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Overviews:

Department of
Fish & Game -
Division of
Subsistence
and Division
of Habitat

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ADF&G Division of Subsistence 2011 Update



Presented by
Jim Simon,
Acting Director,
February 2011



Fish wheels at Chitina, 2010.

Division History

- 1978 creation by statute AS 16.05.090
 - Duties (7) are found in AS 16.05.094.
- 1980 federal passage of ANILCA.
 - Rural residents given priority.
 - 1989 Alaska Supreme Court ruled this a violation of Alaska Constitution.
- AS 16.05.258 Subsistence use and allocation of fish and game.
 - 1986 passage.
 - 1992 passage.



Division Mission

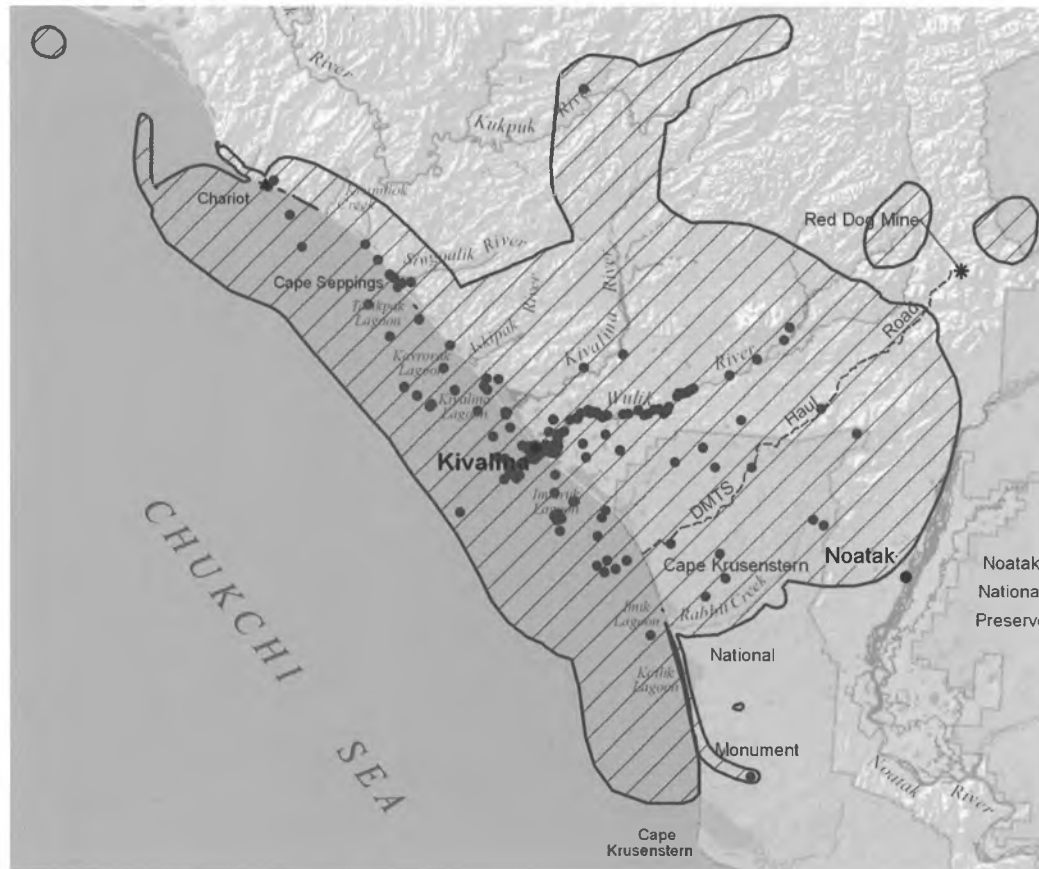
- To scientifically quantify, evaluate, and report information about customary and traditional uses of Alaska's fish and wildlife resources.
 - Systematic human dimensions research:
 - Systematic data collection methods, data analysis, and reporting.
 - High ethical standards :
 - Tribal consultation policies,
 - Extensive community involvement,
 - Confidentiality.



Getting a fish trap ready, Holy Cross, 2004.

Division Core Services

- Research and publish.
- Provide information for implementing the Alaska subsistence law.



