

# Alaska Department of Fish & Game Overview



Senate Resources Committee  
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# ***Mission Statement***

- Based upon the Alaska State Constitution (Article 8) and Alaska Statutes (Title 16)
  - To protect, maintain, and improve the fish, game, and aquatic plant resources of the state, and manage their uses and development in the best interest of the economy and the well-being of the people of the state, consistent with the sustained yield principle.

# **The Constitution of the State of Alaska**

## **Article 8 - Natural Resources**

### **§ 4. Sustained Yield**

Fish, forests, wildlife, grasslands, and all other replenishable resources belonging to the State shall be utilized, developed, and maintained on the sustained yield principle, subject to preferences among beneficial uses.

## **The Alaska Statutes**

### **Title 16. FISH AND GAME**

Sec. 16.05.020. Functions of commissioner.

(2) manage, protect, maintain, improve, and extend the fish, game and aquatic plant resources of the state in the interest of the economy and general well-being of the state;

# ***ADF&G Core Services***

- **Harvest Management**: Provide opportunity to utilize fish and wildlife resources
- **Stock Assessment**: Ensure sustainability and harvestable surplus of fish and wildlife resources
- **Customer Service**: Provide information to all customers
- **Public Involvement**: Involve the public in management of fish and wildlife resources
- **State Sovereignty**: Protect the state's sovereignty to manage fish and wildlife resources
- **Habitat Protection**: Protect important fish and wildlife habitat during permit and project review

