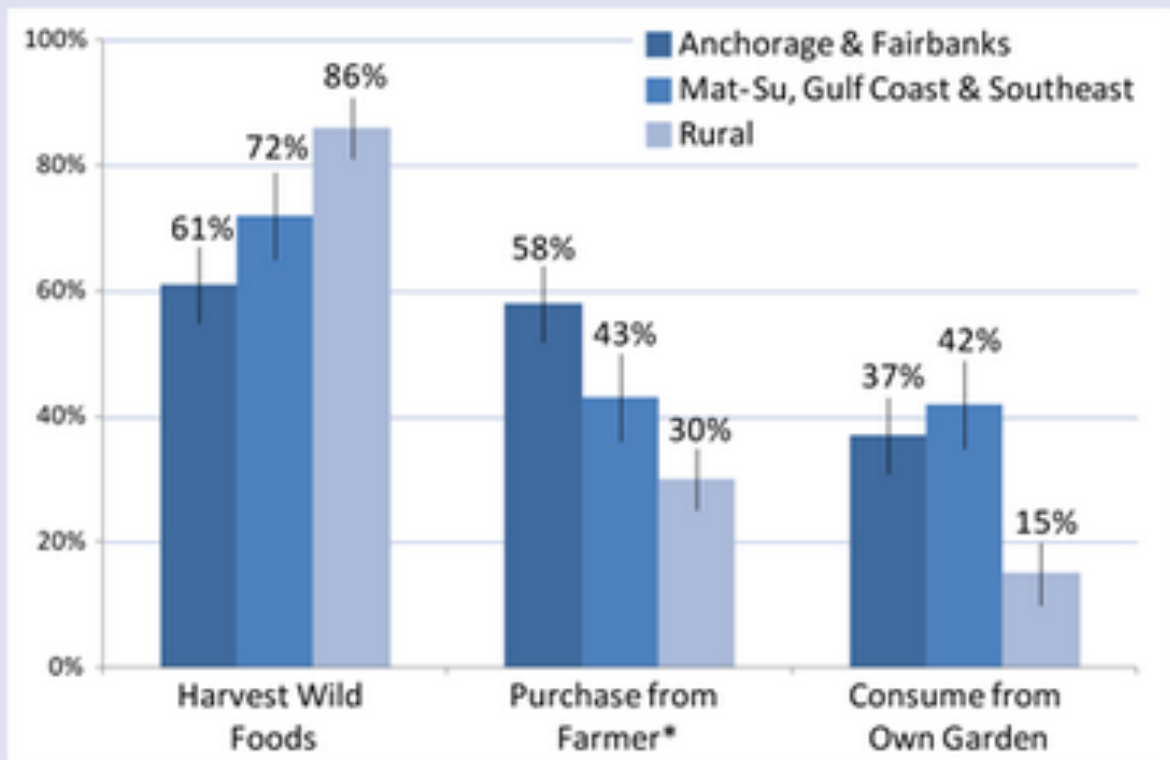
Board committee members: Jensen – chair; Morisky; and Kluberton.

