## **K3.9 SUBSISTENCE**

This section briefly summarizes the most recent available comprehensive subsistence harvest surveys for 13 communities that are farther away from the proposed mine site, transportation corridor, or port site locations. A summary of the subsistence harvest surveys for the six communities closest to the project area can be found in Section 3.9, Subsistence. This appendix also includes additional maps for the six communities discussed in Section 3.9, Subsistence. The purpose of this appendix is to provide supplemental information for the six communities closest to the project area, as well as provide baseline subsistence harvest and use information for communities that are unlikely to be directly affected by the proposed project and alternatives, but could experience indirect effects or could be impacted by one of the spill scenarios discussed in Section 4.27, Spill Risk. The communities included in this section that may experience indirect impacts to subsistence are one community on Lake Clark, the more distant communities down the Kvichak River drainage and Nushagak River drainage, as well as a pair of Cook Inlet communities. These are included in this section. Communities for which there were older data or no data were not included.

Wildlife and subsistence fish harvest data were reviewed for current and historic levels of harvest in the project area. There are no harvest monitoring programs by Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) for subsistence harvest of non-salmon fish in Areas N, S, and T. Data by Game Management Unit (GMU) for large land mammal harvest of species (for the animals that ADF&G collects information for) by GMU is shown in Table K3.9-1. Specific locations of harvested animals and hunter personal information is protected, and therefore no locations of harvests are provided (ADF&G 2018-RFI 089).

Table K3.9-1 Large Land Mammal Harvest by GMU, 2013-2017

GMU	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Total		
Brown Bear								
9A	47	0	50	2	63	162		
9B	57	3	42	1	31	134		
9C	27	4	45	6	33	115		
15C	16	6	13	9	15	59		
17B	60	47	49	37	35	228		
17C	34	21	10	12	16	93		
Total	241	81	209	67	193	791		
Black Bear								
9A	5	0	3	0	2	10		
9B	0	0	0	1	1	2		
9C	0	0	0	0	0	0		
15C	110	118	93	154	159	634		
17B	4	2	4	0	6	16		
17C	0	1	1	0	1	3		
Total	119	121	101	155	169	665		

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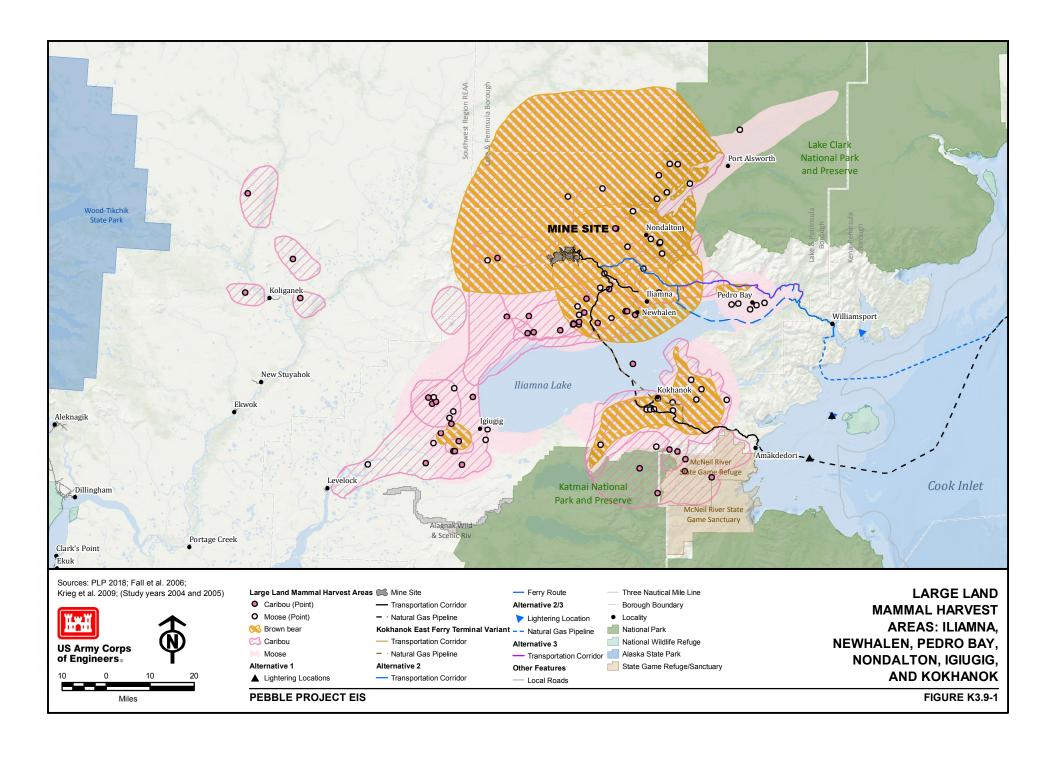
GMU	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Total	
			Moose				
9A	3	3	4	1	5	16	
9B	28	41	26	56	42	193	
9C	16	22	30	32	24	124	
15C	116	116	180	202	176	840	
17B	37	35	43	60	45	220	
17C	148	149	162	170	160	789	
Total	348	416	445	521	452	2,182	
Caribou							
9A	0	0	0	1	2	3	
9B	11	14	15	29	16	85	
9C	1	2	0	36	14	53	
15C	1	4	4	4	3	16	
17B	38	39	60	76	74	287	
17C	6	17	37	83	140	283	
Total	57	76	116	229	249	727	
	•		Wolf	•		•	
9A	1	0	4	0	2	7	
9B	10	2	3	2	9	26	
9C	5	6	5	4	7	27	
15C	8	6	6	14	13	47	
17B	8	1	4	50	33	96	
17C	13	5	20	15	51	104	
Total	45	20	42	85	115	307	
			Wolverine				
9A	1	0	0	0	0	1	
9B	1	2	2	19	5	29	
9C	7	6	3	9	4	29	
15C	7	3	7	5	7	30	
17B	8	3	15	16	12	54	
17C	8	3	3	16	18	50	
Total	35	17	30	65	46	193	
Goat							
15C	34	29	40	35	39	177	
Total	34	29	40	35	39	177	

