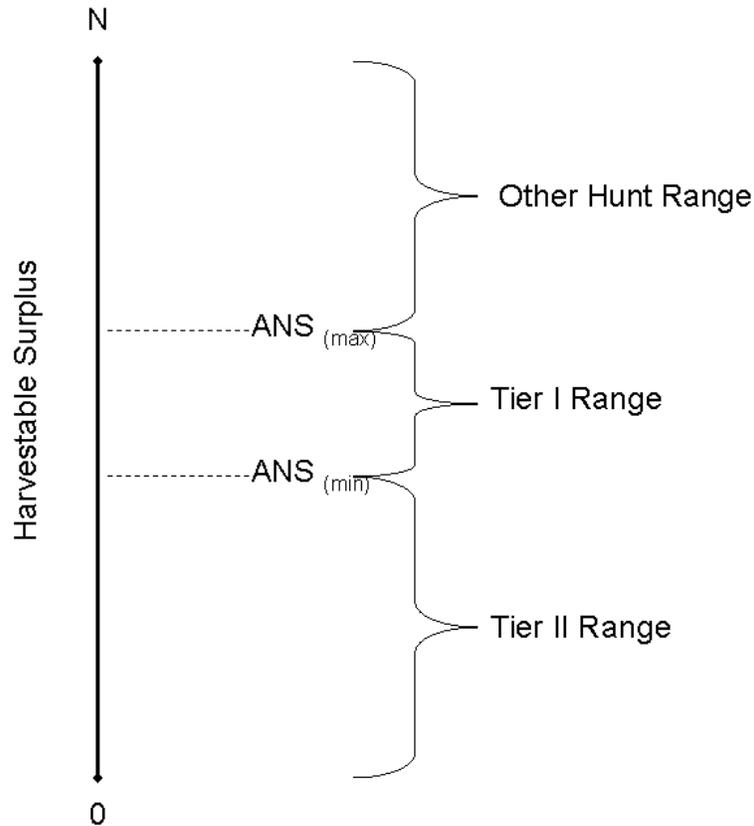


Potential Regulatory Approach for Management of Species With C&T Use and a Variable Harvestable Surplus



Steps:

1. Board of Game reviews the C&T use patterns and identifies characteristics (i.e. no use of aircraft, no trophy uses, etc.)
2. Board determines the amount necessary to provide a reasonable opportunity for subsistence use.
3. DWC estimates Harvestable Surplus level on an annual basis.

Management Guidelines / Board Direction to the Department:

1. If Harvestable Surplus is between ANS_(min) and ANS_(max), the department may issue subsistence registration permits and apply discretionary conditions to the hunt consistent with the C&T use pattern (e.g. no use of aircraft, trophy value, must be destroyed, etc.)
2. If the Harvestable Surplus is less than ANS_(min) the department may issue Tier II subsistence permits and apply discretionary conditions to the hunt consistent with the C&T use pattern (e.g. no use of aircraft, trophy value must be destroyed, etc.)
3. If Harvestable Surplus is greater than ANS_(max) the department may issue subsistence registration permits and apply discretionary conditions to the hunt consistent with the C&T use pattern (e.g. no use of aircraft, trophy value, must be destroyed, etc.), and issue general drawing permits to take additional animals.

Structure of Regulations

<i>Units and Bag Limits</i>	<i>Resident Season Subsistence & General Hunt</i>	<i>Non-resident Season</i>
Unit A, Resident Hunters:		
x animal (s) by registration permit only if the harvestable surplus is greater than ANS _(min) or by Tier II permit only if the harvestable surplus is less than ANS _(max)	Start date – End date (Subsistence Hunt Only)	
y animal (s) by drawing permit only, provided that the harvestable surplus is greater than ANS _(max)	Start date – End date	
Nonresident Hunters:		
y animal (s) by drawing permit only, provided that the harvestable surplus is greater than ANS _(max)		Start date – End date

Rationale:

This regulatory structure would enable the department to issue the proper type and number of permits for both subsistence and non-subsistence hunting based on the estimated harvestable surplus from year-to-year. The total annual quota for any/all permits issued will be set each year by the department.

