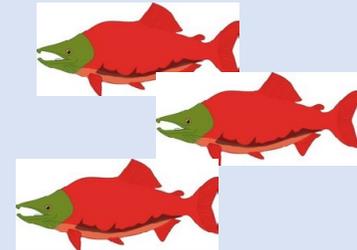


Federal Subsistence Management Program

An Overview

Office of Subsistence Management



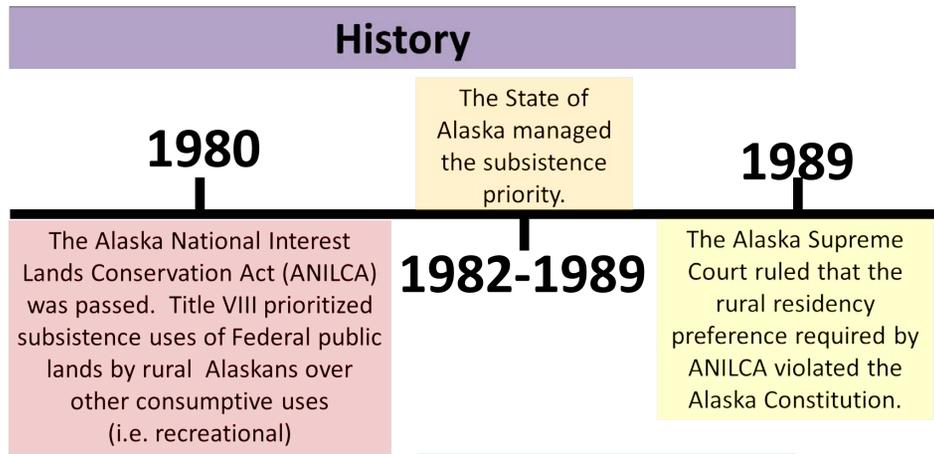
What is the FSMP?



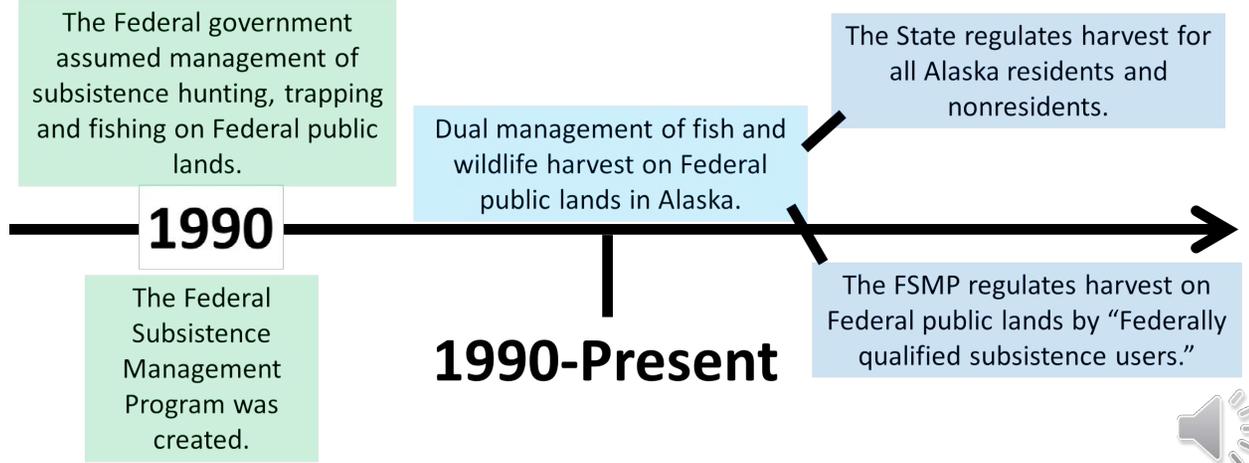
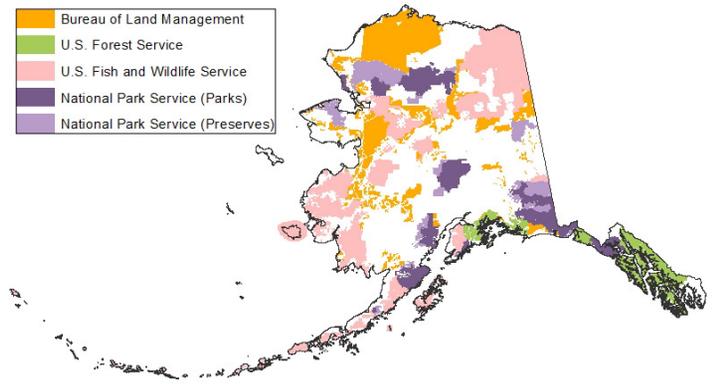
The Federal Subsistence Management Program (FSMP) administers the subsistence harvest of fish and wildlife on Federal public lands by rural Alaskan residents.