Search Areas and Harvest Sites All Resources Kivalina, 2007

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- 180 Resource Harvest Sites Kivalina 2007
35 Households
- ◊ 301 Resource Search Areas Kivalina 2007
35 Households
- National Park Service Lands



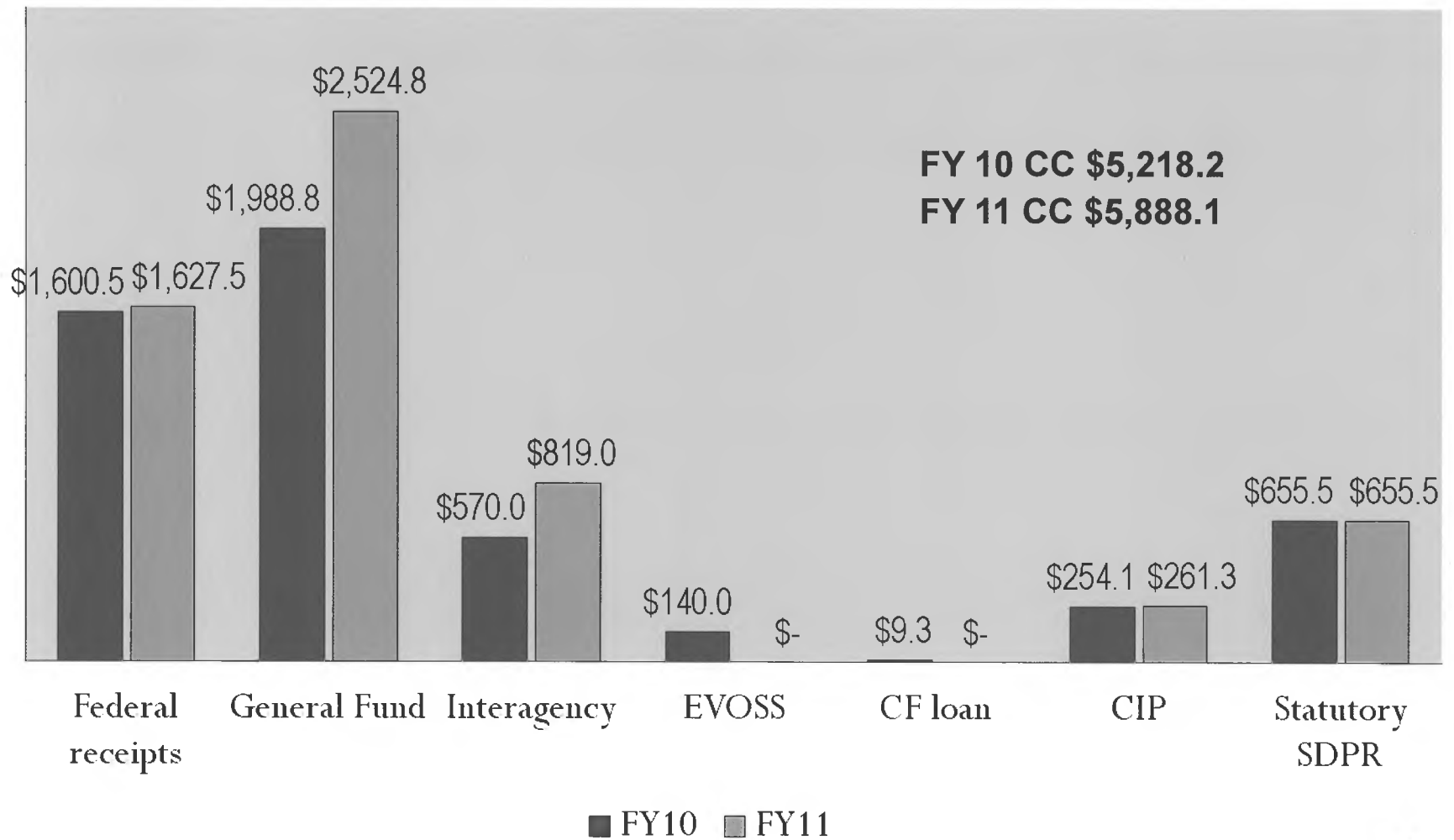
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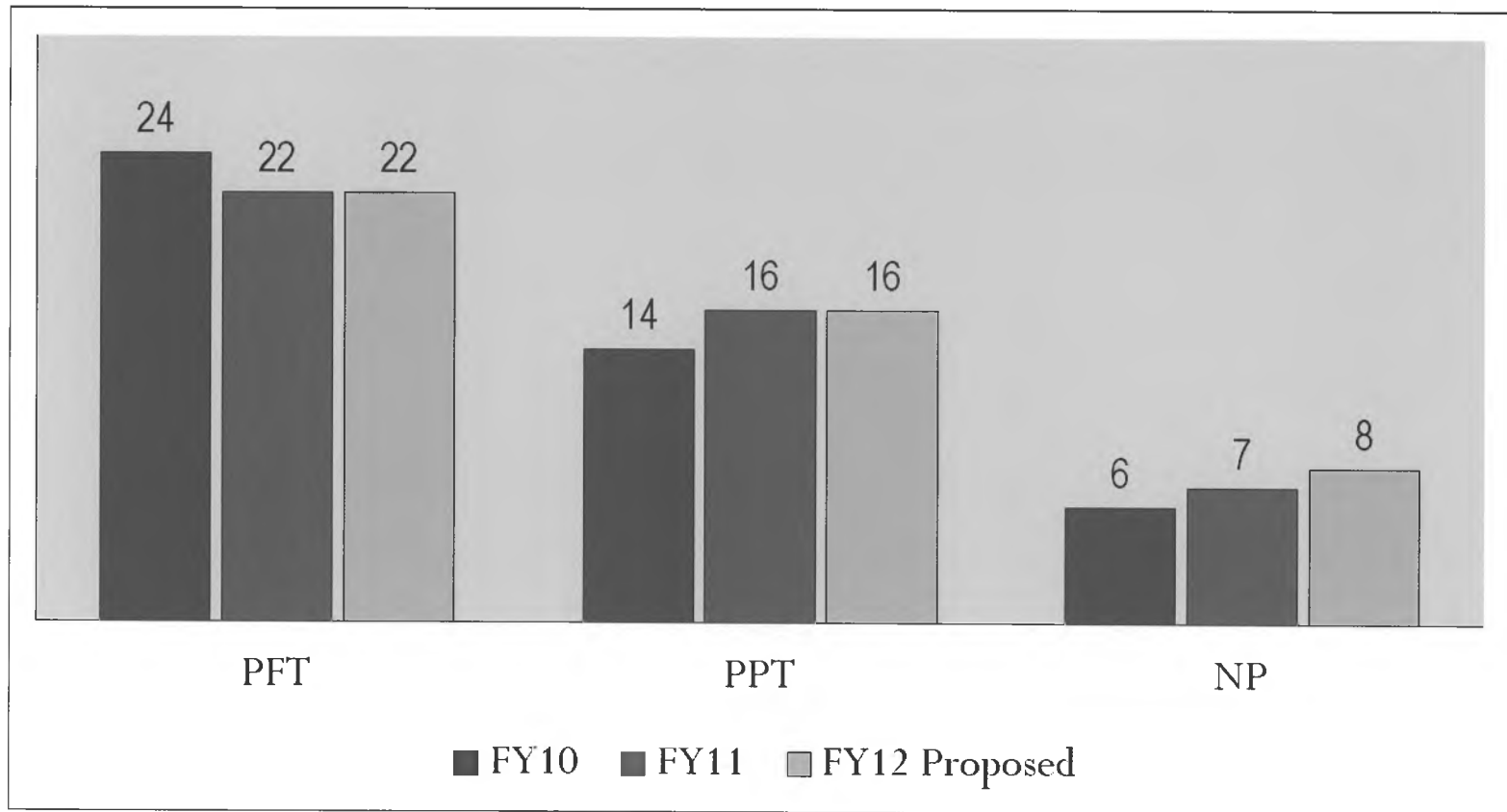
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FY10 and FY 11 Authority



