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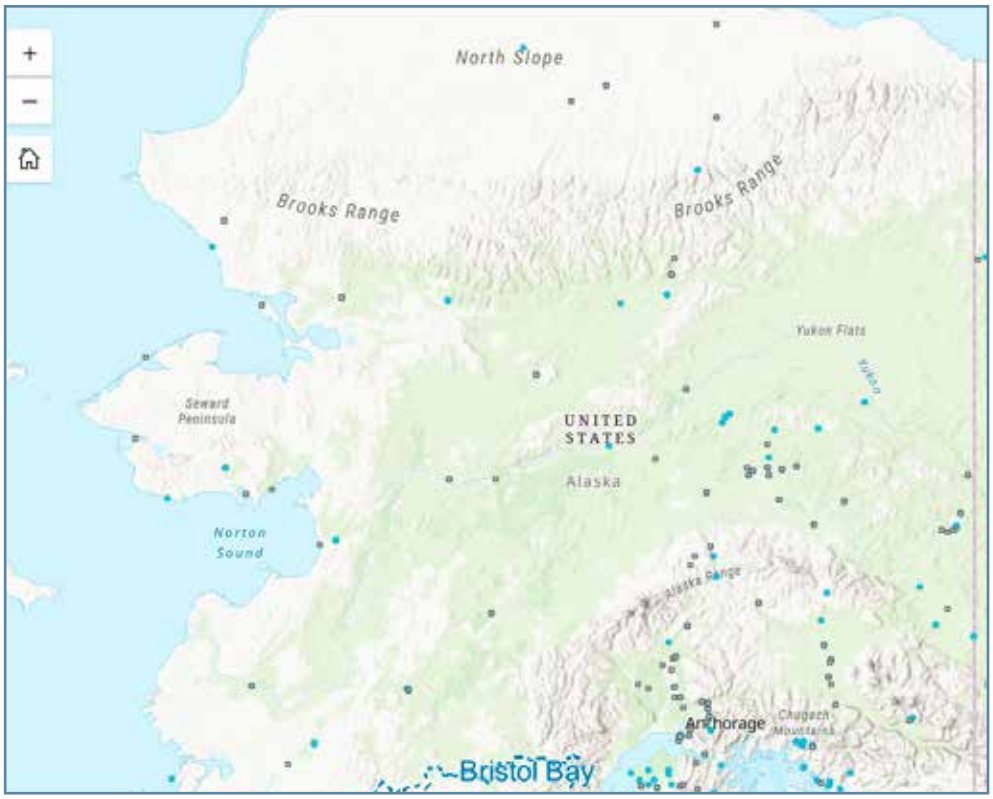
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Example from a test portal developed through a collaboration between the University of Texas El Paso and Nuna Technologies showing stream gauge locations in much of Alaska. Portal can be accessed here.

Conceptualizing Open Data and Knowledge Systems for North Pacific Salmon

Emily Lescak, Maggie Klope, Matt Jone, Craig Tweedie, and William Manley

The need for open salmon data and knowledge systems

Understanding and responding to the complex challenges impacting wild salmon in Alaska relies on access to, and integration of, historical and current data about salmon, their environment, the people and economies depending on them, as well as a record of government and management decisions. However, this information is distributed across agencies, databases, and organizations, and adheres to a variety of standards, making critical data difficult to discover, use, and combine in new ways. The range of users of salmon-related information includes not only agency managers and academic researchers, but also educators teaching data literacy, journalists needing to create figures for their articles, and community monitors and stewards needing to know about data gaps in their watersheds.