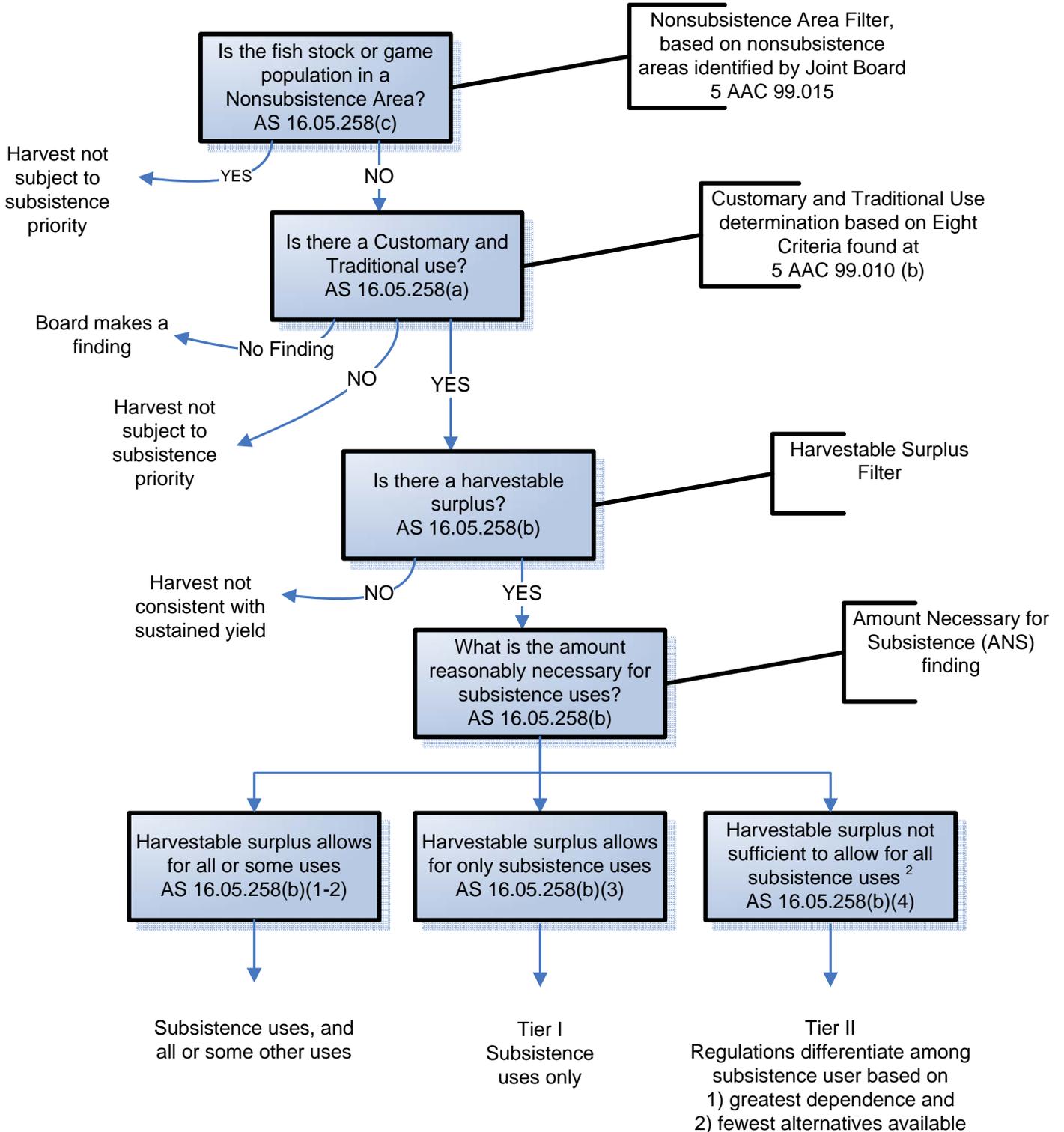
ANS_(max) is not set as the upper limit for subsistence take because total subsistence take should be allowed to exceed ANS_(max) if other hunters do not take these animals. Hence there is no “up to...” language in the regulation. Similarly, there is no upper limit on the number of drawing permits because we cannot predict what the proper total would be. The number of drawing permits does not have to be limited strictly to the number of animals in the harvestable surplus over and above ANS_(max) as long as the number of animals taken by drawing permittees does not reduce the allowable take under registration permits below ANS_(max).

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Steps When Considering Regulations that Affect Subsistence Uses

Alaska Statute 16.05.258 Subsistence Use and Allocation of Fish and Game



² Harvestable surplus below lower end of ANS range