SPORT FISHERIES

ALASKA
DIVISION OF SPORT FISH

- Fisheries Management
- Fisheries Research
- Fisheries Enhancement
- Communication and Outreach
- Fish Habitat
- Internal Operations
Merriam Webster:

Fishing
done with Rod and Reel
for Sport or Recreation

The Alaska Legislature:

...the Taking
...of Fish...
for Personal Use...
by Hook and Line
...or other means
SPORT FISHERY CHARACTERISTICS

• Rod and Reel / Hook & Line
• Personal Use | Sport or Recreation
• License
• User Fee-Based Conservation
~500,000 People
3,000 Guides
1,200 Businesses
ACTIVE BUSINESSES AND GUIDES (2014)

Salt Water

- Businesses
- Guides

Freshwater

- Businesses
- Guides

Southcentral
Southeast
A-Y_K

Salt Water Business:
- Southcentral: 400
- Southeast: 200

Salt Water Guides:
- Southcentral: 1000
- Southeast: 600

Freshwater Business:
- A-Y_K: 1000
- Southcentral: 600
- Southeast: 200

Freshwater Guides:
- A-Y_K: 1000
- Southcentral: 600
- Southeast: 200
Southeast Alaska Marine Fishery
• Ship Creek King Salmon
Anchorage Community Lakes Ice Fishing
• Kenai River King Salmon
• Remote Lakes, River and Streams
CATCH AND HARVEST (SWHS)
SALMON HARVEST - FRESH VS SALT WATER
ECONOMIC IMPACT

Days of Sport Fishing

- Southcentral: 21%
- Southeast: 8%
- Interior: 71%

Sport Fishing Expenditures

- Southcentral: $989, 73%
- Southeast: $274, 20%
- Interior: $101, 7%

By Region

Residents: 53%
Nonresidents: 47%
CHALLENGES

- Sustaining Sport Fishing Opportunity
  - Poor Chinook salmon production
  - Guided halibut restrictions
- Communications and Public Service
  - ½ million anglers
  - Diverse interests
  - Complex regulations
ACCOMPLISHMENTS

• Sustaining Opportunities
  • Chinook Salmon Research Initiative
  • Liberalized bag limits and other regulations
  • Hatchery Production and Stocking

• Communication & Public Service
  • Opened hatchery visitor centers
  • Online licenses improved
  • Online personal use permits and harvest reporting available
  • Direct email correspondence
  • Mobile App?