Division Staffing Levels



- Office locations in Juneau, Anchorage, Fairbanks, Dillingham, Bethel, Kotzebue.

Research Update



A successful moose hunt, Chalkyitsik, Alaska, 2009.

Target: conduct a minimum 5 studies in at least 3 of 6 regions at a 5-year average.

- In FY10, 15 community surveys were completed, below the target of 26 communities (5-yr avg) due to ongoing multi-year research; this target has been met 3 of the past 5 years.
- Targets were exceeded in 2 of 6 regions, below overall target.

Publishing Update

Contacts Licenses/Permits Regulations News Publications Fish & Game find

Alaska Department of Fish & Game
Subsistence

Arctic Interior Southcentral Southeast Southwest Western

Highlights

- Summary of Subsistence Harvests of Pacific Halibut in Alaska, 2006
- Subsistence harvests of Pacific halibut in Alaska, 2006 (**full report**)

General Information

- Alaska's Subsistence Fisheries
- General Information
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Mission Statement

Publications

- Subsistence Technical Papers
- Articles and Presentations
- Community Profile Database
- Community Subsistence Information System
- ADF&G Writers Guide

State Subsistence

- Missions and Measures

Regional Information

Regulations & Permits

- NOAA/NMFS Subsistence Halibut Fishing in Alaska
- Subsistence Fishing
- Subsistence Hunting and Trapping
- Alaska Board of Fisheries
- Alaska Board of Game
- Federal Subsistence Management

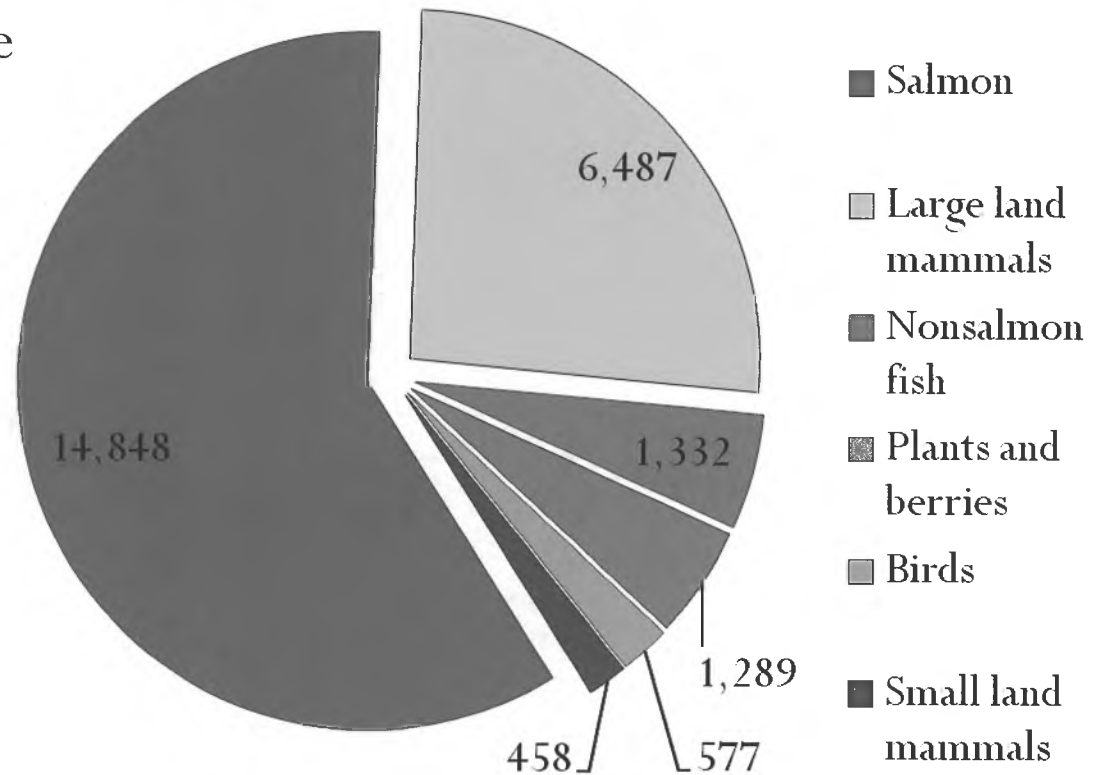
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- In FY10, the division completed and released 30 new technical reports and materials for the general public.

Division's Technical Papers are posted to the Division website and sent to the Alaska State Library and to the ARLIS Library.

Publishing Update

- Community Subsistence Information System (CSIS) database.
- www.subsistence.adfg.state.ak.us/CSIS.
- 64 communities updated in FY10.



Wild resources, pounds harvested,
Lime Village, 2007.

Regulatory Support FY10

- 252 Board of Fisheries and Board of Game proposals reviewed for impacts to customary and traditional uses.
- 31 management plans – fisheries and wildlife – were informed with information about customary and traditional uses.
- All meetings of the Alaska Board of Fish (8) and Alaska Board of Game (4) attended.
- 13 Special Publications, deliberation materials, and oral reports developed for these processes.