History



- Bureau of Land Management
- U.S. Forest Service
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- National Park Service (Parks)
- National Park Service (Preserves)



Species

The FSMP does not administer the subsistence harvest of all species. The table below identifies the Federal programs with authority over various subsistence species.

Species	Federal Program
Land mammals (i.e. moose, caribou, bears); Non-migratory game birds (i.e. grouse); Freshwater fish, including salmon; Shellfish (i.e. crabs, clams)	Federal Subsistence Management (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)
Polar bear, Walrus, Sea otter	Marine Mammals Management (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)
Migratory Birds (i.e. waterfowl)	Migratory Bird Co-Management Council (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)
Marine fish (i.e. halibut), Seal, Sea lion, Whale	National Marine Fisheries Service (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration)



Who's Who in the FSMP?

8 Member Federal Subsistence Board (Board)

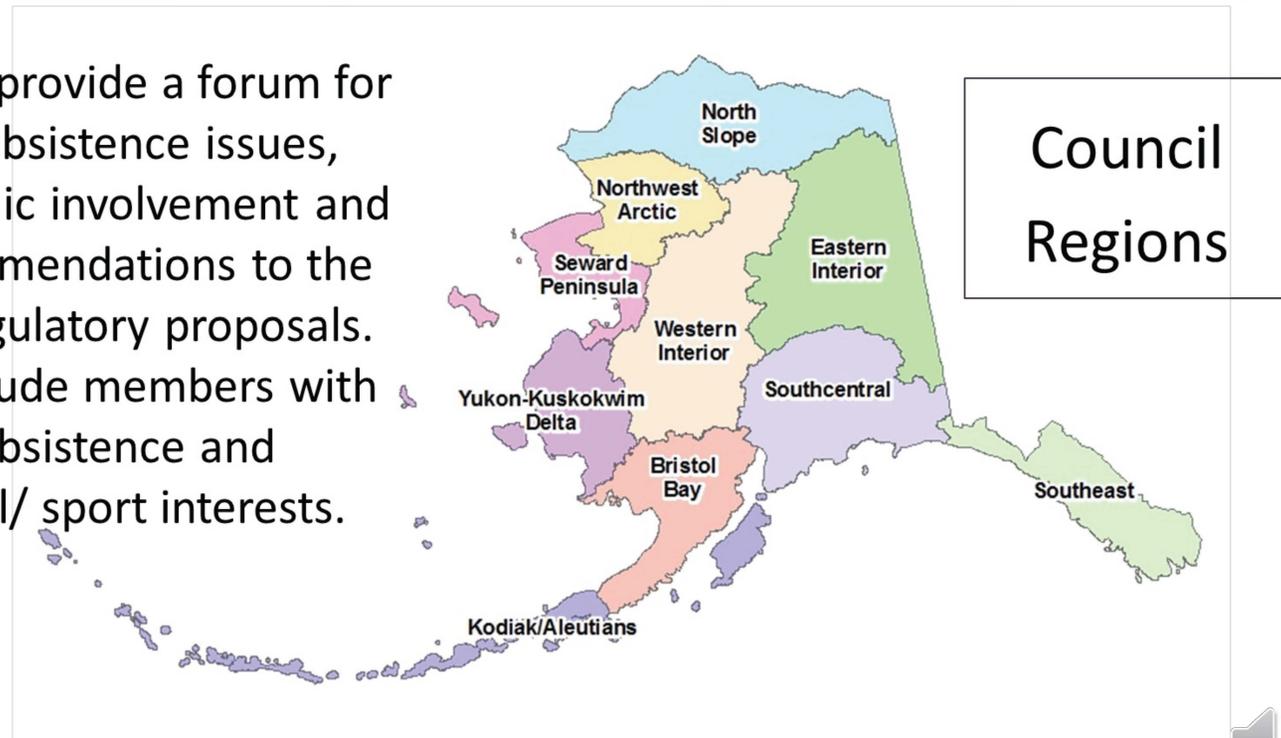


The Board makes the final decisions on regulatory proposals affecting the harvest of fish and wildlife (e.g. restrictions/closures; C&T determinations; nonrural areas).



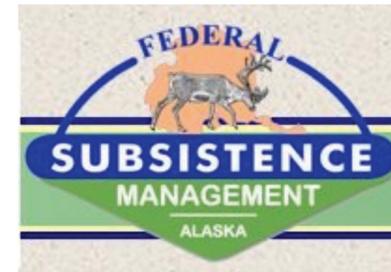
10 Regional Advisory Councils (Councils)

The Councils provide a forum for regional subsistence issues, facilitate public involvement and make recommendations to the Board on regulatory proposals. Councils include members with both subsistence and commercial/ sport interests.



