

# 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.

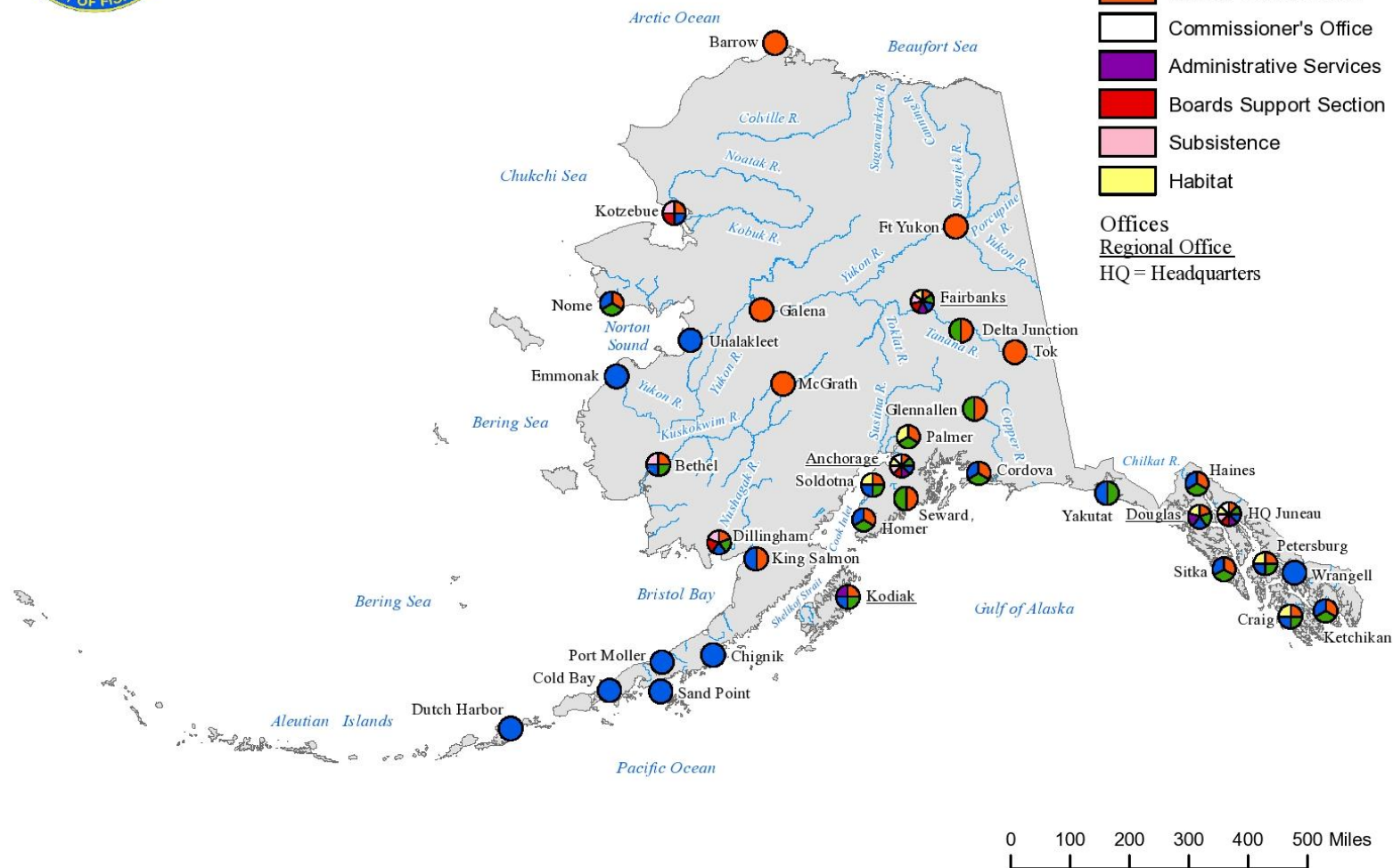


## Alaska Department of Fish and Game Regional and Area Offices

ADF&G Divisions

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

Offices  
Regional Office  
 HQ = Headquarters



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# 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

