

Nome Comprehensive Subsistence Survey

FY2025 Request: \$350,000
Reference No: 65194

AP/AL: Appropriation
Category: Natural Resources
Location: Nome

Project Type: Research / Studies / Planning
House District: Bering Straits/Yukon Delta (HD 39)

Impact House District: Bering Straits/Yukon Delta (HD 39)

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2024 - 06/30/2029

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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This project is to perform a comprehensive subsistence survey in the Nome region due to the current data gap within the Department of Fish and Game’s statewide dataset.

Funding:	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	Total
1004 Gen Fund	\$350,000						\$350,000
Total:	\$350,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$350,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	0
Totals:	0	0

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

Project Description/Justification:

This request includes funds to:

- 1) conduct community scoping and approval meetings to conduct the research.
- 2) assembling a team to travel to Nome in late winter 2025 to collect data.
- 3) provide the resources for statistical analysis of data by fall 2025; and
- 4) compiling results in a publicly available report by summer 2026.

This work will adhere to the ethics principles described by the Alaska confidentiality statute (AS 16.05.815) and adopted by the National Science Foundation, Office of Polar Programs in its Principles for the Conduct of Research in the Arctic (National Science Foundation Interagency Social Science Task Force 2012) and the Alaska Federation of Natives in its Guidelines for Research.

Nome is a priority community for a comprehensive survey study for several reasons. Currently, there is a notable data gap in the department’s statewide dataset. Comprehensive surveys are an important baseline in advance of pending development projects, and as a hub community, the subsistence harvesting and use data by residents of Nome is critical to the understanding and

characterization of regional subsistence patterns.

As a research unit, the primary mission of the Subsistence Section is to gather information on the role of subsistence hunting and fishing by Alaskans for customary and traditional uses. These data are then analyzed to assist the Boards of Fisheries and Game in their deliberation on Alaska's fish and wildlife resources management and to inform other policy directions. The Subsistence Section applies for competitive grants to accomplish the majority of its mission and duties.

Since its inception, the Section has conducted comprehensive subsistence research in approximately 250 of Alaska's 312 communities located outside of non-subsistence use areas, including the rural hubs of Utqiagvik, Bethel, Kotzebue, Kodiak, and Sitka. These harvest data are stored in the Community Subsistence Information System (CSIS), the largest and most comprehensive repository of statewide subsistence harvest and use data in the state.