



## **SUBSISTENCE HARVEST DOCUMENTATION PROJECT**

### **PROGRAM IMPORTANCE**

The North Slope Borough (NSB) has made a commitment to develop information about the region's subsistence harvest and to document the fish and wildlife nutritional and cultural needs of residents of the NSB.

Subsistence Research Specialists have been hired in most North Slope communities and have been trained to use surveys and maps to obtain subsistence harvest information in their community. Harvest data will be collected for all species and vegetation. The data will be collected at appropriate intervals. The subsistence Research Specialists will conduct surveys with households in each community.

Community harvest information is shared with all NSB communities and may be made available to state and federal wildlife management agencies only with community approval. Individual household level data will remain confidential and under control of the NSB.

### **OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of the Subsistence Harvest Documentation Project (SHDP) are:

1. To document the level of subsistence harvested animals (caribou, seals, migratory birds, etc.) required by each village in the NSB to meet its nutritional and cultural needs.
2. To obtain the harvest and land use data that will:
  - a. Allow greater local participation in the management of wildlife resources within the NSB, and
  - b. Help the NSB better represent the people of the North Slope, when working with state and federal regulatory agencies that may wish to establish harvest quotas or other restrictive harvest guidelines.



### **HOW SUBSISTENCE HARVESTERS CAN PARTICIPATE**

- Subsistence harvest data will be obtained through interviews with individual households in each community. Harvest data will be collected on a standardized survey form, entered into a computerized database, and then subjected to appropriate analysis.
- Detailed information will be collected for all species and vegetation harvested by the number taken, by month, by age and by location.

**Good information depends on your cooperation.  
Please cooperate with your local Subsistence Research Specialist.**

**BENEFITS & USES OF SUBSISTENCE HARVEST DATA**

- Document the fish, vegetation and wildlife nutritional and cultural needs of residents of the NSB
- Document the harvest patterns and subsistence land use
- Provide accurate information on the harvest of wild resources so that informed wildlife management decisions can be made
- Control of our own information and the use of it
- To enable us to respond to important issues relating to our subsistence lifestyles
- Food security and sovereignty for future generations

**If you need additional information regarding the Subsistence Harvest Documentation Project, or have questions or concerns, please call one of the NSB Dept. of Wildlife Management Project Coordinators:**

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***Qiksiksrautiqaḡniq Iñuuniagvigmun*      *Respect for Nature*  
*Honor All Creatures – Be Humble – Pick up your Trash –*  
*Learn about Traditional Land Use***

***Aḡuniagvniq*      *Hunting Traditions*  
*Treat All Animals with Respect – Take Care of Our Lands & Waters -*  
*Take a Young Person Hunting or Camping***

***Aviktuaqatigiigñiq*      *Sharing*  
*Share Your Catch***