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ADF&G
Division of Subsistence
Program Overview

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State Subsistence
Mission and Purpose

1978—Alaska statute recognized the economic and cultural importance of fish and wildlife in the lives of Alaskans.

- Provided a priority for "customary and traditional uses" for subsistence purposes.
- Preceded the 1980 federal law ANILCA, in part, so the state could retain management authority over all lands.

Mission:

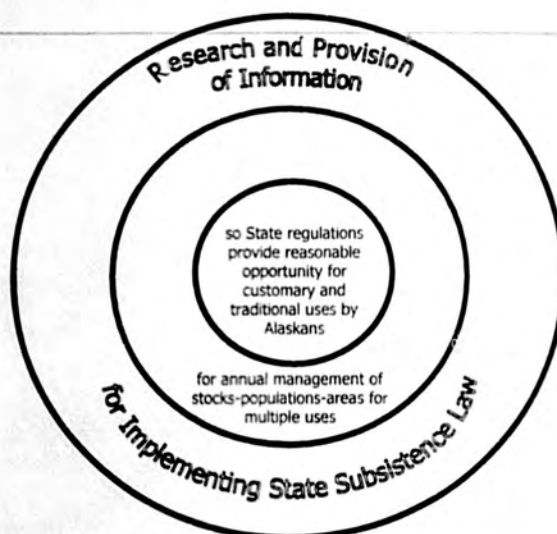
To scientifically gather, quantify, evaluate and report information about customary and traditional uses of Alaska's fish and wildlife resources.

Subsistence Uses

- Subsistence uses of wild resources are defined as 'noncommercial, customary and traditional uses' for a variety of purposes.



Prioritized Program Activities



Subsistence Fishing Management

- Management of subsistence fishing is handled by ADF&G Divisions of Commercial Fisheries and Sport Fisheries.

1990—Management of subsistence fishing in Alaska became more complex.

The Federal government began managing subsistence hunting, trapping, and fishing on Alaska's Federal public lands and non-navigable waters.

1999—Federal subsistence management expanded to include fisheries on all Federal public lands and waters.

Subsistence Opportunity, Subsistence Preference

(Alaska Statute 16.05.258)

The Alaska Board of Fisheries

- identifies fish stocks that support subsistence fisheries; and
- if there is a harvestable surplus of these stocks, adopts regulations that provide reasonable opportunities for these subsistence uses to take place; and
- whenever it is necessary to restrict harvests, provides a preference for subsistence fisheries over other uses of the stock.

	Core Services
	Applied research for use by the public, fisheries managers, and for allocation decisions implementing the subsistence law. ➤ Research, quantify, and provide the resulting information to the public about customary and traditional uses by Alaskans of fish and wildlife resources. ➤ Provide scientifically-based information for fisheries and wildlife management programs; and to Board of Fisheries and Board of Game for their use in evaluating reasonable opportunities for customary and traditional uses.

	Subsistence Hunting and Fishing Research
	The division's main responsibilities are to: ➤ conduct research to document subsistence uses, ➤ estimate subsistence harvest levels, and ➤ evaluate potential impacts to subsistence uses from other uses. Research findings are compiled and analyzed to address fish and wildlife management and regulatory issues and to provide information for state and federal land use planning. Statutory basis: AS 16.05.090; AS 16.05.094; AS 16.05.258

Office and Staff Locations

Northern
Fairbanks
Kotzebue
Southern
Anchorage
Dillingham
Juneau



FY08 Budget and Measures

Budget \$3.2 million
47% General Fund
53% Other Sources

General Fund—program management, fixed costs
Other Sources—applied research
(45% fisheries-related)

Measures

- ✓ Survey research and other studies
- ✓ Board of Fisheries/Game proposal analyses
- ✓ Report and disseminate results—public, agencies
- ✓ Management planning
- ✓ Data and information management

FY09 Budget Request Key Challenges



Key challenges to provide service and opportunities to Alaskans

- Salmon harvest database accessibility, and integrated web-interface—for public, managers, board, law
- Monitoring and reporting of Alaska subsistence salmon fisheries
- Assessment and evaluation of fish harvests and trends
- Providing opportunities for Alaskans
- Technical and scientific reporting and database integration
- Maintaining capacities—staffing, info. mgt, joint fisheries management (NPFMC, IPHC, US/Canada Yukon salmon)

143 K

156 K

Questions?



Thank you!

Martin Luther King Day
Diversity - Native Russian Old beliefs

Samuel-sample

✓ Yukon River King Salmon Canada
complaint of interception level.