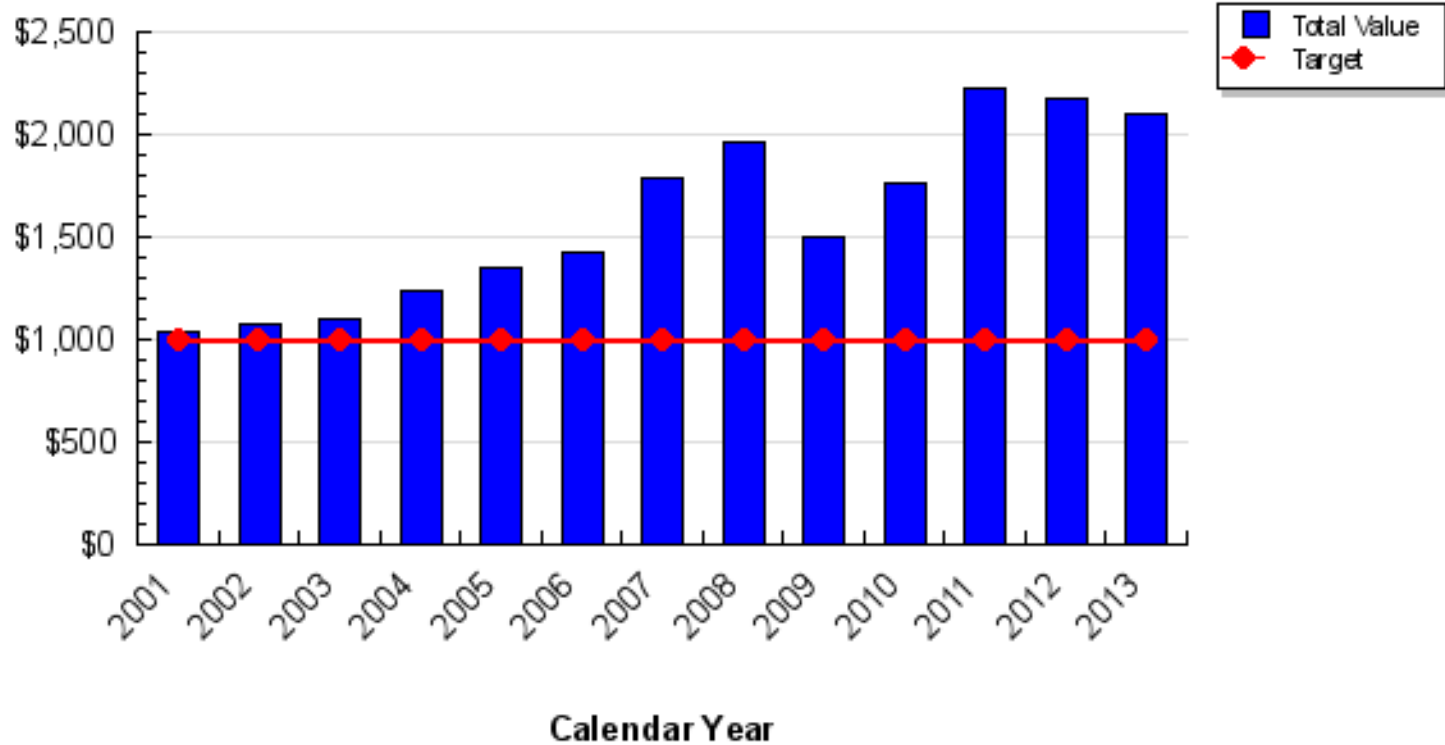
# Division of Commercial Fisheries

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



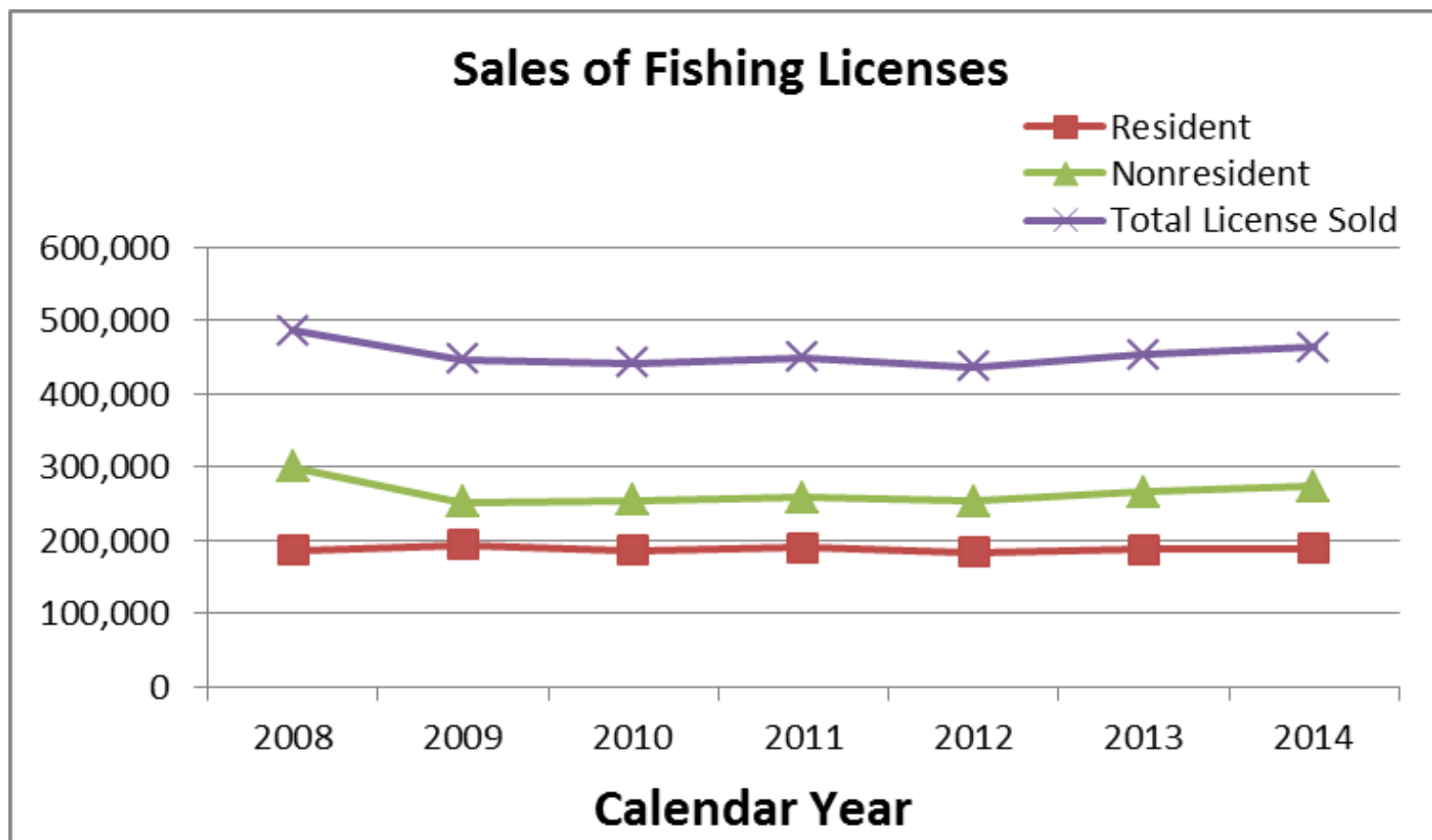