Northern pike freeze-drying in Emmonak, 2009.

Key Accomplishments

- Yukon River Chinook Salmon Disaster Research.
- Index Community Program Development.
- Reopened Subsistence Division's Bethel Field Office.

Local surveyors attend orientation session, Kiana, 2003.



Thank You



Berry picking near Nondalton,
2008.

DIVISION OF HABITAT

Overview and Performance Measures



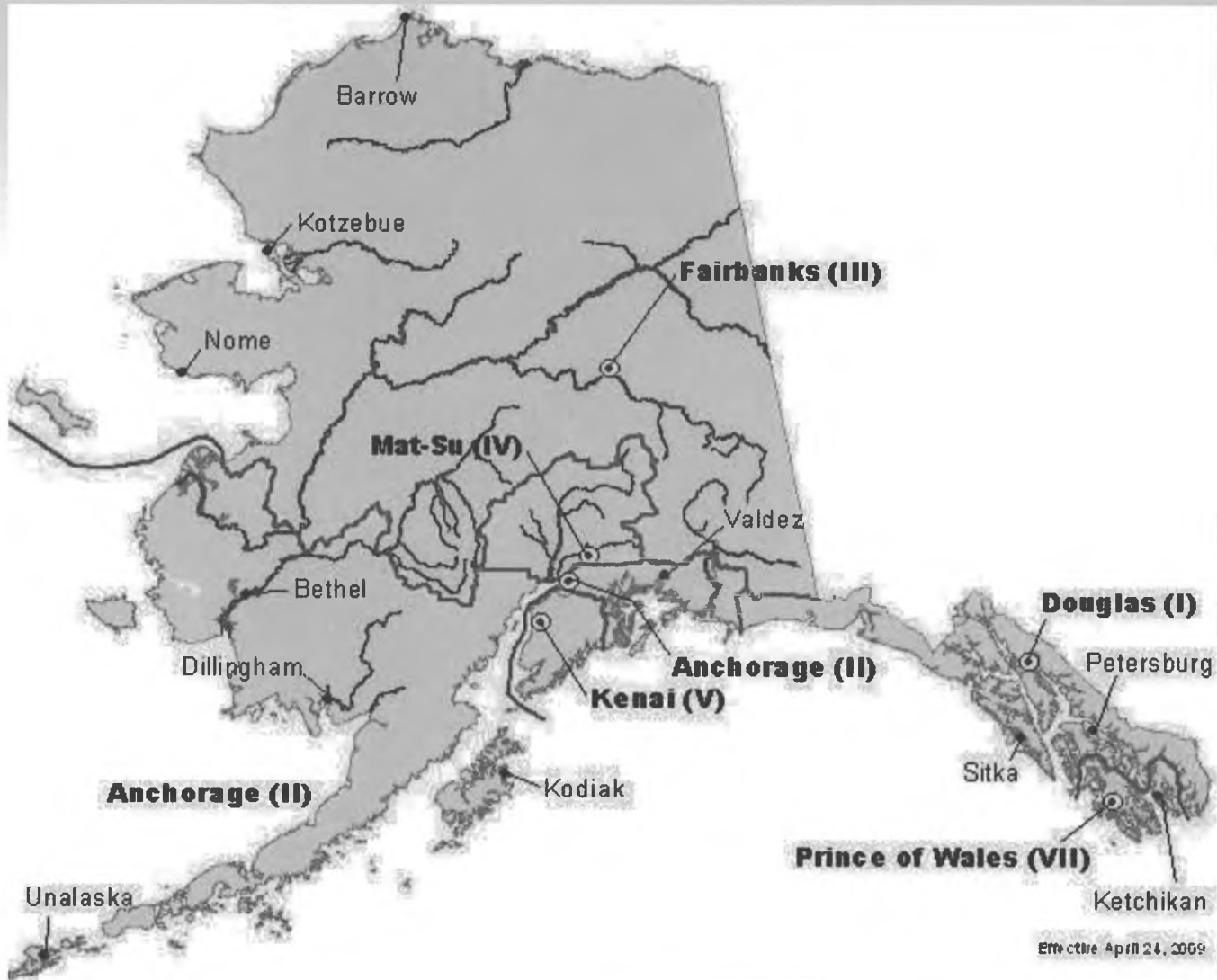
Kerry Howard, Director

Division History

- Anadromous fish habitat and fish passage responsibilities legislated shortly after statehood.
- Over the years, 32 refuges, critical habitat areas and sanctuaries were also established.
- Functions initially distributed throughout Department.
- “Sections” created in Sport Fish (Access Section), Comm. Fish (Water Rights), and Game Divisions (Lands).
- About 1969 or 1970, the above sections were consolidated into the “Habitat Section”.
- Division responsibilities expanded in late 70s-early 80s when state and federal planning efforts escalated.
- Habitat granted “Division” status in 1981.
- In 2003, Habitat was moved to DNR, and renamed the “Office of Habitat Management and Permitting.” The division also sustained an 18% reduction in staff and an 11% reduction in budget.
- In 2008, Habitat was moved back to ADF&G, and re-established as the “Habitat Division”.
- The Division currently has 49 positions, 3 Regional Offices, and 3 Area Offices.



