

**State of Alaska**  
**FY2002 Governor's Operating Budget**  
**Performance Measures**

Department of Fish and Game

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### Key Performance Measures for FY2002

**Measure: Assess the factors underlying the decline of the Steller sea lion and develop a science based recovery strategy.**

*(Not yet addressed by Legislature.)*

**Benchmark:**

Progress will be evidenced by the department's ability to secure funding for and engage in research needed to understand the life history, habitat, and nutritional needs of the Steller sea lion. Progress will be further reflected by the extent to which this information is used by the federal agencies in a recovery plan for sea lions that minimally affects those activities, including fishing, that are unrelated to sea lion recovery.

**Background and Strategies:**

**BACKGROUND:** The Western Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea population of the Steller sea lion is listed as an endangered species under the federal Endangered Species Act. By court order, trawl fisheries in the vicinity of sea lion haul outs have been closed.

**STRATEGIES:** The department has provided information to NMFS on all state-managed fisheries in the vicinity of sea lion concentrations. The department has applied for federal funds needed to engage in sea lion biological and ecological studies. The department will develop a research program designed to specify sea lion nutritional and habitat needs; the resulting information will be incorporated into the federal sea lion recovery plan.

**Measure: Maintain, enhance and restore Pacific Northwest trans-boundary salmon stocks in accordance with the U.S./Canada Pacific Salmon Treaty.**

*(Not yet addressed by Legislature.)*

**Benchmark:**

Progress on meeting this performance measure will be represented by the department's compliance with treaty requirements and by the development of research and economic development strategies and plans consistent with the goals of the treaty and subsequent funding initiatives.

**Background and Strategies:**

**BACKGROUND:** The Pacific Salmon Treaty was successfully renegotiated and amended in 1999. Since then, additional federal treaty implementation funds for scientific research and economic development have become available.

**STRATEGIES:** The department will focus on developing and implementing a procedure whereby state agency staff and stakeholders will identify salmon research and economic development projects and priorities. These projects will be included in research and economic development plans for the region. Among the new projects will be a Taku River fish stock assessment, region-wide fish habitat gap analysis, and development of an improved chinook abundance model.

**Measure: Develop a program to regulate, manage, research and monitor the chronically depleted chum and chinook salmon stocks of Western Alaska.**

*(Not yet addressed by Legislature.)*

**Benchmark:**

Progress toward meeting this measure will primarily be represented in the information compiled by the department and the actions of the Board of Fisheries in the course of the board's regulatory cycle.

**Background and Strategies:**

**BACKGROUND:** The Board of Fisheries and the department adopted the Sustainable Salmon Fisheries Policy for Alaska in March 2000, as a means to ensure sustainable salmon fishing and fisheries management. Implementation takes place primarily through the Board of Fisheries regulatory process, although the principles and criteria in the policy may apply more broadly to many department functions and initiatives.

**STRATEGIES:** The department prepares stock status reports on those salmon stocks being considered by the Board of Fisheries at each regular meeting. The department will identify stocks of concern, recommend new or modified management plans, and work with the board to develop action plans and research plans as needed. The department will consider the principles and criteria in the course of identifying research and other goals, apart from the board process.

**Status of FY2001 Performance Measures**

	<i>Achieved</i>	<i>On track</i>	<i>Too soon to tell</i>	<i>Not likely to achieve</i>	<i>Needs modification</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Manage subsistence hunting and fishing on all lands and waters.</li> <li>● Assure continued fish and wildlife harvest opportunity and meet sustainable production and harvest goals set by department managers and the Boards of Fisheries and Game.</li> <li>● Protect, restore, or enhance habitat to ensure continued production of fish and wildlife resources for the use and enjoyment of Alaskans.</li> <li>● Provide greater public access to and acceptance of the department's fish and wildlife information base and regulatory and management programs by using improved communications tools.</li> </ul>		X	X		

