

Prince William Sound Salmon Drift Gillnet Fishery

S03E Permit Holdings

Limited entry permits for the Prince William Sound salmon Drift Gillnet fishery (S03E permits) were issued starting in 1975. Table 18 shows the initial distribution and net changes in permit holdings for the fishery. CFEC has issued 537 S03E permits. Of this total, Alaska Locals received 65.9% (354/537) of the permits, Nonlocal Alaskans received 8.8% (47/537) of the permits, and the remaining 25.3% (136/537) of the permits went to Nonresidents. All S03E permits were issued as transferable permits.

Table 18. Initial Issuance and Year-end 2023 Totals of Prince William Sound Salmon Drift Gillnet Permits, With Net Changes Due to Permit Transfers, Migrations, and Cancellations, by Resident Type, 1975-2023

INITIAL ISSUE			TRANSFERS		MIGRATIONS		CANCELLED		2023 Year-end	
Residency	Total	Percent	Change	Percent Change from Initial	Change	Percent Change from Initial	Change	Percent Change from Initial	Total	Percent
Local	354	65.9%	-49	-13.8%	-72	-20.3%	1	0.3%	232	43.4%
Nonlocal	47	8.8%	137	291.5%	12	25.5%	1	2.13%	195	36.4%
Nonresident	136	25.3%	-88	-64.7%	60	44.1%	0	0.0%	108	20.2%
Total	537	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	0.4%	535	100.0%

The number of permits held by each resident type can change for three reasons: permits can be transferred to other resident types (transfer); permit holders can move from one location to another (migration); or permits can be cancelled, such as when a permit holder does not pay the renewal fee for two consecutive years. Cancellations often occur when a non-transferable permit holder decides to no longer renew his or her permit when they retire from fishing. This table indicates the extent to which these factors have contributed to net changes in permit holdings in this fishery. Transfers have had the largest impact on the changes.