**COMMITTEE E: UPPER COOK INLET/KENAI/KASILOF SPORT (27 proposals)**

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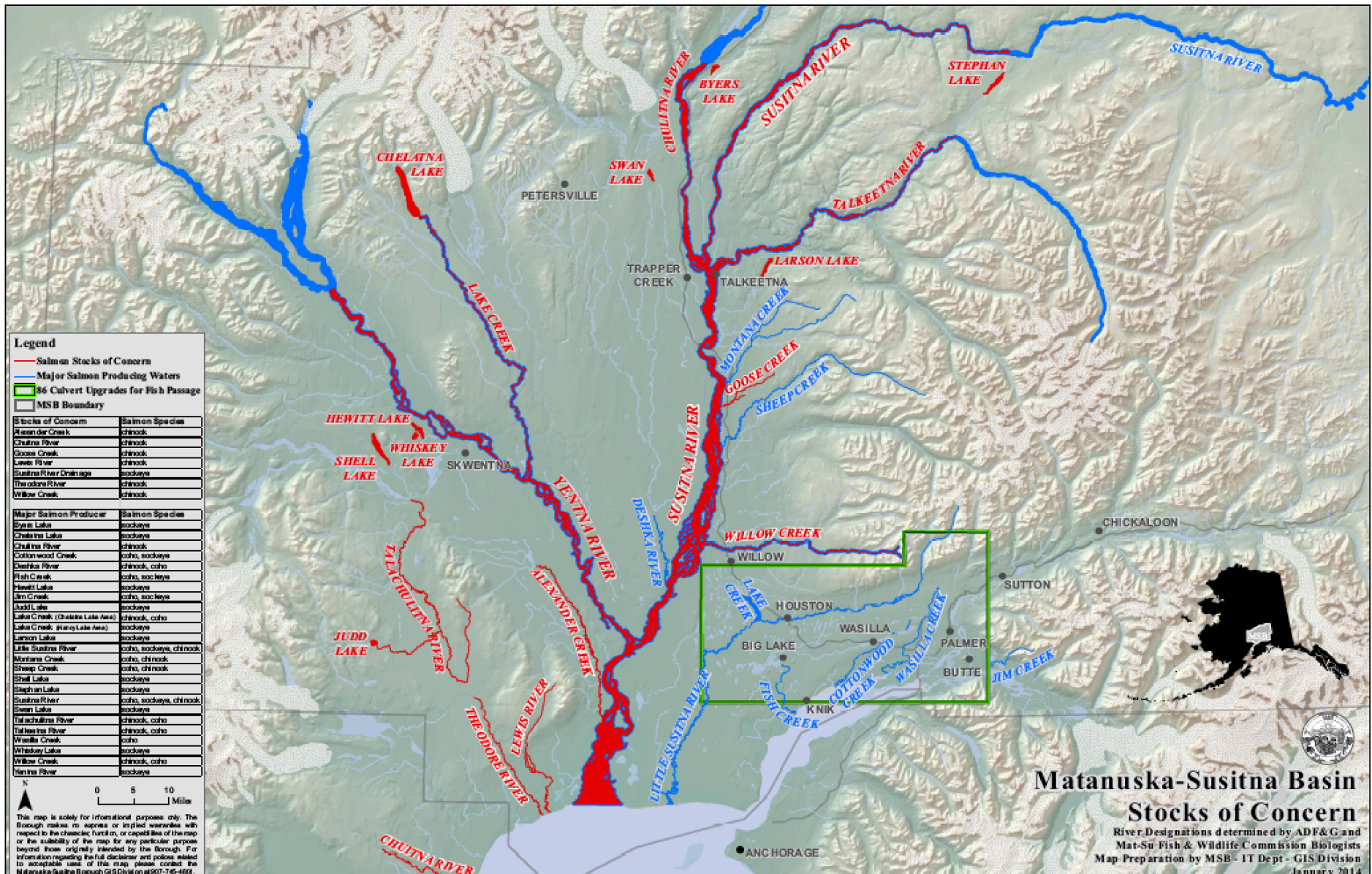
**Cook Inlet – Areawide Sport Fisheries (13)**