# Division of Sport Fish

Acting Director Tom Brookover

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





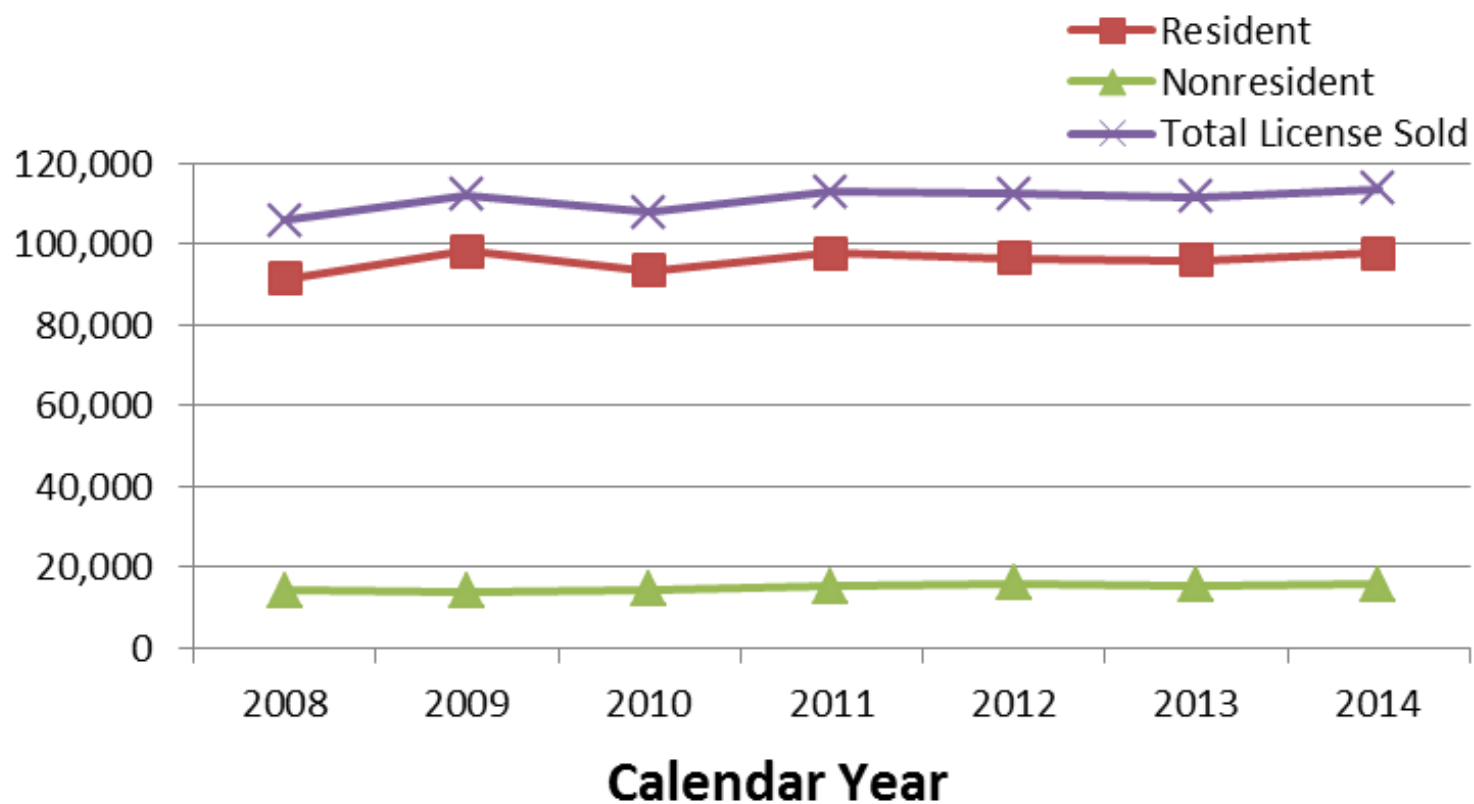
# Division of Wildlife Conservation

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



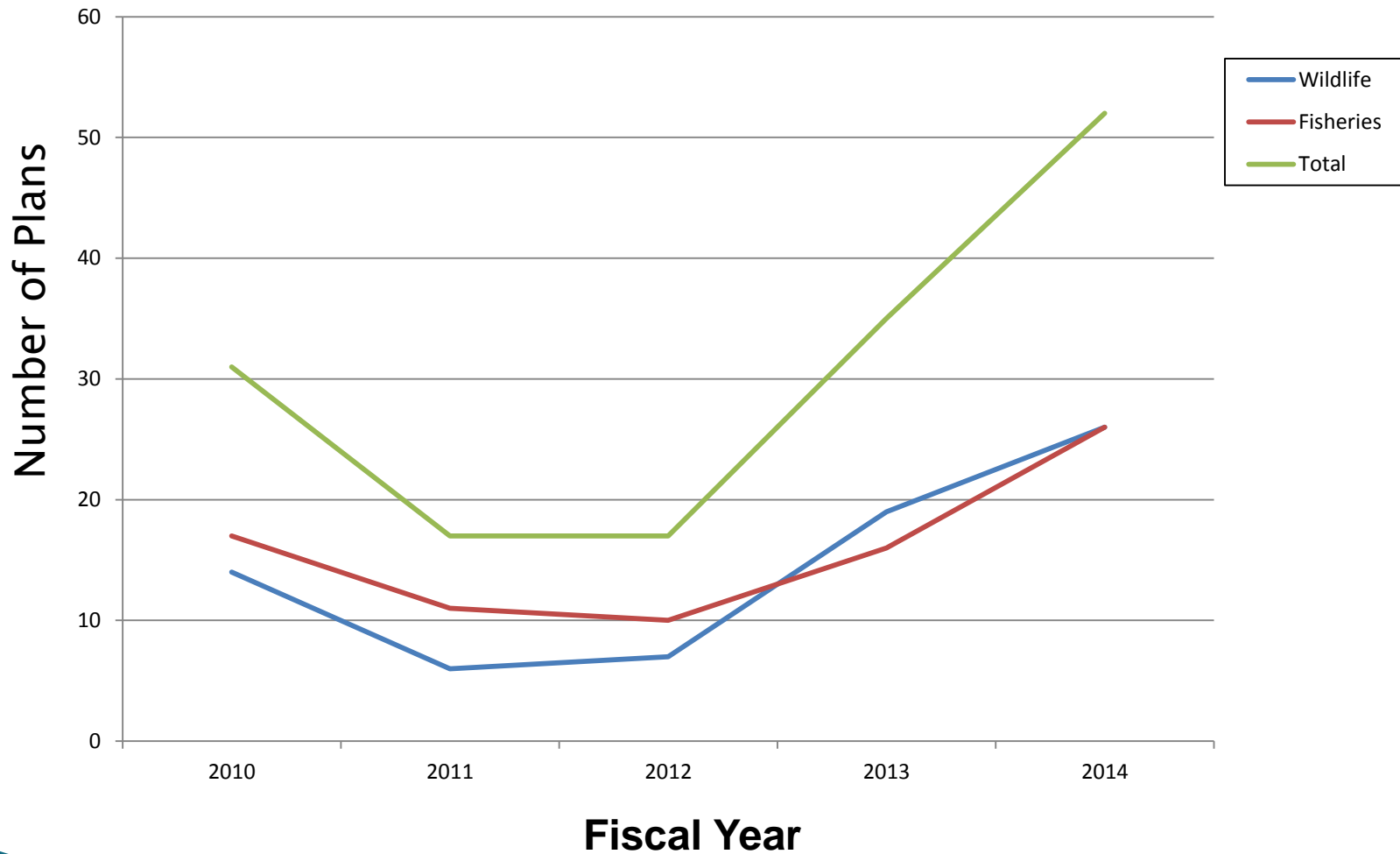
