



## **Current Division of Subsistence Research in the Southcentral Region**

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### **Copper Basin Community Harvest Assessment** (September 2022 – December 2025)

*\*National Park Service; Ahtna Intertribal Resource Commission*

Ahtna Intertribal Resource Commission (AITRC), Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve, and the Division of Subsistence are collaborating to conduct comprehensive household harvest surveys in Mentasta and Chistochina in winter 2023, and Slana and Nabesna Road in winter 2024. This is a capacity building project to assist AITRC with harvest data collection. Project staff began conducting surveys in Mentasta on March 6, and Chistochina on March 11. The National Park Service, ADF&G, and AITRC will continue to seek funding for updating additional communities over the next several years.

### **Port Graham Subsistence Harvest Assessment** (October 2022 – December 2025)

*\*Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council; Port Graham Corporation; Paluwik Heritage Foundation*

The Division of Subsistence responded to a request from the Paluwik Heritage Foundation and Port Graham Corporation to assist with updating comprehensive subsistence harvest information in Port Graham. Harvest surveys, key respondent interviews, and mapping of key search and harvest areas will take place in the winter of 2024. Results will be compared to four decades of harvest data to understand the ongoing recovery of subsistence ways of life in the aftermath of the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill.

### **Chugach Region Marine Mammal Harvest Surveys – Chugach Imaq**

*\*NDN Grant R-2108-10863; Chugach Regional Resources Commission*

ADF&G was invited to participate in the Chugach *Imaq* Project, the Sugt'stun word encompassing ocean, sea, saltwater, and its contents. Division staff participated in CRRC's November workshop in Cordova to provide training on survey administration, and to incorporate local knowledge into a redesign of marine mammal harvest surveys. ADF&G will continue to collaborate with CRRC on data collection and data processing support. Harvest data collected by Tribal and community partners will help inform marine mammal management and assess the wide range of factors affecting access to marine mammal subsistence resources.

Photo: Cordova pilot workshop November 2022, credit: CRRC

\*Indicates project funder



## **For more information or concerns about subsistence:**

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