**Commercial Fisheries**

**Key Performance Measures for FY2002**

**Measure: The number of escapement objectives met compared to the total number of objectives set per region.**

*(Developed jointly with Legislature in FY2001.)*

**Measure: The number of allocation objectives met compared to total number of objectives set per region.**

*(Developed jointly with Legislature in FY2001.)*

**Status of FY2001 Performance Measures**

	<i>Achieved</i>	<i>On track</i>	<i>Too soon to tell</i>	<i>Not likely to achieve</i>	<i>Needs modification</i>
● The harvest for each fishery, based on the location, species, and gear, compared to the 10-year average for that fishery.					X
● The percentage of fisheries open in one year compared to total number of fisheries.					X
● The percentage of permits actively fished compared to 10-year average of permits fished.					X
● The actual harvest compared to the projection.					X
● The number of escapement objectives met compared to the total number of objectives set per region.		X			
● The number of allocation objectives met compared to total number of objectives set per region.		X			

**Southeast Region Fisheries Management**

**Key Performance Measures for FY2002**

**Measure: The number of escapement objectives met compared to the total number of objectives set per region.**

*(Developed jointly with Legislature in FY2001.)*

**Measure: The number of allocation objectives met compared to the total number of objectives set per region.**

*(Developed jointly with Legislature in FY2001.)*

**Status of FY2001 Performance Measures**

	<i>Achieved</i>	<i>On track</i>	<i>Too soon to tell</i>	<i>Not likely to achieve</i>	<i>Needs modification</i>
● The number of escapement objectives met compared to the total number of objectives set per region.		X			
● The number of allocation objectives met compared to the total number of objectives set per region.		X			

## Central Region Fisheries Management

### Key Performance Measures for FY2002

**Measure: The number of escapement objectives met compared to the total number of objectives set per region.**

*(Developed jointly with Legislature in FY2001.)*

**Measure: The number of allocation objectives met compared to the total number of objectives set per region.**

*(Developed jointly with Legislature in FY2001.)*

### Status of FY2001 Performance Measures

	<i>Achieved</i>	<i>On track</i>	<i>Too soon to tell</i>	<i>Not likely to achieve</i>	<i>Needs modification</i>
● The number of escapement objectives met compared to the total number of objectives set per region.		X			
● The number of allocation objectives met compared to the total number of objectives set per region.		X			

## AYK Region Fisheries Management

### Key Performance Measures for FY2002

**Measure: The number of escapement objectives met compared to the total number of objectives set per region.**

*(Developed jointly with Legislature in FY2001.)*

**Measure: The number of allocation objectives met compared to the total number of objectives set per region.**

*(Developed jointly with Legislature in FY2001.)*

### Status of FY2001 Performance Measures

	<i>Achieved</i>	<i>On track</i>	<i>Too soon to tell</i>	<i>Not likely to achieve</i>	<i>Needs modification</i>
● The number of escapement objectives met compared to the total number of objectives set per region.		X			
● The number of allocation objectives met compared to the total number of objectives set per region.		X			

**Westward Region Fisheries Management**

**Key Performance Measures for FY2002**

**Measure: The number of escapement objectives met compared to the total number of objectives set per region.**

*(Developed jointly with Legislature in FY2001.)*

**Measure: The number of allocation objectives met compared to the total number of objectives set per region.**

*(Developed jointly with Legislature in FY2001.)*

**Status of FY2001 Performance Measures**

	<i>Achieved</i>	<i>On track</i>	<i>Too soon to tell</i>	<i>Not likely to achieve</i>	<i>Needs modification</i>
● The number of escapement objectives met compared to the total number of objectives set per region.		X			
● The number of allocation objectives met compared to the total number of objectives set per region.		X			

## Sport Fisheries

### Key Performance Measures for FY2002

**Measure: Begin construction on a minimum of one new boating access facility or upgrade of an existing facility per year.**  
*(Not yet addressed by Legislature.)*

**Current Status:**  
 See Benchmark

- Benchmark:**  
 Existing boating access facilities statewide:
- 50 boat launch ramps
  - 24 accessible restrooms
  - 1,500 parking spaces
  - 13 boarding docks
  - 25 sewage pump-out and dump stations

**Background and Strategies:**  
 Background:

The Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act requires that 15% of the federal funds received by the state be used for boating access projects. Since the beginning of the Boating Access Program in 1987, the Division of Sport Fish has built or renovated 50 boat launch ramps at 36 access sites throughout the state. These access sites also provide 24 accessible restrooms, 1500 parking spaces and 13 boarding docks. In addition, 25 sewage pump-out and dump stations have been provided at selected access sites and harbors.