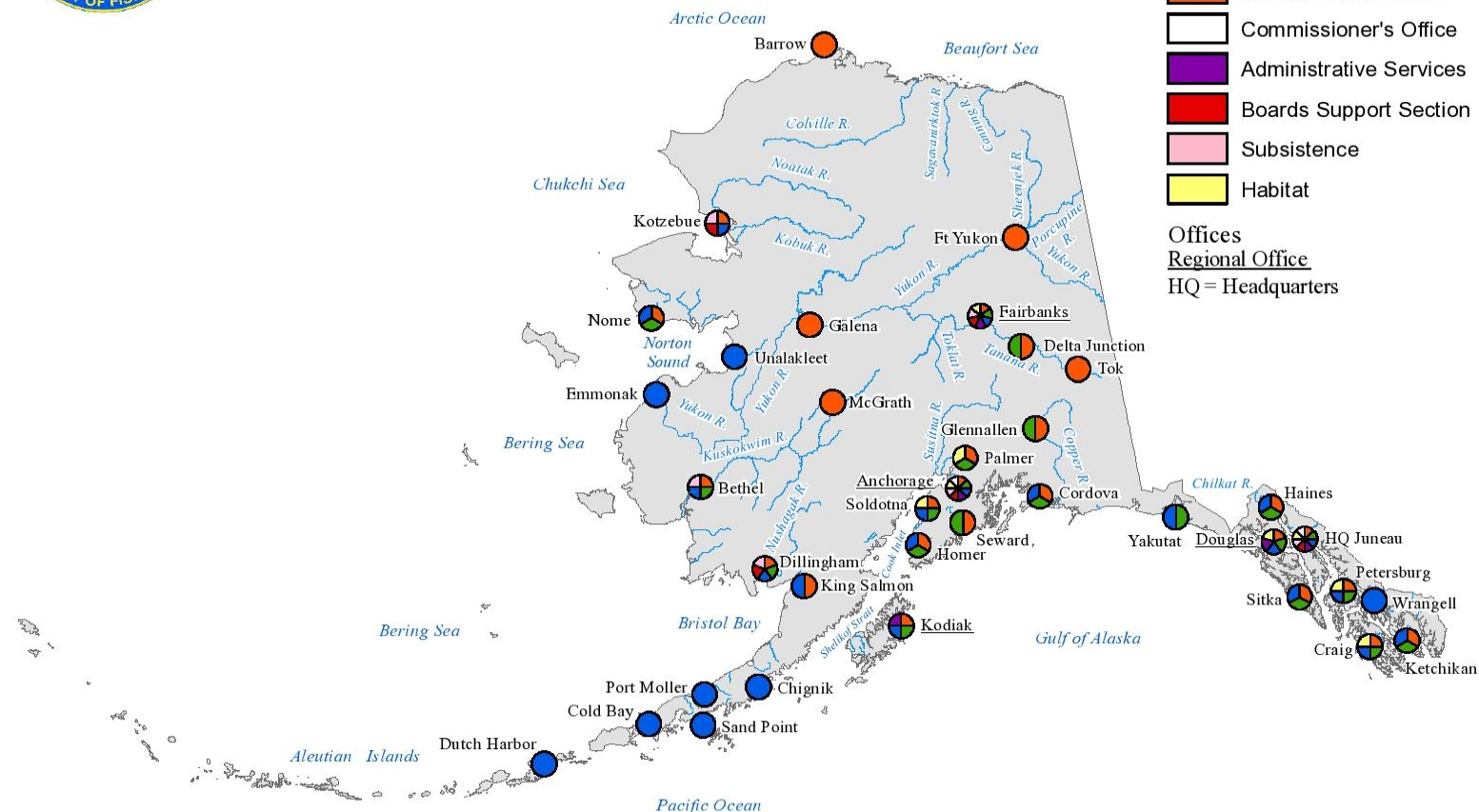


## Alaska Department of Fish and Game Regional and Area Offices

ADF&G Divisions

- Commercial Fisheries
- Sport Fish
- Wildlife Conservation
- Commissioner's Office
- Administrative Services
- Boards Support Section
- Subsistence
- Habitat

Offices  
Regional Office  
 HQ = Headquarters



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# ***Divisions of ADF&G***

## **Commercial Fisheries**

To protect, maintain, and improve the fish, shellfish, and aquatic plant resources of the state, consistent with the sustained yield principle, for the maximum benefit of the economy and the people of Alaska.



# ***Divisions of ADF&G***

## **Sport Fish**

To protect and improve the state's recreational fisheries resources.





# ***Divisions of ADF&G***

## **Wildlife Conservation**

To conserve and enhance Alaska's wildlife and habitats and provide for a wide range of public uses and benefits.





# ***Divisions of ADF&G***

## **Subsistence**

To scientifically quantify, evaluate and report information about customary and traditional uses of Alaska's fish and wildlife resources.



# ***Divisions of ADF&G***

## **Habitat**

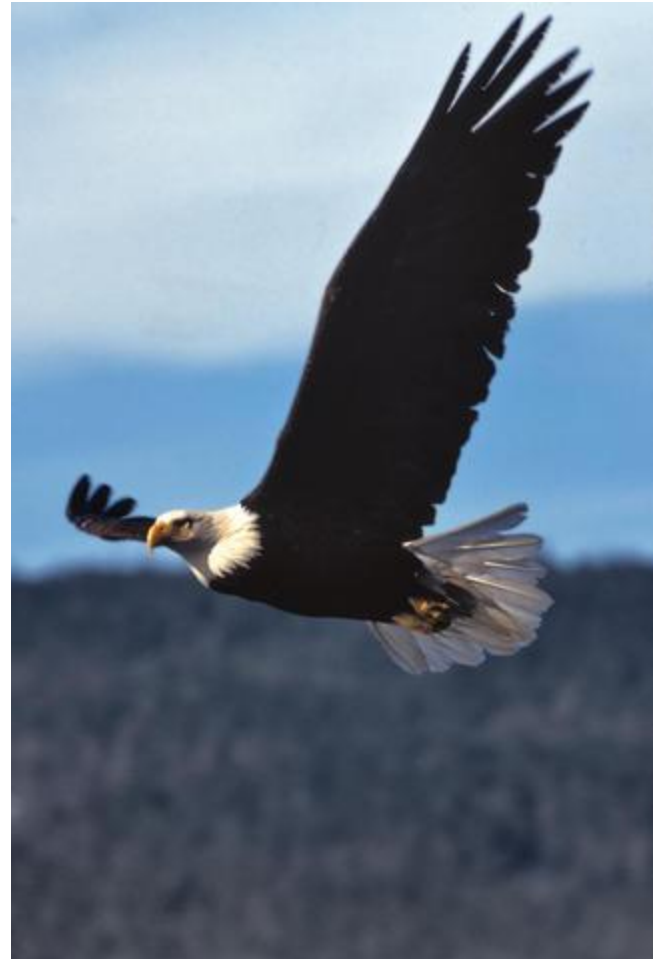
To protect Alaska's valuable fish and wildlife resources and their habitats as Alaska's population and economy continue to expand.



