

Alaska Department of Fish & Game

Senate Resources Committee

Overview



February 11, 2015

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;

Mission Statement

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.

ADF&G Core Services

▶ **Management**

- Provide hunting and fishing opportunities, protect state's rights to manage its fish and wildlife resources, protect and improve habitat and access.

▶ **Stock Assessment and Research**

- Ensure sustainability and harvestable surplus, improve assessment and research capabilities, invest in new technologies, anticipate changing conditions.

▶ **Customer Service and Public Involvement**

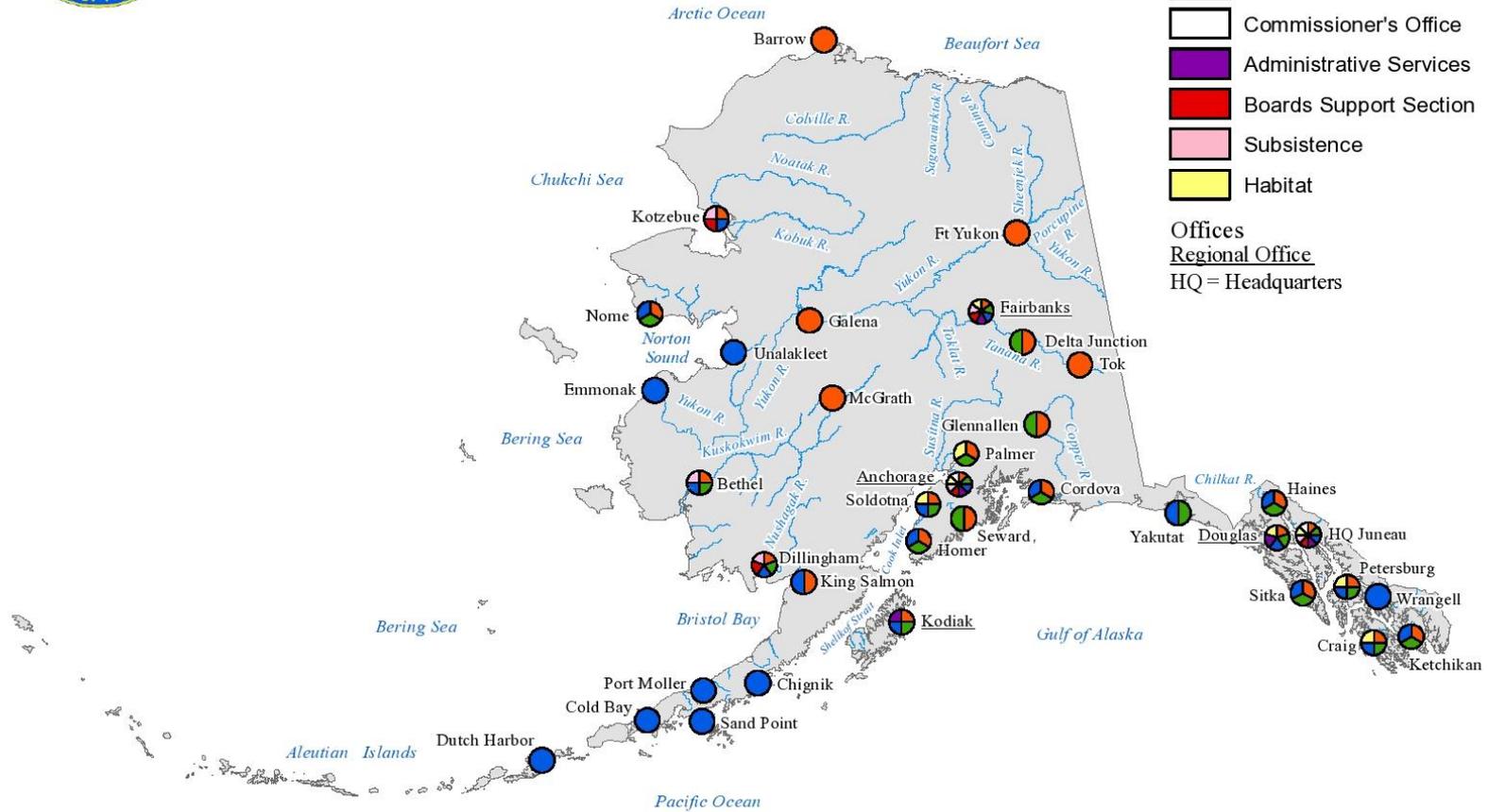
- Make improvements to information and education services, the Boards and other regulatory processes, licensing and permitting.