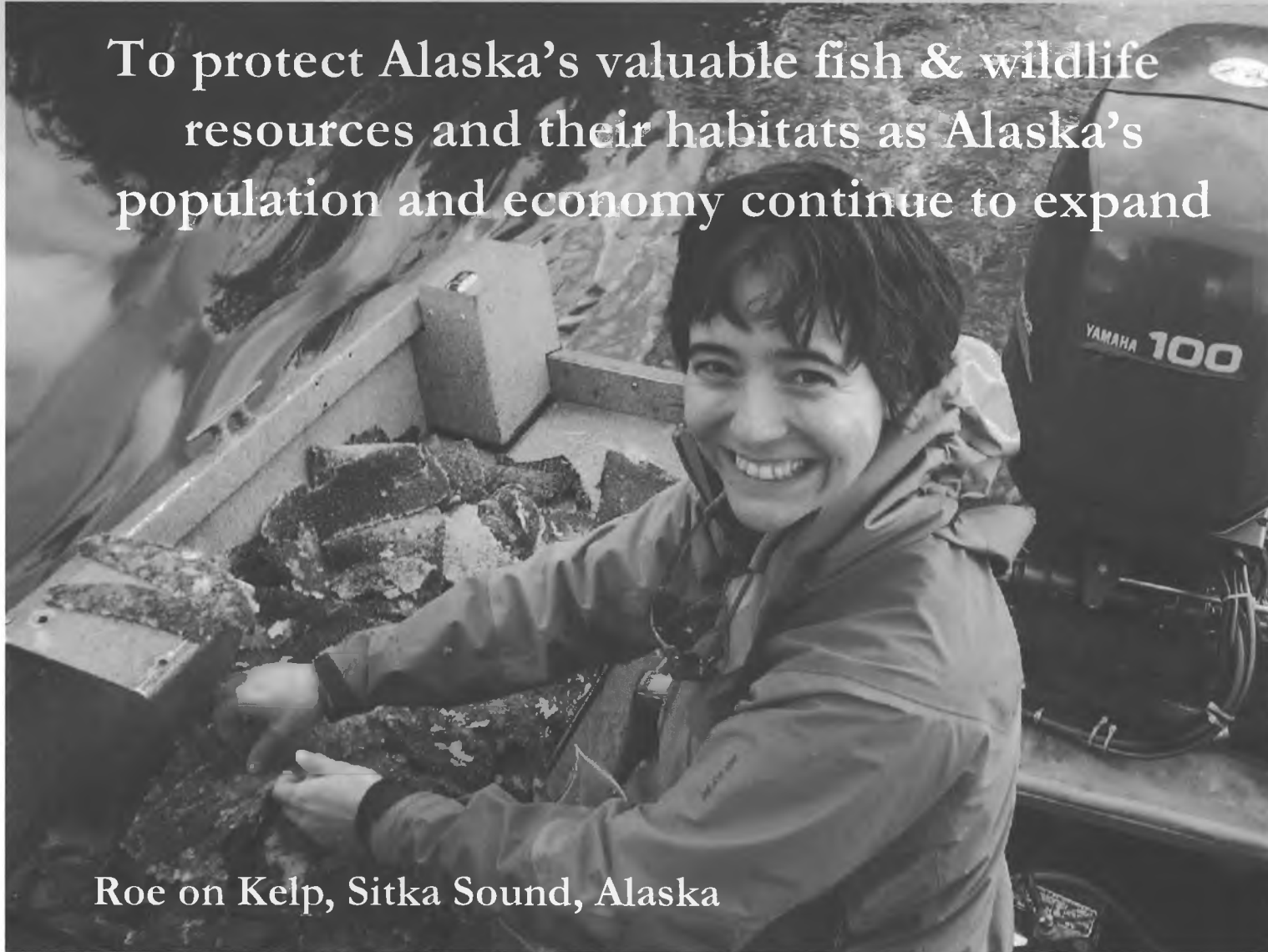
Sockeye Salmon, Steep Creek, Juneau



- Habitat Offices in Fairbanks, Palmer, Anchorage, Soldotna, Juneau, Craig
- 47 PFT; 2 PPT

Division Mission Statement

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



Roe on Kelp, Sitka Sound, Alaska

Statutory Authorities

- AS 16.05.841
Fish Passage
- AS 16.05.871
Fish Habitat
- AS 16.20
Legislatively
Designated Special
Areas



McNeil River State Game Sanctuary

Habitat's Core Services

- Review applications and issue permits for activities in anadromous waterbodies and fish-bearing waters and legislatively designated Special Areas (Title 16); provide expertise to protect important fish and wildlife habitat; monitor authorized projects and conduct compliance actions.
- Maintain and revise the Catalog of Waters Important for the Spawning, Rearing, or Migration of Anadromous Fishes.
- Manage Alaska's Special Areas in accordance with legislative guidelines; prepare and update management plans for these areas.
- Review proposed timber harvest activities; conduct field inspections; work cooperatively with timber operators and other governmental agencies.
- Review development projects (e.g., oil and gas, hard-rock mining, roads, T16 elements of hydropower projects) authorized under other agencies' authorities.
- Conduct applied research to develop methods and means to minimize impacts of development projects on fish and wildlife resources.

End Result: Protect Alaska's valuable fish and wildlife resources and their habitats during resource development activities.

Target #1: 100% of resource developers meet agency requirements for protection of fish, wildlife, and their habitats.

Status #1: In FY10, 99.6% of all developers were in compliance with issued Fish Habitat and Special Area permits, just short of the performance target.



Stream revetment and pipeline

Strategy A1 - Enhance our Fish Habitat and Special

Area review processes by reviewing projects in a timely manner, adding appropriate conditions to protect resources, and monitoring, as needed.



Culvert Installation