# ***Divisions of ADF&G***

## **Administrative Services**

Provides routine administrative services for the department and coordinates development of the annual operating and capital budget.



# ***Divisions of ADF&G***

## **Board Support Section**

Ensures that the public process for the state's fish and wildlife regulatory system operates efficiently and effectively.



# ***Independent Agencies***

## **Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission**

To control entry into Alaska's commercial fisheries to promote conservation of Alaska's fishery resources and economic health of commercial fishing.

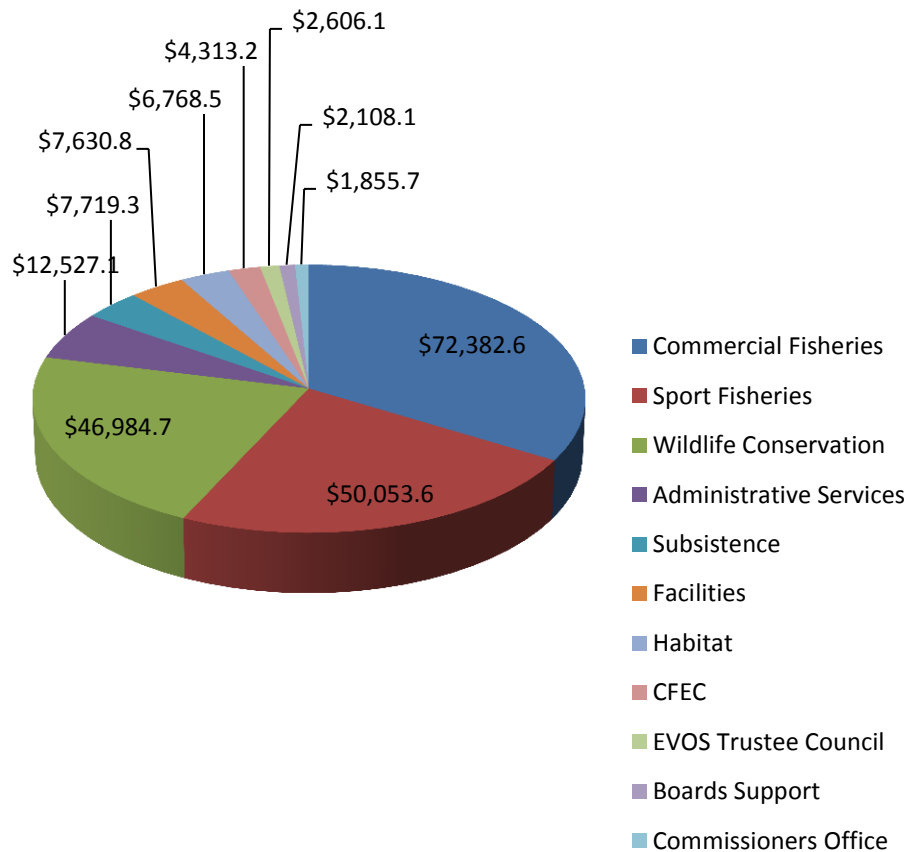
## **Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council**

To efficiently restore the environment injured by the Exxon Valdez oil spill to a healthy, productive ecosystem, while taking into account the importance of quality of life and the need for viable opportunities to establish and sustain reasonable standard of living.

