

# SOUTHEAST Alaska

## Commercial Fishing and Seafood Processing Facts



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### JOBS - FISHING

#### Permit holders, Crew and Vessels (2013) in Southeast Alaska:

CFEC commercial fishing permit holders: **2,461<sup>1</sup>**

Total permits owned: **4572<sup>1</sup>**

Permit holders who fished: **1875<sup>1</sup>**

Commercial Crew (full year adult) license holders: **2208<sup>2</sup>**

Total Skippers who fished plus Crew in 2011: **4,083<sup>1,2</sup>**

Percentage of local population who fished: **6.4%<sup>1,2,4</sup>**

Vessels Home Ported: **2,935<sup>3</sup>** Vessels Owned: **2,468<sup>3</sup>**

Estimated 2013 ex-vessel income by Southeast Alaska-based fishermen: **\$193 million<sup>1</sup>**

Earnings generated from commercial fishing circulated in the local economy through property and sales taxes; purchases of homes, rentals, hotels, electricity, entertainment, fuel, vehicles, food, repair and maintenance parts, transportation, travel, medical, and other services. **Virtually every business in Southeast Alaska benefits from commercial fishing dollars.**

### JOBS - PROCESSING

Alaska Resident processing wages in Southeast Alaska (2013) **\$22.5 million<sup>5</sup>**

Total processing wages: **\$62.5 million<sup>5</sup>**

### ...AND MORE JOBS

**In addition to direct harvester and processor workers**, fisheries related jobs include ship and boat building, fuel, accountants, consultants, air and water travel, hardware and marine repair and supply businesses, advocacy and marketing organizations, air cargo crew, freight agents, and scientists. **Government related jobs include** Alaska Department of Fish and Game • Fish and Wildlife Protection/Alaska Department of Public Safety • Docks and Harbors • Alaska State Troopers • United States Coast Guard • University of Alaska School of Fisheries • Alaska Sea Grant Marine Advisory program, and more.

### REVENUE to the State and Communities through Fishery Taxes ...

FY 2013 Shared taxes – **Southeast Alaska** cities and boroughs collectively received **\$3.9 Million<sup>7</sup>** in 2013 and **over \$15.7 Million** from 2009-2013 in fisheries business and landing taxes through the municipal tax-sharing program from Southeast Alaska fisheries landings and businesses. The State of Alaska received a like amount.

### Southeast Alaska includes the following top U.S. fishing ports (ranked by 2013 volume and value)<sup>6</sup>

**SITKA** – 16<sup>th</sup> in volume, 9<sup>th</sup> in value

**PETERSBURG** – 17<sup>th</sup> in volume, 12<sup>th</sup> in value

**KETCHIKAN** – 12<sup>th</sup> in volume, 11<sup>th</sup> in value

**JUNEAU** – 41<sup>th</sup> in volume, 43<sup>rd</sup> in value

**YAKUTAT** – 80<sup>th</sup> in volume, 69<sup>th</sup> in value

**WRANGELL** – 84<sup>th</sup> in volume, 80<sup>rd</sup> in value

**CRAIG** – 86<sup>th</sup> in volume, 102<sup>th</sup> in value

**HAINES** – 124<sup>th</sup> in volume, 126<sup>th</sup> in value

**SE AK (other)** - 53<sup>th</sup> in volume, 72<sup>rd</sup> in value

**Southeast Alaska also includes the Prince of Wales-Outer Ketchikan and Skagway-Hoonah-Agoon Census Areas.**

#### Footnotes - Sources:

1. Commercial fishing permit activity, estimated harvest and earnings by permit holder are from AK Commercial Fishery Entry Commission (CFEC) at <http://www.cfec.state.ak.us/gpbycen/2013/mnu.htm>.
2. Crew numbers are from Alaska Department of Fish and Game 2013 Crew license list, and is the number of full year adult license holders who list their address in a Southeast community.
3. Vessel home port numbers are from "AK CFEC Yearly 2013 Vessel CSV file available online at <http://www.cfec.state.ak.us/plook/> and is a count of commercial fishing licensed vessels that list home port in a given community.
4. 2014 Population figures used to calculate percentage of resident skippers who fished plus crew are from DCCED AK Community Information Database online at <http://commerce.state.ak.us/cra/DCRAExternal/>.
5. Processor Employment and Wages data is from Alaska Department of Labor at <http://laborstats.alaska.gov/seafood/seafoodsoutheast.htm>.
6. NOAA, NMFS Office of Science and Technology, see reports "Total Commercial Fishery Landings at Major U.S. Ports" ranked by value, by poundage <http://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/commercial-fisheries/commercial-landings/index>
7. Revenue figures from 2013 AK Dept of Revenue Shared Taxes report, pp. 17-20 found online at: <http://www.tax.alaska.gov/programs/sourcebook/index.aspx>