# Division of Subsistence

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



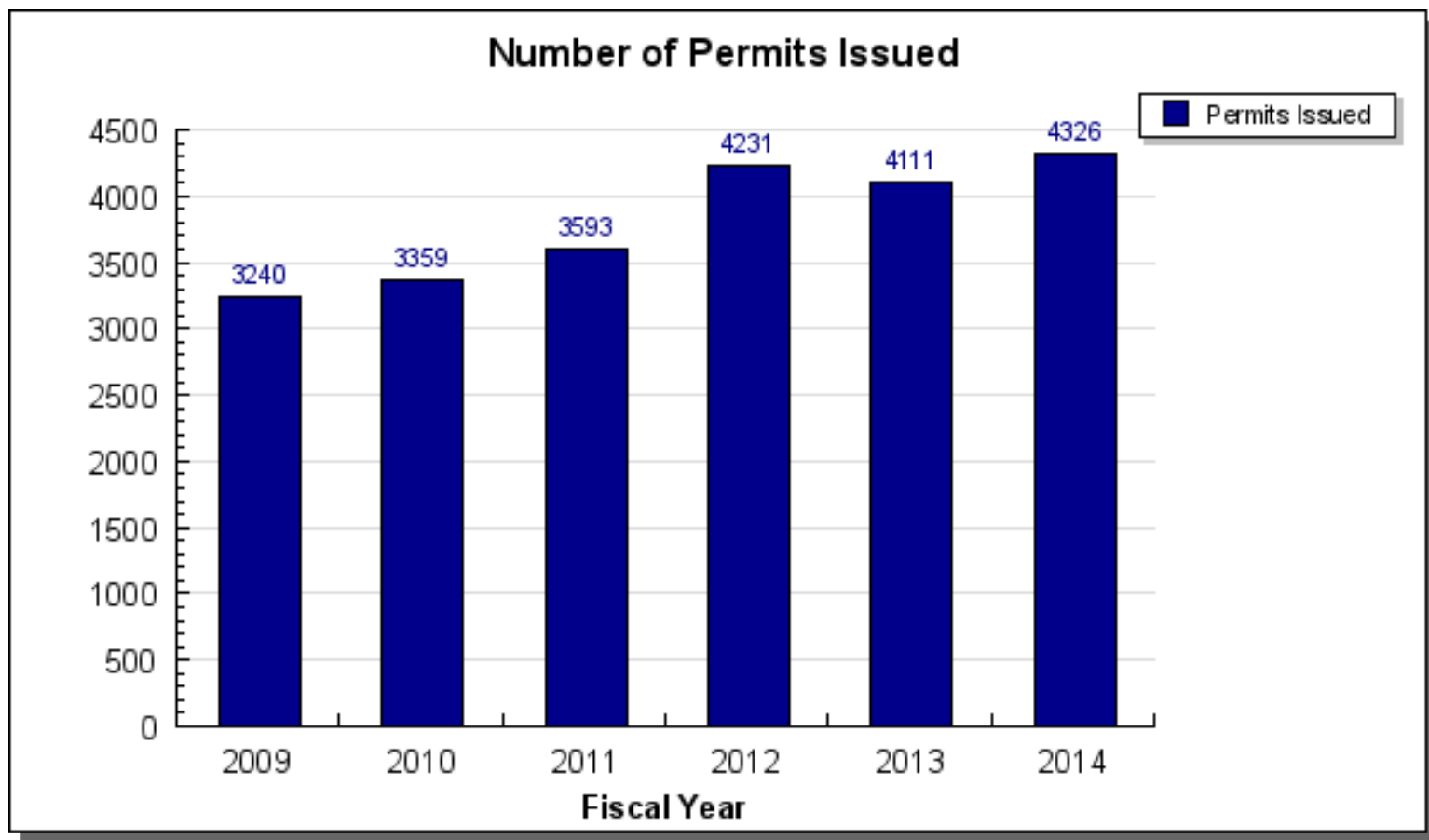


# Division of Habitat

