



## Project Updates

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### 1. Keex' Kwaan Community Forest Partnership

**Division of Subsistence Purpose:** Produce reliable estimates of the harvest and use of wild resources by Kake residents, including a description of roads and lands used.

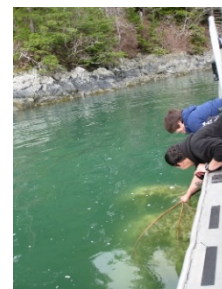
**Next step:** Due to COVID, in-person household surveys were replaced by a self-administered survey distributed to Kake residents in March 2021. A low response rate and improving conditions on the ground have led us to plan for in-person household surveys again, this time in the spring of 2022. Our highest priority is to ensure the safety of community members and researchers, so the current plans will depend on what the COVID situation looks like in the spring. Researchers will continue to work closely with the community to determine an acceptable schedule for the survey effort.



### 2. Sitka Sound Subsistence Harvest of Herring Eggs

**Purpose:** (1) Provide reliable annual harvest estimates of the harvest of herring eggs on all substrates from Sitka Sound, and (2) Document general locations of harvest.

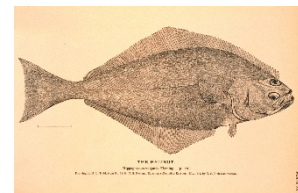
**Next step:** Sitka Tribe of Alaska completed harvester surveys in May and June of 2021. Preliminary data analysis is complete. There was good participation in the harvest and in the surveys in 2021. ADF&G is drafting the report on the 2021 survey year and plans to publish by the January 2022 Board of Fisheries meeting. We will publish the 2020 season report by October 2021 and make it available on our website.



### 3. Subsistence Harvests of Pacific Halibut in Alaska, 2020

**Purpose:** Estimate the subsistence harvest of halibut in Alaska in 2020 by community, tribe, gear type, and IPHC regulatory area, along with the number of individuals who subsistence fished.

**Next step:** This is the 14<sup>th</sup> year of the project, funded by NOAA. The primary research method is voluntary mailed surveys, with additional in person surveys conducted in Ketchikan, Hydaburg, and Sitka as well as Tununak and Nightmute in western Alaska. Surveying is complete and data analysis is ongoing. We are drafting a report for public review and will present preliminary results at the December meeting of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council. We will publish the final report and present results at the January meeting of the International Pacific Halibut Commission. We will also create and distribute to all communities a short project summary highlighting the research results.



## For more information or concerns about subsistence:

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