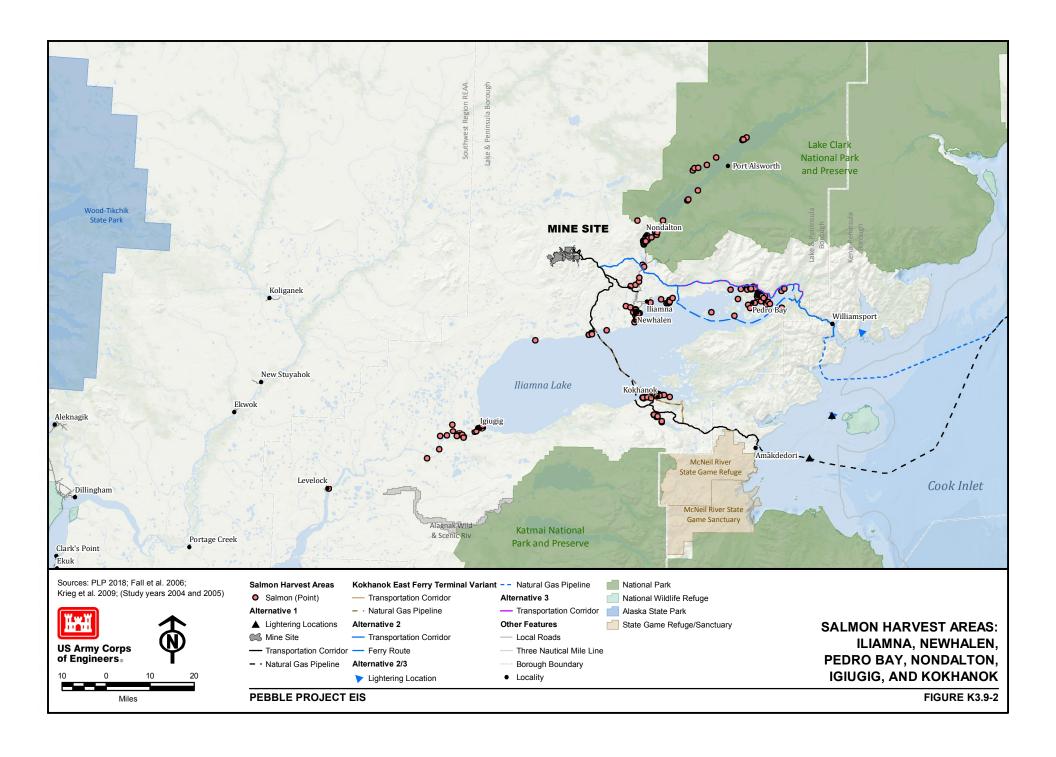
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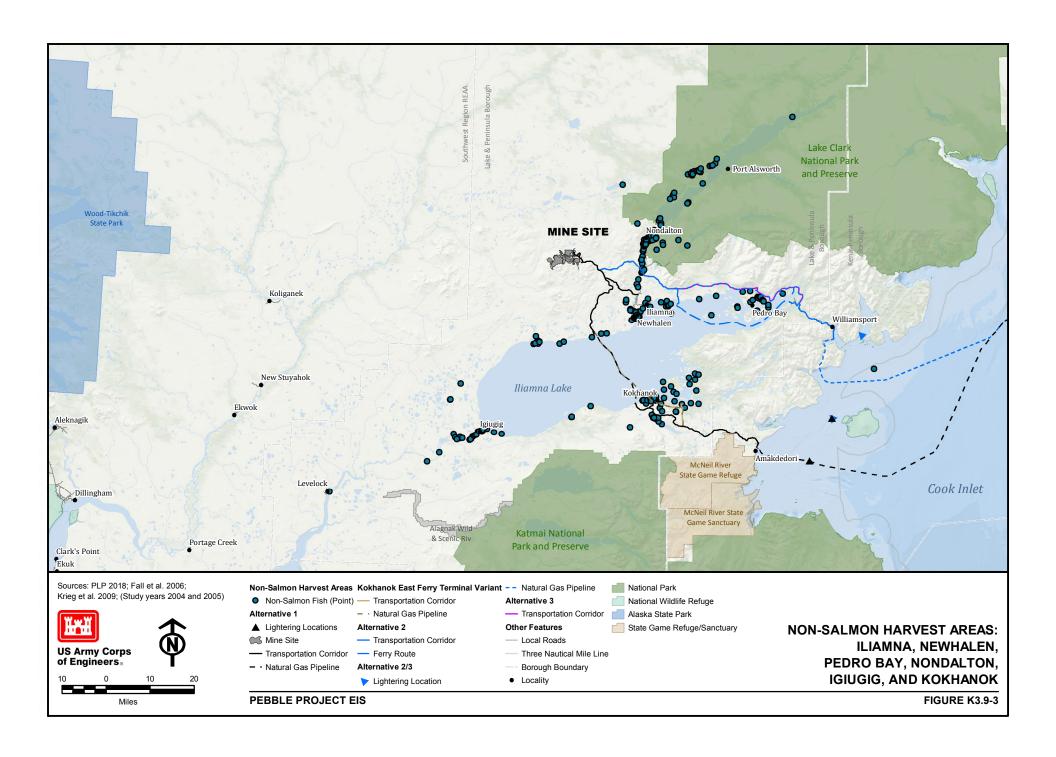
GMU	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Total	
Sheep							
15C	1	1	0	0	2	4	
Total	1	1	0	0	2	4	

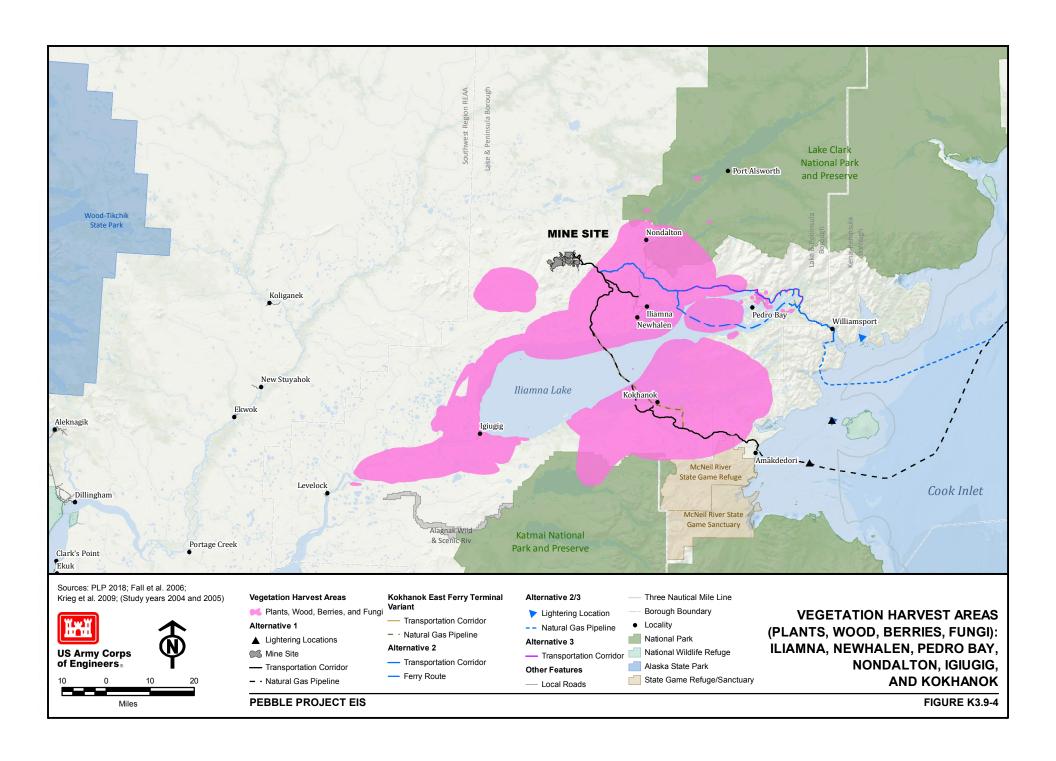
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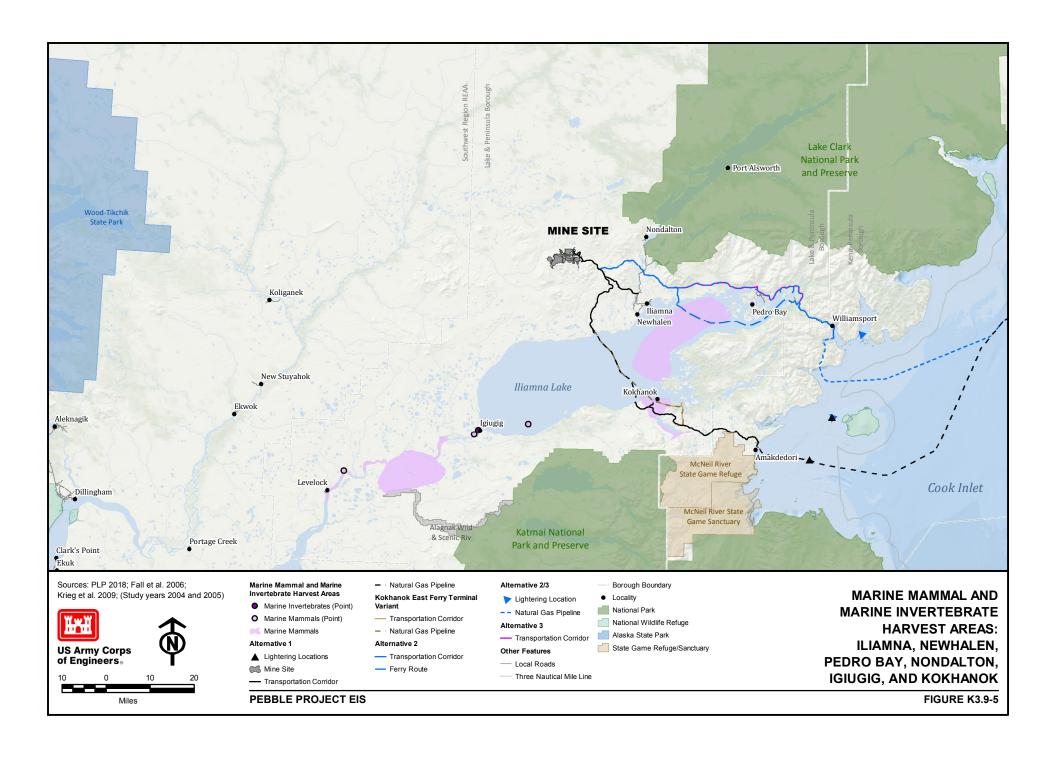
Below are community profiles and harvest composition for communities not discussed in Section 3.9, Subsistence, including a pie chart for the composition of subsistence harvest by estimated edible weight. Following each community group are maps that show the search and harvest areas that communities use for large land mammals, fish, vegetation, marine mammals, marine invertebrates, birds, and small mammals. Large land mammals include caribou, moose, brown bear, black bear, and sheep or goats. Fish figures are divided by salmon and non-salmon, and vegetation combines plants, wood, berries, and fungi. "Marine mammals," refers to seals, sea lions, sea otters, and whales and marine invertebrates include clams, mussels, scallops, crabs, octopus, and shrimp. Upland game birds include grouse and ptarmigan, and waterfowl refers to ducks and geese. Eggs primarily come from ducks, geese, and seabirds. The figures for small land mammals include beaver, muskrat, river otter, foxes, hares, weasels, wolf, wolverine, squirrels, porcupine, and lynx.