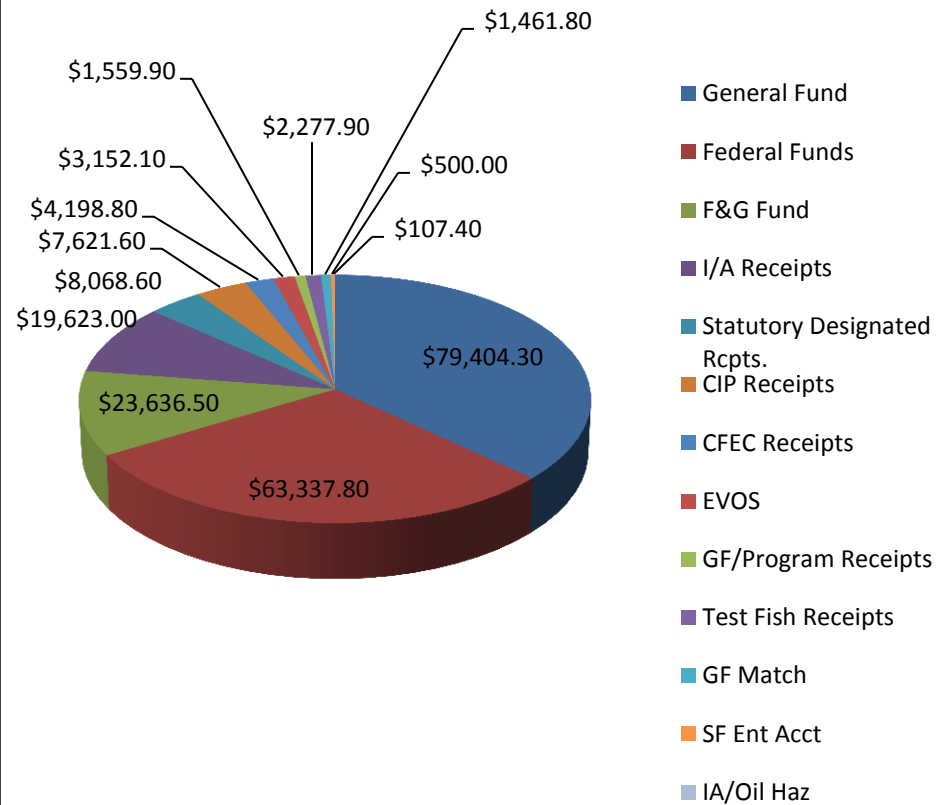
# ***FY2014 Budget By Division & Fund Source***

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**FY2014 Budget By Division**



