

The background of the slide is an underwater scene. Sunlight rays penetrate the water from the top left, creating a bright, hazy area. The water is a deep blue color, and the overall lighting is soft and ethereal.

# SEASHARE

Bycatch in the Hunger-Relief Effort

# Background

- ▶ SeaShare was started by pollock fishermen and processors who wanted to reduce waste and utilize more of the fish they caught.
- ▶ Industry leaders came together to ask NMFS and the NPFMC how we could retain prohibited species bycatch and use it for hunger-relief.
- ▶ Starting with an EFP in 1994, SeaShare worked with NMFS to develop what has become the *Prohibited Species Donation Program* (PSDP).

# How we work

NMFS authorizes SeaShare to administer the PSDP for Salmon and halibut, in the Bering Sea and the Gulf of Alaska. We work with NMFS staff in Juneau to renew the permits every 3 years.

It is SeaShare's job to recruit partners; then coordinate, finance, and track the donations from each entity. Participation is voluntary at all levels, and includes.

- 136 Catcher Boats
- 11 Shoreside processors
- 38 At-Sea Processors
- 2 re-processors in Puget Sound (to inspect, trim, steak and re-pack)

None of us advocate for bycatch. There are a lot of costs and effort involved to retain, ship, re-work and distribute donated Prohibited Species Catch (PSC).

Everyone involved recognizes the value that these fish have, and our partners go to great lengths to make them available for hunger-relief.









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# The Prohibited Species Donation Program - Respecting the resource & Minimizing Waste

- ▶ Since 1994 over 6.3 million pounds of incidentally caught salmon and halibut have been retained, cleaned, packed, and donated to food banks.
- ▶ That is an average of 233,333 pounds per year.
- ▶ totaling 25 million servings from fish that would have otherwise been thrown overboard.



# The costs to administer

- ▶ SeaShare receives no government funding to administer the Prohibited Species Donation Program.
- ▶ We rely on donated and discounted services to minimize all the downstream costs.
- ▶ Pre-pandemic we were paying up to \$.49 / pound to turn bycatch into finished, packaged servings that food banks could distribute.
- ▶ Over the last 2 years those costs have increased to approx. \$.70 / pound.

# Financial partners in Alaska include:

- ▶ Rasmuson Foundation
- ▶ Conoco Phillips
- ▶ All 6 CDQ groups
- ▶ Wells Fargo Alaska
- ▶ Lynden Inc
- ▶ PSPA members and the Terry Shaff Memorial Fund
- ▶ At-Sea-Processors Association
- ▶ United Catcher Boats
- ▶ Leading Seafood companies and Industry leaders





