

## RECENT SYMPOSIUM RESULTS: UNDERSTANDING HARVEST ASSESSMENT IN THE NORTH

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*Abstract:* An international symposium on fisheries and wildlife harvest assessment was convened at Girdwood, Alaska, 20-22 April 1995. About 200 people attended from Alaska, Canada, and Greenland. The symposium goal was to understand better the factors critical to the success of fish and wildlife harvest assessment programs in northern North America and Greenland, with an emphasis on cross-cultural communication between western-trained resource managers and indigenous people. Both social and methodological dimensions of harvest assessment were explored. We focused on problem solving and information exchange intended to encourage active participation in harvest assessment by subsistence hunters and fishers. For the Furbearer Conference, I summarize symposium events of interest,, emphasizing recent successful harvest assessment efforts relevant to furbearer management. Poster papers about furbearer harvest assessment were retained for the 8th Northern Furbearer Conference. The symposium was sponsored by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and the University of Alaska Institute for Social and Economic Research. A synthesis will be published.

**Key words:** furbearers, harvest assessment, cross-cultural communication.

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