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



Alaska Department of Fish and Game Organizational Chart



Commissioner's Office Responsibilities

North Pacific Fishery Management Council
Pacific Fishery Management Council
Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission
Pacific Salmon Commission
Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council
Federal Subsistence Board
Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
Alaska Migratory Bird Co-Management Council
Pacific Flyway Council
North Slope Science Initiative
Alaska Ocean Observing System
North Pacific Research Board
UAF School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences Advisory Council
Polar Bear Range States
US-Russia Treaty on Polar Bears
Fisheries Excellence Committee of the Rasmuson Foundation
UA-F Sea Grant Advisory Council
International Porcupine Caribou Research Board
Bering Sea Fisheries Advisory Board

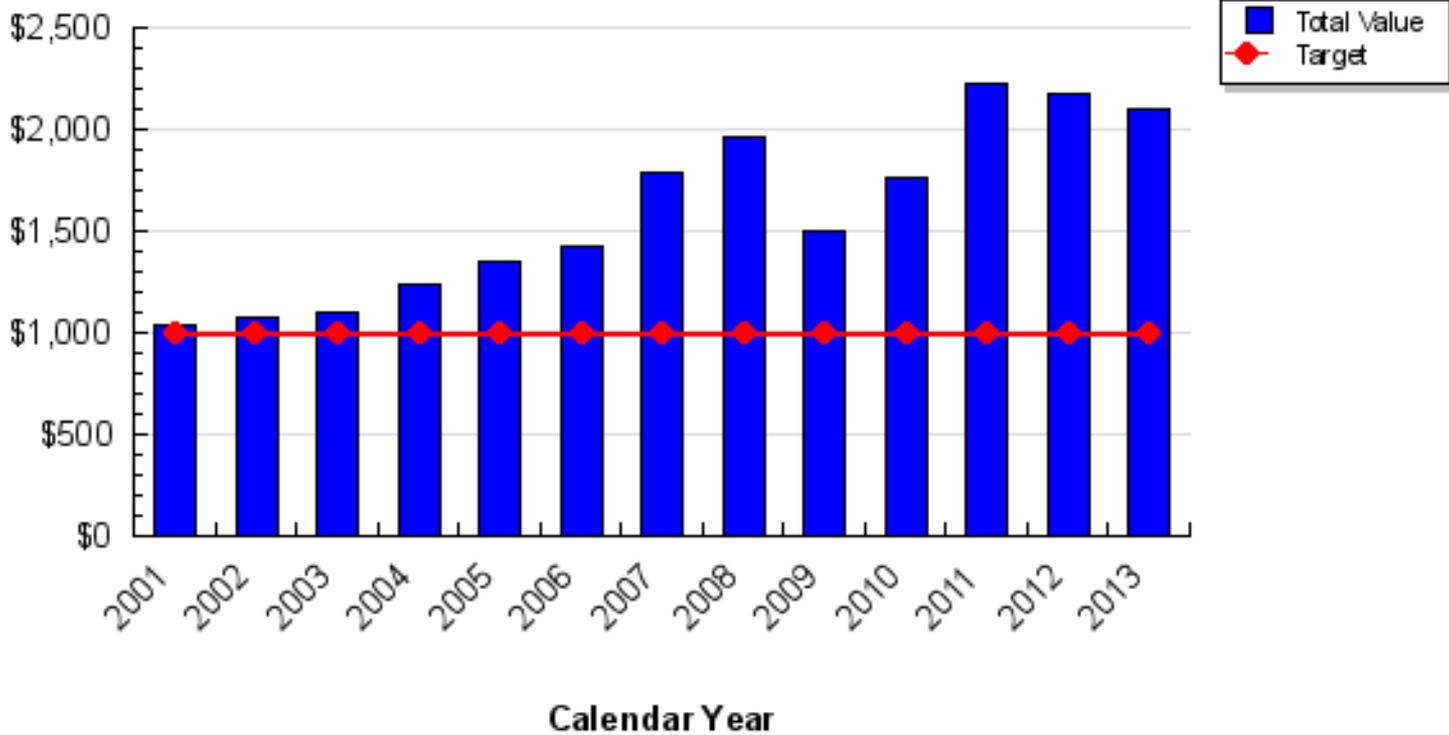
Division of Commercial Fisheries

Director Jeff Regnart

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.