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.

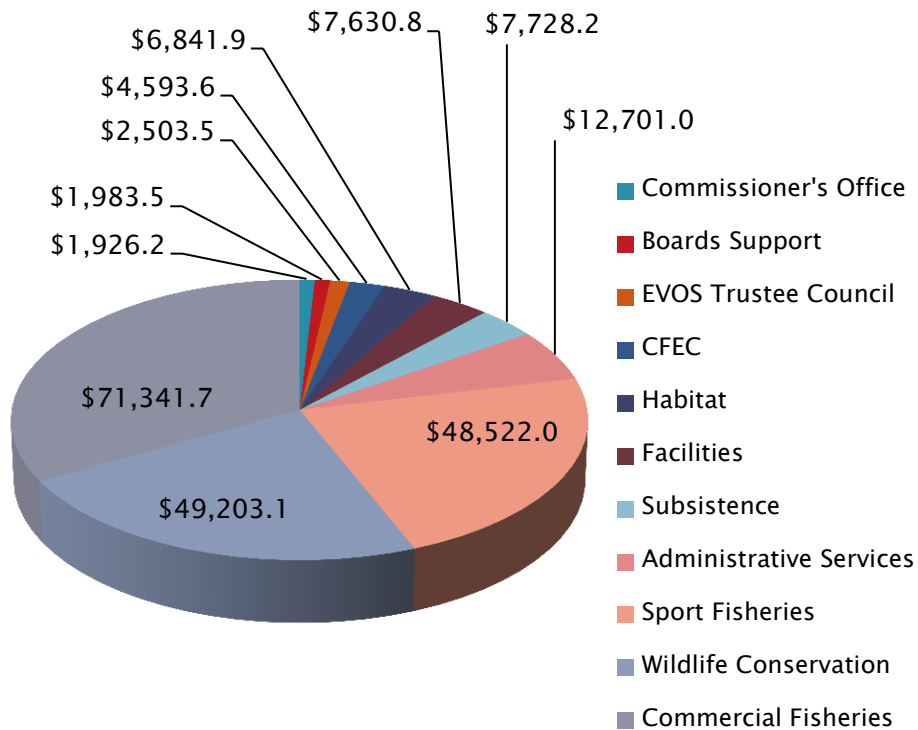
## Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council