Target #1: 8.2-day average permit review timeframe for Fish Habitat Permits

Status #1: In FY10, Fish Habitat permits were reviewed and issued in an average of 9.1 days, statewide, almost meeting the performance target.

Strategy A1, cont.

Target #2: 100% of Fish Habitat permit applications received are reviewed and acted on by either: 1) approving as proposed; 2) approving after modification with appropriate conditions to protect resources; or 3) denying if resources could not be protected.

Status #2: In FY10, 100% of Fish Habitat permits were reviewed and completed, meeting the target.



Kizuchia Creek

Strategy A1, cont.



McNeil River Falls

Target #3: 15-day average permit review time for Special Area permits.

Status #3: In FY10 Special Area permits were reviewed and issued in an average of 12.4 days, statewide, exceeding the 15-day average permit review time performance target.

Strategy A1, cont.

Target #4: 100% of Special Area Permit applications received are reviewed and acted on by either : 1) approving as proposed; 2) approving after modification with appropriate conditions to protect resources; or 3) denying if resources could not be protected.

Status #4: In FY10, 100% of Special Area permits were reviewed and completed, meeting the performance target.



Bald Eagle, McNeil River State Game Sanctuary

Strategy A2 - Actively and timely participate in coordinated project reviews to ensure appropriate protection of important habitats.



Wetlands construction

Target #1: 11.5-day average timeframe for a coordinated project review.

Status #1: In FY 10, coordinated project reviews were completed in an average of 12.9 days, statewide, just short of the 11.5-day average timeframe for a coordinated project review performance target.

Strategy A2, cont.

Target #2: 93.2% of projects in a coordinated process are reviewed to ensure appropriate protection of important habitat.

Status #2: In FY10, 92.2% projects in a coordinated process were reviewed to ensure appropriate protection of important habitat, almost meeting the performance target to review 93.2% of projects in a coordinated process.



