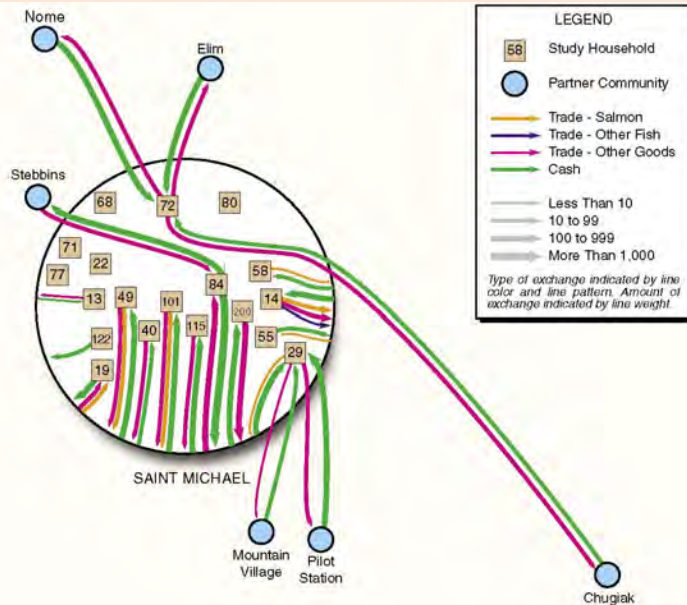*Field research in Nikolai, Alaska.*

Community Subsistence Information System

The results of systematic household surveys conducted by the division and its project partners are summarized in an on-line database called the "Community Subsistence Information System" (CSIS). This was formerly the "Community Profile Database".

Data sets in the CSIS include demography, cash economy, and estimated subsistence harvests of fish, wildlife, and wild plants, and are organized by resource category, study community, and study year.

LEGEND
- 58   Study Household
- ○   Partner Community
- Trade - Salmon
- Trade - Other Fish
- Trade - Other Goods
- Cash

- Less Than 10
- 10 to 99
- 100 to 999
- More Than 1,000

Type of exchange indicated by line color and line pattern. Amount of exchange indicated by line weight.

Trade network, Saint Michael, Alaska, 2005. [TP 328]

MISSION:

To scientifically quantify, evaluate, and report information about customary and traditional uses of Alaska's fish and wildlife resources.

CORE SERVICES:

Research, quantify, and provide the resulting information to the public about customary and traditional uses by Alaskans of fish and wildlife resources.

Provide scientifically-based information for fisheries and wildlife management programs; and to Board of Fisheries and Board of Game for their use in evaluating reasonable opportunities for customary and traditional uses.

Noncommercial, customary, and traditional uses

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About the Technical Papers

Family fish processing, Tyonek, Alaska.

Under Alaska law, the Division of Subsistence of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game is charged with conducting research on "all aspects of the role of subsistence hunting and fishing in the lives of residents of the state."

To fulfill its mission, since the late 1970s, the Division has implemented a social science research program, primarily in rural and Alaska Native communities. Methods have included systematic surveys, key respondent interviewing, participant observation, mapping, and archival research.

Most of the Division's research findings are published in the Technical Paper (TP) Series. Some papers were written in response to specific fish and wildlife management and policy issues. Others provide detailed, basic information on the subsistence fishing, hunting, and gathering patterns of communities, while others summarize years of subsistence harvest data for resources such as salmon, halibut, marine mammals, and large land mammals.
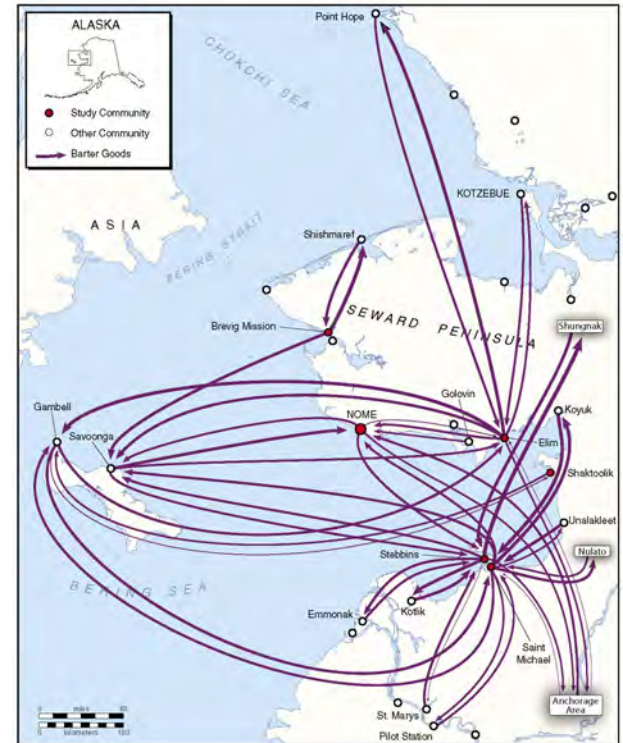
Many papers report traditional knowledge about fish and wildlife populations. These "baseline" studies typically include maps; harvest and preservation methods; descriptions of the social organization of subsistence activities; data about the cash sector of the local economy, including the distribution and exchange of wild foods; accounts of the seasonal round of subsistence harvests; and residents' observations about fish and wildlife populations.

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Map of Western Alaska barter. [TP328]

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