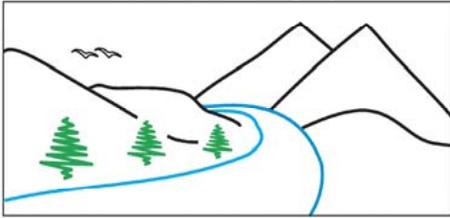


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Management of Wildlife & Fish for Subsistence Uses in Alaska

Many rural Alaskans, both Native and non-Native, depend on hunting and fishing to obtain nutritious and affordable food and to practice a subsistence lifestyle. The subsistence heritage of rural Alaskans is provided for in the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, which mandates a priority for subsistence uses of wildlife and fish over sport and commercial uses. This presentation begins by explaining the importance of subsistence hunting and fishing in the livelihoods and social fabric of rural Alaskan communities. It summarizes key events and legal decisions leading to the existing system of federal management on 2/3 of Alaska's land base, and provides an overview of how the system works. It concludes with examples of how key issues are being resolved through science, management, community-based planning, and the courts.