An additional 14 projects, that were funded through FY00, are either under construction or will be started within the next year. Authority to expend CIP funds for seven new boating projects is being requested for FY02. There are about 50 projects on the current backlog list waiting for funding. New project requests are received on a regular basis from local communities.

Strategies:

The division works with local communities and sportsmen's groups to solicit ideas for new boating access projects. These new projects are added to a list of potential access projects maintained by the division which is evaluated and prioritized annually. Authority to expend CIP funds for seven new boating projects located across the state is being requested in FY02. It will be necessary to delay funding some projects until enough federal funding is available to meet the division's program goals.

### Status of FY2001 Performance Measures

	<i>Achieved</i>	<i>On track</i>	<i>Too soon to tell</i>	<i>Not likely to achieve</i>	<i>Needs modification</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Begin Construction on a minimum of one new boating access facility or upgrade of an existing facility per year.</li> </ul>		X			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Maintain statewide harvest in 2001 at or above previous 5-year average of chinook, coho, sockeye, pink, and chum salmon, halibut, lingcod, rockfish, and razor clams.</li> </ul>		X			

	<i>Achieved</i>	<i>On track</i>	<i>Too soon to tell</i>	<i>Not likely to achieve</i>	<i>Needs modification</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Maintain or exceed the numbers of recreational anglers, the number of sport fishing trips by anglers and the number of angler days of sport fishing effort in Alaska in 1999.</li> </ul>		X			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Maintain the statewide sport catch of steelhead, rainbow trout, cutthroat trout, lake trout, Arctic char/Dolly Varden, Arctic grayling, and northern pike.</li> </ul>		X			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● If funding becomes available, conduct at least 10 projects with sport fishing groups, schools, or local governments to improve sport fishing.</li> </ul>		X			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● For river systems that support a harvest of 100 or more king salmon, the number and percentage for which an escapement goal is established, will be considered.</li> </ul>		X			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● For river systems that support a harvest of 100 or more king salmon, the number and percentage for which enumeration occurs annually will be considered.</li> </ul>		X			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● For river systems that support a harvest of 100 or more king salmon, the number and percentage of escapement objectives achieved annually will be considered.</li> </ul>		X			

**Wildlife Conservation**

**Status of FY2001 Performance Measures**

	<i>Achieved</i>	<i>On track</i>	<i>Too soon to tell</i>	<i>Not likely to achieve</i>	<i>Needs modification</i>
● Assure continued wildlife harvest opportunity and meet sustainable production and harvest goals set by division managers and Board of Game		X			
● Provide greater public access to wildlife information resources through improved communication tools and public involvement techniques.		X			
● Manage subsistence hunting on state-managed lands.		X			
● Protect, restore, or enhance habitat to ensure continued production of wildlife resources for the use and enjoyment of Alaskans.		X			
● The number of big game surveys completed for populations identified by the Board of Game as important for providing high levels of human consumptive use	X				
● The number of hunting and trapping licenses sold and total revenue generated.	X				
● The number of drawing permits applied for and the total number of permits issued.	X				
● The number of visitors to the wildlife viewing areas at Pack Creek, McNeil River, Potter's Marsh, and Creamer's Field.	X				

## Wildlife Conservation Special Projects

### Key Performance Measures for FY2002

**Measure: Meet contractual obligations for all projects within established timeframes.**  
*(Not yet addressed by Legislature.)*

**Benchmark:**

The Division of Wildlife Conservation will:

1. Meet reporting deadlines
2. Meet established contractual obligations

**Background and Strategies:**

Individual contracts and grants vary in their objectives and requirements. Project leaders will apply established scientific methods to insure project outcomes; apply established report preparation criteria for reporting on findings; and grant administrators will monitor expenditures and project deadlines to insure compliance with contract or grant requirements.

