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# Alaska Fisheries Science Center

Protected Species Science Program Review

## Operational Issues



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- PARR: Public Access to Research Results
- Staffing challenges



# PARR: Public Access to Research Results Directives

- Provide metadata for all data sets
- Make data discoverable in Data.NOAA.Gov and Data.Gov.
- Provide access to:
  - Publications
  - Digital data via a machine-readable format
- Grantees must have data sharing plans
  - NOAA must include requirements in RFPs
  - NOAA must track compliance of grantees

# PARR: Public Access to Research Results Scope

- **NOAA data sets**
  - All federally funded digital environmental data from current or future programs (plus legacy data archived at the National Centers for Environmental Information)
  - Aggregated commercial data
  - Derived data and model outputs
- **Publications**
  - Recent and future journal articles
  - Technical reports



# PARR: Public Access to Research Results Timing

- NOAA data management plans
  - New data sets – prior to use or publication
  - Existing data sets – plans due within one year of January 1, 2016
- Access to new NOAA data sets
  - As soon as possible but...
  - Not greater than one year from collection
- Access to existing NOAA data sets
  - Data sets need to be accessible by March 1, 2016

# Staffing Challenges

- Permanent vs. non-permanent labor
- Staff age structure
- AFSC vs. external funding



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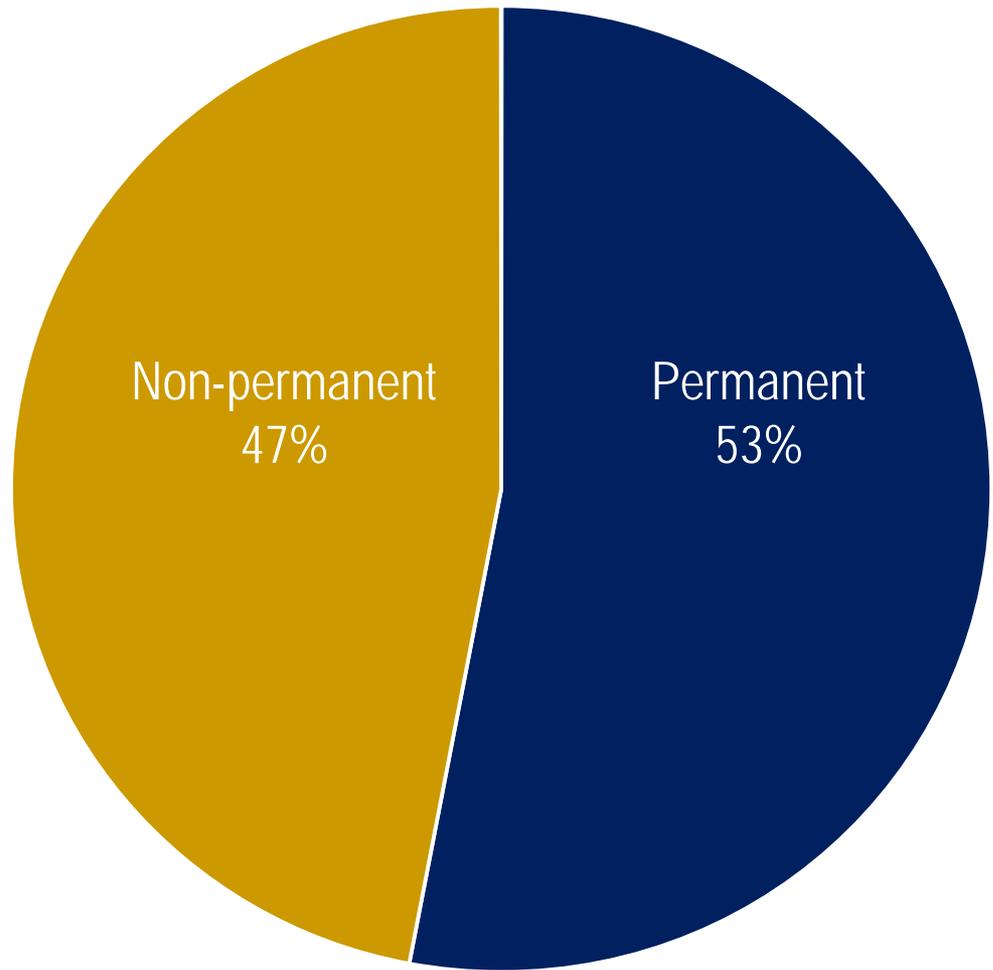
Program	Permanent staff	Non-permanent staff	Contractor labor	Seasonal field assistants
Alaska Ecosystems	15	1	4	~13
Polar Ecosystems	12	--	3	~1
Cetacean Assessment & Ecology	14	4	8	~15
California Current Ecosystems	8	--	--	--
Directorate & Administration	9	1	2	--
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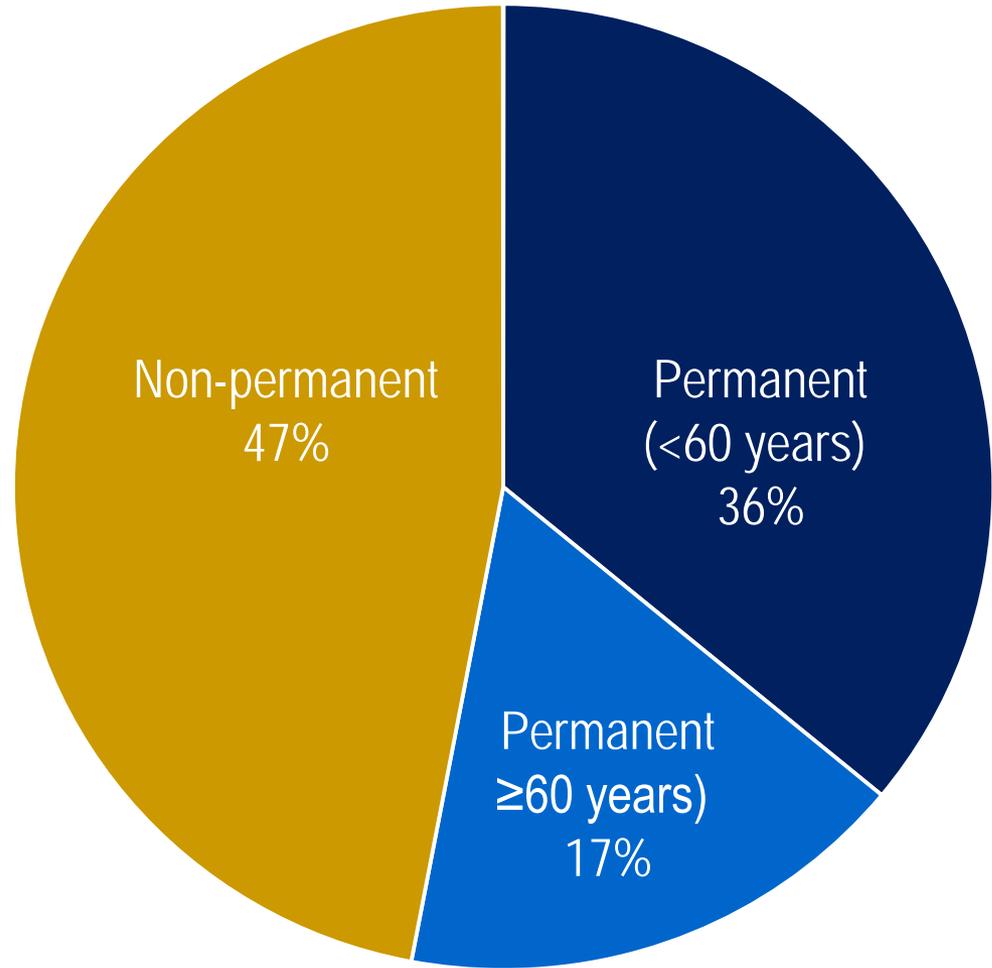
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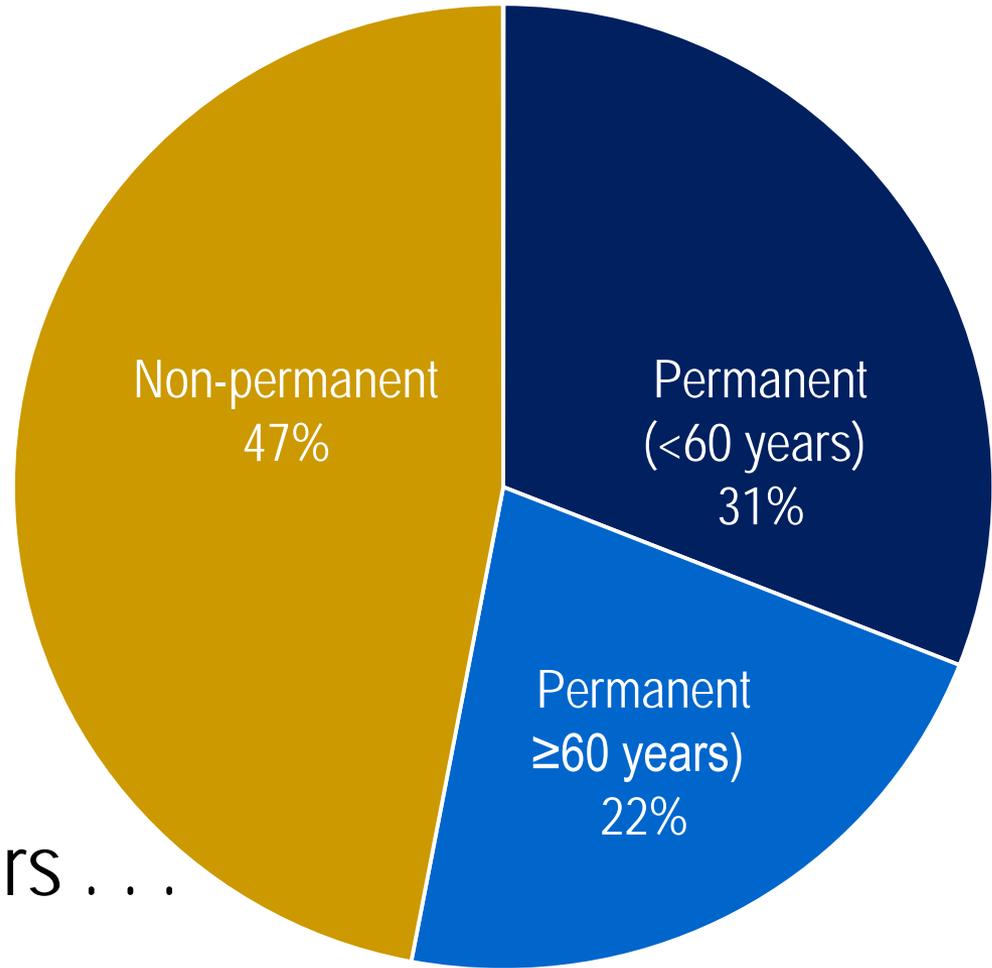


