

# Bering Sea - Western Interior Resource Management Plan



## Subsistence in the BSWI Planning Area

### Subsistence Uses

Subsistence uses are defined as “the customary and traditional uses by rural Alaska residents of wild, renewable resources for direct personal or family consumption as food, shelter, fuel, clothing, tools, or transportation; for the making and selling of handicraft articles out of inedible byproducts of fish and wildlife resources taken for personal or family consumption; for barter or sharing for personal or family consumption; and for customary trade” (ANILCA §803).



Current federal subsistence hunting and fishing regulations can be found in 50 CFR 100.25-28 and in <http://www.doi.gov/subsistence/index.cfm>



### What BLM does for Subsistence

#### Manage subsistence hunts on BLM lands

- The BLM issues subsistence moose hunting permits in Unit 21E and in Unit 22A.

#### Provide technical advice to the Federal Subsistence Program

- The BLM reviews regulatory proposals submitted to the Office of Subsistence Management.
- The BLM also testifies to the Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils.

#### Cooperate with other agencies

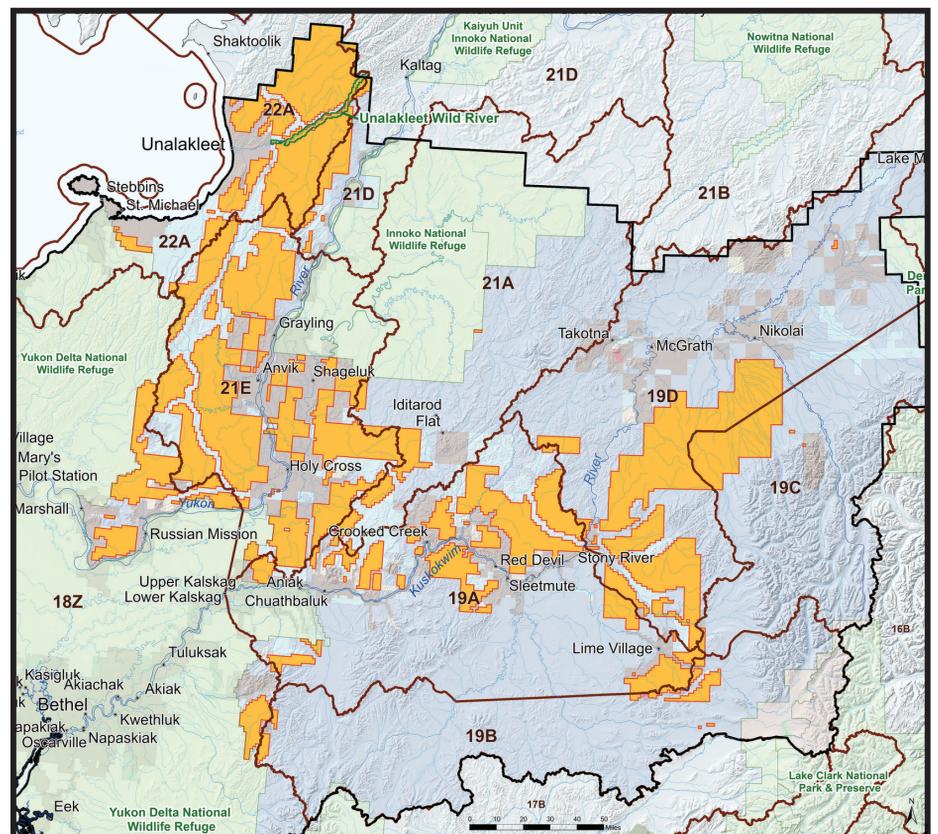
- The BLM cooperates with the US Fish and Wildlife Service to do wildlife surveys.
- The BLM has cooperative agreements with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

#### Protect resources and provide access

- Land use decisions on BLM lands are analyzed for effects on subsistence uses and needs (ANILCA §810).
- The BLM enforces relevant federal laws on BLM lands.

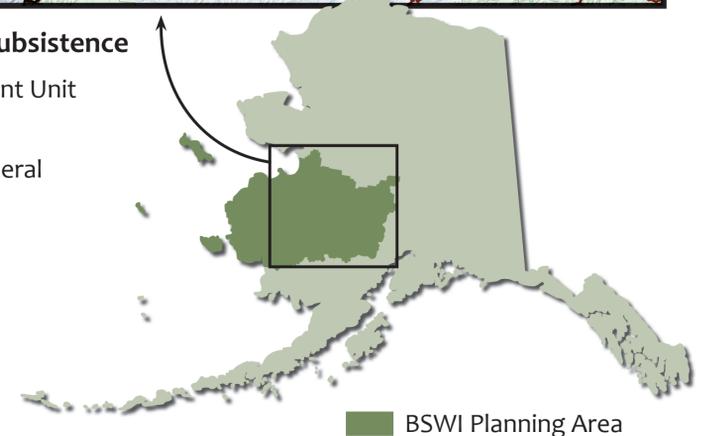


### Game Management Units



#### GMUs and Federal Subsistence

- Game Management Unit Boundaries
- BLM Land for Federal Subsistence



### Issues to Consider

The BLM will review the existing subsistence uses and needs on BLM lands in the planning area to determine where improvements can be made.

The public is encouraged to bring up issues at scoping meetings. Following are questions we would like for you to consider:

- What resources on BLM lands do you value most?
- How can BLM take care of these resources?
- What changes are affecting, or might affect in the future, the way you fish and hunt?
- What changes would you like to see around you?
- How can BLM support food security and cultural continuity in the village?
- What is your idea for sustainable subsistence uses and needs?