

**Consent Agenda Briefing for PWSRCAC Board of Directors – September 2022**

**ACTION ITEM**

**Sponsor:** Danielle Verna and the Scientific Advisory Committee

**Project number and name or topic:** 9643 - Comprehensive Update of Subsistence Harvests and Uses in Prince William Sound

1. **Description of agenda item:** The Board is being asked to approve a sole source contract with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in an amount not to exceed \$49,750 for the project “Comprehensive Update of Subsistence Harvests and Uses in Prince William Sound.” This project will support planning and updating subsistence harvest surveys for the Prince William Sound community of Tatitlek. Comprehensive household surveys will be conducted by staff from the ADF&G Division of Subsistence. Data collected will be used to update the Community Subsistence Information System, a long-term dataset on community subsistence harvest. Analysis of the data, and subsistence harvest surveys in the community of Chenega are proposed to occur in FY2024, pending future consideration during the Long Range Planning process and approval of funding by the Board.

2. **Why is this item important to PWSRCAC:** The PWSRCAC recently supported the Subsistence Way of Life project where four decades of subsistence harvest data from regional communities were analyzed by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. This analysis revealed a shift in the composition of harvesters and a decline in the diversity of harvests. This project will implement a recommendation offered in the prior study to determine whether these trends have continued through time and warrant attention. This project will collect socio-economic data from communities impacted by and still recovering from the Exxon Valdez oil spill, and who may be impacted by future spills. The results of the project can inform environmental monitoring of subsistence harvest species and habitat. Results can improve spill response strategies to reduce environmental impacts that result from terminal or tanker operations.

3. **Previous actions taken by the Board on this item:**

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Action</u>
Board	1/28/2021	Report Acceptance - Recovery of A Subsistence Way of Life: Acceptance of the report and report summary titled “Recovery of a Subsistence Way of Life: Assessments of Resource Harvests in Cordova, Chenega, Tatitlek, Port Graham, and Nanwalek, Alaska since the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill” by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Subsistence, dated December 2020, as meeting the terms of Council Contract 966.21.01 and for distribution to the public.
Board	5/5/2022	Board adopted the Fiscal Year 2023 budget, to include this project.

4. **Summary of policy, issues, support, or opposition:** None known.

5. **Committee Recommendation:** SAC supports Board approval, as this sole source contract with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game was the number two SAC prioritized project for FY2023

6. **Relationship to LRP and Budget:** Project 9643 - Subsistence Harvests and Uses is in the approved FY2022 budget and annual workplan.

**9643--Subsistence Harvests & Uses  
As of July 31, 2022**

**FY-2023 Budget**

Original	\$49,750.00
Modifications	
Revised Budget	\$49,750.00

**Actual and Commitments**

Actual Year-to-Date	
Commitments (Professional Services)	\$24,955.00
Actual + Commitments	\$24,955.00
Amount Remaining	\$24,795.00

7. **Action Requested of the Board of Directors:** Authorize a sole source contract with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game for the project Comprehensive Update of Subsistence Harvest and Uses in Prince William Sound, in an amount not to exceed \$49,750.

8. **Alternatives:** None.

9. **Attachments:** None.