

Food from the Forest: Alaska National Forest Contributions to Wild Food Systems

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National Forests support diverse wild food systems critical to rural communities

The Pacific Northwest Research Station is assessing the magnitude and diversity of wild foods directly and indirectly provisioned by the Tongass and Chugach National Forests.

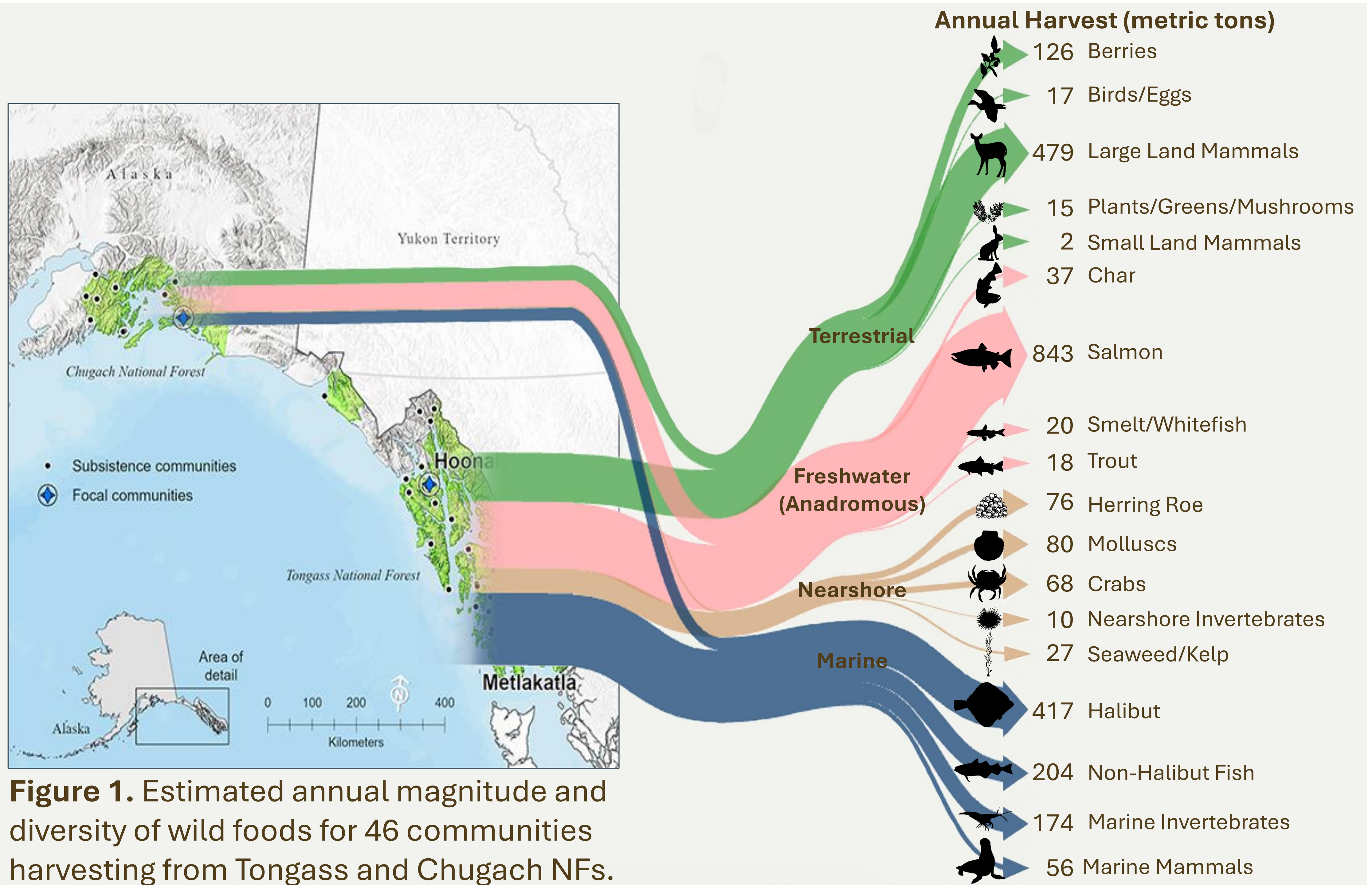


Figure 1. Estimated annual magnitude and diversity of wild foods for 46 communities harvesting from Tongass and Chugach NFs.