Exvessel Value of Commercial Harvests and Mariculture Production in Alaska



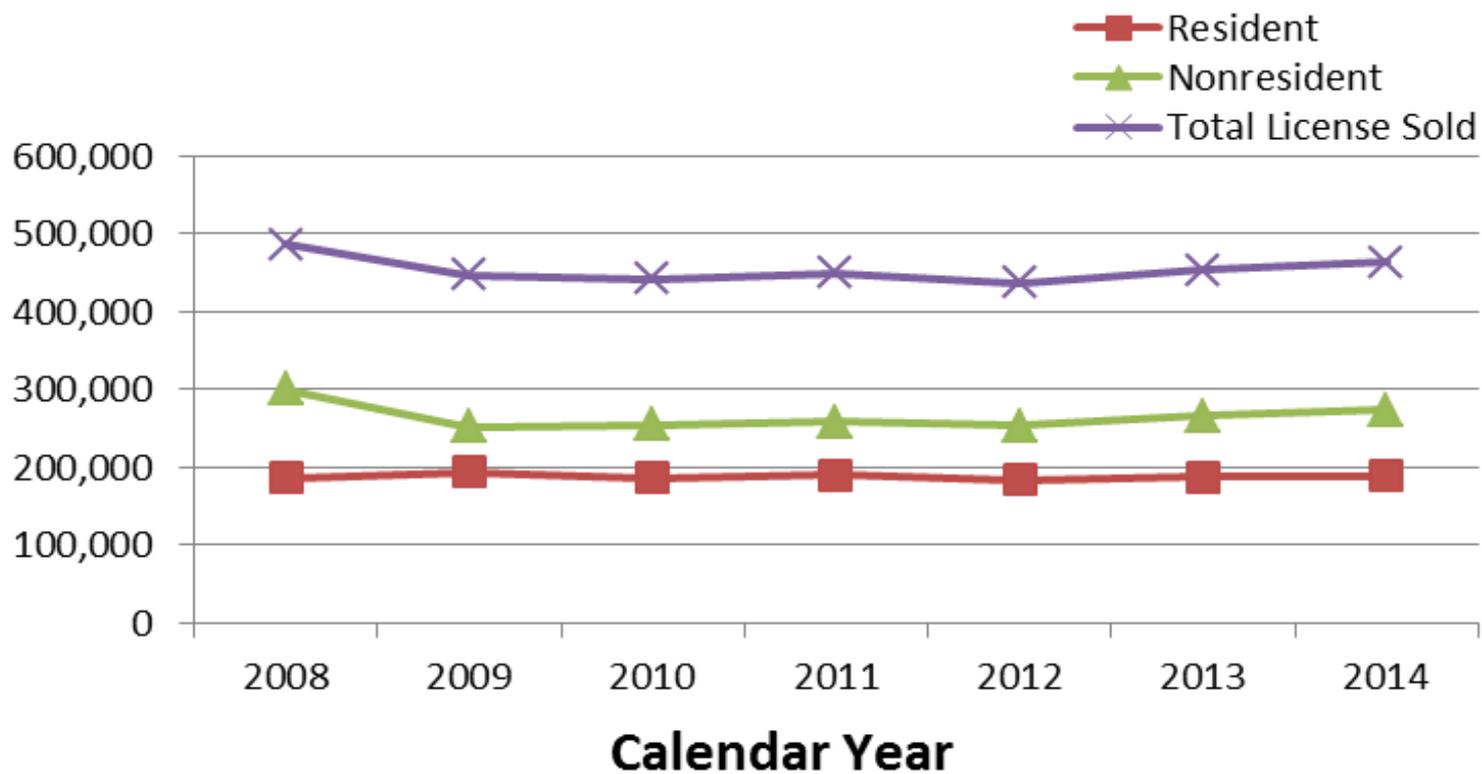
Division of Sport Fish

Acting Director Tom Brookover

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