### LOCAL FOOD ACTIVITY BY REGION, ALASKA ADULTS, 2011

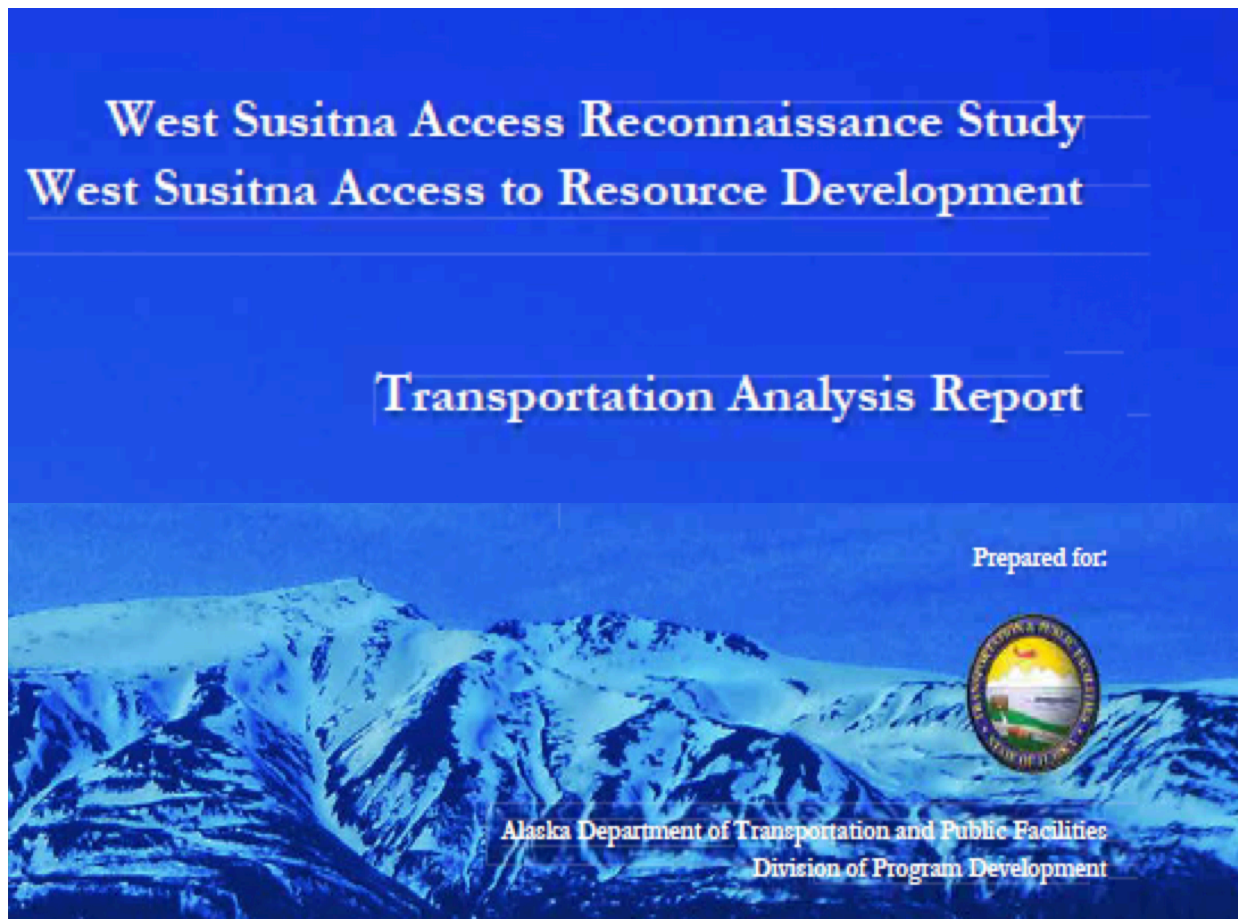


SOURCE: ALASKA BRFSS 2011

- HCR 1 – 2013 Food Policy Development Working Group
- “...access to fresh and local wild food...”
- “...consumption of local wild seafood...”