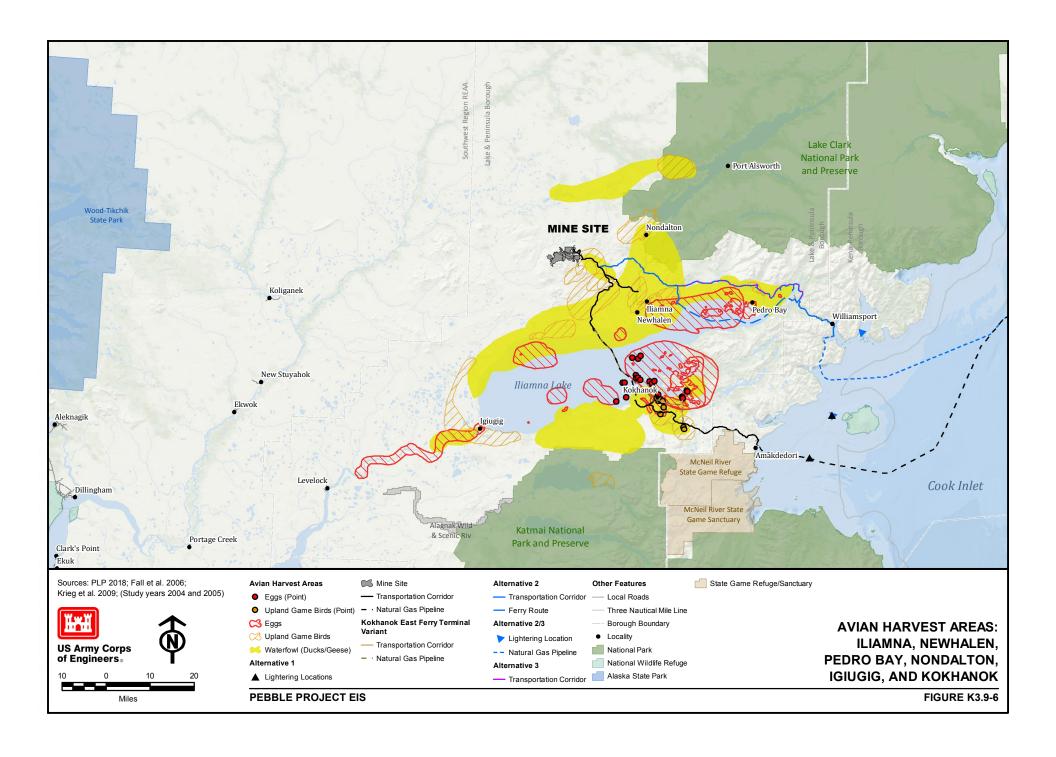


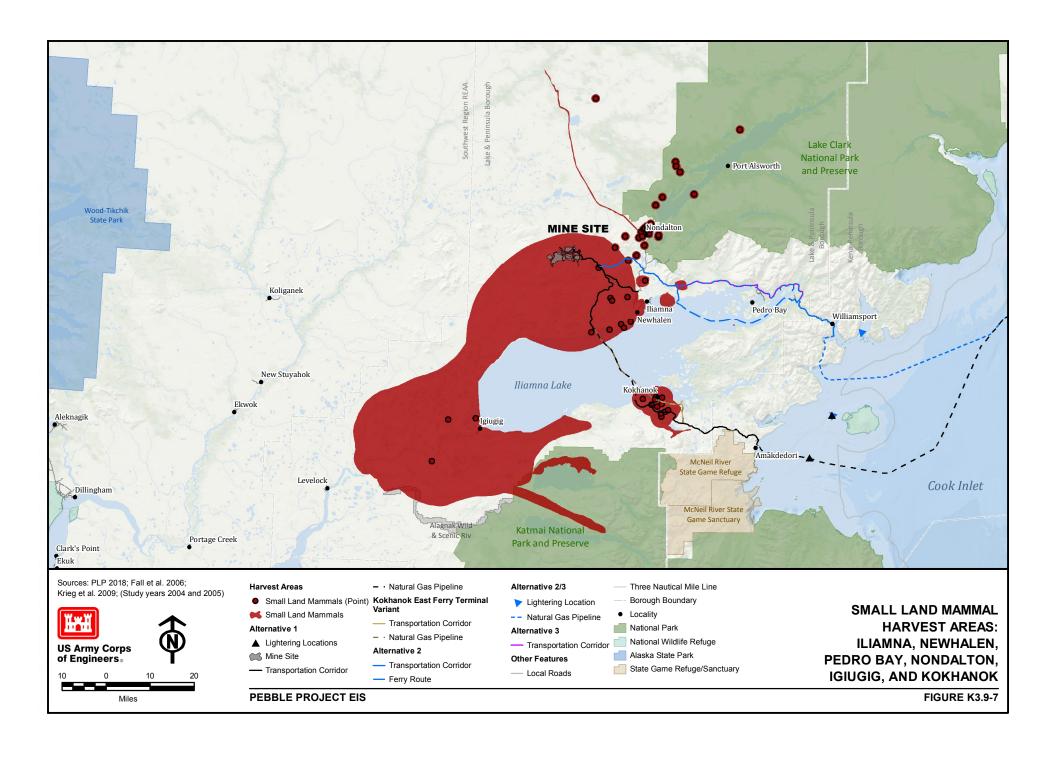












### **K3.9.1Port Alsworth**

Port Alsworth is a majority Euro-American community on Lake Clark. It is the location of the Lake Clark National Park and Preserve headquarters and is also home to many hunting and fishing guide services and lodges. In 2004, Port Alsworth had an estimated year-round population of 109 people in 30 households. Port Alsworth residents harvested an estimated 14,489 pounds of wild food (133 pounds per capita) in 2004 a lower total compared to the Iliamna Lake area communities. See Section 3.9, Subsistence, for per capita harvests by resource category. The top 10 resources harvested by Port Alsworth residents in 2004 in terms of edible weight are shown in Figure K3.9-8. Port Alsworth households reported high levels of participation in subsistence activities. Salmon was the most widely used resource category (100 percent of households) followed by large land mammals (91 percent), plants and fungi (86 percent), non-salmon fish (73 percent), marine invertebrates (50 percent), birds and eggs (46 percent), and small land mammals (41 percent). Sharing and distribution of subsistence foods was widespread. In 2004, 91 percent of Port Alsworth households received wild resources and 73 percent of households gave resources away. Some of the resources received by Port Alsworth residents came from non-local hunters who dropped off meat for people in the community (Fall et al. 2006).