## more than just bycatch

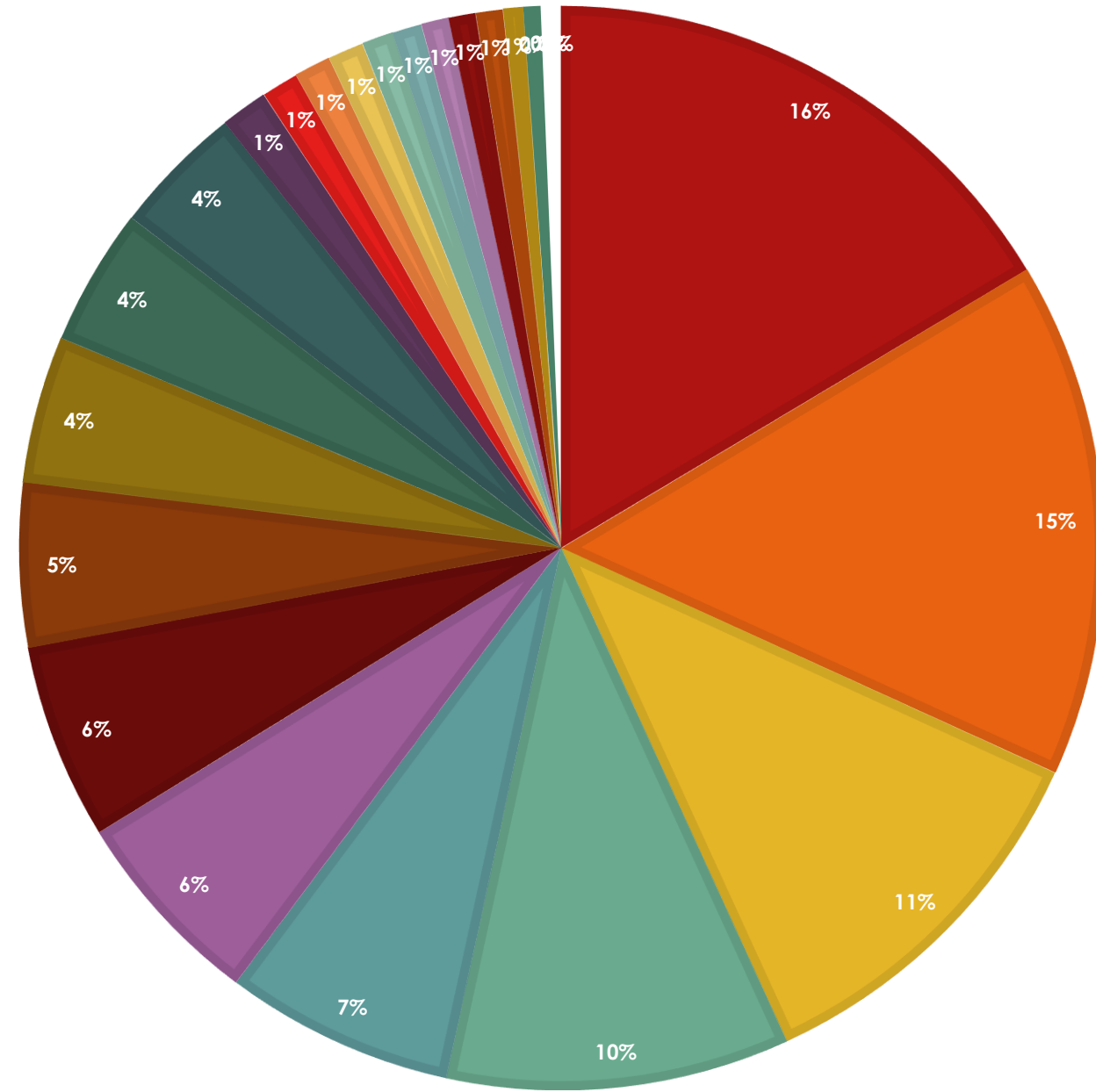
Our success with NMFS and the Prohibited Species Donation Program led to other donation programs, and other partners.

Since the pandemic began 2 years ago, SeaShare has distributed 14 million servings of high protein seafood across the United States.

Over the last 28 years, bycatch accounts for only 10% of the 260 million seafood servings we've distributed.