Over time, independent efforts have emerged to improve salmon data access and mobilization (i.e., the process of making data accessible and usable across data systems). Of most relevance to Alaska, the Moore Foundation funded the "State of Alaska's Salmon and People" Project (*SASAP*) which convened over 100 salmon researchers, managers, community and Tribal members, and data scientists to synthesize information on Alaska salmon and its importance to community well-being. Since SASAP's conclusion in 2018, an additional eight years of salmon data have been collected that have not been incorporated into these data sets, highlighting the need to embed

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The President's Corner



Andrew Seitz, AFS Alaska Chapter President

Hello Alaska Chapter,

It is with great pleasure that I write my inaugural President's Corner. First and foremost on my mind is the success of the 52nd Annual Meeting of the Alaska Chapter of the American Fisheries Society, held in Fairbanks during March 23–27. This year's theme, "Strength in Numbers: Building Trust, Resilience, and Collaborations in Alaska's Fisheries," recognized how strength is built and maintained in several aspects of fisheries, despite the unique and evolving challenges that we all face. Demonstrating our theme, the annual meeting featured 15 technical sessions, showcasing ~75 oral presentations and ~25 poster presentations covering a wide range of topics that bridged fish, habitat, and people. Each evening featured a special event, including a welcome by Reverend Dr. Anna Frank, and Asikłuk Topkok and the Pavva Iñupiaq Dancers at the Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitors Center, a film festival/tradeshow/poster session at the UA Museum of the North, Trivia Night at the UAF Pub, and a concluding banquet and fundraiser auction at the Westmark Hotel. In addition, the Recruitment and Engagement Committee hosted affinity groups during each morning and afternoon coffee break, a traditional/gathered/customary foods potluck during the welcome social, and a Mentorship Mixer lunch. If those events were not enough, we held our AFS Alaska Chapter business meeting lunch, a Spawning Run 5k, and field trips for ice fishing and a hot springs visit on the day after talks concluded.

The success of our annual meetings depends on planning, funding, and participation. Organizing this meeting was an enormous amount of work, and its success was only possible because of many hardworking volunteers, who spent innumerable hours on planning and executing all of the events. After the planning committee got in a groove, I was amazed at the dedication of countless people tirelessly taking on work, without me even asking, and never complaining. I am as appreciative today, as I was during the meeting for the help of so many people who contributed their time. As I am sure that you feel every day, life feels expensive now and this meeting was no exception. Without a record-breaking year of very generous sponsorship, this meeting simply would not have been possible. Fortunately, and unfortunately, the sponsors are too numerous to list individually, but you can find them on our meeting website (*https://newunits.fisheries.org/ak-mtg/our-2026-sponsors/*). Please take the time to read the list of sponsors, and if you talk with any of them, please thank them for their generosity that allowed our gathering. Finally, without the amazing people, well, we don't have a meeting. It takes all kinds of people to make our meeting successful, from students to retirees, agency employees to fisherfolks and everyone in between, Alaska residents and non-residents alike, and I am sure that I am forgetting other people. Let's keep the momentum of our meeting rolling into the future. If you want to become involved in next year's meeting, in whatever capacity, please reach out to our new President Elect, Erin Larson (*presidentelect@afs-alaska.org*).

Speaking of the future, we have a great year coming up. It is likely that many of us, including the Executive Committee, will have an amazing summer of fieldwork conducted in our beautiful state and beyond. Behind the scenes, the Executive Committee will keep conducting its business,

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including wrapping up a multi-year process of revising our Procedures Manual and identifying additional fundraising opportunities to improve the financial strength of our chapter. Perhaps most exciting, we also will form new committees to guide decisions for two endowments that will begin disbursing money this upcoming year, the Meacham Family Student Travel Award Fund and the Student Presentation Award Fund. If you are interested in new or additional volunteer opportunities in the Alaska Chapter, please contact me at president@afs-alaska.org.

I look forward to my term as President, and if you ever have comments or questions, please feel free to email me. Have a great summer.

Sincerely, Andy

25- and 50-Year Members

The Alaska Chapter recognizes Michael Daigneault for being an AFS member for 25 years, having joined in 2001, and Christopher Estes for being an AFS member for 50 years, having joined in 1976. Thank You, Michael and Christopher for your decades of membership and service to AFS and professionalism in the aquatic field!

