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# SEASHARE

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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.

Since 1994 over 6.5 million pounds of incidentally caught chum salmon, king salmon and halibut have been retained, cleaned, packed, and distributed to food banks.

SeaShare receives no government funding to support the costs associated with bycatch.

# Steaking salmon from the Bering Sea



# 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.

# 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 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.



# Financial Support

- ▶ SeaShare receives no funding from the state or federal government.
- ▶ The boats and plants who retain fish for donation receive no compensation.
- ▶ Alaska food banks cannot afford to reimburse for the seafood we donate. Every pound donated in Alaska is at 0 cost to the receiving communities.
- ▶ Results from the Prohibited Species Donation Program would not be possible without the fundraisers, gifts, and grants that SeaShare secures every year.
- ▶ Feeding America food banks in the lower 48 help us by reimbursing a portion of the associated costs.

# Donations in Alaska






























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

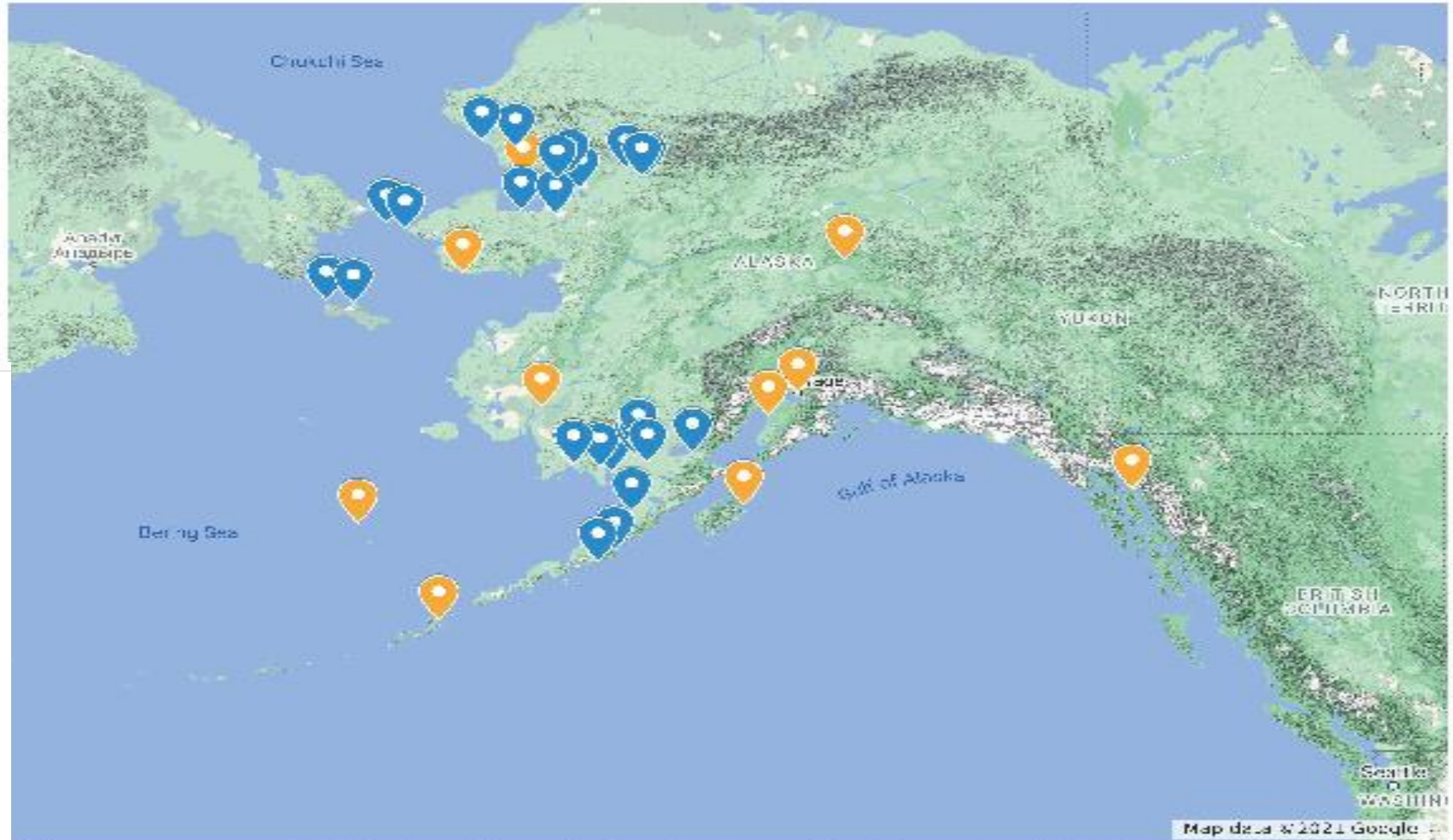
- Freezer capacity
- Freight options – the freight wheel turns counter-clockwise in Alaska
- Regional acceptance of different seafood types
  - Some communities do not want pollock
  - Some communities do not want bycatch



# SeaShare in Alaska

## Seafood distribution locations.

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



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.

Recent donations across Alaska include:

- 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.
- PSC Salmon and halibut donated in Kodiak.
- PSC Salmon and halibut, plus ling cod, sent to the Kenai Food Bank via Carlile.

Over the last 30 years, bycatch accounts for only 10% of the 265 million seafood servings distributed by SeaShare.

# Anchorage and the Mat-Su Valley



# Fairbanks



# Nome, Kotzebue, Y-K Region



# Kotzebue



# New freezers for Kodiak and St.Paul



# Dillingham





# Yukon-Kuskokwim Region





# Freezer container donated in Juneau



# Yukon River



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