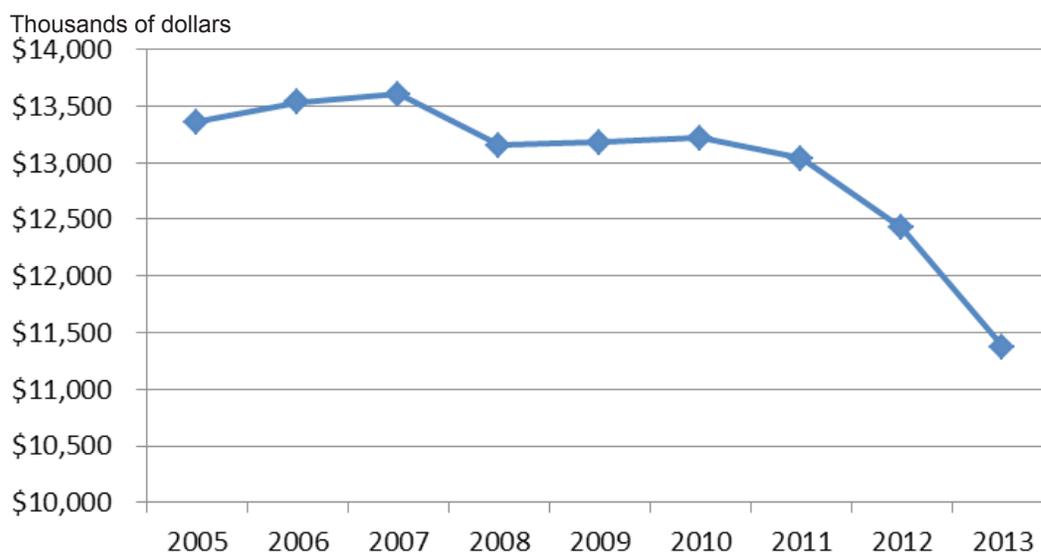


OFFICE OF SUBSISTENCE MANAGEMENT BRIEFINGS

Budget Update

The Office of Subsistence Management (OSM) has experienced a declining budget and level of staffing (see below). The overall OSM budget is subject to the same 6.7% cut that all Federal agencies are experiencing as a result of sequestration — the automatic spending cuts put in place by Congress and effective January this year. The budget picture for FY2014 is not entirely clear, but we anticipate further reductions. OSM will continue to provide the Regional Advisory Councils with budget briefings to help them develop a better understanding of proposed cuts and how they may affect the Federal Subsistence Management Program. Travel outside of the normal Council meetings will continue to be limited. Also, due to budget cuts and the Federal sequestration, the funding to support the State Liaison Position has been cut.

TOTAL OSM BUDGET BY FISCAL YEAR



Staffing Update

Arrivals

Gene Peltola has been selected to serve as the Assistant Regional Director for OSM. Gene most recently served as the Refuge Manager for the Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge in Bethel for 5 years and was the In-Season Manager on the Kuskokwim River. Prior to that, he was the Northern Zone Officer for Refuge Law Enforcement. He has a total of 29 years of service in the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

Jeff Brooks has been selected to work as a Social Scientist in the Anthropology Division. He previously worked for the National Wildlife Refuge System in Alaska in the Division of Conservation Planning and Policy as a social scientist. Jeff served as the lead planner for the recently published Comprehensive Conservation Plan for the Selawik National Wildlife Refuge.

Derek Hildreth has been selected as the new Permit Specialist, replacing Michelle Chivers in that position. He previously worked in the Anchorage Field Office for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service in Fisheries.

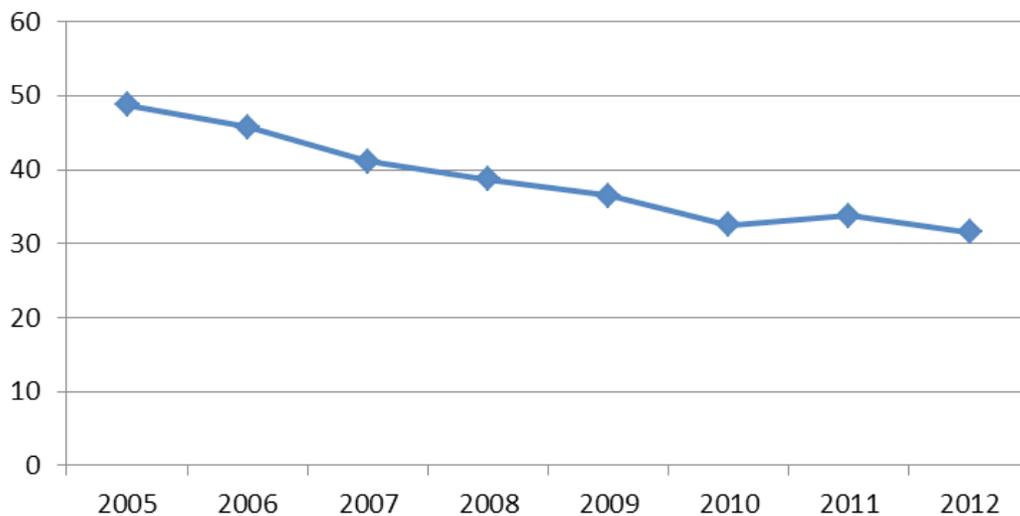
Departures

Helen Armstrong has retired from employment with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Under current budget restrictions, any new hires must be approved before any recruitment can begin. At this time, OSM has not been authorized to recruit for hiring a replacement Anthropology Division Chief. The position is currently vacant and OSM is exploring options for fulfilling these responsibilities.

Stephen Fried retired from employment with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. OSM has been authorized to seek a replacement Fisheries Division Chief.

Andrea Medeiros, who has been at OSM for over twelve years and is currently the Subsistence Outreach Coordinator, will be leaving OSM to take a position with External Affairs for Region 7 U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Her position will become vacant and OSM is exploring options for fulfilling these responsibilities.

OSM STAFFING BY FISCAL YEAR



Tribal Consultation Update

The Tribal Consultation Implementation Guidelines are in their final draft form and the Federal Subsistence Board will review them at its work session in August. The Tribal Consultation workgroup consists of a varied group of Federal staff, Tribal members and members from Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) Corporations. Once the implementation guidelines have been accepted by the Board, the workgroup will focus its attention on crafting the ANCSA Consultation Policy and Implementation Guidelines.

Regulatory Cycle Update

At the fall 2012 Regional Advisory Council meetings, the Board asked all 10 Councils for input on regulatory cycle schedules. Eight of ten Councils recommended that the Board meeting to make determinations on wildlife proposals occur in the spring rather than in January. In response, the Board scheduled their next meeting to make determinations on wildlife proposals for April 15-17, 2014. With future wildlife Board meetings occurring in the spring, the fall Council meeting window for wildlife proposal years will be extended into early November. The Board has not yet made a decision concerning dates for their meeting in 2015 to address the next round of fisheries proposals.