Recruiting for Chapter Historian

After nearly 23 years as AFS Alaska Chapter Historian, Randy Brown stepped down. The Chapter is seeking a new historian, and if that might be you, please contact Chapter President Andy Seitz (president@afs-alaska.org) for more information.

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open data principles (i.e., free to access and use) and sustainability plans in our academic, agency, and Tribal salmon initiatives.

Other initiatives include the *Atlantic Salmon Trust*, the Pacific Salmon Foundation's *Salmon Data Explorer*, the *International Year of the Salmon* (IYS), and the *Basin-Scale Events and Coastal Impacts* (BECI). These and related efforts led to the formation of the *Salmon Research and Monitoring Interest Group*, and international collaborations organized under the Research Data Alliance. Current subgroups focus on ontology development and scale data, with ideas for additional topics welcomed. While improving data availability, the foci of these subgroups inhibit a more complete picture of the complex challenges salmon face across their distribution.

To improve our ability to share salmon data on a North Pacific scale, the National Science Foundation-funded Research Networking Activity for Coordinated Observations of Arctic Change (*RNA CoObs*) organized the workshop "Blueprint of a Salmon Knowledge Portal," in Anchorage in November 2025. This project is led by the University of Alaska Fairbanks, with collaborators at the University of California Santa Barbara, the University of Texas, the University of Colorado, and Williams College, and focuses on developing and strengthening networks that improve observations and data sharing in alignment with community-identified priorities. This workshop built off a 2024 gathering titled, "Equitable Information Portal Design for Mobilizing Salmon Knowledge," which conducted a needs assessment for a salmon portal, identified a diverse range of potential users, prioritized what information to include, and strategized engagement with data holders. A key outcome was that a comprehensive view of salmon, including information from observations and testimonials, is needed to obtain a more holistic understanding of the impacts of salmon declines on ways of life and wellbeing in Alaskan communities. For this reason, we use the term "knowledge portals" to account for multiple ways of knowing, rather than "data" or "information."

At the 2025 workshop, the RNA CoObs team brought together an international group of salmon experts, including U.S., Canadian, and Japanese agency managers and scientists, Tribal representatives, members of the Alaskan fishing community, academics, and data scientists to share opportunities and challenges around accessing

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and reusing salmon-related information. Many participants were involved in the salmon portal initiatives described above.

Over the course of three days, participants explored the socio-economic, environmental, and biological data related to salmon population dynamics, distribution, and relationships to individuals, communities, regions, and governance; reviewed existing salmon portals and their designs, functionalities, and gaps; shared test portals developed by workshop organizers and participants; and mapped next steps related to acquiring funding to support data harmonization and portal creation efforts, as well as socializing the need for standardized approaches to data storage and sharing. Here we describe some of the challenges to data sharing, recommendations for portal features, and ways to build momentum around efforts to improve data integration identified during the workshop. Detailed information about the event and its outcomes can be found in the meeting report.

Why is data sharing such a complex problem?

Terms common to fisheries research and management, such as "wild salmon," "escapement," and "length," can be defined in different ways and these definitions are not always clearly described in the metadata, highlighting the need for improved standards and vocabularies. Academic researchers, managers, and communities can have different priorities regarding data sovereignty and reuse. While academic researchers are likely to follow the FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable. and Reusable) principles to meet the requirements of publishers and funders, the CARE (Collective benefit, Authority to control, Responsibility, and Ethics) principles and data sovereignty are important considerations for Tribes, communities, and government agencies who need to manage access and ownership.

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One of the SASAP working groups. *Image from https://alaskasalmonandpeople.org/.*

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Despite advances in publishing and funding requirements related to open data, there is still a lack of policies at the international, state, and municipal levels, incentives for open data sharing, and funding to support compliance. It is time consuming to adhere to common data formats and metadata standards, and there can often be limitations in staff time and development costs to build and maintain data catalogs. Partnerships among universities, Tribal organizations, and government agencies can alleviate some of the capacity challenges, as can funding mechanisms, governance, and stewardship practices that prioritize sustainability to keep portals from becoming obsolete.