Executive Director Elise Hsieh

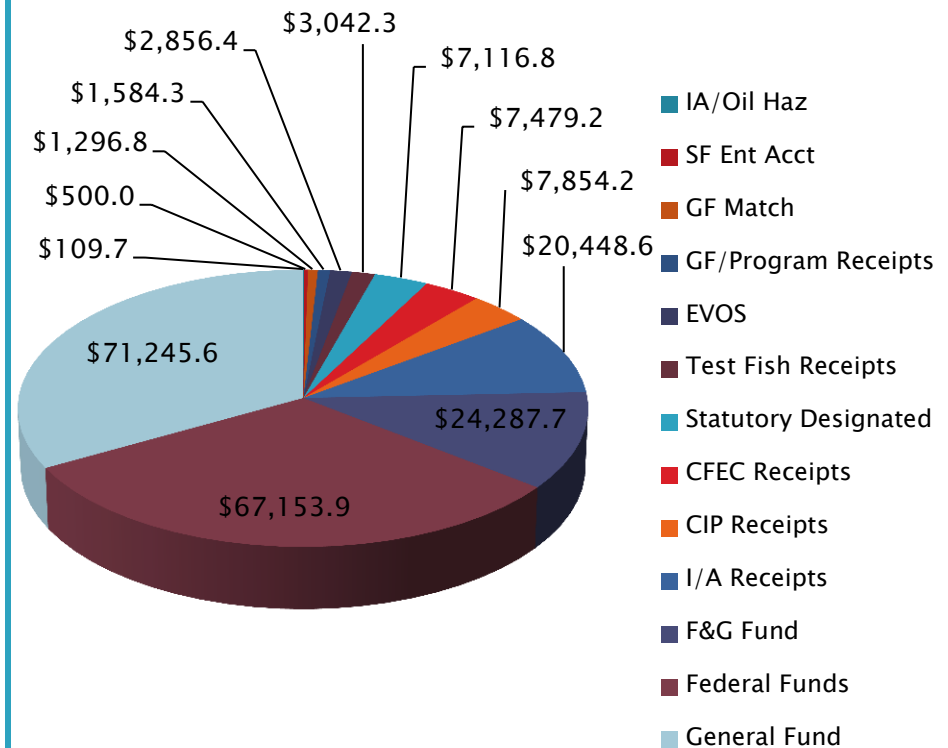
Work toward restoring the environment injured by the Exxon Valdez oil spill to a healthy and productive ecosystem, while taking into account the importance and quality of life and the need for viable opportunities to establish and sustain a reasonable standard of living.