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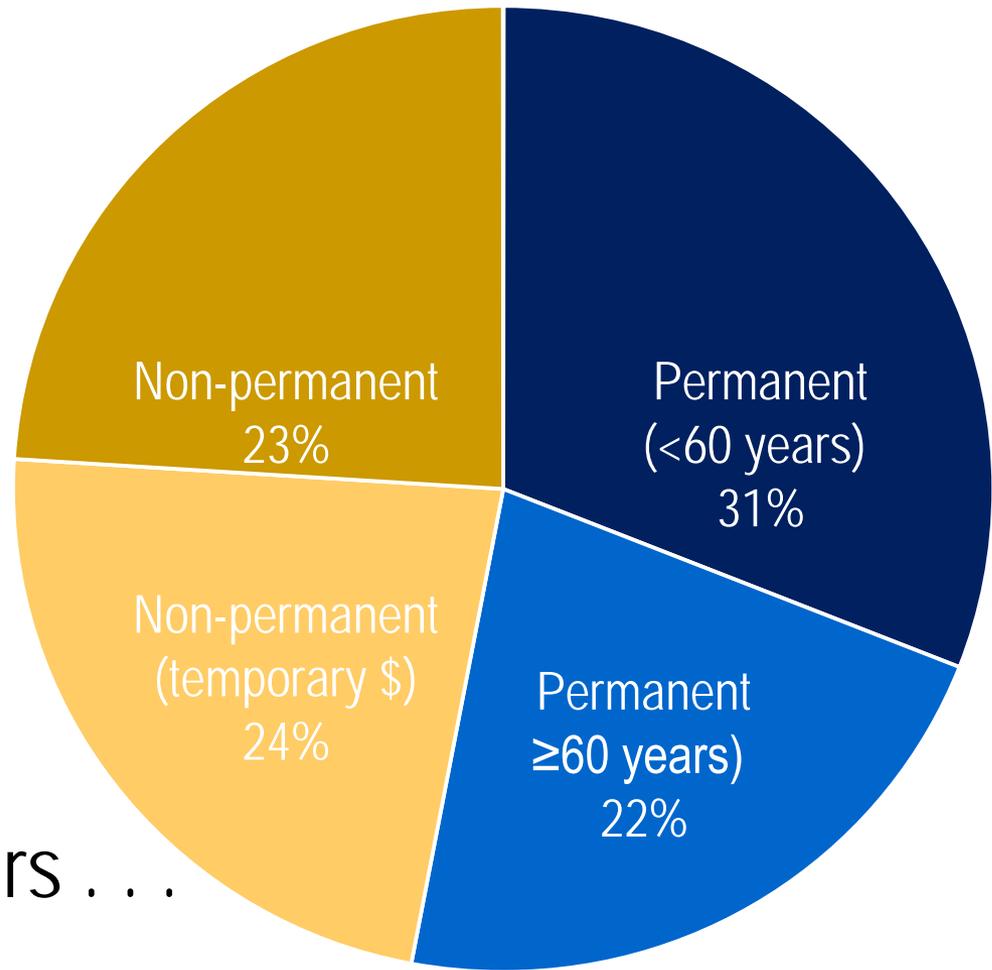


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# Recommendations: Operational Issues

1. **PARR**: Secure sufficient resources to improve data management and to comply with PARR requirements
2. **Staffing**: Develop a long-term staffing plan that takes into account projected information needs, staff demography, and anticipated funding