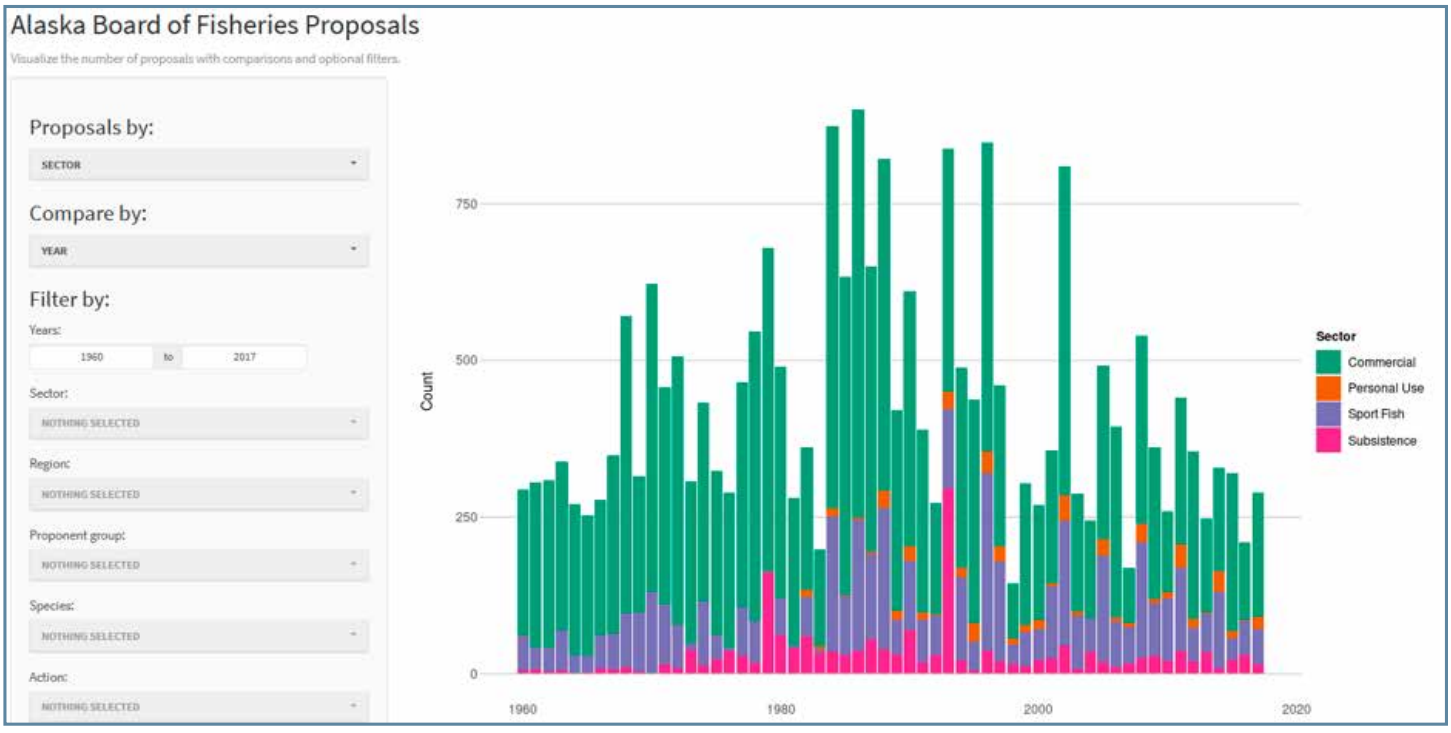
Given the fragmented landscape of salmon information producers, it can be difficult to know what information is available. An inventory of data producers with a corresponding registry of observing assets (e.g., weirs and surveys) and organizations responsible for data collection could shed light on the distribution of available data and identify gaps. A lack of awareness of the broader challenges associated with data sharing can be addressed through training and outreach.