# DISTRIBUTION BY STATE, 2019-2020

WA CA AK MO NY OR FL MA TN TX MN AR CT NV GA CO WI PA NM SD VA IL NH NJ OH

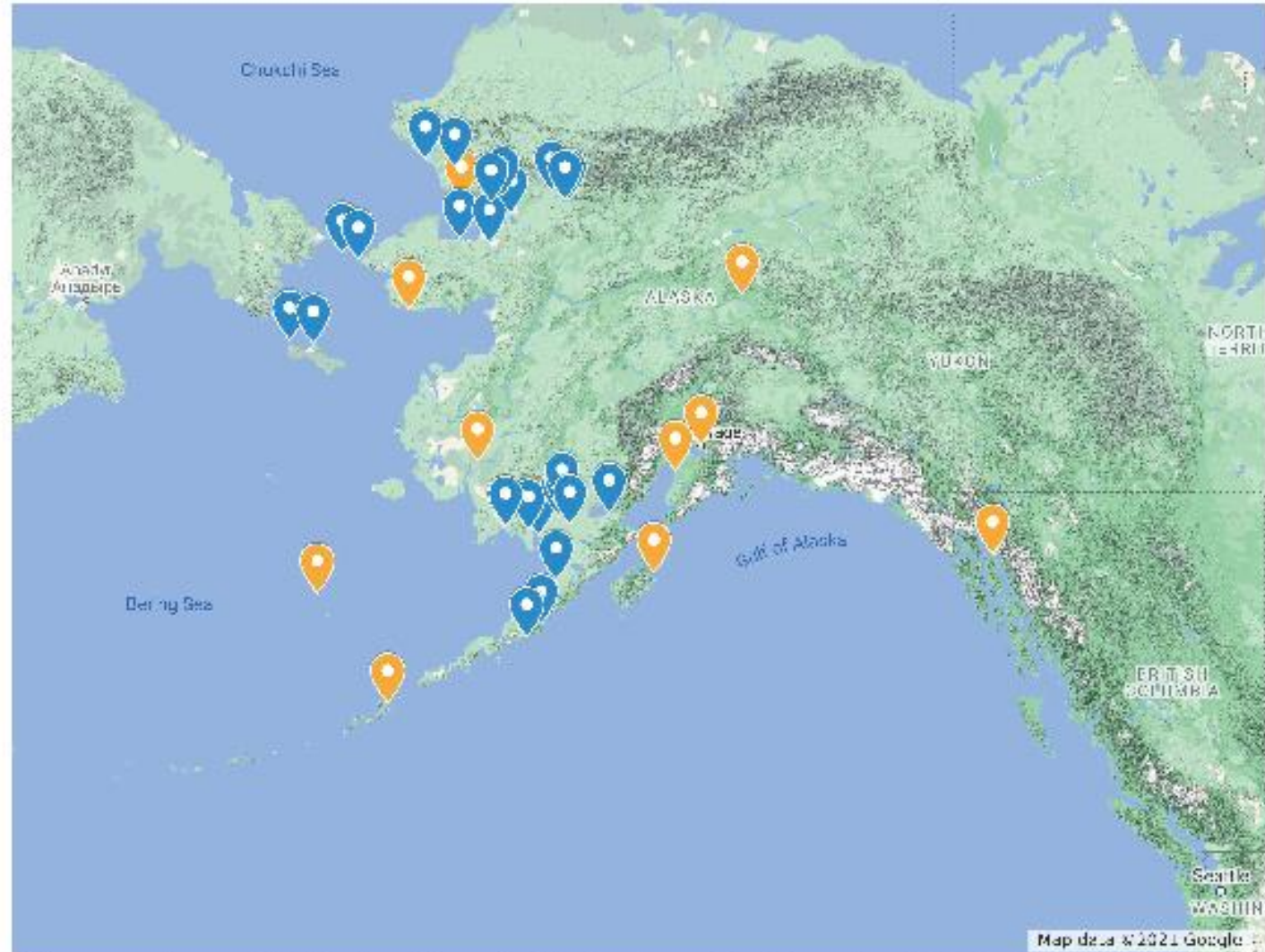




# SeaShare in Alaska

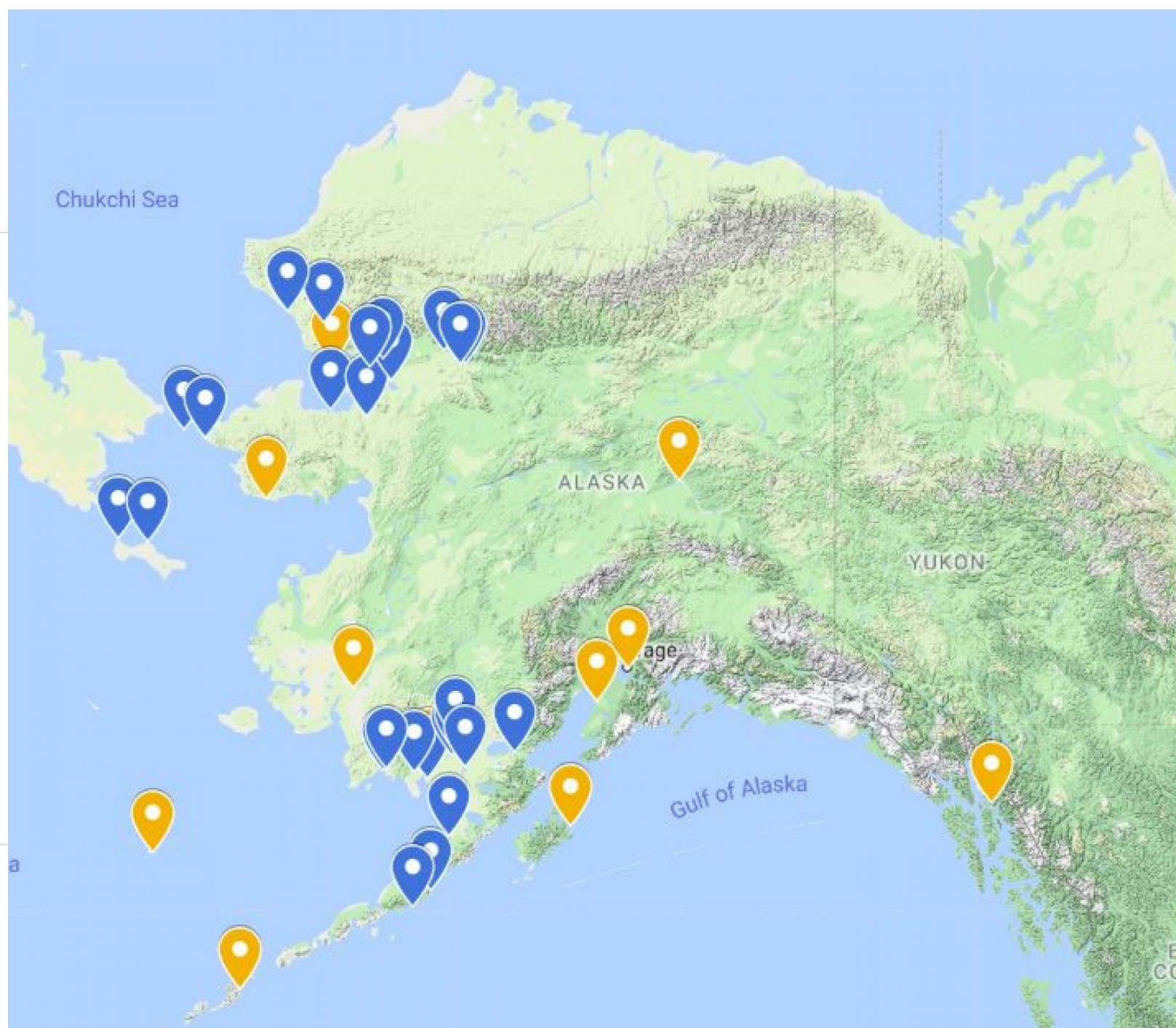
## Seafood distribution locations.