✓ Sport + Com. Fish Mgmt stock assessment
✓ Sub. Div. ^{+ need} utilization research &

✓ hiring

J. Wada

- Robert
- child care
- H.S.T.
- Request for p's

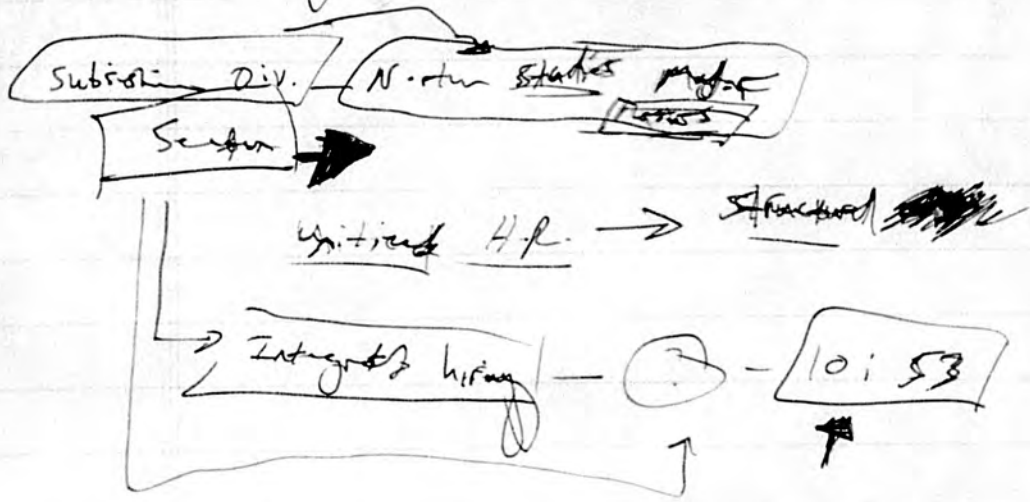
1) Increases - low much →
- 156,000 people

142,800 Fish wild Capital exp 140,000

2) hiring + retention - requests for advancement
frustrating by requests for experience
look at who has on appropriate
who on net.

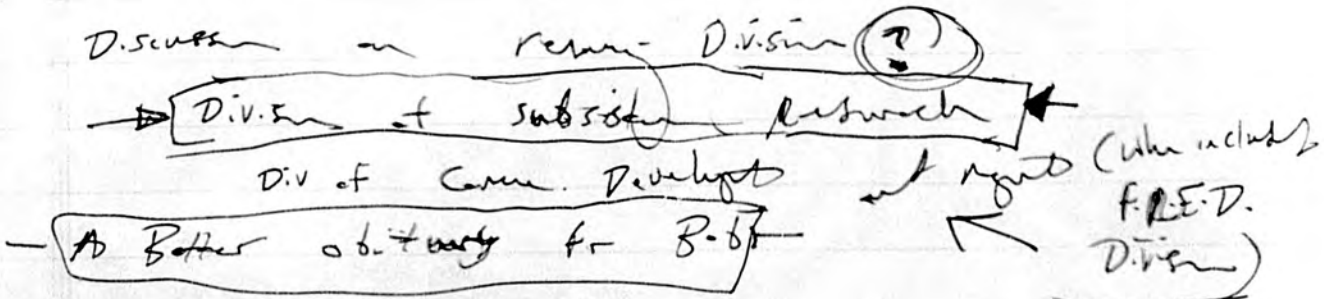
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Database
integration

A.) look at how to broaden base of interest



Edgman

Role of Division Support svc. related



Command or sport fish cut back

1.) Johnson - has other restrictions

A) No. Salmon - was a tier II fishery

B)

Malin / Kushokuma - poor - escaped - Pilot station since
shows no run rebuilding -

→ Which goes, has many fisheries

2.) Section above Gilman on Koyukuk

2) allocation / restrictions on harvest -

J. Johnson

3.) Report - has met tier 1st 5 years has the Dept.

has to → "Scale back"

Areas / tiers been reached

Can fish either short run or } - look at
reached run so only sport fish } - excess

Back to 1990 - COMM. + sport fish curtailed

+ when subsistence cut back

Mr.
Got but PFS re
Re-subsid

Section

Genetic stock analysis

or Hk runs has Panel

panel - camera for camera

Benj sea

Regulated Genetic Stock
analysis

Follow up

Still

Wilson

\$ for applied research - ~~not~~ not follow up.

55% not for fishing

1) regulatory links

3) Marine resources

Section →

Section - survey - copy of

— Depos in study - depos in contract

? 5' to contract

What is stock rule here

Wilson - has got it now

Now not web-accessible - wants to run it like

→ Commercial - Fishing -

Database is in DCCED web-site Commercial Databases

J. Hansen

Direct info to Database or try to run in incubator?

for Data work - Prob 8/11

To Sport/Comm. for

Johansen → (1) Genetic identifiers - what level of
I.D. on genetics (?) gets into discount
- Stock request → Gets into individual strains pedigree

subitans
- Request to get a copy out of fish
across the board

(2) → Rural v. Non-rural dispute

1. When does subit's div. have when to appeal
a Final
a Dispute

1 → Dispute → Admin. str. or state
have challenge dispute to a Whole

Did not Review Saxon decision specifically -
(?) Follow up w/ Johansen

→ Senter

- Would a legislative request via Congress pass
What process for request for checking design
to me first