Recommended portal features

A single all-purpose salmon portal is insufficient to meet the diverse needs of data users, including community members, researchers, policymakers, and managers with distinct geographic interests. Instead, the workshop produced a vision for a portfolio of interconnected applications tailored to specific use cases based on a foundation of accessible salmon data systems built with open standards. Common themes for portal features included a user-first design approach, transparency and traceability of data sources, and support for responsible and ethical inclusion of Indigenous and local knowledge.

Some of the design needs included map-based applications to display geospatial datasets, plain-language communication, and interactive tools to allow users to explore and interpret information using story maps and graphs. There was a desire for a portal that could support knowledge shared via video, audio, and testimonials that preserve the original context and uphold data sovereignty. Technology design and governance should be co-produced with Indigenous community members,

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As part of the State of Alaska Salmon and People Project (SASAP), over 50 years of Alaska Board of Fisheries proposals were digitized and analyzed with the goal of improving understanding the submission types and outcomes. This graph shows the number of proposals submitted between 1960 and 2017, color-coded by harvest sector. The Shiny App can be accessed here.

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subsistence users, researchers, and managers to build trust and ensure that data sovereignty, equitable access, and ethical information use are maintained. Alongside the development of technical capabilities, there also needs to be outreach, education, and training to incentivize information contributors, recruit users and maintainers, and promote sustainability.



In-person participants at the November, 2025 "Blueprint for a Salmon Knowledge Portal" workshop. Photo from E. Lescak, Arctic Research Center at UAF.

Opportunities to build momentum

Bringing together researchers, managers, and community members at conferences, such as those organized by the American Fisheries Society, is vital to coordinated efforts to develop knowledge portals that meet the needs of diverse users, and presents the opportunity for training in data management and harmonization. Connecting Alaska-based state and federal agency and university members to organizations and movements with aligned interests and broader reaches, such as The International Arctic Science Committee, the Arctic Ocean Regional Alliance, The Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee, the International Polar Year, and Sustaining Arctic Observing Networks, can create a critical mass around this effort and incorporate interdisciplinary, international collaborators.

Responsible use of emerging technologies associated with artificial intelligence, machine learning. and large language models have the potential to allow data stewards to more efficiently harmonize and synthesize disparate datasets. Agile software development strategies, co-production with Indigenous and fishing communities, and good governance practices can facilitate the development of a platform that meets user needs, builds trust, and inspires data producers to contribute data and applications, ensuring the platform's long-term relevance.

We have the information, technology, and relationships necessary for creating salmon knowledge portals. and a coordinated approach to their development is needed and within reach. Progress will require iterative development, investment in shared standards, opportunities for education and training, and sustained funding commitments that extend beyond individual grant cycles.

Given the critical importance of open data and knowledge for understanding and managing salmon systems, and the broad recognition that open data and knowledge have the potential to improve outcomes, as a community we have an opportunity, and a responsibility, to act. Through the *OPEN Government Data Act*, federal agencies must publish their information online as open data, using standardized, machine-readable data formats, with their metadata included in *Catalog.Data.Gov*. Academic and agency researchers can publish in open data systems (e.g., the KNB Data Repository, the Arctic Data Center, IOOS data systems, or Dryad), enabling access by all interested stakeholders. Municipalities, Tribes, and state agencies with an interest in healthy salmon systems and community well-being can express their data needs and contribute their information to open archives while upholding data sovereignty. With this open data foundation and portals to access this knowledge, stakeholders will be able

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to access, reuse, and build on the data to better understand and sustain salmon systems in the North Pacific.