Sales of Fishing Licenses



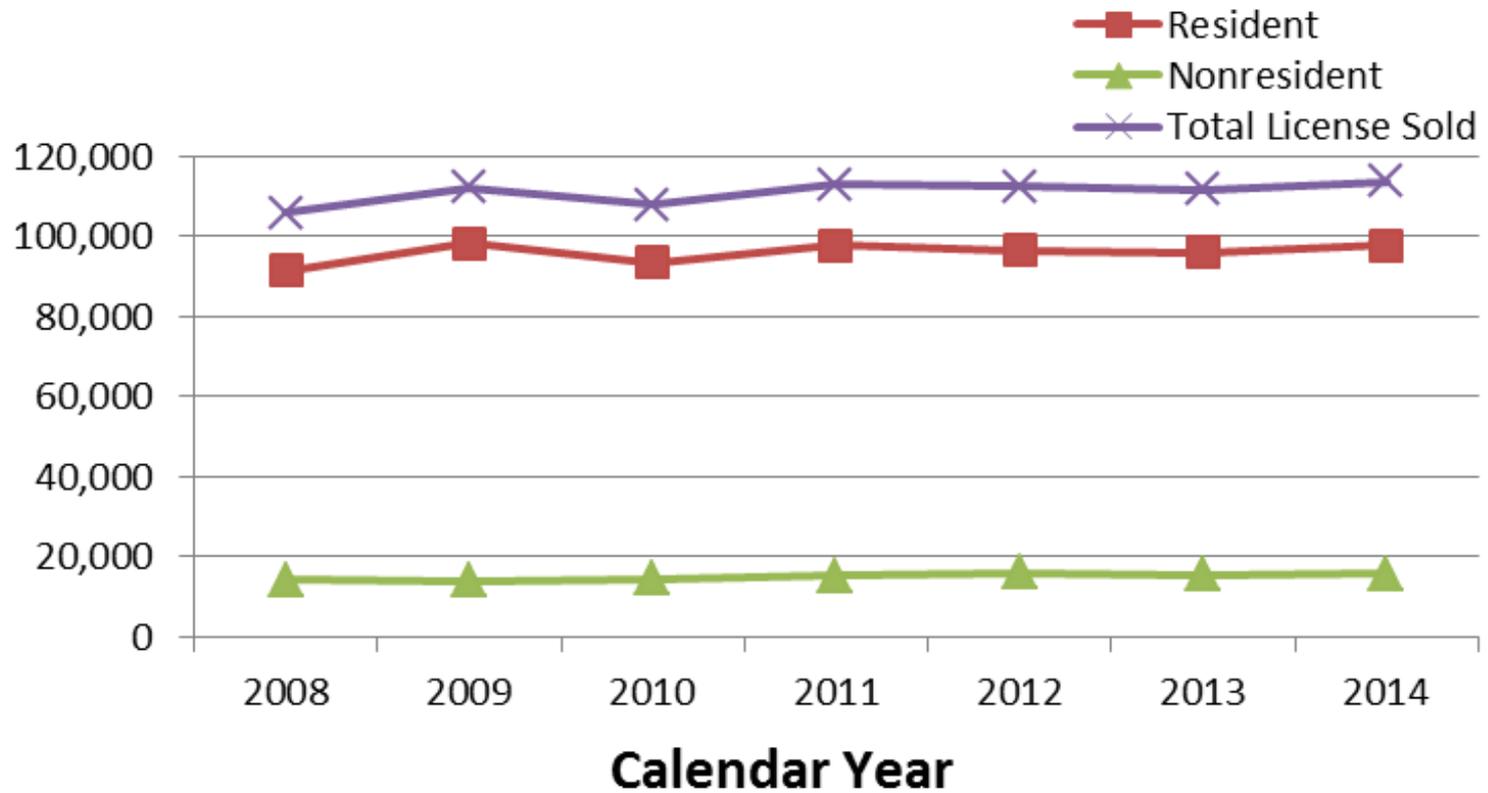
Division of Wildlife Conservation

Acting Director Bruce Dale

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



Sales of Hunting and Trapping Licenses