Key Findings

- Rural communities harvest on average **~477 servings of food per person** each year from the Tongass and Chugach National Forests, equating to **2667 metric tons of food/year**
- Rural communities harvest over **130 different species**
- Access to diverse foods across multiple different habitats provide more stable (consistent) harvest over time

Seasonal Variation in Harvest

- Harvest availability varies seasonally across habitats, providing differential harvest opportunities through time

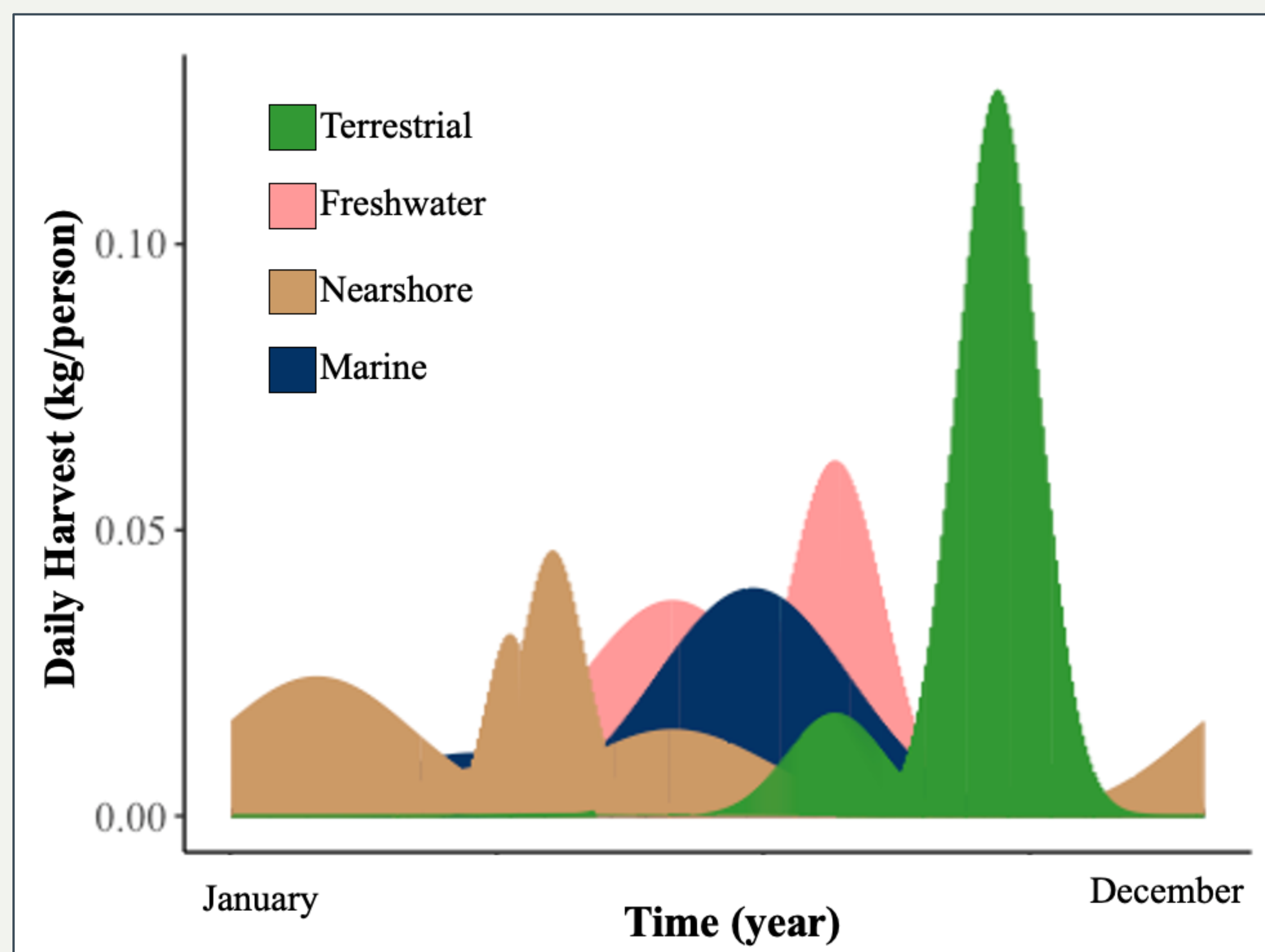


Figure 2. Seasonal harvest pattern of different species across habitats from a community harvesting from the Tongass National Forest.

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