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Professional Development Workshops

Maggie Chan and Sara Miller

The Alaska Chapter of the American Fisheries Society organized two professional development workshops at the annual meeting in Fairbanks. In the fall of 2025, the Chapter sent out a survey asking members to vote on suggested workshops for the annual meeting. Based on the results, and the ability to find instructors, the professional development committee selected two workshops from the top three that were suggested. The first course, Decoding Genomics for Fisheries & Aquaculture – A Primer on Bioinformatics, provided a primer on bioinformatics methods used in genomics and had opportunities to assist participants in their own data. This course was taught by Yin Hsieh, Laura Timm, and Tanner Van Orden. The second course, Machine Learning, provided a practical introduction to machine learning, using interactive coding labs. This course was taught by Marcel Gietzmann-Sanders. Ten participants registered for the bioinformatics course and 20 for the machine learning course. Both courses were offered free for meeting attendees and $40 for non-registrants, and both courses had in-person and virtual options. Additionally, the AFS Alaska Chapter assisted ADF&G with 3-day electrofishing courses in May (in Juneau) and June (in Fairbanks), taught by Nate Cathcart with ADF&G. Revenue from the electrofishing courses went to the AFS Meacham Student Travel Award Fund. Electrofishing courses involved in-class portions to discuss the theory, application, and safety of backpack electrofishing, coupled with field trips to practice with equipment, protocols, fish identification, and data collection, with a follow-up class session to go over data organization and reporting, and the Anadromous Waters Catalog.

If anyone has ideas for professional development workshops or interest in teaching a workshop, please contact Sara Miller (sara.miller@alaska.gov) or Maggie Chan (maggie.chan@noaa.gov).



Trent Dodson displays salmon art with auctioneer Andy Seitz during the live auction during the banquet at the AFS Alaska Chapter meeting. Photo by Bill Bechtol.

2025 Alaska Coastline Trash Cleanup

Over 1.5 million pounds of marine debris were removed during 2025 beach cleanups in Alaska. A statewide report on marine debris cleanups released by Ocean Conservancy, Alaska Sea Grant, and the Sitka Sound Science Center, documents the efforts involving 1,659 people, 25 lead entities, and numerous local partners across the state. The report improves our understanding of the magnitude of the marine debris problem in Alaska and community cleanup efforts across the state.

Cleanup efforts ranged from one-day community-wide events to multi-month operations in remote locations requiring field camps, helicopters, and vessels. The collected debris ranged from microplastics and plastic bottles to creosote-treated lumber and derelict fishing gear. Derelict fishing gear, known as "ghost gear," is the most common type of debris removed by many Alaskan communities during cleanups, and it is the deadliest form of plastic pollution to ocean wildlife. Collecting debris is only one aspect of the issue. Transporting waste out of remote communities to proper recycling or disposal facilities remains a major challenge and incurs added expenses. In many communities, trash must be loaded onto a barge and shipped to the Lower 48 for disposal.

The cleanup scope highlights the need for adequate resources and long-term support to maintain cleanup efforts at this scale. The Alaska Legislature supported increased federal resources to sustain these efforts by unanimously passing Senate Joint Resolution 20, which was signed into law by Governor Dunleavy on June 8, 2026.

Cleanups mentioned in this report were planned and led by the Aleut Community of St. Paul Island, Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies, Chichagof Conservation Council, City of Chevak, Dive Alaska, Drifters Fish, F/V Axel, Gulf of Alaska Keeper, Island Trails Network, Kawerak, Inc., Native Village of Afognak, Native Village of Goodnews Bay, Native Village of Port Heiden, Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation, Ocean Plastics Recovery Project, Prince William Sound Stewardship Foundation, Qawalangin Tribe of Unalaska, Resurrection Bay Conservation Alliance, Ridgeline Aviation, Sitka Sound Science Center, Takshanuk Watershed Council, Tongass to Tides Science Academy, Yakutat Tern Festival, Yakutat Tlingit Tribe, and Zender Environmental Health and Research Group.



AFS Alaska Chapter awards chair Peter Westley with recipients of the best student presentation awards at the AFS Alaska Chapter meeting in March 2026. Photo by Bill Bechtol.