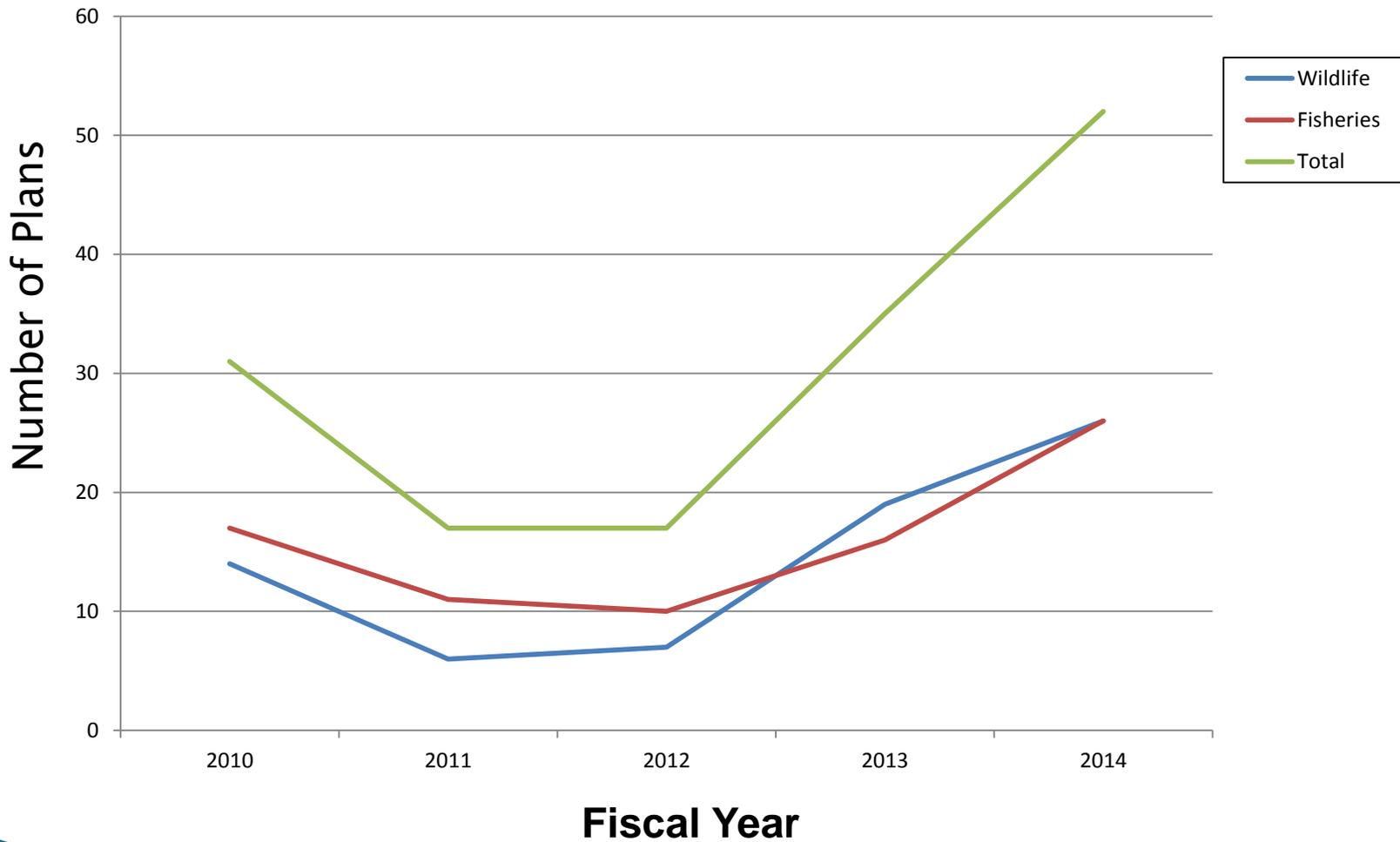
Division of Subsistence

Director Hazel Nelson

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



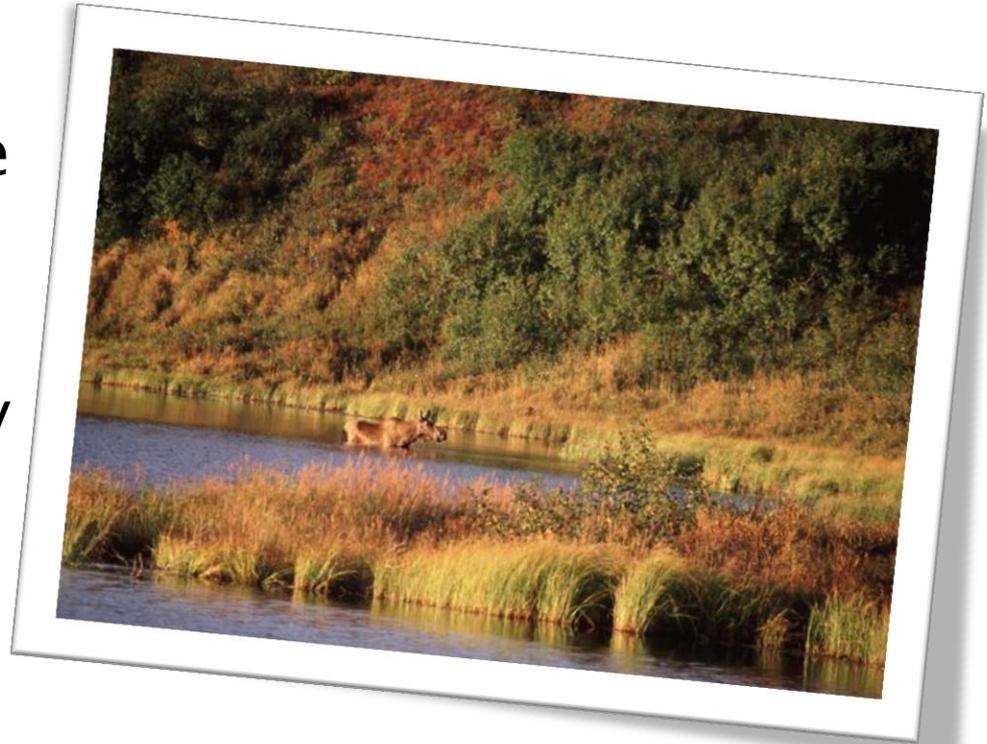
Management Plans Incorporating Subsistence Information