### Status of FY2001 Performance Measures

	<i>Achieved</i>	<i>On track</i>	<i>Too soon to tell</i>	<i>Not likely to achieve</i>	<i>Needs modification</i>
● Meet contractual obligations for all projects within established timeframes.	X				

**Administrative Services**

**Status of FY2001 Performance Measures**

	<i>Achieved</i>	<i>On track</i>	<i>Too soon to tell</i>	<i>Not likely to achieve</i>	<i>Needs modification</i>
● The total number of vendor payments made within thirty days or less compared to the total number of vendor payments.	X				
● The number and percentage of fish and game licenses sold through an automated process.	X				

## Boards of Fisheries and Game

### Status of FY2001 Performance Measures

	<i>Achieved</i>	<i>On track</i>	<i>Too soon to tell</i>	<i>Not likely to achieve</i>	<i>Needs modification</i>
● The number of issues that the Boards of Fisheries and Game must consider out of cycle.		X			

**Commissioner's Office**

**Status of FY2001 Performance Measures**

	<i>Achieved</i>	<i>On track</i>	<i>Too soon to tell</i>	<i>Not likely to achieve</i>	<i>Needs modification</i>
● The number and percentage of divisions that meet assigned performance measures.		X			

## Subsistence

### Key Performance Measures for FY2002

**Measure: (See all Subsistence measures in Subsistence Research & Monitoring Component.)**  
*(Developed jointly with Legislature in FY2002.)*

## Subsistence Research & Monitoring

### Key Performance Measures for FY2002

**Measure: Identify subsistence issues that require research to provide a reasonable opportunity for the subsistence priority.**

*(Not yet addressed by Legislature.)*

**Benchmark:**

- For specific fish stocks, wildlife populations, and geographic areas, identify subsistence issues requiring research;
- Conduct the research and analyze the data;
- Share and discuss results with communities, management agencies and regulatory bodies;
- Assist the fish and game boards to identify customary and traditional uses and determine amounts reasonably necessary for subsistence.

**Background and Strategies:**

Background: In recognition of the economic and cultural importance of subsistence hunting and fishing to many Alaskan families and communities the Alaska legislature passed a law granting a priority for subsistence uses over all other consumptive uses in 1978. That same law established the Division of Subsistence as a research arm of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. The division's main duties are to conduct research to document subsistence uses, estimate subsistence harvest levels, and evaluate potential impacts to subsistence users from other uses and development activities. The division's subsistence database ideally should be updated at regular intervals, preferably every five to ten years. Much of the information in the database is over 15 years old and updates occur as resources become available, which has been intermittent and long (12 plus years) intervals. The state is also mandated to provide for other beneficial uses. Current, reliable information on subsistence uses is critical to providing maximum multiple uses of fish and wildlife resources.

**Measure: Establish effective collaboration with communities, other divisions, and agencies in relevant research program.**

*(Not yet addressed by Legislature.)*

**Benchmark:**

- Communicate with local and regional leaders, fish and game advisory committee members, boards of fish and game, and other fish and wildlife agencies regarding issues and developments that impact subsistence uses and opportunities;
- Identify issues and communities conducive to generating answers to research questions;
- Garner local support for and participation in research projects.

**Background and Strategies:**

see measure 1

**Measure: Work with communities and other database agencies to obtain current and accurate information on subsistence systems, other socioeconomic and demographic conditions in subsistence areas.**

*(Not yet addressed by Legislature.)*

**Benchmark:**

- Input the latest subsistence information from division community-based research projects and other agency databases into the division's Community Profile Database;
- Identify gaps in the database;
- Prioritize the list of data needs and identify resources and schedule staff time to address needs;
- Incorporate new information into reports to regulatory and management agencies.