Student Subunit Happenings

Lauren Yancy, Outgoing Student Subunit Representatives

Student Retreat

Participation in the AFS Alaska Chapter meeting was graciously funded in part by the UAF Alumni Association's Benefactor Fund. We had fisheries students from both UAF Fairbanks and Juneau campuses across CFOS and Biology and Wildlife Departments participate in this weekend event. The student retreat has one main goal, to increase camaraderie among fisheries students prior to the Alaska Chapter annual meeting. We met the weekend before the conference to get to know fellow students who we may only ever see on zoom. Activities included practice presentations/ poster talks, cooking meals together, and several fun events such as ice fishing, playing board games, and watching the northern lights dance above the March sky!



AFS Alaska Chapter student ice fishing in Fairbanks. *Photo from Lauren Yancy.*



Outgoing AFS Alaska Chapter Student Representative Lauren Yancy.

By making these connections among students who otherwise are only interacting during classes, some only on zoom, we are connecting the fisheries professionals of tomorrow, opening up new paths for networking, future collaboration, and inspiring others by sharing our stories. Thank you to all who participated and helped with funding support!

Annual Meeting

Student presence at the AFS Alaska Chapter annual meeting was strong! Thanks to the help of 12 student volunteers and the many others who informally volunteered as needed, the meeting ran quite smoothly from set up to social events. Student volunteers were mission critical for the success of "The Night at the Museum," the spawning run, fish trivia, and the silent auction at the banquet. We had over 35 silent and live auction items donated generously to raise funds for student travel awards. The AK AFS students send out a HUGE thank you to both auction item donors and those who bid on the items! We recognize the generosity that AK AFS provides through the student travel support and student awards.

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Student Subunit Happenings, continued

New Student Representative and Student Officers

Out with the old and in with the new! At the annual meeting, Emily Williams began as the newly elected student representative. Emily is a Ph.D. student at UAF studying the seasonal plasticity of Arctic fishes in Alaska and in the central Canadian Arctic. Her specific research is focused on identifying seasonal thermal limits for key physiological functions and characterizing seasonal changes in cardiorespiratory performance and demand. Prior to joining UAF, Emily earned an M.S. and B.S. in biology from the University of New Brunswick and worked for a science communication and outreach program throughout her degrees. In her free time, she enjoys birdwatching, hiking, and photography.

The Alaska Student Subunit announces the new officer team for the 2026/2027 year! President Blake Toney (Juneau), Vice President Dakota Rygh (Juneau), Secretary Willa Johnson (Sitka), Treasurer Danielle Tryon (Fairbanks), RAE Liaison Roberto Ponce Velez (Fairbanks), and Undergraduate Liaison Zach Wallace (Fairbanks). The club looks forward to an exciting new academic year and will be putting emphasis on hosting virtual professional development focused meetings for all remote campuses to join.



Incoming AFS Alaska Chapter Student Representative Emily Williams.

European Creen Crab Continues Northward Advance

European green crab have continued to increase in abundance and extend their northern range in Southeast Alaska. Residents of Southeast Alaska are being asked to watch for the invasive crab, which have advanced around 90 miles since first being detected in Alaska four years ago.

European green crab first appeared in Alaska on Annette Island in July 2022, and the number of trapped crab in Alaska has increased more than fiftyfold. European green crab have been found on Gravina and Prince of Wales islands in 2024, and in 2025 in Ketchikan, with a carapace found last fall on Etolin Island, just south of Wrangell. The population has expanded dramatically around Ketchikan with carapaces or live crab found on 10 beaches in the past year.

Green crab are highly adaptable and can survive in a variety of environments, from rocky shores to mud flats to tidal marshes. The invasive crabs can damage eelgrass beds, which provide critical habitat for a wide range of fish and shellfish, and can outcompete native species like Dungeness crab.