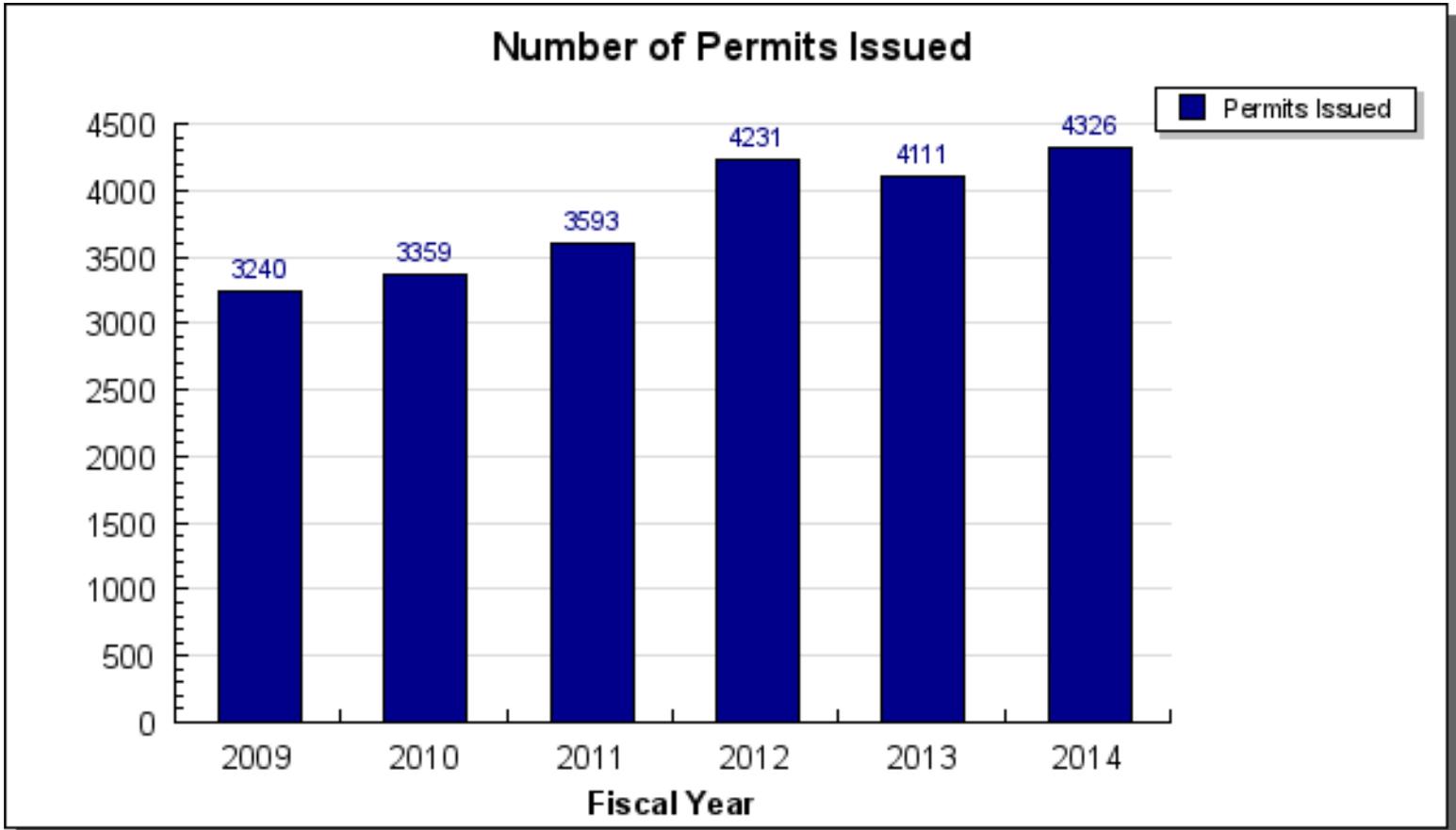


Division of Habitat

Director Tony DeGange

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





Division of Administrative Services

Director Sunny Haight

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



Boards Support Section

Board of Fish Executive Director Glenn Haight

Board of Game Executive Director Kristy Tibbles

Ensures that the public process
For the state's fish and
Wildlife regulatory system
Operates efficiently and
effectively.



Independent Agencies

Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission

Chairman Bruce Twomley

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

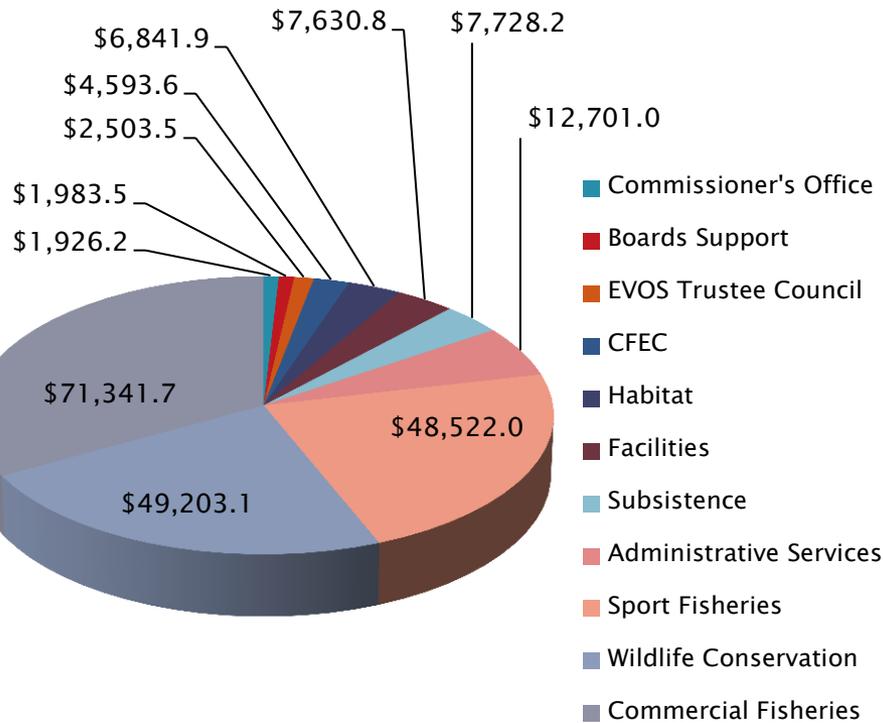
Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council