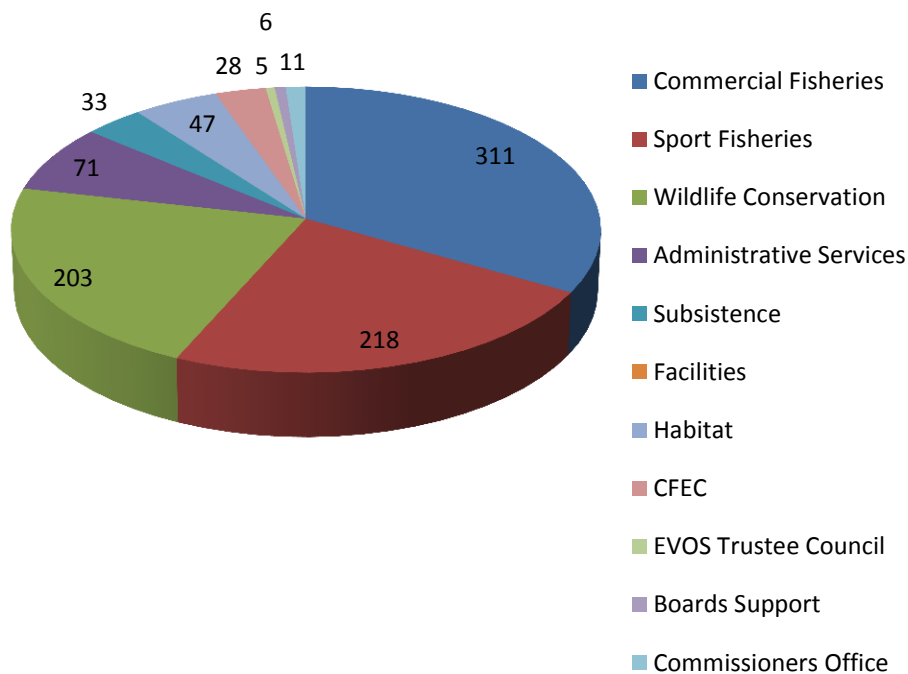
**FY2014 Budget By Fund Source**



# ***FY2014 Budgeted Positions***

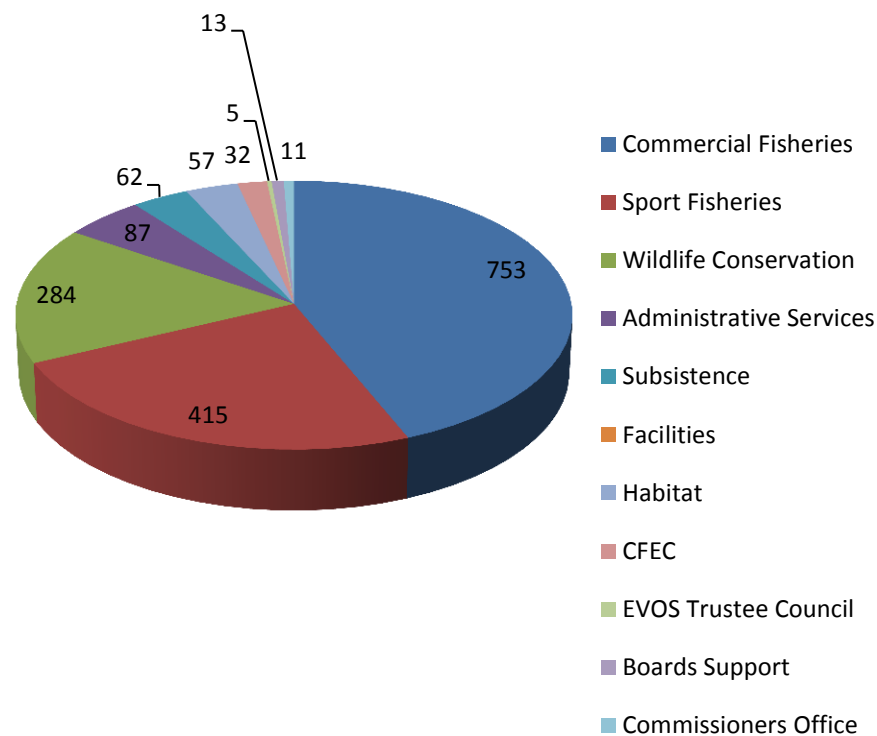
**FY2014 Full-Time Positions**

(933)



**FY2014 Total Positions**

(1,719)





# ***Major Accomplishments in 2012***

**Improvements to Salmon Research**

**Intensive Management**

**Subsistence Harvest Surveys**

**Habitat Permitting**

**Sport Fish Hatchery Production**

# ***Issues and Challenges***

**Chinook Salmon Abundance and Productivity**

**Increased Fishing and Economic Opportunities**

**Reductions in Salmon Management Tools**

**State Sovereignty and Endangered Species Issues**

**Invasive Species**

**Licensing Modernization**

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