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Dan Hull, Chairman  
North Pacific Fisheries Management council  
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RE: Annual report - Prohibited Species Donation Program (PSDP)

Chairman Hull,  
Please accept this annual report regarding SeaShare's work to collect and distribute bycaught salmon and halibut from the BSAI and GOA trawl fisheries.

SeaShare does not advocate for bycatch. All of our fishing partners work to minimize bycatch as much as possible. All boats are encouraged to throw back any salmon or halibut that might survive. We do recognize the nutritional value that PSC fish have, and our donors go to great lengths to retain, store, and process them for hunger-relief.

SeaShare has worked with fishermen, processors, and NMFS since 1993 to coordinate the Prohibited Species Donation Program. we remain the only organization authorized by NMFS to retain and distribute PSC fish for hunger-relief. To date 4.62 million pounds of fish have been used to feed people.



### 2016 Donation volumes from BSAI and GOA

	437,236	pounds of PSC salmon
+	<u>50,384</u>	pounds of PSC halibut
=	487,620	pounds total
-	120,441	pounds donated in Alaska:
-	367,179	pounds donated in WA, OR, CA, NJ and PA.

### 2016 PSDP Expenses

\$ 227,132 incurred to store, ship, re-process, package fish donated to the program  
= \$ .47 per finished pound



KMXT radio in Kodiak published a great story here: <http://kmxt.org/2016/08/nonprofit-delivers-halibut-communities-alaska/>

### 2016 PSDP Partners:

- NMFS: Authorization to retain Prohibited Species Catch for hunger-relief
- Fishermen: 120+ boats and crew in the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska
- Processors: 50 Shore plants and at-sea processors in the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska
- Downstream service providers: many Cold storage, trucking, freight, and packaging companies
- Food Banks: Food Bank of Alaska, Feeding America's national network of food banks + qualified food banks and feeding centers in remote communities
- USCG Air Station Kodiak, Captain Joseph Deer, and The C-130 crew
- Financial partners:
  - Pacific Seafood Processors Association (PSPA)
  - Western Alaska Community Development Association (WACDA)
  - At-Sea Processors Association (APA)
  - Rasmuson Foundation
  - Conoco Phillips
  - Wells Fargo Alaska
  - Many fishing boats and fleets
  - Industry leaders

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## Overall efforts in Alaska

In addition to the Prohibited Species Donation Program, SeaShare reports the following results in Alaska:

154,939 pounds distributed through food banks and feeding centers in

Anchorage  
Juneau  
Fairbanks  
Kodiak

+ 32,355 pounds distributed to 31 communities in western Alaska

Dilligham	Aleknagik	Ekwok	Kokhanok	Koliganek
Levelock	Manokotak	Togiak	Perryville	Chignik Bay
Chignik Lake	Clarks Point	Egegik	Pilot Point	New Stuyahok
Twin Hills	Nome	Savoonga	Koyuk	Wales
Diomede	Stebbins	Kotzebue	Deering	Buckland
Selawik	Kiana	Ambler	Kobuk	Shungnak
Noorvik	Noatak	Kivalina		

= 187,294 total pounds of seafood donated in Alaska

Seafood items distributed in Alaska included:

- PSC Salmon
- PSC Halibut
- H&G King salmon
- H&G Sockeye salmon
- H&G Rockfish
- Misc. Breaded portions
- Canned Sockeye

## Bristol Bay and the Terry Shaff Memorial Fund



Donating frozen food in Western Alaska has been limited by 1) high transportation costs and 2) limited storage capacity. SeaShare's idea is to establish distribution centers in hub villages, enabling us to ship seafood in by barge, rather than airfreight. Local partners can then distribute to outlying communities

according to need and regional freight opportunities. Our first year in Bristol Bay went well. We developed a solid partnership that will continue to benefit the region in subsequent years.

- SeaShare re-furbished, filled, and shipped a freezer container to Dillingham. SeaShare paid for the electrical hookup and monthly electrical costs. SeaShare reimbursed BBNA for regional air freight to villages.
- Local seafood processors re-filled the freezer during the summer.
- BBNA coordinated the distribution to families and outlying villages.
- BBEDC provided a grant to support the added labor.
- 7200 pounds of additional seafood shipping via barge this week to re-fill the container.

SeaShare spent \$ 97,635 on seafood donations in Alaska (not including overhead/admin), all at 0 cost to the receiving agencies.

SeaShare has donated 812,000 pounds ( = 3.2 million seafood servings) in Alaska over the last 4 years.

Nationwide, we distributed over 1.8 million pounds of high protein seafood to 24 states in 2016.

### **Summary**

The Prohibited Species Donation Program has been an important source of protein to food banks for over 20 years. Last year alone It provided 487,620 pounds of high-protein seafood to hunger-relief. Sending donated fish from Kodiak to Nome and Kotzebue is just one example of communities helping each other. In addition to providing valuable protein for hungry families, this program has been the catalyst for other donation programs. SeaShare continues to build on the success of the Prohibited Species Donation Program, maximizing the generosity of fishermen and processors in Alaska and across the country. Thank you for your long-term support.

Please contact us if you have questions about the program, or ideas for improving it.

Sincerely,



Jim Harmon  
Executive Director

cc: SeaShare board of directors  
ADF&G  
NMFS  
WACDA