Executive Director Elise Hsieh

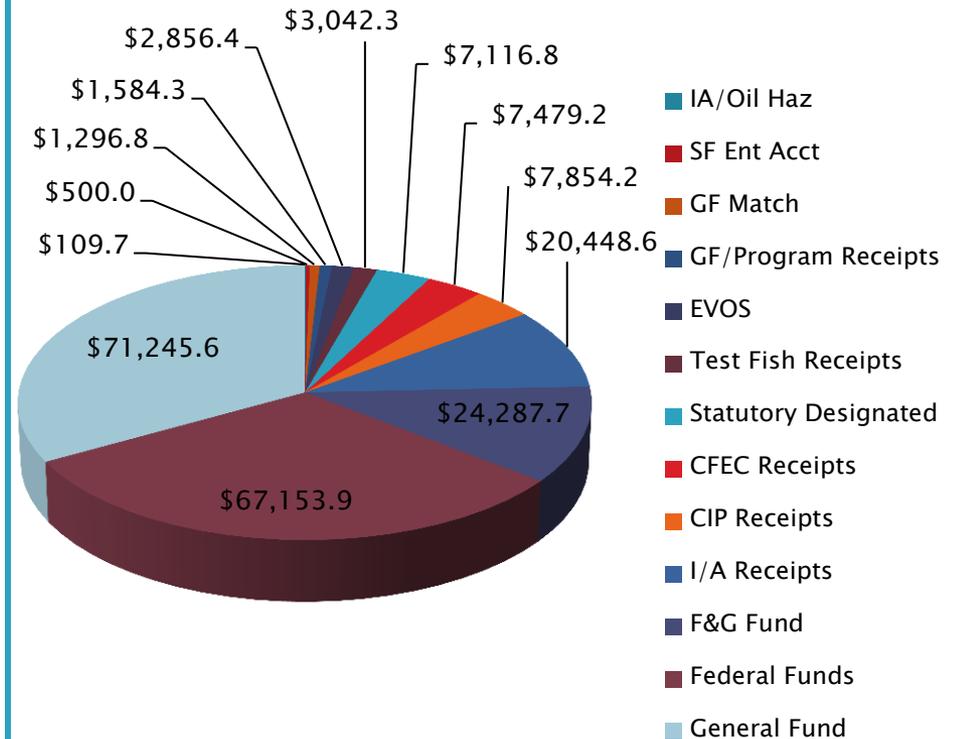
Work toward restoring the environment injured by the Exxon Valdez oil spill to a healthy and productive ecosystem, while taking into account the importance and quality of life and the need for viable opportunities to establish and sustain a reasonable standard of living.

FY2016 Budget By Division & Fund Source (\$214,975.5)