Stream enhancement project, Harris River, POW Island

Strategy A3: Continue to actively manage legislatively designated Special Areas by developing and updating management plans.

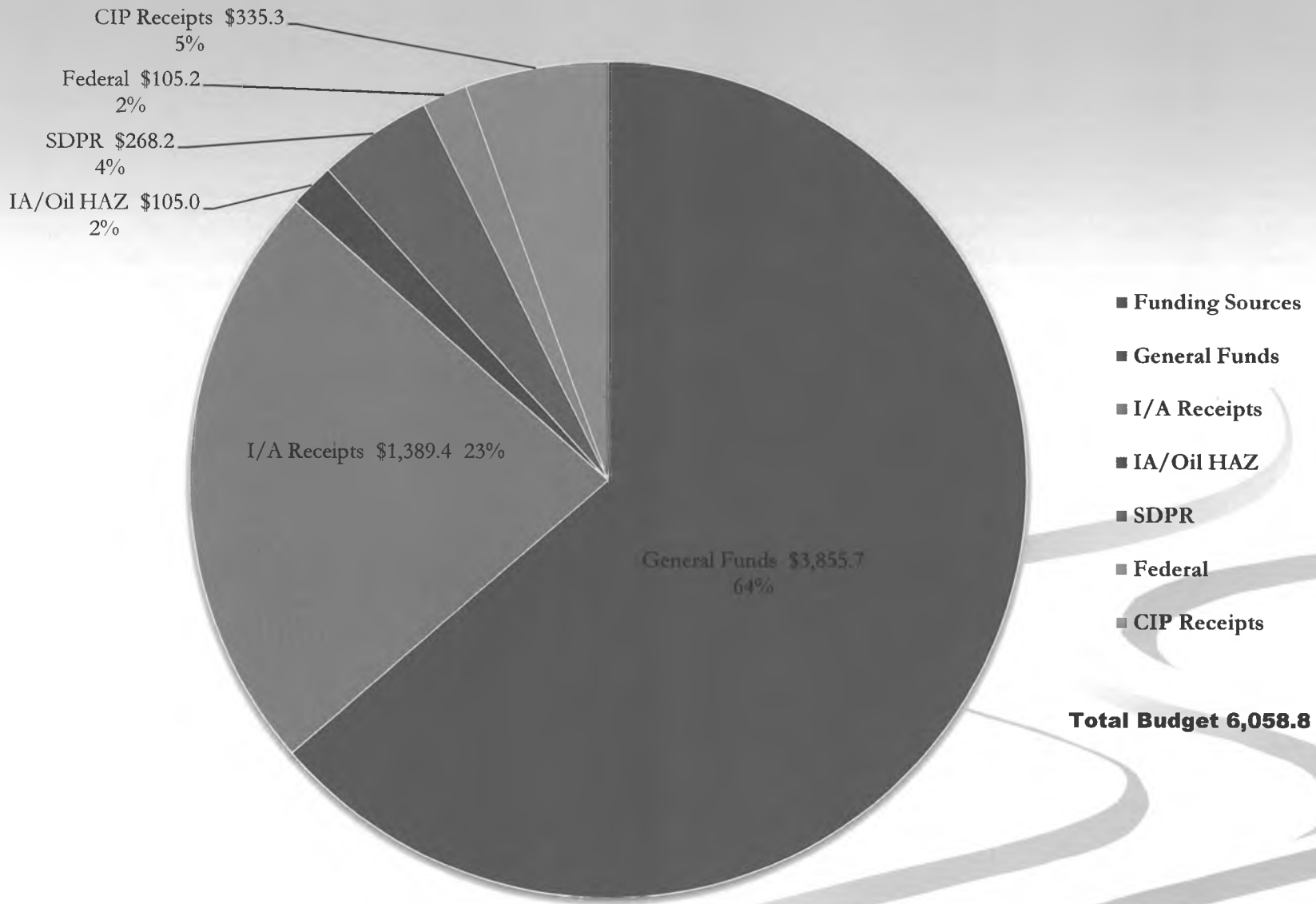


Mendenhall Wetlands State Game Refuge

Target #1: One Special Area management plan completed or revised each fiscal year.

Status #1: No new Special Area management plans were completed in FY10; target not met.

FY 12 Proposed Authority





Questions?