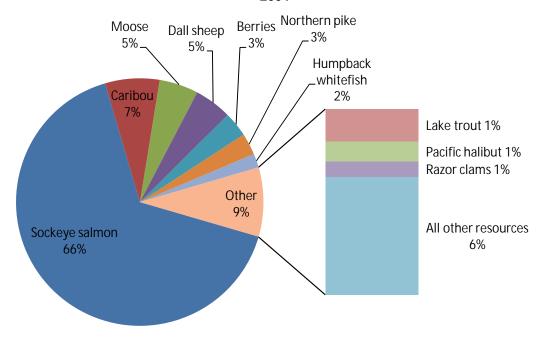


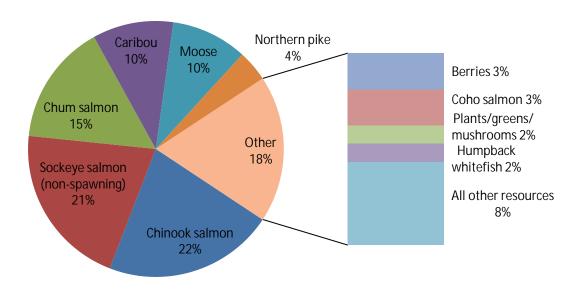
Figure K3.9-8: Composition of Port Alsworth Subsistence Harvest by Estimated Edible Weight, 2004

Source: Fall et al. 2006

# K3.9.2Koliganek

Koliganek is a primarily Yup'ik community on the Nushagak River 65 miles northeast of Dillingham. In 2005, Koliganek had an estimated year-round population of 150 people in 42 households. Koliganek residents harvested an estimated total of 134,779 pounds of wild food (899 pounds per capita) in 2005, a notably high level of food production among communities in the project area. See Section 3.9, Subsistence, for per capita harvests by resource category. The top 10 resources harvested by Koliganek residents in 2005 in terms of edible weight are shown in Figure K3.9-9. Koliganek households reported high levels of participation in subsistence activities. Salmon was the most widely used resource category (100 percent of households) followed by plants and fungi (96 percent), non-salmon fish (96 percent), large land mammals (96 percent), birds and eggs (93 percent), small land mammals (64 percent), and marine mammal (64 percent). Sharing and distribution of subsistence foods was widespread. In 2005, 89 percent of Koliganek households received at least one subsistence resource and 93 percent gave away at least one resource (Krieg et al. 2009).

Figure K3.9-9: Composition of Koliganek Subsistence Harvest by Estimated Edible Weight, 2005



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The term "spawning sockeye" refers to late-run sockeye salmon that have a distinctive red color and white meat, and are harvested in the fall.

Source: Krieg et al. 2009

### K3.9.3Levelock

Levelock is a mixed Alutiiq and Yup'ik community on the Kvichak River. In 2005, Levelock had an estimated year-round population of 34 people in 19 households. Levelock residents harvested an estimated total of 17,871 pounds of wild foods (527 pounds per capita) in 2005. See Section 3.9, Subsistence, for per capita harvests by resource category. The top 10 resources harvested by Levelock residents in 2005 in terms of edible weight are shown in Figure K3.9-10, with a distinctively high level of reliance on large land mammals. Levelock households reported high levels of participation in subsistence activities. Large land mammals were the most widely used resource category (100 percent of households) followed by plants and fungi (93 percent), salmon (93 percent), birds and eggs (88 percent), non-salmon fish (86 percent), small land mammals (57 percent), and marine mammals (50 percent). Sharing and distribution of subsistence foods was widespread. In 2005, 93 percent of Levelock households received at least one subsistence resource and 86 percent of households gave away at least one resource (Krieg et al. 2009).

Chinook salmon Sockeye salmon Beluga whale (non-spawning) 8%. Coho salmon 16%. 4% Berries 3% Northern pike 3% Rainbow smelt 2% Other Gull eggs 1% 18% Caribou All other resources 23% 9% Moose 25%

Figure K3.9-10: Composition of Levelock Subsistence Harvest by Estimated Edible Weight, 2005

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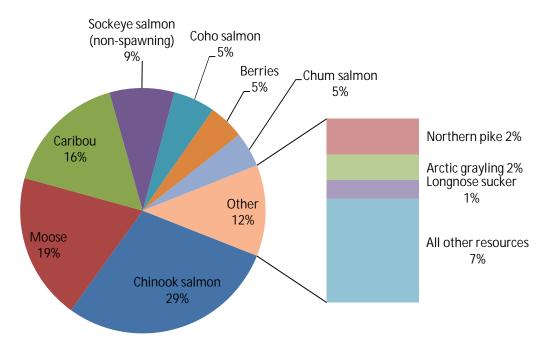
The term "spawning sockeye" refers to late-run sockeye salmon that have a distinctive red color and white meat, and are harvested in the fall.

Source: Krieg et al. 2009

# K3.9.4New Stuyahok

New Stuyahok is a Yup'ik community on the Nushagak River 52 miles northeast of Dillingham. In 2005, New Stuyahok had an estimated year-round population of 421 people in 96 households. New Stuyahok residents harvested an estimated total of 163,927 pounds of wild foods (389 pounds per capita) in 2005. See Section 3.9, Subsistence, for per capita harvests by resource category. The top 10 resources harvested by New Stuyahok residents in 2005 in terms of edible weight are shown in Figure K3.9-11, with characteristically high level of reliance on salmon, but also on large land mammals. New Stuyahok households reported high levels of participation in subsistence activities. In 2005, all New Stuyahok households used plants and fungi, as well as large land mammals. Other widely used resource categories included salmon (90 percent of households), birds and eggs (90 percent), non-salmon fish (88 percent), small land mammals (59 percent), and marine mammals (51 percent). Sharing and distribution of subsistence foods was widespread. In 2005, 98 percent of households received at least one subsistence resource and 74 percent gave away at least one resource (Krieg et al. 2009).

Figure K3.9-11: Composition of New Stuyahok Subsistence Harvest by Estimated Edible Weight, 2005



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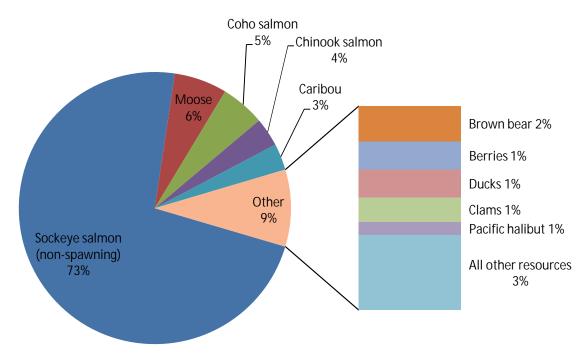
The term "spawning sockeye" refers to late-run sockeye salmon that have a distinctive red color and white meat, and are harvested in the fall.

Source: Krieg et al. 2009

# **K3.9.5King Salmon**

King Salmon is a predominantly Euro-American community on the Naknek River. King Salmon's Alaska Native population is a mix of Alutiiq, Yup'ik, and Dena'ina people. In 2007, King Salmon had an estimated year-round population of 246 people in 88 households. Holen et al. (2011) surveyed residents about their 2007 subsistence activities and found that King Salmon residents harvested an estimated total of 77,020 pounds of wild foods (313 pounds per capita), with very high reliance on salmon. See Section 3.9, Subsistence, for per capita harvests by resource category. The top 10 resources harvested by King Salmon residents in 2007 in terms of edible weight are shown in Figure K3.9-12. King Salmon households reported high levels of participation in subsistence activities. Salmon was the most widely used resource category (86 percent of households) followed by plants and fungi (78 percent), non-salmon fish (57 percent), and large land mammals (47 percent). Sharing and distribution of subsistence foods was less widespread than in most communities within the project area. In 2007, 59 percent of households received at least one subsistence resource and 53 percent gave away at least one resource (Holen et al. 2011).

Figure K3.9-12: Composition of King Salmon Subsistence Harvest by Estimated Edible Weight, 2007



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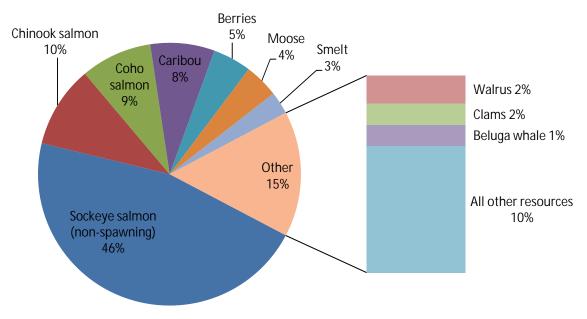
The term "spawning sockeye" refers to late-run sockeye salmon that have a distinctive red color and white meat, and are harvested in the fall.

