

# Understanding Fisheries Governance

- Governance – process, rules, regulations, and institutions involved in governing fisheries
- Ineffective or failed governance leads to crisis and conflict
- Governance is multilayered
- Involves multiple actors
- Involves power, group interests (financial), politics, etc.
- By analyzing governance “landscape” we can reveal and address faults and inefficiencies

# Typical issues

- Top-down
- Uninformed or biased
- Not adaptive
- Lacking feedback mechanisms and exclusion of local voices
- Uneven power and resources among stakeholders
- Driven by outside agendas

# Fisheries governance:

## Original mind map



- ACTION Fairbanks workshop
- Feb 2025

# Actors and Institutions

Political Leadership  
Board of Fish  
Policy  
ADFG  
Management  
NPFMC  
Limited entry system  
CFEC  
Co-management  
Political support \$  
Licensing  
Alaska State  
Discussion  
Proposals  
Advisory Committee  
Tribal Councils  
Borough taxes  
Permits  
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CDQ  
Fishing Association  
Community members substitute commercial  
Influence  
Processors  
Fishing  
Control  
Silver Bay  
Sector conglomerate  
Trident  
Pacific Seafood  
Banks  
Limit credit for other processors  
Present at meetings  
Private corporations  
Fisheries

# Fisheries Governance Landscape

## Political Leadership

- Board of Fish – Policy
- ADFG – Management Decisions
- Alaska State – Proposals
- Borough – Taxes
- Tribal Councils – Advisory, Subsistence & Commercial Input

## CDQ Program

- Presentations & Meetings
- Influence

## Private Corporations

- Fishing & Processing
- Silver Bay, Trident, Pacific Seafood
- Control over operations

## Financial Support

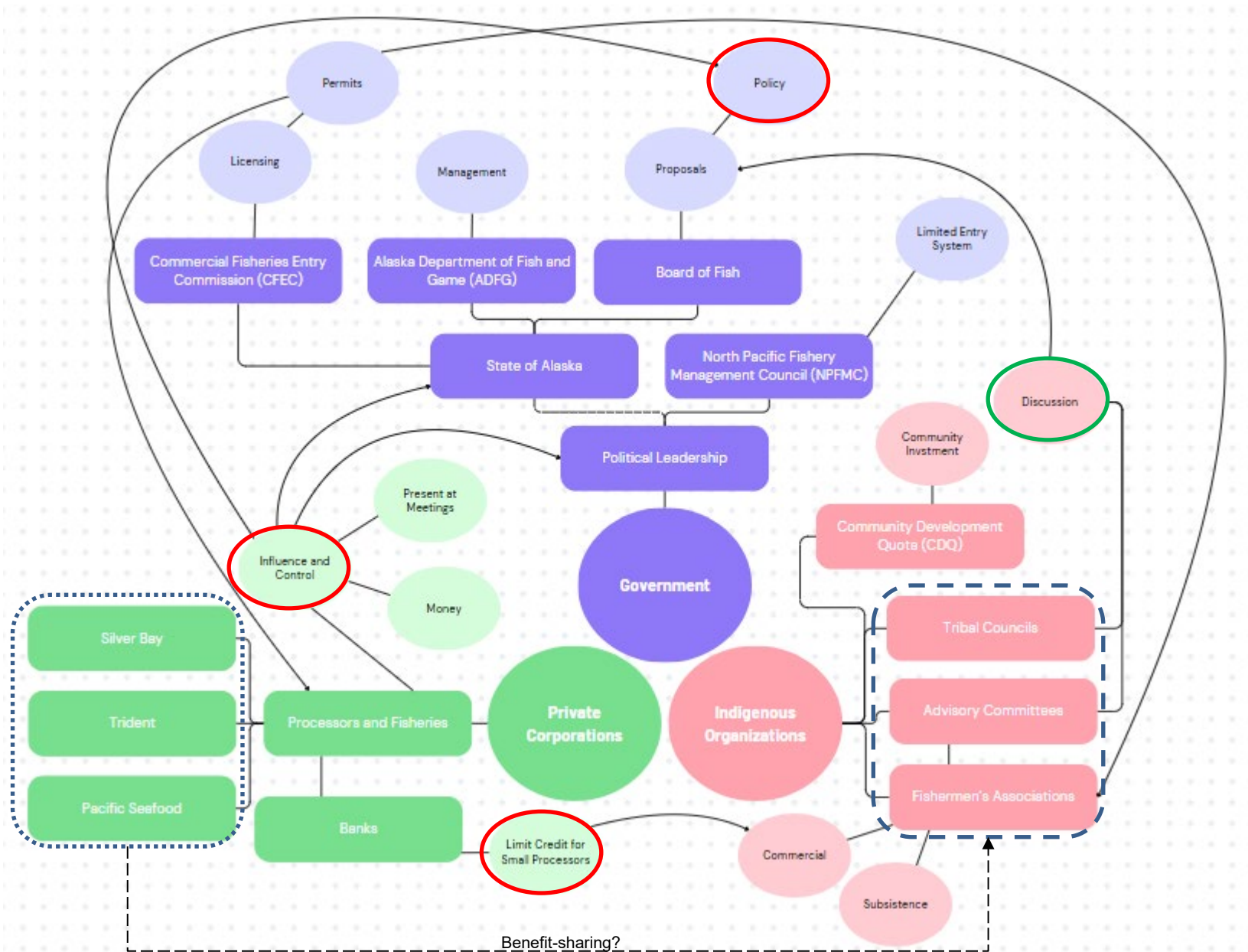
- Banks – Loans, Permit Purchases, Consolidation

## FISHERIES

## Regulatory Bodies

- NPFMC – Limited Entry System, Co-management, Licensing
- CFEC – Fish Entry Commission

# Fisheries governance: preliminary chart



# DISCUSSION