FY2016 Budget By Division

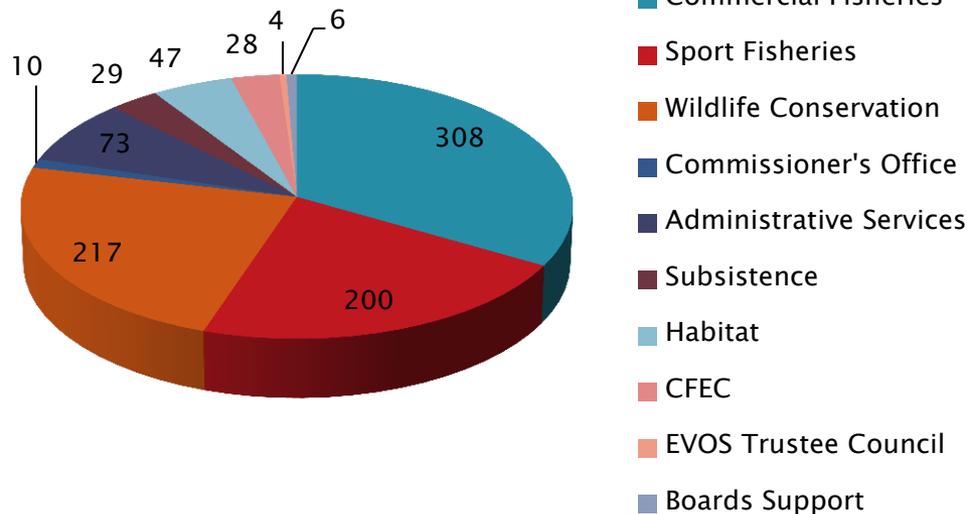


FY2016 Budget By Fund Source

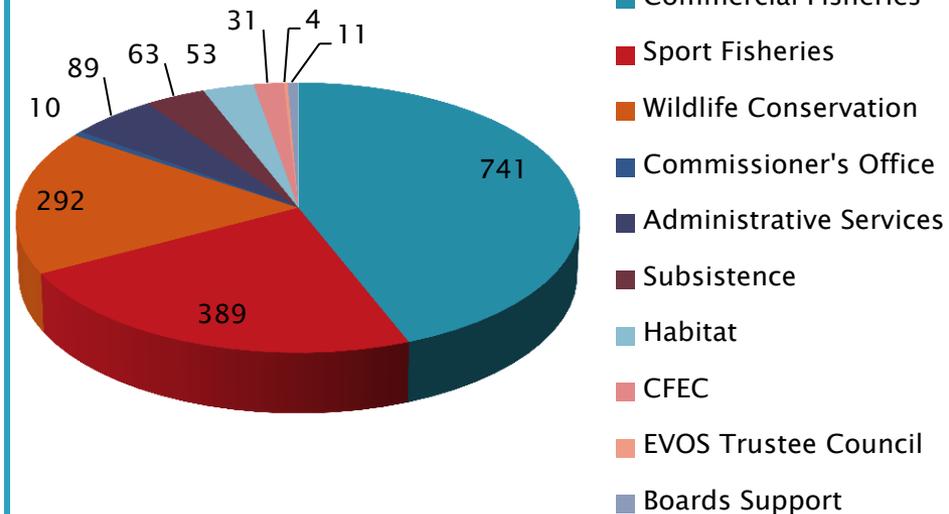


FY2016 Budgeted Positions

FY2016 Full-Time Positions
(922)



FY2016 Total Positions
(1,683)



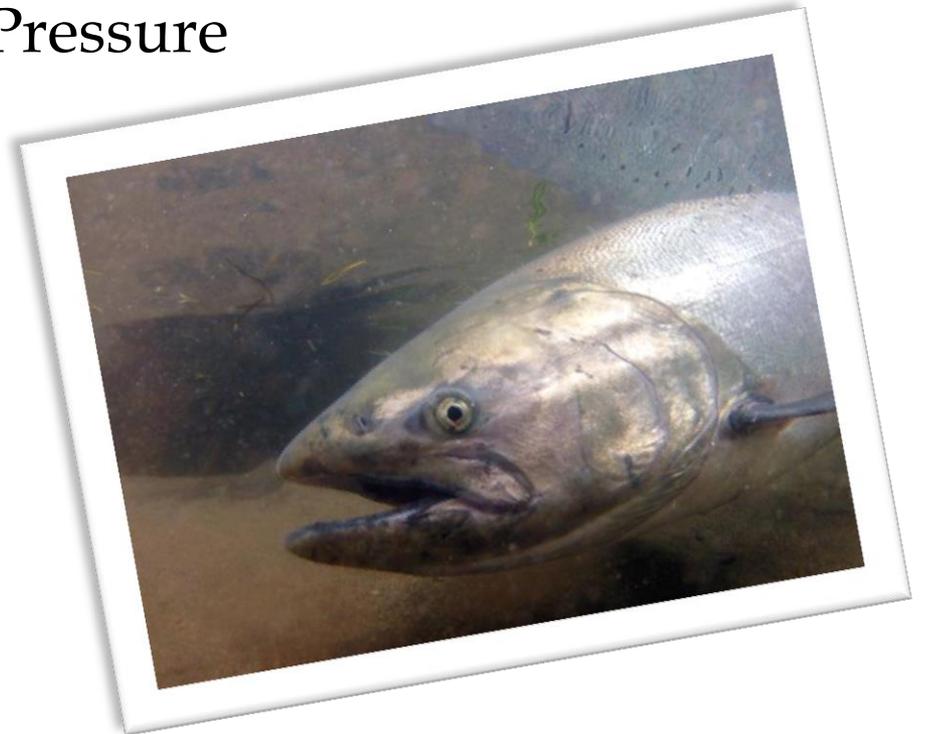
Major Accomplishments in 2014

- Commercial Salmon Harvest
- Intensive Management
- Endangered Species
- Wood Bison Restoration



Issues and Challenges

- Chinook Salmon Fisheries
- Endangered Species and the State's Right to Manage
- Fish and Game Fund Pressure
- Federal Funding



▶ **Any Questions?**