Source: Holen et al. 2011

### K3.9.6Naknek

Naknek is located on the northern bank of the Naknek River and is a mix of Yup'ik, Alutiiq, Dena'ina, and non-Native people. Naknek's economy is largely driven by the salmon industry (Deur 2008). In 2007, Naknek had an estimated year-round population of 533 people in 206 households. Just over half of the population was Alaska Native. Naknek residents harvested an estimated total of 140,757 pounds of wild foods (264 pounds per capita) in 2007. See Section 3.9, Subsistence, for per capita harvests by resource category. The top 10 resources harvested by Naknek residents in 2007 in terms of edible weight are shown in Figure K3.9-13. Naknek households reported high levels of participation in subsistence activities. Salmon was the most widely used resource category (93 percent of households) followed by plants and fungi (92 percent), non-salmon fish (76 percent), large land mammals (60 percent), birds and eggs (57 percent), and marine invertebrates (51 percent). Sharing and distribution of subsistence foods was widespread. In 2007, 91 percent of households received at least one subsistence resource and 73 percent gave away at least one resource (Holen et al. 2011).

Figure K3.9-13: Composition of Naknek Subsistence Harvest by Estimated Edible Weight, 2007



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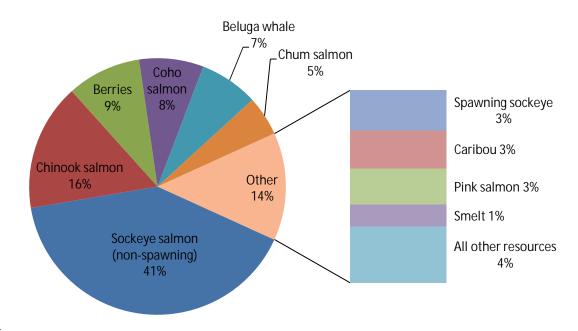
The term "spawning sockeye" refers to late-run sockeye salmon that have a distinctive red color and white meat, and are harvested in the fall.

Source: Holen et al. 2011

### K3.9.7South Naknek

South Naknek is located on the southern bank of the Naknek River across from the community of Naknek. South Naknek is predominantly a mixture of Alutiiq and Yup'ik people. Today, many of the Alutiiq people who reside in South Naknek are descendants of people displaced by the Mount Katmai and Novarupta volcanic eruptions of 1912. In 2007, South Naknek had an estimated year-round population of 52 people in 26 households. South Naknek residents harvested an estimated total of 13,909 pounds of wild foods (278 pounds per capita) in 2007, with characteristically high reliance on salmon, but a distinctive level of reliance on beluga whales. See Section 3.9, Subsistence, for per capita harvests by resource category. The top 10 resources harvested by South Naknek residents in 2007 in terms of edible weight are shown in Figure K3.9-14. South Naknek households reported high levels of participation in subsistence activities. Salmon was the most widely used resource category (95 percent of households) followed by plants and fungi (91 percent), non-salmon fish (86 percent), large land mammals (67 percent), and marine mammals (48 percent). Sharing and distribution of subsistence foods was widespread. In 2007, 91 percent of households received at least one subsistence resource and 76 percent of households gave away at least one resource (Holen et al. 2011).

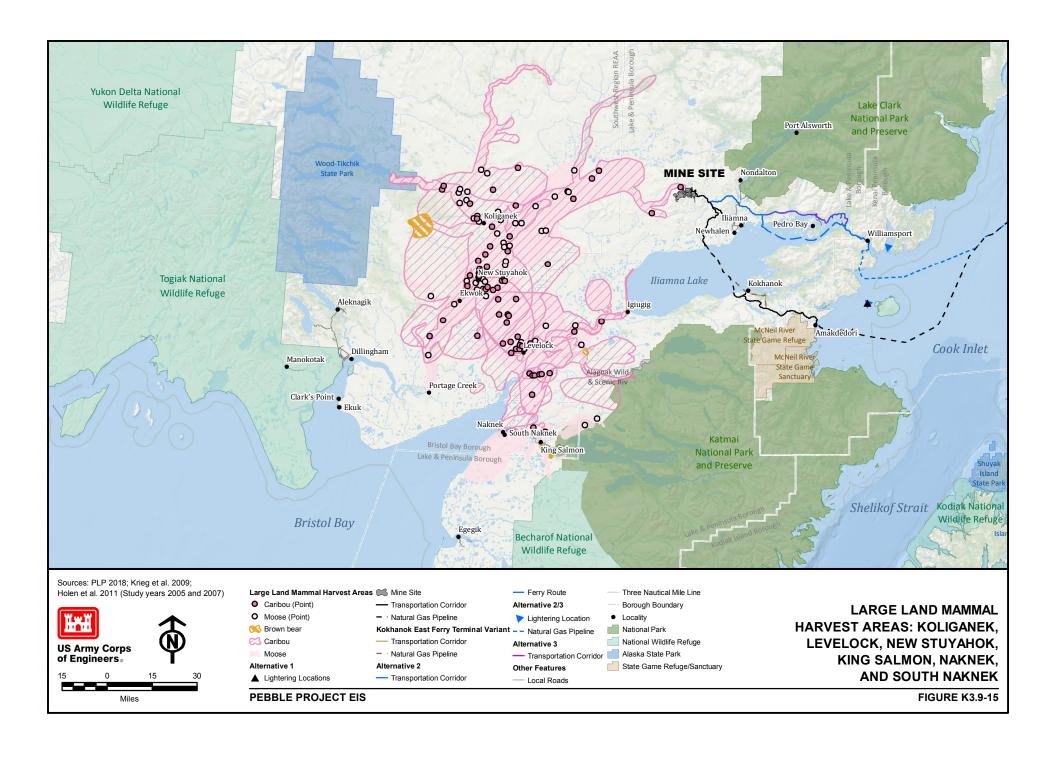
Figure K3.9-14: Composition of South Naknek Subsistence Harvest by Estimated Edible Weight, 2007

