

From October 20 to 21, 2023, Data for Progress conducted a survey of 1,222 likely voters nationally using web panel respondents. The sample was weighted to be representative of likely voters by age, gender, education, race, geography, and voting history. The survey was conducted in English. The margin of error is ±3 percentage points.

Characteristics of weighted sample:

Democrat 38%   Independent 25%   Republican 36%
Male 46%   Female 54%
Over-45 64%   Under-45 36%
College 36%   No College 64%
White 73%   Black 11%   Asian 4%   Other race 3%   American Indian or Alaska Native 1%
Latino/a 12%
Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as president? 40% Approve   58% Disapprove

NB: subgroups with a n-size less than 50 (<50) are not shown on these cross-tabs. We choose not to display N<50 subgroups because the sample is too small to have statistical significance. We did, however, take samples of these subgroups for representational and weighting purposes to accurately reflect the electorate makeup. Some values may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

N=1,222 unless otherwise specified.

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Which of the following comes closest to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino	Urban	Suburban	Rural
The North Pacific Fishery Management Council should be expanded to include two designated seats for Alaska Native tribes.	62	69	61	55	63	60	57	65	58	69	52	64	59	63	68	55
The North Pacific Fishery Management Council should remain largely appointed by the governors of Alaska, Washington and Oregon.	24	18	21	31	19	29	28	21	26	20	28	23	28	21	22	28
Don't know	14	12	18	14	17	11	15	14	16	11	20	13	13	16	10	17
Weighted N	1,222	469	308	445	654	568	436	786	783	439	134	888	152	384	453	385

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Supporters say that each year tens of thousands of Alaskan salmon are unintentionally caught and discarded by trawlers, contributing to the recent collapse of salmon harvests across Alaska's rivers. This has devastated many Alaska Native communities who rely on subsistence fishing for their food supply. The people most directly impacted should be explicitly included in the Council; currently no voting members are Alaska Native.

Opponents say the Council should represent and support the seafood industry, not threaten hard-working fishermen with burdensome over-regulation. Many factors affect future salmon returns across Alaska, and the seafood industry discards a relatively small number of Alaskan salmon. Anyway, Alaska's governor can always appoint Native members to the Council and has in the past.

Knowing what you know now, which of the following comes closest to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

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The North Pacific Fishery Management Council should remain largely appointed by the governors of Alaska, Washington and Oregon.	21	17	15	29	16	26	26	18	22	18	26	19	24	18	20	23
Don't know	13	11	17	13	16	10	14	13	14	12	16	13	10	14	10	17
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**[3]** Approximately one in five Alaskans live in rural areas, most of whom are Alaska Native. In these rural villages, fishing is critical not only for food — subsistence fishing constitutes about 60% of what rural Alaskans eat — but also essential to the cultural and spiritual wellbeing and survival of Alaska Native people.

The last few years, salmon runs in western Alaska have collapsed, a crisis that threatens both food security and cultural heritage for many rural villages.

Government officials all agree that in rivers where salmon are scarce, fishing should be limited to subsistence use. But there is disagreement about whether subsistence fishing should be limited to rural residents, or open to all residents.

When salmon are scarce in a river, some officials have pushed to limit fishing to rural residents. Other officials have pushed to open fishing to all residents, not just rural residents, arguing that the Alaska state constitution requires opening subsistence fishing to all Alaskan residents.

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When salmon are scarce, fishing should be limited to rural residents.	59	63	57	56	59	59	55	61	61	56	50	60	61	58	59	59
When salmon are scarce, fishing should be open to all residents.	30	30	27	33	28	33	33	29	29	32	36	30	30	31	32	28
Don't know	11	7	17	11	13	9	12	11	10	12	14	11	9	11	9	12
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