**Background and Strategies:**

See measure 1

**Measure: Participate in research and management actions by the Federal Subsistence Board and federal regional advisory council system affecting resource harvests by Alaskans.**  
*(Not yet addressed by Legislature.)*

**Benchmark:**

- Review and evaluate federal subsistence proposals;
- Coordinate department comments on proposals;
- Inform federal subsistence program about proposal impacts to state subsistence and non subsistence uses both on and off federal lands and waters;
- Incorporate federal actions into state management system so the state continues to provide a reasonable opportunity for state subsistence uses.

**Background and Strategies:**

Background: Both the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) and the state law provide for a subsistence priority, but each has different eligibility requirements. Under ANILCA, only rural residents qualify for the priority while under state law, all Alaskans can qualify for the priority. Subsistence hunts and fisheries on federal lands and waters are managed by the Federal Subsistence Board and state subsistence, commercial, recreational and personal use hunts and fisheries are managed by the Alaska Boards of Fisheries and Game. This "dual management" system has increasingly led to different regulations for subsistence hunting on federal and state lands and it is expected to have the same result with management of subsistence fisheries. Dual management has significantly increased the work load for the division.

Strategy: The division has lead department coordination and liaison functions with the Federal Subsistence Board. This work entails tracking the federal board process to comment on proposals, filing requests for reconsideration sustained yield; and providing departmental information throughout the process, including litigation.

**Status of FY2001 Performance Measures**

	<i>Achieved</i>	<i>On track</i>	<i>Too soon to tell</i>	<i>Not likely to achieve</i>	<i>Needs modification</i>
● Identify subsistence issues that require research to provide a reasonable opportunity for the subsistence priority.		X			
● Establish effective collaboration with communities, other divisions, and agencies in relevant research program.		X			
● Work with communities and other database agencies to obtain current and accurate information on subsistence systems, other socioeconomic and demographic conditions in subsistence areas.		X			
● Participate in research and management actions by the Federal Subsistence Board and federal regional advisory council system affecting resource harvests by Alaskans.		X			
● The percentage of Alaska communities in each region for which fisheries harvest data are collected and reported.		X			

Component — Subsistence Research & Monitoring

	<i>Achieved</i>	<i>On track</i>	<i>Too soon to tell</i>	<i>Not likely to achieve</i>	<i>Needs modification</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The percentage of Alaska communities in each region for which wildlife harvest data are collected and reported.</li> </ul>		X			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The percentage of subsistence proposals at meetings of the Board of Fisheries and the Board of Game for which subsistence data are assessed and recommendations are made.</li> </ul>		X			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The percentage of proposed statutory and regulatory changes by federal and other state entities for which subsistence data are assessed and recommendations are made.</li> </ul>		X			

**Habitat and Restoration**

**Key Performance Measures for FY2002**

**Measure: 95 percent of the Title 16 (anadromous waters) applications are approved or modified to protect, minimize, or mitigate habitat damage within an average of 20 days after receipt.**  
*(Developed jointly with Legislature in FY2001.)*

**Measure: 80 percent of the land use plans reviewed result in consensus on habitat related issues**  
*(Developed jointly with Legislature in FY2001.)*

**Measure: 95 percent of the project reviews for industrial development, road construction, and timber harvest are completed within an average of 25 days or within the scheduled time frame for complex projects.**  
*(Developed jointly with Legislature in FY2001.)*

**Measure: 100 percent of the third party contracted restoration projects are completed by the end of the contract period.**  
*(Developed jointly with Legislature in FY2001.)*

