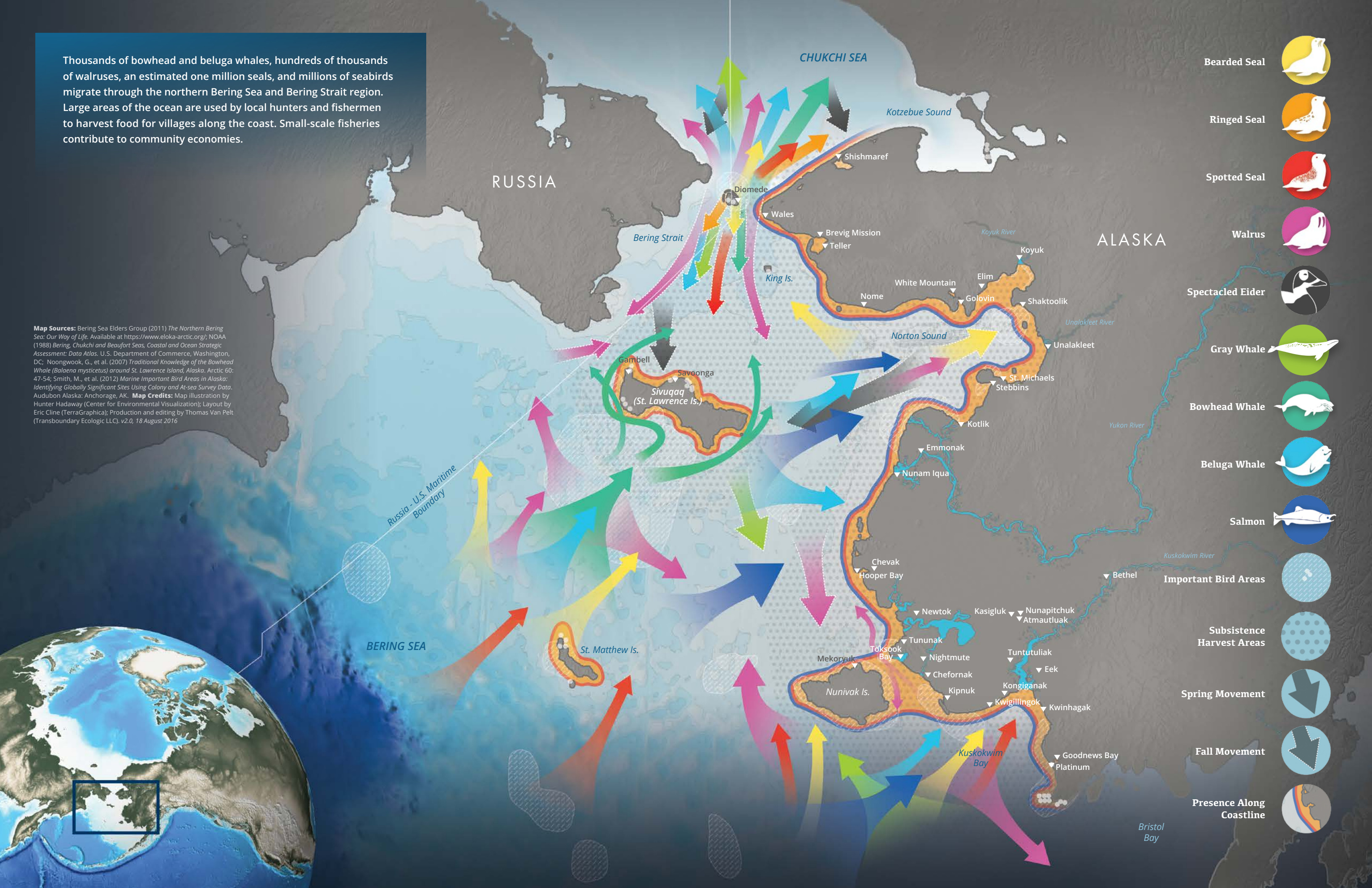


Thousands of bowhead and beluga whales, hundreds of thousands of walrus, an estimated one million seals, and millions of seabirds migrate through the northern Bering Sea and Bering Strait region. Large areas of the ocean are used by local hunters and fishermen to harvest food for villages along the coast. Small-scale fisheries contribute to community economies.

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