The crab is distinguished by having five spines on either side of the eyes and three bumps between the eyes. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game is asking individuals who spot any to note the number of European green crab and their location, take photos of the crab from different angles along with a standard-sized item for scale (e.g., a pencil or credit card), and report the finding via phone or email. For more information, or for to volunteer to search for European green crab, call 1-877-INVASIV.



Invasive European green crab. Photo from Ginny Eckert, Alaska Sea Grant.

Environmental Concerns Corner

Joel Markis and Sue Mauger

The U.S. Forest Service is currently revising the Tongass National Forest Land Management Plan. The Forest Plan establishes the overarching framework for how the Forest Service manages public lands and resources across nearly 17 million acres of Southeast Alaska. While not authorizing specific projects or activities, the plan provides the direction that future management decisions, including those affecting watersheds, fisheries habitat, recreation, timber, subsistence, wildlife, and restoration, must follow.

The revision process has been underway for several years and continues to move forward through public engagement and development of management alternatives. The U.S. Forest Service anticipates releasing the Draft Forest Plan and accompanying Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) this fall, This will begin a formal public review and comment period. Following review of public comments, the agency will prepare a Final Environmental Impact Statement and Final Forest Plan before issuing a Record of Decision. Recent updates to the Forest Service planning timeline indicate implementation of the revised plan is anticipated in 2027.

The Tongass National Forest contains thousands of miles of fish-bearing streams and supports some of the world's most productive salmon ecosystems; the Alaska Chapter encourages members to stay informed throughout the planning process. Fisheries professionals have valuable expertise that can help inform discussions surrounding aquatic habitat, watershed processes, climate resilience, and long-term stewardship of fisheries resources.

The Alaska Chapter is monitoring the planning process as additional information becomes available. Once the Draft Forest Plan and DEIS are released, the Alaska Chapter, the Western Division, and the American Fisheries Society anticipate providing formal comments in support of using the best available fisheries science and preserving fisheries habitat. In addition, the Alaska Chapter is investigating submitting joint comments with The Alaska Chapter of The Wildlife Society. Members interested in contributing to the Chapter's review or comment development are encouraged to reach out to either Sue or Joel directly.

Additional information, planning documents, upcoming engagement opportunities, and the current project timeline are available through the U.S. Forest Service's Tongass Forest Plan Revision website:

- *Tongass Forest Plan Revision Webpage*
- *Forest Plan Revision Timeline*
- *Public Engagement Opportunities*

We encourage members to familiarize themselves with the revision process and participate in upcoming public engagement opportunities as the Draft Forest Plan becomes available.

Please consider joining our new environmental concerns listserv. Send an email to *ecc@afs-alaska*.org with "Join ECC Listserv" in the subject line. We will get you signed up. This listserv will be a space for learning and discussion and hopefully improve our capacity for commenting as a Chapter on projects or permits where our fisheries expertise will be valuable.



Participants on the UAF Fairbanks campus at the AFS Student Symposium in February 2026. Photo from Lauren Yancy.

Meetings and Events

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American Fisheries Society Parent Society Annual Meeting

August 30–September 3, 2026. The 156th annual meeting will be held in Columbus, OH. For more information go to *https://afsannualmeeting.fisheries.org/*.

American Fisheries Society Alaska Chapter Annual Meeting March 29–April 2, 2027.

The 53rd annual meeting of the AFS Alaska Chapter will be in Anchorage AK. More information will be posted at *https://afs-alaska.org/*.



"The Lone Canary"
Student Artwork. Graphic by Su Chung.

AFS Code of Conduct

The Ethics and Professional Conduct Committee (EPCC) of the American Fisheries Society has developed a code of conduct for our meetings and AFS-sponsored functions, whether virtual or in person. This brief document is available at *https://fisheries.org/about/governance/afs-meetings-code-of-conduct/*. Please read through this document to ensure that we are collectively working to build awareness of this policy to ensure that all AFS-related gatherings are a respectful and inclusive experience for everyone.

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