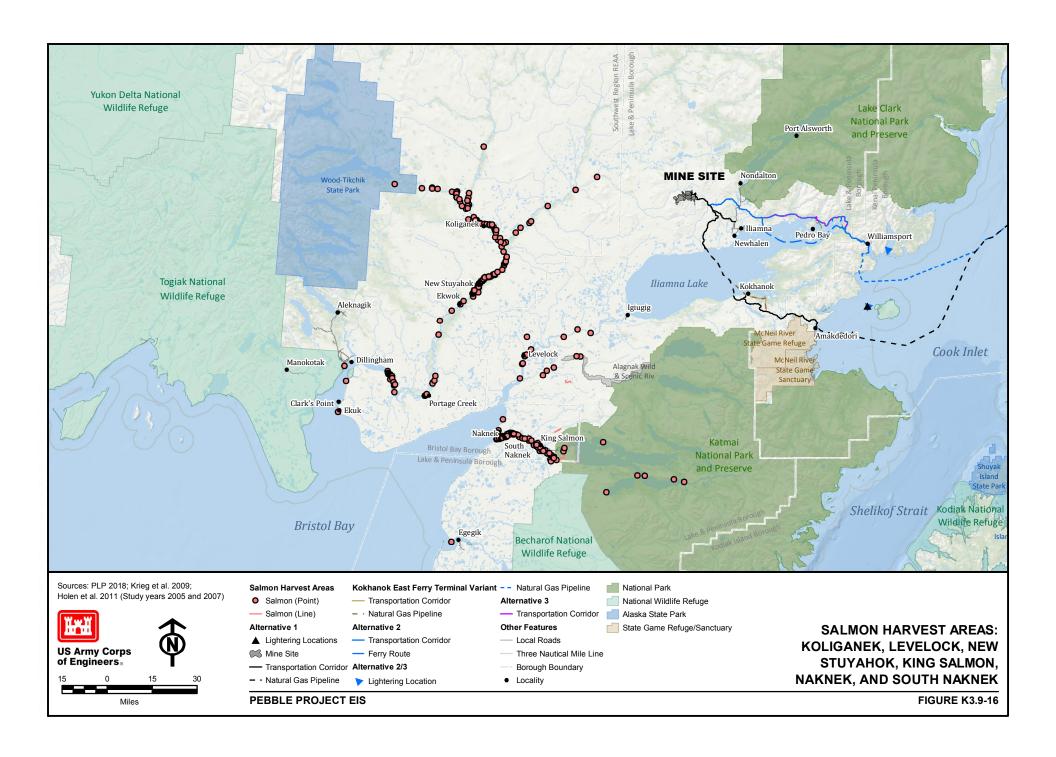


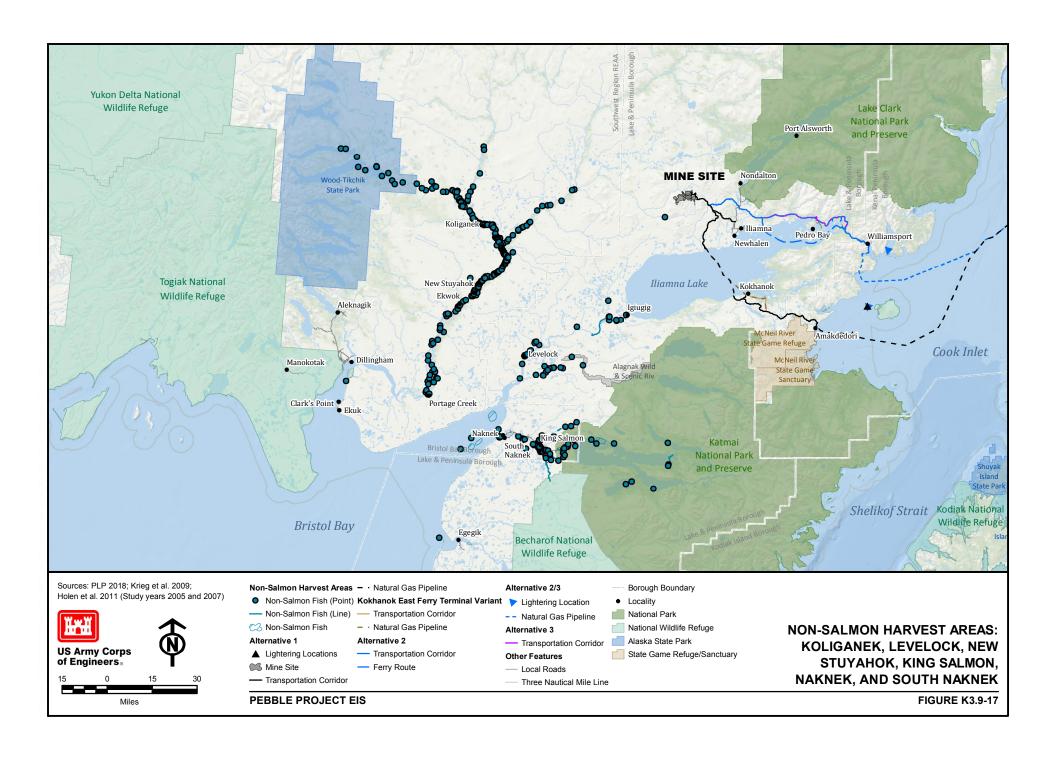
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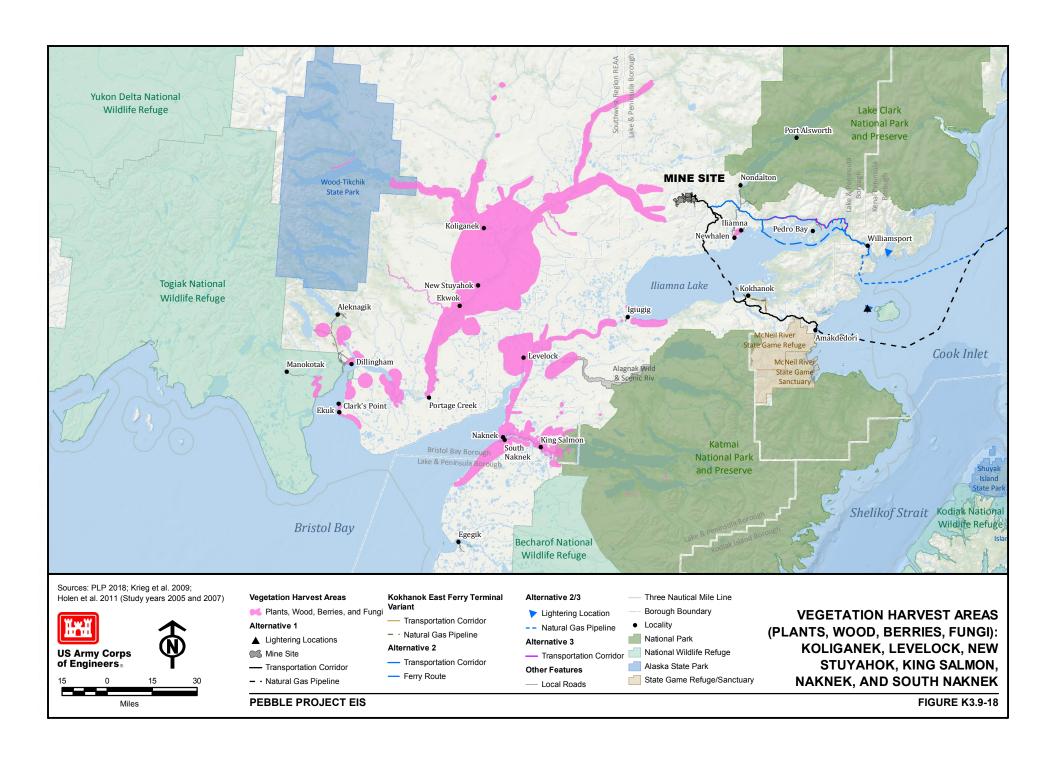
The term "spawning sockeye" refers to late-run sockeye salmon that have a distinctive red color and white meat, and are harvested in the fall.

