



Ongoing Division of Subsistence Research in the Southcentral Region

Understanding the Bottlenecks for Recovery of Native Clams in Chenega's Subsistence Shellfish Use Areas (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Tribal Wildlife Grants Program; May 2021 – May 2023)

In response to concerns from native communities in southcentral Alaska, Chugach Regional Resource Commission (CRRC) and the Alutiiq Pride Shellfish Hatchery have developed a hard-shell clam restoration program focused on understanding the life histories and complex factors that affect local clam populations. The Chenega IRA Council, CRRC, and ADF&G are collaborating to develop a successful recovery program at Chenega, including site selection and seeding and monitoring clams. The ADF&G Division of Subsistence is documenting traditional knowledge about clams through key respondent interviews, updating maps of harvest areas, and compiling all available years of Chenega clam harvest data from the Community Subsistence Information System (CSIS).



Chenega residents Terri and Charles Michener display local clam habitat areas

Updating Subsistence Harvest Information in Mentasta and Chistochina (National Park Service; September 2022 – September 2024)



Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve, the Division of Subsistence, and Ahtna Intertribal Resource Commission (AITRC) are collaborating to conduct comprehensive household harvest surveys in Mentasta and Chistochina. Reliable and current harvest assessments provide necessary data to ensure that reasonable opportunity for subsistence is provided for under current regulations and management policies. Most Copper River Basin communities were last surveyed about 10 years ago, and the National Park Service, ADF&G, and AITRC will continue to seek funding for updating additional communities over the next several years.

Current Division of Subsistence Projects Funded by OSM

1. FRMP 18-450 Changing Regulations, Changing Environment, Changing Practices: A Study of Fish Harvest Practices in Unalaska (Ends December 31, 2022)
2. FRMP 20-450 Subsistence Harvest Trends of Salmon and Nonsalmon Fish in Kodiak City and Road-Connected Areas (Ends June 30, 2024)

Contact us if you see a subsistence research need in your community!

For more information or concerns about subsistence:

1. Contact Jackie Keating, Southcentral Subsistence Resource Specialist: (907) 267-2368, jacqueline.keating@alaska.gov
2. Visit the Community Subsistence Information System: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/sb/CSIS/>
3. Download Subsistence Publications: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/sf/publications/>