- Saint Paul Island
- Juneau
- Anchorage
- Kenai
- Kodiak
- Fairbanks
- Dillingham
- Dutch Harbor
- Bethel
- Nome
- Kotzebue
- Diomedede
- Gambell
- Savoonga
- Wales
- Chignik
- Pilot Point
- Clark's Point
- Manokotak
- Ekwok
- New Stuyahok
- Koliganek
- Levelock
- 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.

- Togiak
- Twin Hills
- Deering
- Buckland
- Selawik
- Kiana
- Ambler
- Kobuk
- Shungnak
- Noorvik
- Noatak
- Kivalina





# 2020 donations in Alaska included:

- ▶ 45,000 servings – frozen, wild salmon and halibut steaks from Trident Kodiak to Bean's Café and Food bank of Alaska. Freight donated by Matson.
- ▶ 50,000 servings of retail, frozen seafood items to SE Alaska Food Bank in Juneau.
- ▶ 10,000 servings of wild halibut and salmon donated in Kodiak by local seafood processors.
- ▶ 48,000 servings of frozen, wild halibut to Kotzebue and surrounding villages. Freight donated by the U.S.C.G. Air Station Kodiak.
- ▶ 160,000 servings, frozen portions – cod, salmon, pollock – to Food Bank of Alaska and Bean's Cafe. Freight donated by TOTE.
- ▶ 40,000 servings - frozen, wild salmon burgers sent to the food bank in Dillingham. Freight donated by Lynden Inc.
- ▶ 450,000 servings - frozen wild smelt from Kenai fishery, re-packed and sent to Anchorage, Kenai and Oregon. Alaska freight donated by AML.

# SeaShare investments in Alaska

- ▶ \$200,000 over the last 5 years
- ▶ New storage and distribution networks have been established in
  - ▶ Y-K Region
  - ▶ Bristol Bay
  - ▶ Southeast Alaska
  - ▶ Kodiak
- ▶ Future projects are in the works for
  - ▶ Unalaska
  - ▶ Bean's Café, Anchorage



# 2021 – Salmon for villages on the Yukon

- ▶ Processors donated 54,000 pounds of king and chum salmon from Bristol Bay and Kodiak. NOT BYCATCH.
- ▶ SeaShare recruited freight partners to fly fish to Emmonak and Fairbanks.
- ▶ YDFDA and the Tanana Chiefs Conference distributed to villages along the Yukon.
- ▶ Everything we distribute in Alaska is at 0 cost to the receiving communities. We received no \$ from the state.



