

A scenic landscape of a mountain valley. In the foreground, there is a field of dry, brownish grass with a piece of weathered driftwood on the left. In the middle ground, a herd of reindeer is grazing in a field. A small pond or stream is visible on the right. In the background, there are large, rugged mountains with patches of snow under a blue sky with scattered white clouds.

*Alaska's Soil & Water
Conservation Districts:
Progress Report*

September 2009

SW CDs moving forward

- *Operational Agreement, Strategy & Long-Range Program Plan Finalized*
- *Pilot state funding program underway*
- *Supervisor training program*
- *Mapping of boundaries*

**Alaska Department of Natural Resources
Alaska Association of Conservation Districts
and
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service**

**OPERATIONAL AGREEMENT,
STRATEGY, and LONG-RANGE PROGRAM
PLAN**

2010 -2015

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Finalized in July 2009:

- ✓ Goals and objectives for the next five years
- ✓ Clearly describes roles and authorities
- ✓ Starting point for state funding program
- ✓ Allows for flexibility

Full agreement available online at:

<http://dnr.alaska.gov/commis/swcdb/resources.htm>

SW CD State Funding Program

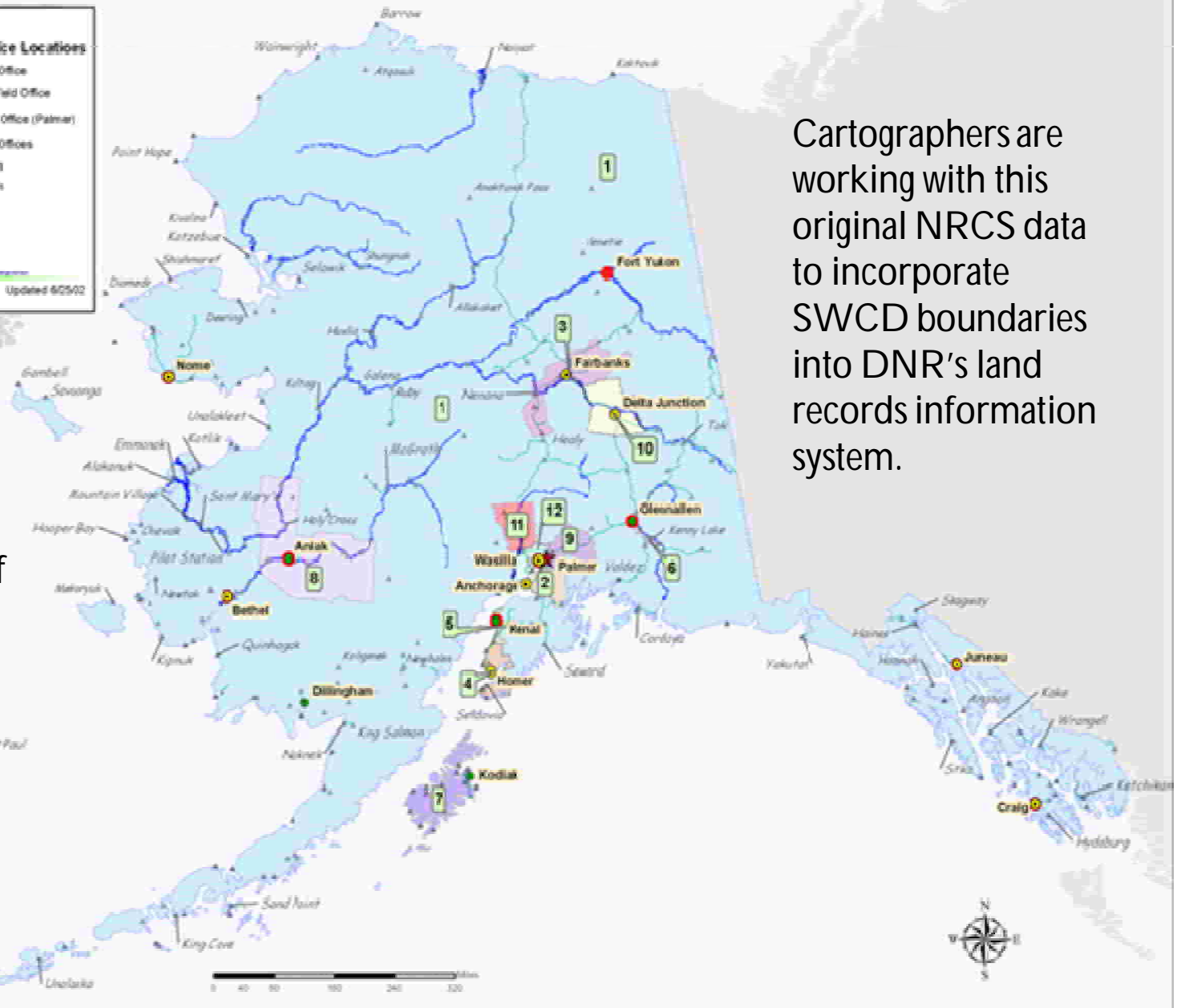
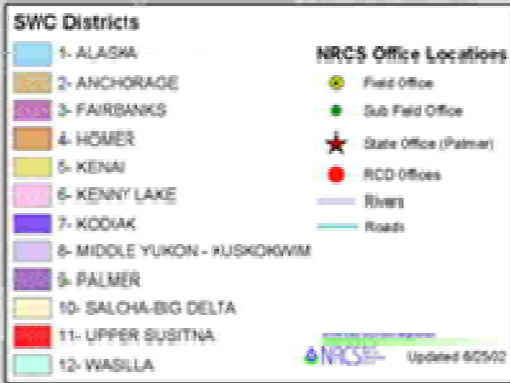
- *Allows for SW CDs to apply for state funds*
- *Projects must be in alignment with goals & objectives in the agreement*
- *FY11 is the trial run*
- *Funds will be administered as grants from DNR*

Supervisor Training

- *PowerPoint modules in development:*
 - History & Overview of SWCDs
 - Responsibilities & Authority
 - Ethics
 - Conservation Partners & Resources
- *Delivery*
 - Webinar
 - Self-study online modules



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Cartographers are working with this original NRCS data to incorporate SWCD boundaries into DNR's land records information system.

New detailed maps of Alaska's SWCDs coming soon!



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