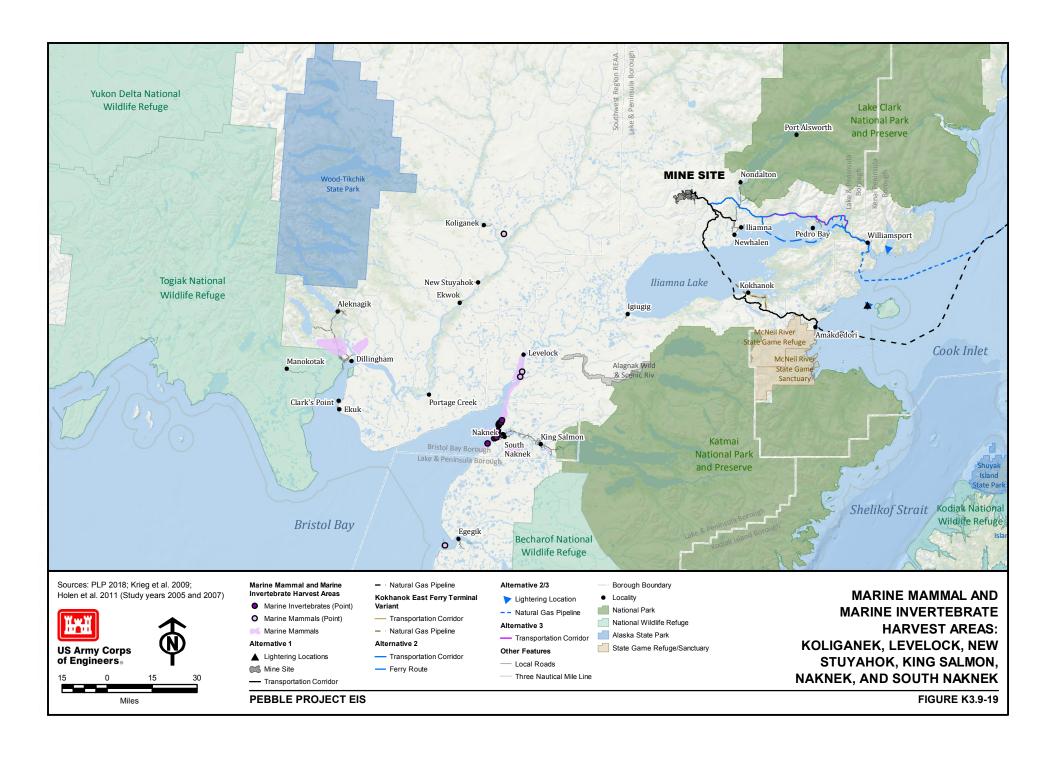
Source: Holen et al. 2011

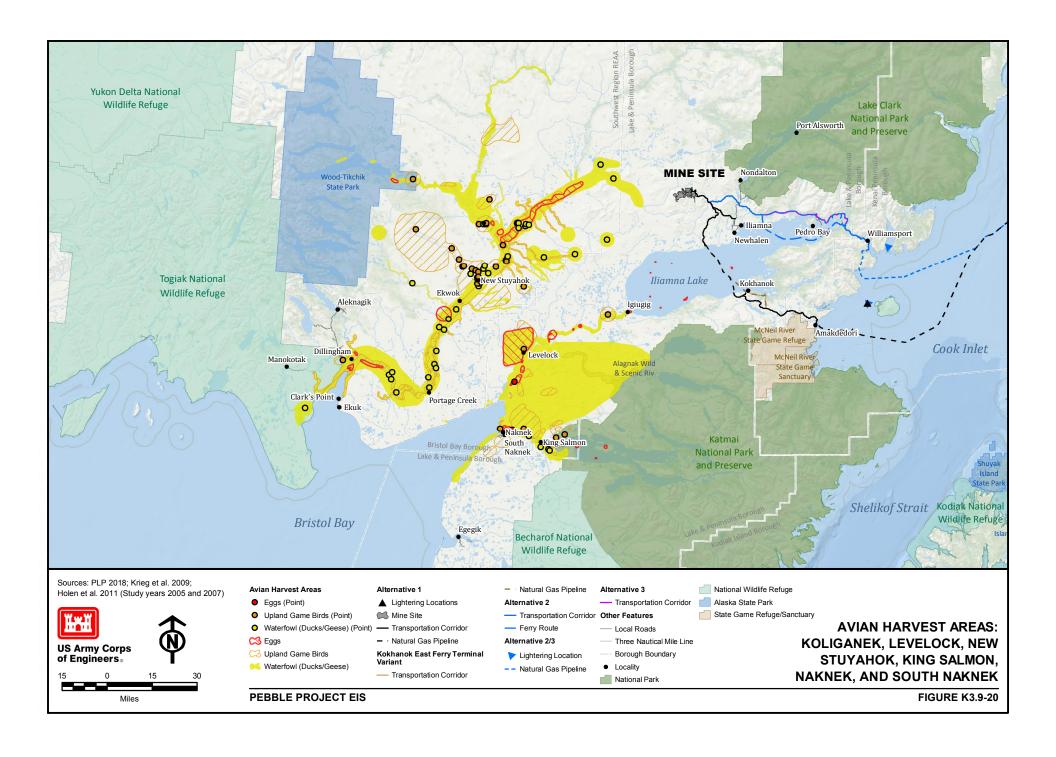


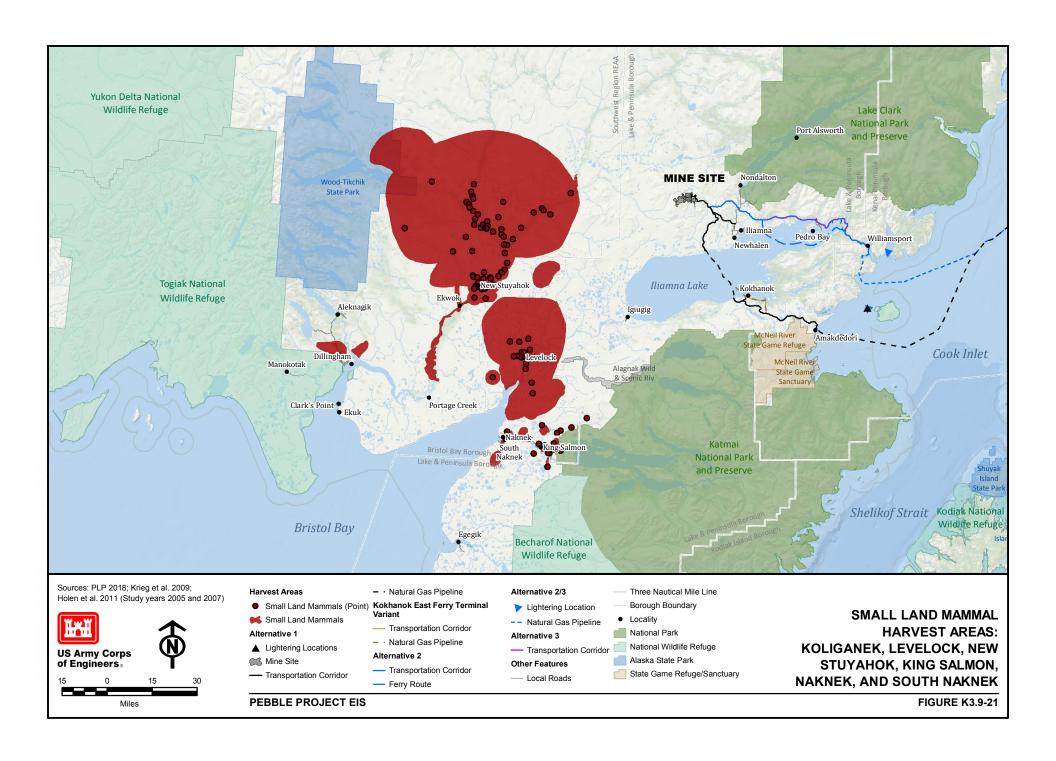












# K3.9.8 Aleknagik

Aleknagik is a predominantly Yup'ik community at the head of the Wood River on the southeast end of Aleknagik Lake. In 2008, Aleknagik had an estimated year-round population of 175 people in 47 households. Holen et al. (2012) surveyed residents about their 2008 subsistence activities and found that Aleknagik residents harvested an estimated total of 51,738 pounds of wild foods (296 pounds per capita). See Section 3.9, Subsistence, for per capita harvests by resource category. The top 10 resources harvested by Aleknagik residents in 2008 in terms of edible weight are shown in Figure K3.9-22. Aleknagik households reported high levels of participation in subsistence activities. Plants and fungi, as well as salmon, were used by every household in Aleknagik. Other widely used resource categories included large land mammals (94 percent of households), birds and eggs (88 percent), non-salmon fish (78 percent), and marine mammals (56 percent). Sharing and distribution of subsistence foods was widespread. In 2007, 97 percent of households received at least one subsistence resource and 84 percent gave away at least one resource (Holen et al. 2012).

Plants/greens/ Coho salmon\_ Northern pike mushrooms 6% 7% 3% Brown bear Berries 3% 10% Char 2% Chum salmon 2% Sockeye salmon 14% Other 15% All other resources 11% Moose 18% Chinook salmon 24%

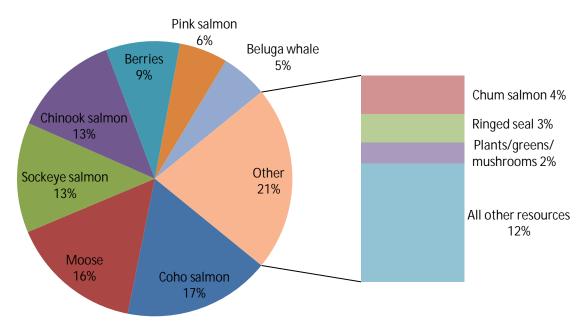
Figure K3.9-22: Composition of Aleknagik Subsistence Harvest by Estimated Edible Weight, 2008

Source: Holen et al. 2012

### K3.9.9Clark's Point

Clark's Point is a predominantly Yup'ik community on Nushagak Bay, 15 miles from Dillingham. In 2008, Clark's Point had an estimated year-round population of 38 people in 18 households. Clark's Point residents harvested an estimated total of 45,543 pounds of wild foods (1,210 pounds per capita) in 2008, a notably high level of subsistence food production among communities in the project area. See Section 3.9, Subsistence, for per capita harvests by resource category. The top 10 resources harvested by Clark's Point residents in 2008 in terms of edible weight are shown in Figure K3.9-23. Clark's Point households reported high levels of participation in subsistence activities. All households in Clark's point used salmon, non-salmon fish, birds and eggs, and large land mammals. Other widely used resource categories included plants and fungi (91 percent of households), small land mammals (82 percent), marine mammals (73 percent), and marine invertebrates (46 percent). Sharing and distribution of subsistence foods was widespread. Every household received and gave away at least one subsistence resource (Holen et al. 2012).