**Status of FY2001 Performance Measures**

	<i>Achieved</i>	<i>On track</i>	<i>Too soon to tell</i>	<i>Not likely to achieve</i>	<i>Needs modification</i>
● 95 percent of the Title 16 (anadromous waters) applications are approved or modified to protect, minimize, or mitigate habitat damage within an average of 20 days after receipt.	X				
● 80 percent of the land use plans reviewed result in consensus on habitat related issues.	X				
● 95 percent of the project reviews for industrial development, road construction, and timber harvest are completed within an average of 25 days or within the scheduled time frame for complex projects.		X			
● 100 percent of the third party contracted restoration projects are completed by the end of the contract period.	X				

**Habitat**

**Key Performance Measures for FY2002**

**Measure: See BRU measures**  
*(Developed jointly with Legislature in FY2002.)*

**Status of FY2001 Performance Measures**

	<i>Achieved</i>	<i>On track</i>	<i>Too soon to tell</i>	<i>Not likely to achieve</i>	<i>Needs modification</i>
● See BRU for performance measures.		X			

## Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission

### Key Performance Measures for FY2002

**Measure: Process all vessel licenses, permit renewals, and requests for duplicates within three days of receipt in order to minimize lost fishing time**  
*(Developed jointly with Legislature in FY2001.)*

**Measure: Process all emergency transfer requests within four days of receipt in order to minimize lost fishing time**  
*(Developed jointly with Legislature in FY2001.)*

**Measure: Process all permanent transfer requests within five days of receipt in order to minimize lost fishing time**  
*(Developed jointly with Legislature in FY2001.)*

**Measure: By the end of the fiscal year, provide fishers with the option to renew licenses online**  
*(Revised from Legislature's FY2001 version.)*

**Measure: Maintain the number of hearing officer and paralegal decisions issued during the year at 100 or more**  
*(Developed jointly with Legislature in FY2001.)*

**Measure: Maintain the number of final decisions issued by the commission during the year at 100 or more**  
*(Developed jointly with Legislature in FY2001.)*

**Measure: By the end of the fiscal year, maintain or decrease the net number of cases pending before hearing officers and commissioners from the number pending at beginning of the fiscal year**  
*(Developed jointly with Legislature in FY2001.)*

**Measure: Maintain at 20 percent or less the number of appeals from final decisions of the commission that are filed with the superior court during the year**  
*(Developed jointly with Legislature in FY2001.)*

### Status of FY2001 Performance Measures

	<i>Achieved</i>	<i>On track</i>	<i>Too soon to tell</i>	<i>Not likely to achieve</i>	<i>Needs modification</i>
● Process all vessel licenses, permit renewals, and requests for duplicates within three days of receipt in order to minimize lost fishing time		X			
● Process all emergency transfer requests within four days of receipt in order to minimize lost fishing time		X			

	<i>Achieved</i>	<i>On track</i>	<i>Too soon to tell</i>	<i>Not likely to achieve</i>	<i>Needs modification</i>
● Process all permanent transfer requests within five days of receipt in order to minimize lost fishing time		X			
● By June 30, 2001, provide fishers with the option to pay fees and licenses by credit card		X			
● Maintain the number of hearing officer and paralegal decisions issued during the year at 100 or more			X		
● Maintain the number of final decisions issued by the commission during the year at 100 or more			X		
● By June 30, 2001, maintain or decrease the net number of cases pending before hearing officers and the commissioners from the number that are pending on July 1, 2000		X			
● Maintain at 20 percent or less the number of appeals from final decisions of the commission that are filed with the superior court during the year		X			
● Complete revenue and catch data series			X		
● Mail license applications for the coming year to commercial fishermen by the end of the week of November 15th	X				
● Limit computer network downtime to 2% or less		X			
● Report on application processing monthly		X			
● Provide fiscal management by giving monthly fiscal reports, paying invoices and make deposits weekly		X			
● Account for and transmit license fees to bank within two days of receipt		X			
● Provide monthly permit value estimates for every limited fishery		X			
● Maintain a two week response time on public information requests		X			
● Update yearly reports and historical time series on economic trends in Alaska's fisheries		X			
● Prepare special economic analyses as required for entry limitation or as requested by the Commission		X			
● Develop final ex-vessel price estimates for the most recent year data by year-end			X		