Naknek, July 2021



Kodiak, August 2021





Emmonak,  
2021







Frozen salmon, Flight to Fairbanks, 2021

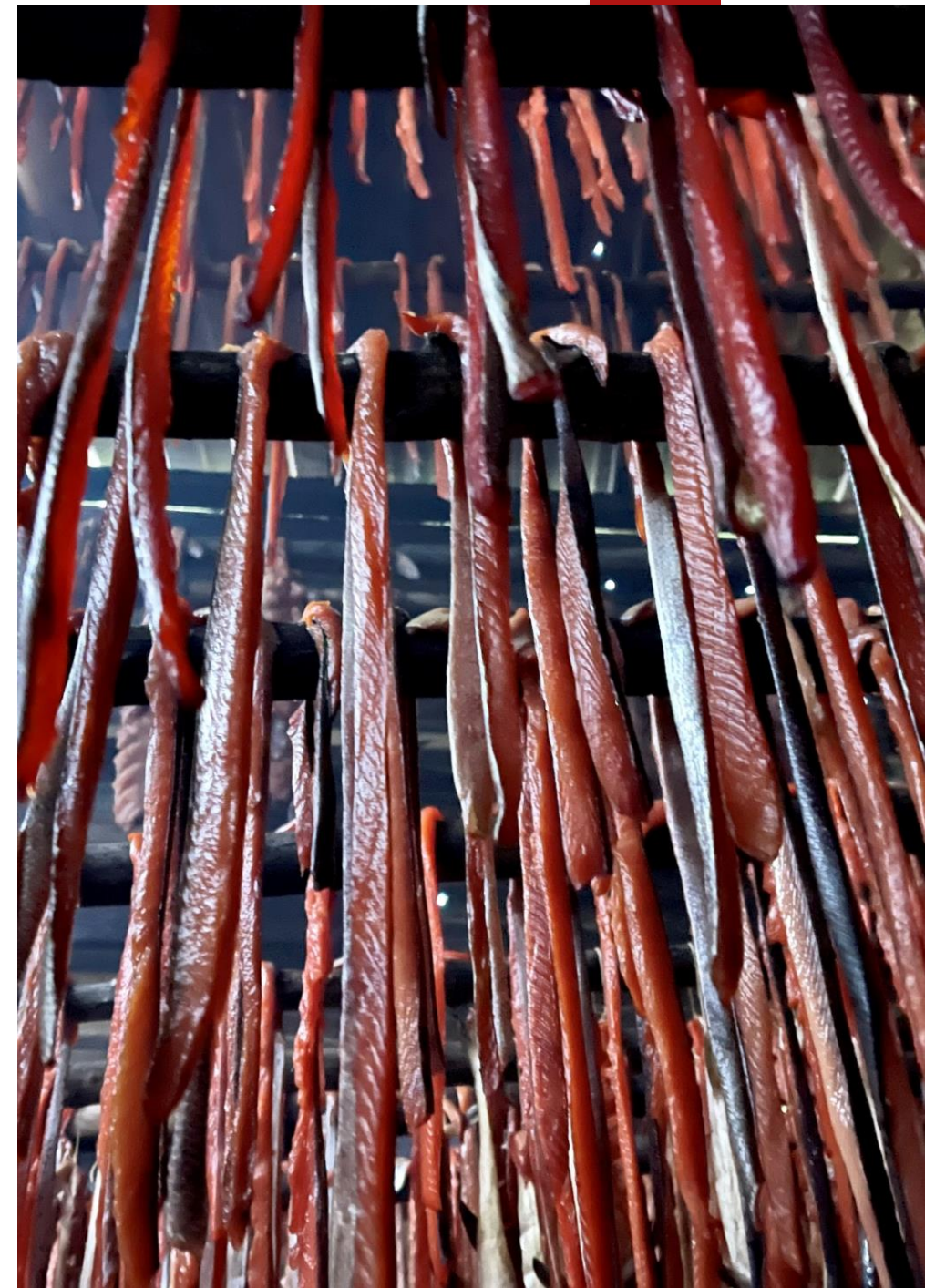
# Thank you note from one family....

"I just wanted to share with you my picture. My parents, brother, uncle, aunt, and myself. We put our boxes together and split the strips. We also shared others. We can't thank you enough for the fish."

2021 fishing was closed for our region. We are extremely thankful for you to send us fish. A lot of families baked theirs right away. But our family put all our boxes together and cut them into strips.

I forgot to add. My 7 year old made the brine by herself for the strips 🥰 😁".

email from Micki J. Tucker





# Fairbanks





# Anchorage and the Mat-Su Valley



Canned salmon and salmon patties sent to Food Bank of Alaska.



# Nome & Kotzebue





# Kotzebue



Halibut and salmon flown by USCG from Kodiak to Nome and Kotzebue for 8 years



# New freezers for Kodiak and St. Paul





# Dillingham





# Yukon-Kuskokwim Region







# Freezer container donated in Juneau



Freezer capacity allows us to send large volumes by surface freight, rather than expensive air freight. Thanks to freight partners like AML and Matson.



