



Project Updates

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 for search and harvest.

Next step: In-person household surveys were postponed in March. A new schedule for the household surveys has not been determined yet due to the still-developing situation with covid. Our highest priority is to ensure the safety of community members and researchers. New survey methods are being explored to temporarily replace our traditional face-to-face household surveys. Researchers will work closely with the community to determine an acceptable schedule for the survey effort when it is safe to do so.



2. Sitka Sound Subsistence Harvest of Herring Eggs

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

Next step: Sitka Tribe of Alaska completed harvester surveys in June of 2020. Data analysis is underway. It is unclear what effect the current pandemic had on the harvest this year, but it appears that participation may have been reduced. A draft of the 2020 report will be created once data analysis is complete. The 2019 report will be published in time for the Board of Fisheries meeting occurring in January 2021.



3. Estimating inseason harvests of the Klawock Lake subsistence sockeye salmon fishery

Purpose: Estimate the subsistence harvest of sockeye and other salmon in the subsistence fishery in Klawock Inlet and the Klawock River estuary in 2021 and 2022.

Next step: This is a project proposal submitted to the Alaska Sustainable Salmon Fund (AKSSF). If funded, the project will be a collaboration between the Division of Subsistence and Klawock Heenya Corporation, with the technical assistance of Cathy Needham. Local residents will be hired and trained to survey fishing parties in the Klawock Estuary throughout the summer fishing season in order to estimate the harvest inseason. An outreach component about subsistence salmon permits will be included. The project will increase managers' understanding of how many sockeye salmon are harvested and when, as well as provide an early indication of run strength and timing before escapement estimates are available.



For more information or concerns about subsistence:

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2. Visit the Community Subsistence Information System: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/sb/CSIS/>
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