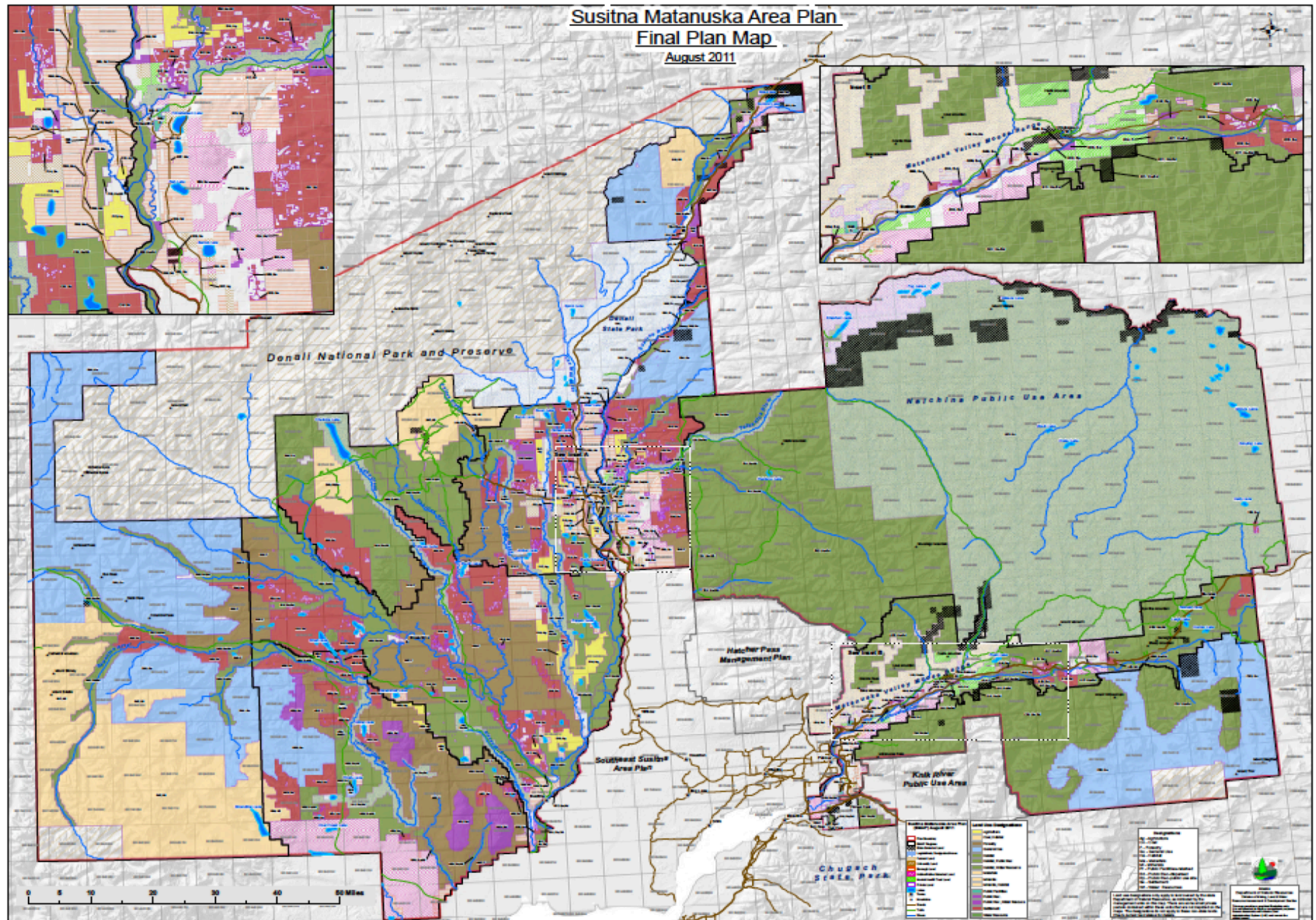






- Transportation corridors crossing or parallel to fisheries resources
- Transportation to oil and gas exploration and potential development
- Transportation to mining exploration and potential development
- Transportation to forestry







## CONCLUSIONS:

- Alaskans want to harvest wild, local, organic, healthy Upper Cook Inlet salmon – a public resource
- There are “imbalances” in the system
- The legislature can help

