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Dan Hull, Chairman  
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RE: Annual report - Prohibited Species Donation Program (PSDP)

Chairman Hull,

SeaShare appreciates the leadership of the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council. With your support we established a unique donation model that allows fishermen, processors and other stakeholders to make important contributions in the battle against hunger. SeaShare has managed the Prohibited Species Donation Program since its inception in 1993.

Please accept this report of our 2017 collective efforts to retain, process and distribute fish from the BSAI and GOA, and let me know if we can provide any additional information. Recognize that this report addresses fish donated through the Prohibited Species Donation Program, which represents about 10% of our total donations from hundreds of fishing, processing and distribution partners. 90% of SeaShare's donations are first-run, marketable products. We are proud to have donated over 220 Million seafood servings across the U.S. Additional information on all of SeaShare's programs can be found at <https://www.seashare.org>.

### **2017 Participants**

SeaShare's latest permit was renewed by NMFS in July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017. That permit included authorization for:

- 136 Catcher boats
- 10 ShoresideProcessors
  - Dutch Harbor
  - Akutan
  - Kodiak
  - Sand Point
  - King Cove
- 38 At-Sea Processors
  - catcher processors
  - mother ships
- 2 re-processors in Puget Sound (to inspect, trim, steak and re-pack)
- 12 partners who provide freight, cold storage, and packaging.

### **2017 PSC Donation volumes from BSAI and GOA**

	324,459	pounds of PSC salmon
+	<u>39,037</u>	pounds of PSC halibut
=	363,496	total pounds



Re-processing at Unisea, Redmond WA

**Distribution of PSC Donations**

63,601 pounds were distributed in Alaska.

299,895 pounds were donated in the lower 48 states: WA, OR, CA, MT, and TX.



Fish arriving in Nome

**Costs per finished pound**

Thanks to generous partners, and efficient coordination, our cost per finished pound decreased last year.

\$ 159,938 incurred to store, ship, re-process, and package PSC fish for donation  
(does not include administration, travel, or other indirect costs)  
= \$ .44 per finished pound

It's also important to note that this is a voluntary program. None of the boats, at-sea processors, or receiving shore plants were reimbursed for any of their costs.



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### **2017 PSDP Financial Supporters**

SeaShare receives no funding from government agencies. We rely on a small base of financial donors to support all of our programs. Results from the Prohibited Species Donation Program would not be possible without the fundraisers, gifts, and grants from these partners who help cover our expenses:

- Pacific Seafood Processors Association (PSPA)
- Western Alaska Community Development Association (WACDA)
- At-Sea Processors Association (APA)
- Rasmuson Foundation
- Conoco Phillips
- Wells Fargo Alaska
- Fishing boats and fleets
- Industry leaders

### **SeaShare's Overall efforts in Alaska**

Over the last five years SeaShare donated just under 1 million pounds (4 million servings) of PSC and other seafood products in Alaska. We always work to distribute as much PSC fish in Alaska as possible. Some locations cannot accept frozen, H&G fish. Some prefer other finished products. So SeaShare works with seafood and freight donors to maximize the distribution of various seafood items across the state.

177,790 pounds of seafood were distributed in Alaska in 2017, 36% of which was through PSDP, including:

150,152 pounds distributed to population centers

- Anchorage
- Juneau
- Fairbanks
- Kodiak

+ 27,638 pounds distributed to western Alaska. SeaShare worked with a network of regional distribution partners in:

- Dillingham
- Nome
- Kotzebue

All at 0 cost to the receiving agencies (Fairbanks did pay for some freight)

### **New Donation program for Bethel**

We also made progress on a new regional network for Bethel in 2017. Donating frozen food in Western Alaska continues to be limited by high transportation costs, limited storage capacity, and a lack of certified agencies to safely and efficiently handle frozen seafood. SeaShare has secured a freezer container that can be used to store frozen food in Bethel, and we are working to establish a distribution network both locally and regionally. The current schedule is to fill, ship and install the freezer in Spring

2018. We are taking everything we learned from our successful implementation in Bristol Bay, and adapting it for the Y-K region. More info to follow.



Bethel, July 2017

### **Summary**

Nationwide, SeaShare distributed 1.8 million pounds of high protein seafood to 22 states in 2017. The Prohibited Species Donation Program was the catalyst for what has grown into one of the largest sources of protein for hunger-relief in America. Donated Alaska seafood also fed thousands of families affected by natural disasters in Texas, Louisiana, Florida, California and Washington last year. The nutritional benefits of high protein seafood have the greatest impact on the weakest portion of our population, those served by food banks and feeding centers, and SeaShare is proud of the results we have achieved together.... From Kotzebue to Miami.

Sincerely,

Jim Harmon  
Executive Director

cc: SeaShare board of directors  
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NMFS  
WACDA