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

## FY2016 Budget By Division

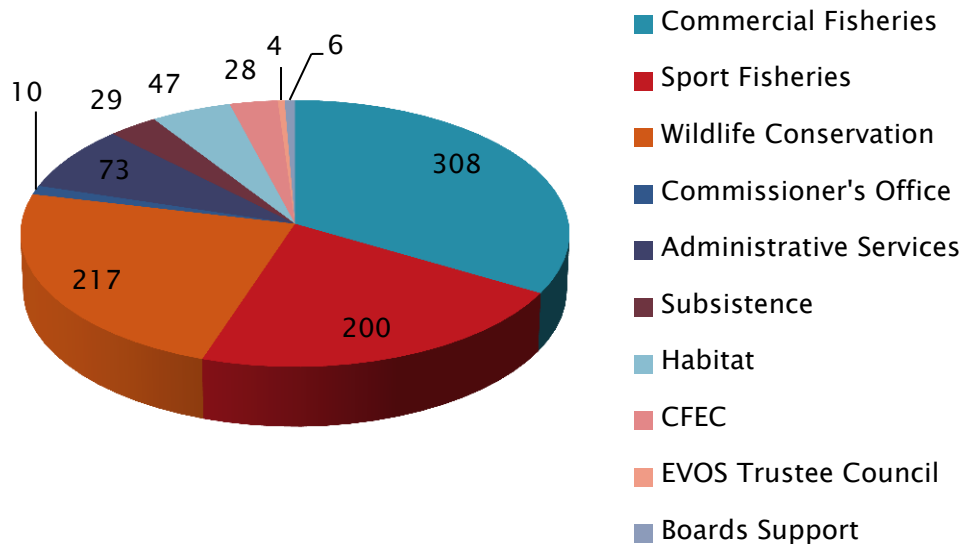


## FY2016 Budget By Fund Source

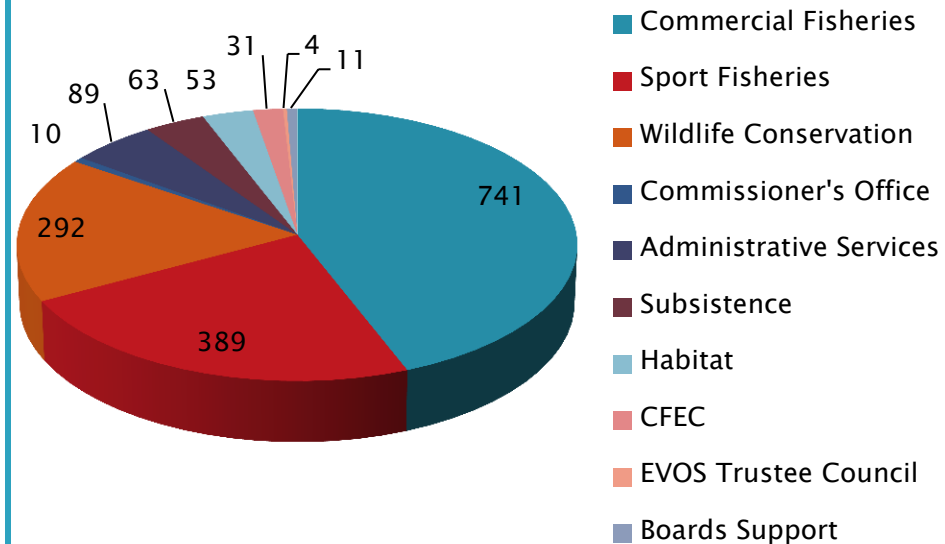


# FY2016 Budgeted Positions

**FY2016 Full-Time Positions**  
(922)



**FY2016 Total Positions**  
(1,683)



# Major Accomplishments in 2014

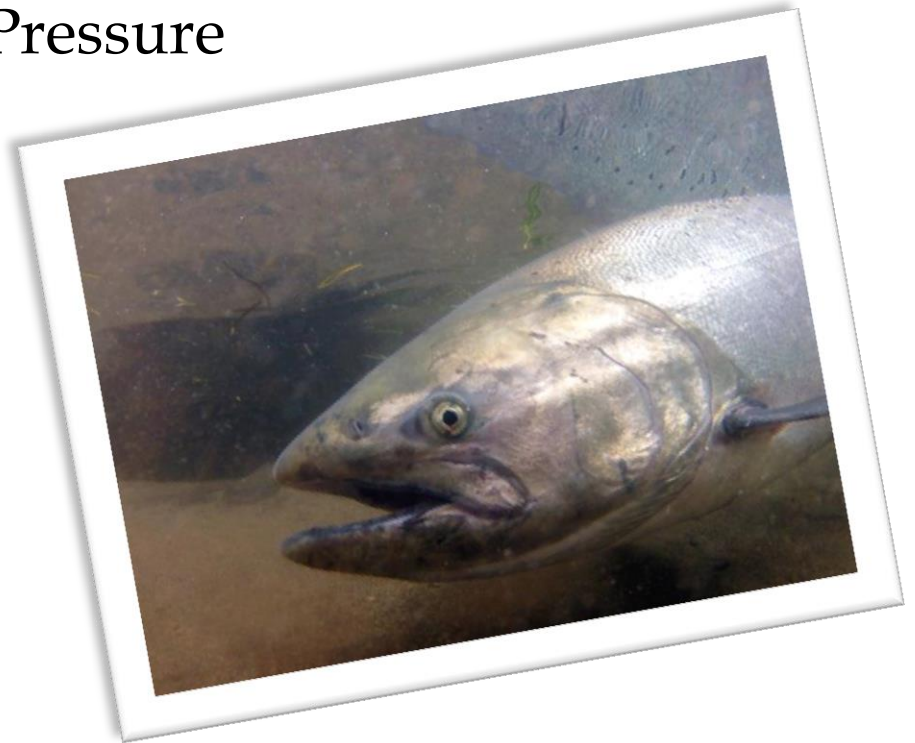
- Commercial Salmon Harvest
- Intensive Management
- Endangered Species
- Wood Bison Restoration





# Issues and Challenges

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



► **Any Questions?**