Figure K3.9-23: Composition of Clark's Point Subsistence Harvest by Estimated Edible Weight, 2008

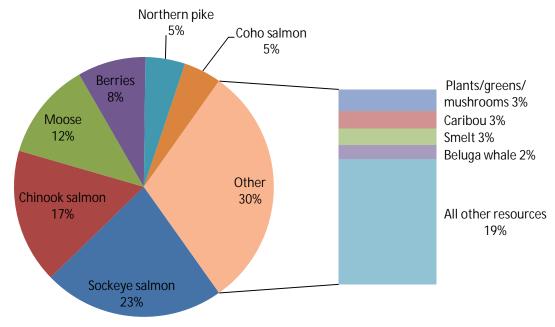


Source: Holen et al. 2012

### K3.9.10 Manokotak

Manokotak is a Yup'ik community on the Igushik River. In 2008, Manokotak had an estimated year-round population of 379 people in 96 households. Manokotak residents harvested an estimated total of 113,196 pounds of wild foods (298 pounds per capita) in 2008. See Section 3.9, Subsistence, for per capita harvests by resource category. The top 10 resources harvested by Manokotak residents in 2008 in terms of edible weight are shown in Figure K3.9-24. Manokotak households reported high levels of participation in subsistence activities. Salmon was the most widely used resource category (97 percent of households), followed by plants and fungi (95 percent), birds and eggs (95 percent), non-salmon fish (93 percent), large land mammals (87 percent), marine invertebrates (82 percent), marine mammals (75 percent), and small land mammals (54 percent). Sharing and distribution of subsistence foods was widespread. In 2008, 93 percent of Manokotak households received at least one subsistence resource and 90 percent of households gave away at least one resource (Holen et al. 2012).

Figure K3.9-24: Composition of Manokotak Subsistence Harvest by Estimated Edible Weight, 2008

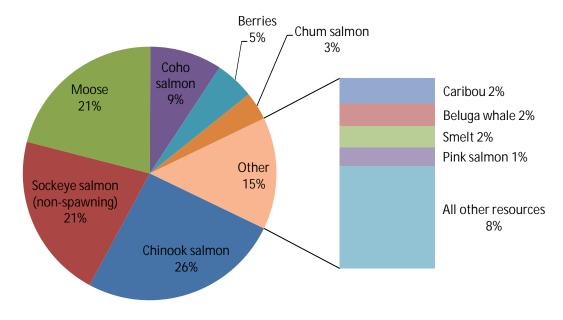


Source: Holen et al. 2012

# K3.9.11 Dillingham

Dillingham is located at the northern end of Nushagak Bay at the confluence of the Wood and Nushagak rivers. Historically a Yup'ik area with Russian influences, Dillingham is now a diverse community with a mix of non-Native and Native people. In 2010, Dillingham had an estimated year-round population of 2,294 people in 726 households. Evans et al. (2013) surveyed residents about their 2010 subsistence activities and found that Dillingham households harvested an estimated total of 486,533 pounds of wild foods (212 pounds per capita). See Section 3.9, Subsistence, for per capita harvests by resource category. The top 10 resources harvested by Dillingham residents in 2010 in terms of edible weight are shown in Figure K3.9-25. Dillingham households reported high levels of participation in subsistence activities. Salmon was the most widely used resource category (91 percent of households) followed by plants and fungi (89 percent), large land mammals (77 percent), birds and eggs (73 percent), and non-salmon fish (69 percent). Sharing and distribution of subsistence foods was widespread. In 2010, 91 percent of Dillingham households received at least one subsistence resource and 79 percent of households gave away at least one resource (Evans et al. 2013).

Figure K3.9-25: Composition of Dillingham Subsistence Harvest by Estimated Edible Weight, 2010



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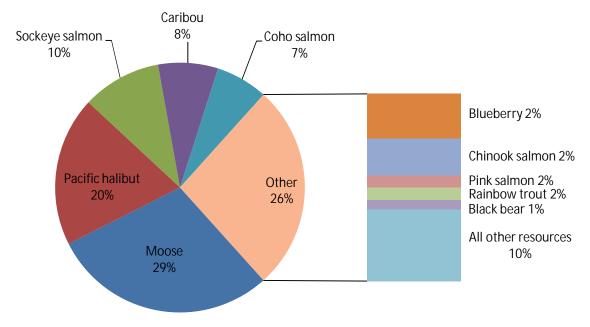
The term "spawning sockeye" refers to late-run sockeye salmon that have a distinctive red color and white meat, and are harvested in the fall.

Source: Evans et al. 2013

### K3.9.12 Ninilchik

Ninilchik is a predominately Euro-American community that lies on the eastern shore of Cook Inlet on the Sterling Highway. The Alaska Native population of Ninilchik is a mix of Alutiiq, Aleut, and Dena'ina people. Recent data is limited for this community (a comprehensive harvest survey has not been conducted since 1998) (Fall et al. 2000). In 1998, Ninilchik had an estimated population of 1,075 people in 400 households. Ninilchik residents harvested an estimated total of 175,817 pounds of wild foods (164 pounds per capita) in 1998. See Section 3.9, Subsistence, for per capita harvest by resource category. The top 10 resources harvested by Ninilchik residents in 1998 in terms of edible weight are shown in Figure K3.9-26. Non-salmon fish was the most widely used resource category (92 percent of households), followed by salmon (90 percent), plants and fungi (83 percent), marine invertebrates (78 percent), and large land mammals (63 percent). Sharing and distribution of subsistence foods was widespread. In 1998, 92 percent of households received at least one subsistence resource and 73 percent of households gave away at least one resource (Fall et al. 2000).

Figure K3.9-26: Composition of Ninilchik Subsistence Harvest by Estimated Edible Weight, 1998



Source: ADF&G 2018I

### K3.9.13 Seldovia

Seldovia is a majority Euro-American community located on the Kenai Peninsula on the south shore of Kachemak Bay. The Alaska Native population of Seldovia is a mix of Alutiig, Dena'ina, and Aleut people. In 2014, Seldovia (including Seldovia city and Seldovia Village) had an estimated year-round population of 278 people in 126 households. Seldovia residents harvested an estimated total of 38,455 pounds of wild foods (138 pounds per capita) in 2014, a comparatively low level among communities in the project area. See Section 3.9, Subsistence, for per capita harvests by resource category. The top 10 resources harvested by Seldovia residents in 2014 in terms of edible weight are shown in Figure K3.9-27. Seldovia households reported high levels of participation in subsistence activities. Plants and fungi were the most widely harvested resource category (95 percent of households) followed by salmon (94 percent), non-salmon fish (90 percent), marine invertebrates (68 percent), and large land mammals (61 percent). Sharing and distribution of subsistence foods was widespread. In 2014, 97 percent of Seldovia households received at least one subsistence resource and 76 percent of households gave away at least one resource (Jones and Kostick 2016). Although located on the Kenai Peninsula, harvest areas of the Seldovia Village Tribe greater traditional use area include Kachemak Bay, Chinitna Bay, Tuxedni Bay, and the western side of Cook Inlet including Kamishak Bay.

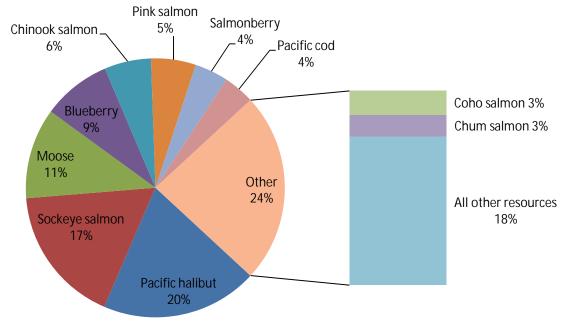


Figure K3.9-27: Composition of Seldovia Subsistence Harvest by Estimated Edible Weight, 2014

Source: Jones and Kostick 2016

