



## Project Updates

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### 1. Klawock Inseason Subsistence Sockeye Salmon Harvest Monitoring (FRMP)

**Purpose:** To provide improved and timely subsistence salmon harvest estimates for the Klawock Lake system and to increase participation in the subsistence salmon permit program. The project is a collaboration between ADF&G, Klawock Heenya Corporation, and Kai Environmental.

**Next Steps:** The first round of inseason harvest surveys were successfully completed during the summer of 2022. Results from the surveys were shared with the ADF&G area manager and the community of Klawock. Additional rounds of surveying will occur during the subsistence sockeye salmon fishery in 2023 and 2024. During the winter, permit returns will be compared to the inseason harvest estimate and the results will be evaluated against the results of a similar project done in the early 2000s. Finally, this winter a survey will be mailed to households that have participated in the Klawock subsistence fishery to ask about the user experience of the permit process.



### 2. 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 steps:** Comprehensive household surveys are being planned for the community this winter. Researchers are working with OVK and the Keex' Kwaan Community Forest Partnership to ensure the appropriateness of the timing and the content of the surveys. The purpose of the surveys is to document the importance of wild foods to the community of Kake, as well as areas that are important for their harvest.



### 3. Icy Strait Harvest Update (FRMP)

**Purpose:** 1) Produce reliable estimates of the harvests and uses of wild resources for study year 2023 by residents of Gustavus, Tenakee Springs, and Pelican; 2) Record the geographic extent of search and harvest areas for wild resources by residents of Gustavus, Tenakee Springs, and Pelican during the study year; and 3) Document observations of subsistence harvesting practices, harvest trends, and areas used for subsistence activities over time.

**Next steps:** This project has been funded but does not begin until spring 2023. The tribal or city governments of the study communities are aware of the proposed research and submitted letters of support for it. Scoping meetings will be held in each community this spring to introduce the project to the broader community and solicit feedback, comments, and concerns. Comprehensive harvest and use surveys have not been conducted in any of these communities since 1987. The research plan includes attempting to survey all households in Tenakee Springs and Pelican, and a sample of households in Gustavus. Surveys will be conducted in spring 2024.

## For more information or concerns about subsistence in Southeast Alaska:

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