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The Prohibited Species Donation Program

SeaShare remains the only organization authorized to retain Prohibited Species Catch from the BSAI and GOA for hunger-relief.

We work closely with NMFS to manage the permits for both salmon and halibut. The latest permits were renewed in June 2023.

Since 1994 over 6.65 million pounds of incidentally caught chum salmon, king salmon and halibut have been retained, cleaned, packed, and distributed to food banks.

Steaking salmon from the Bering Sea



Juneau food bank



Retention and Quality standards

- ▶ The program is voluntary, allowing the processors to retain fish only if they are wholesome and usable, and when they have staff and line time to clean, freeze and pack the fish for donation.
- ▶ Shore plants can retain both salmon and halibut. At-sea processors can only retain salmon, as per IPHC recommendations.
- ▶ Salmon donations include both chum and king salmon.
- ▶ Participants follow strict guidelines for quality, packing, and storage. At a minimum, participants must H&G, freeze, pack and record all fish for donation.

Current Participants

The list of vessels and plants changes slightly every year, but the overall participation remains consistent. The National Marine Fisheries Service most-recently approved our 3 year permits last June. They include the following participants:

- 132 Catcher Boats
- 12 Shoreside processors
- 35 At-Sea Processors
- 2 re-processors in Puget Sound (to inspect, trim, steak and re-pack)
- Multiple cold storage, freight, and logistics companies in AK and WA

PSC Donation volumes from the BSAI & GOA

	<u>2023</u>	<u>Since 1994</u>
Pounds of PSC salmon	158,921	5,969,909
Pounds of PSC halibut	8,556	678,243
Total pounds =	164,477	6,648,152

Distribution of donated bycatch

- ▶ SeaShare works to distribute all donations as locally as possible. However, Intrastate freight options for PSC fish from Kodiak and Dutch Harbor remain limited.
- ▶ From Kodiak, we send fish:
 - ▶ To local food banks in feeding centers
 - ▶ to Western Alaska - thanks to airfreight donated by the USCG.
 - ▶ To the Kenai peninsula - thanks to surface freight donated by Carlile Transportation.
- ▶ From Dutch Harbor, we send fish to Seattle thanks to donated surface freight from Coastal Transportation.
 - ▶ Secondary processors then store, inspect, trim, steak and pack for food bank distribution.
 - ▶ Distribution to food banks in the lower 48 helps us recover some of the costs we incur.



Donations in Alaska

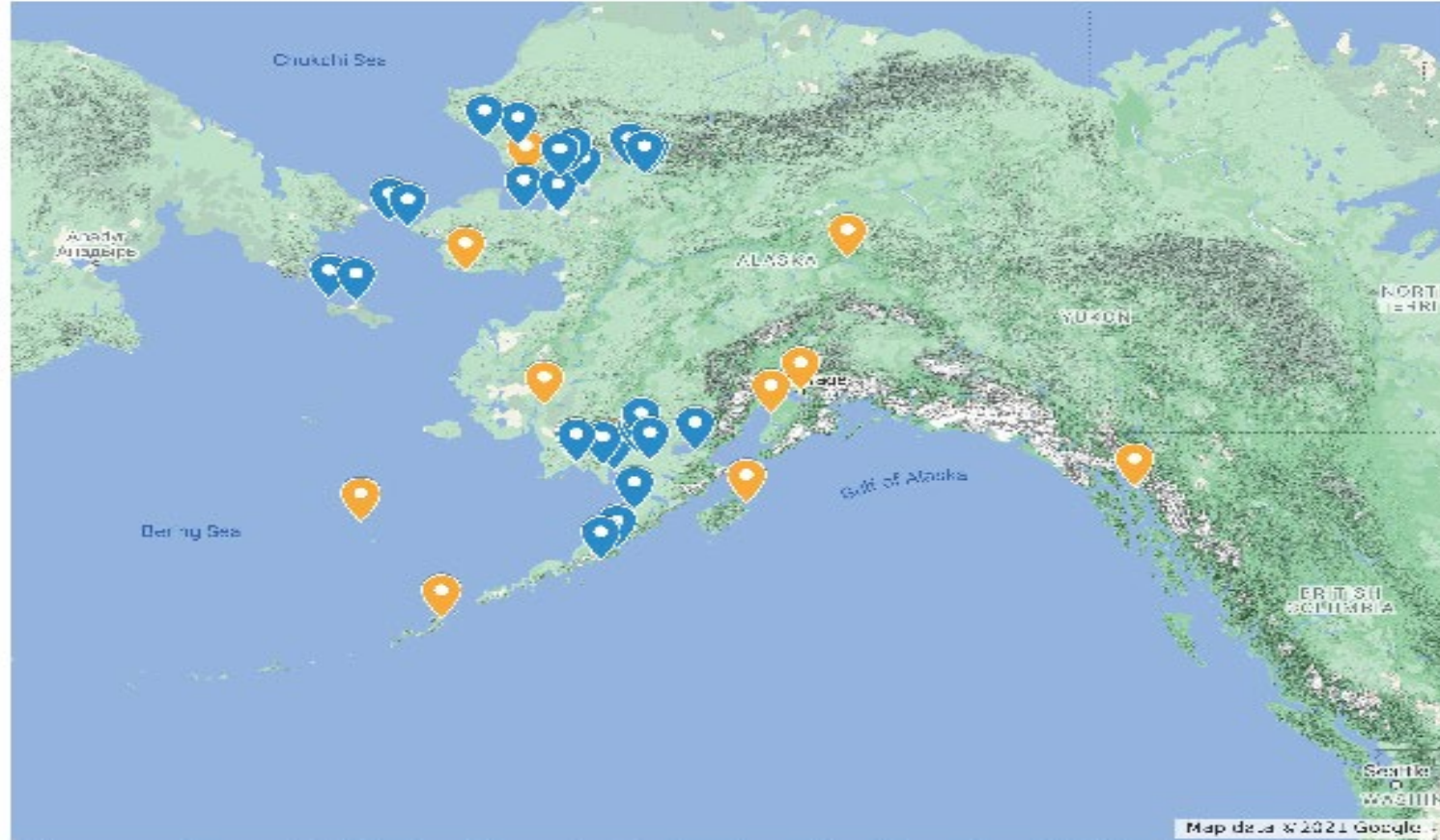
SeaShare works closely with food banks and feeding centers across Alaska to determine what they can receive. Limitations include:

- Freezer capacity
- Freight options – the freight wheel turns counter-clockwise in Alaska
- Regional acceptance of different seafood types
 - Some communities do not want pollock
 - Some communities do not want bycatch

SeaShare in Alaska

Seafood distribution locations.

- 📍 Saint Paul Island
- 📍 Juneau
- 📍 Anchorage
- 📍 Kenai
- 📍 Kodiak
- 📍 Fairbanks
- 📍 Dillingham
- 📍 Dutch Harbor
- 📍 Bethel
- 📍 Nome
- 📍 Kotzebue
- 📍 Diomedes
- 📍 Gambell
- 📍 Savoonga
- 📍 Wales
- 📍 Chignik
- 📍 Pilot Point
- 📍 Clark's Point
- 📍 Manokota
- 📍 Ekwok
- 📍 New Stuyvesant
- 📍 Koliganek
- 📍 Levelock
- 📍 Kokhanok
- 📍 Perryville
- 📍 Togiak
- 📍 Twin Hills
- 📍 Deering
- 📍 Buckland
- 📍 Selawik
- 📍 Kiana
- 📍 Ambler
- 📍 Kobuk
- 📍 Shungnak
- 📍 Noonvik
- 📍 Noatak
- 📍 Kivalina



This map shows all of the locations in Alaska where SeaShare has distributed seafood. Orange locations are places where SeaShare directly distributes to food banks/community groups. Blue locations receive our seafood from distribution partners.

More than just bycatch

In order to reach more communities across the state, we access other, Non-PSC fish, including:

- Canned Salmon sent to the Food Bank of Alaska and the Fairbanks Food Bank via AML and Tote.
- Non PSC frozen salmon sent to our freezer in Dillingham.
- Breaded Alaska pollock portions sent to our freezer in Bethel via Lynden Air Freight.
- Ling Cod steaks have been sent from Kodiak to Chignik via regional Air Taxi.
- Frozen portions sent to our freezer in Juneau.
- Non-PSC salmon sent from Bristol Bay and Kodiak to villages in the Y-K region, via USCG, Grant, Lynden.

Over the last 30 years, bycatch accounts for only 10% of the 270 million seafood servings distributed nationwide by SeaShare.

Financial Support

In 2023 SeaShare spent \$ 106,886 to support the Prohibited Species Donation Program.

- ▶ The boats and plants who retain fish for donation receive no compensation.
- ▶ SeaShare receives no funding from the state or federal government.
- ▶ Feeding America food banks in the lower 48 help us by reimbursing a portion of the associated costs to ship, store, steak and re-pack.
- ▶ Fundraisers, Grants, and other gifts are secured each year to support the program.

Anchorage and the Mat-Su Valley



Fairbanks



Nome, Kotzebue, Y-K Region



Kotzebue



Donated freezers for Kodiak and St. Paul



Dillingham



Donated freezer for Bethel





Freezer container donated in Juneau



Yukon River



An underwater scene with sunlight filtering through the water, creating a bright, shimmering effect at the top. The water is a deep blue color, and the sunlight creates a bright, circular glow at the top center, with rays of light extending downwards. The overall atmosphere is serene and natural.

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