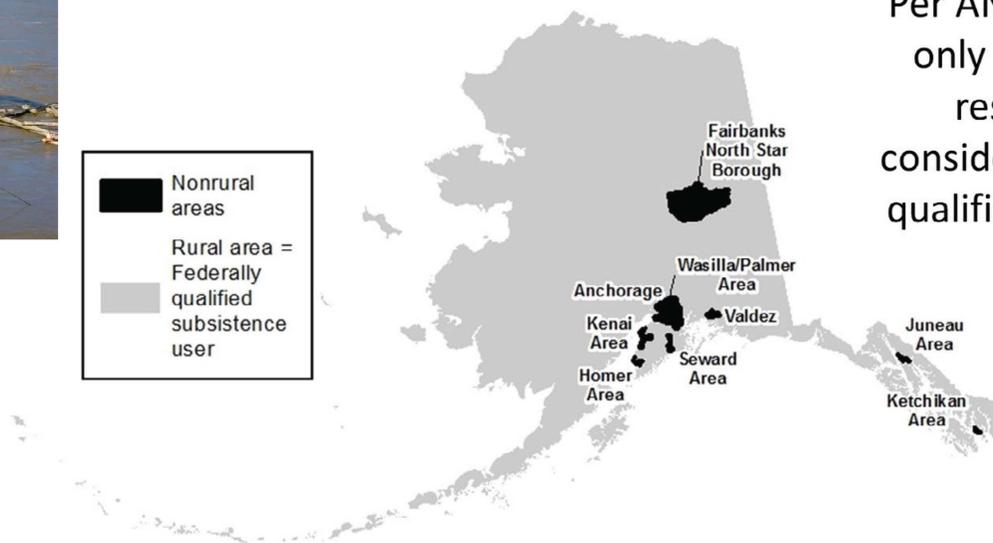
1 Office of Subsistence Management (OSM)

OSM supports the Board and Councils. OSM staff analyze regulatory proposals; coordinate Board and Council meetings and Tribal consultations; and publish fish and wildlife harvest regulations.



Many Federally Qualified Subsistence Users

■ Nonrural areas
■ Rural area = Federally qualified subsistence user



Per ANILCA Title VIII, only rural Alaskan residents are considered “Federally qualified subsistence users.”



Call for proposals

Proposals to change fish or wildlife regulations may be submitted Jan.-Mar. of even and odd years, respectively. Anyone (individual or organization) may submit a proposal to change a Federal harvest regulation.



Publication in the CFR

If approved by the Board, proposals become Federal regulation and are published in the Code of Federal Regulations.



Analysis of proposals

OSM staff analyze proposals for their potential effects on the wildlife/fish resource and subsistence use.



Review of Proposals

Analyses undergo multiple rounds of review, including by affected land managers, leadership within OSM, and the Interagency Staff Committee (ISC), which advises the Federal Subsistence Board (Board).



Public and Tribal Comments

Written public comments are accepted for all proposals and included in analyses. The public may also comment on proposals at Council and Board meetings. Consultations with Tribes and Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) corporations are also conducted and their comments are expressed at meetings.



Federal Subsistence Board

The Federal Subsistence Board (Board) meets in January for Fisheries proposals and in April for Wildlife proposals to make the final decision.



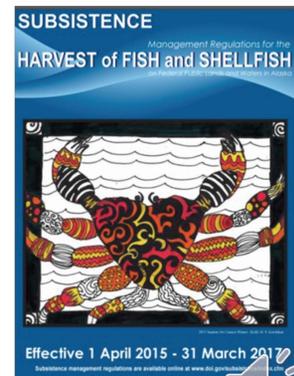
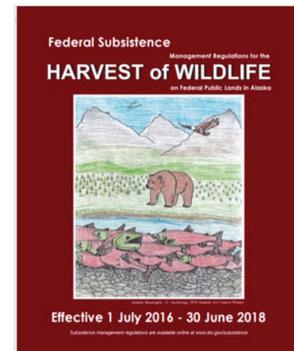
Regional Advisory Councils

The Regional Advisory Councils (Councils) meet in Sept.-Nov. to provide recommendations on every proposal affecting their region.



Additional Information

- **FSMP Website:** <https://www.doi.gov/subsistence/>. Find information on regulatory proposals and upcoming meetings.
- **FSMP Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/subsistencealaska/>. Stay informed and updated on Federal subsistence issues.
- **Current Regulations (CFR):** <http://www.ecfr.gov/>. Look in Title 50 → Ch. 1 → Part 100 → subpart D for Federal fish and wildlife harvest regulations.
- **Regulation booklets:** Available at Federal offices (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, and Bureau of Land Management) and on-line (FSMP website).



Dual harvest management

State regulations

- Apply to everyone (all AK residents and non-residents)
- Apply on all lands (except National Parks)
- Alaska Board of Game
- Fish and Game ACs
- ADF&G
- 3-year regulatory cycle
- Emergency Orders



Federal regulations

- Only apply to Federally qualified subsistence users
- Only apply on Federal public lands
- Federal Subsistence Board
- Regional Advisory Councils
- OSM
- 2-year regulatory cycle
- Special action requests
- Federal closures supersede State regs on Federal public lands