

Bering Sea - Western Interior Resource Management Plan



SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS

WHAT ARE THEY?

As part of the resource management planning process, the BLM looks at social and economic conditions of areas within the planning area. The BLM will also analyze how these conditions could be impacted under different management alternatives. The description of existing conditions focuses on understanding and describing those aspects of the social and economic situation that interact with the resources under consideration, specifically:

- describing communities and values;
- analyzing goods, services, and choices; and
- identifying the human uses of places and landscapes.

The BLM relies primarily on existing social and economic data made available by Federal (e.g., Bureau of Economic Analysis), state (e.g., Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development), and local government agencies (e.g., city government, tribal governments, boroughs, regional and local native corporations). Other sources of existing data include regional universities and colleges, organizations (such as organizations focused on tourism, minerals, or Alaska Native issues), and studies or reports specific to the region. When necessary and feasible, the BLM collects social and economic data and information. The scoping process is a unique opportunity for the BLM to hear from the public and collect information related to social and economic conditions and concerns, such as subsistence.

BLM WOULD LIKE YOUR HELP

We would like your help with these questions:

1. What are some of the desired economic and social conditions that your community is trying to achieve or maintain?
2. What could the BLM, in its role as a land manager, consider doing in the future that would help meet the economic and social goals of your community?
3. Are you aware of any local data or studies containing economic or social (including community and public services) information? If so, could you provide or direct the BLM to those resources?

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