

## **Tanana Conservation Outreach, 2003, Federal Subsistence Fishery Monitoring Program**

**Abstract:** Currently, there are a number of fish monitoring projects in the Tanana area. Data on subsistence use in the area shows a relatively large subsistence use fishery in both the past and at the present. People's lives are very much dependent on the proper management of the subsistence fishery yet most know very little about how it is managed and often have very little opportunity to meet with the fisheries biologist and technicians that run the projects. This project provided a forum for bringing fisheries scientists, elders, and young people together to share information and increase understanding of how better fisheries information can improve management. The focus of the effort was on students grades 4 through 12; by the end of the project very few students had not participated in this project. The project fostered greater communication and understanding between the community and fisheries scientists, and people became much more interested in and committed to management. This report details outreach and capacity building efforts over the three year duration of the project. As well, we provide recommendations for additional work.

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