

Alaska Subsistence Fisheries 2003 Annual Report

Every year, many thousands of Alaskans participate in subsistence fishing and processing activities. These practices represent an important part of Alaska's social and cultural heritage, as well as crucial component of the state's non-cash subsistence economy. This report summarizes Alaska's 2003 subsistence fishing season based upon subsistence permit data and harvest assessment surveys from across the state. This report compares this new information to previous years' findings and discusses these results. Where appropriate, harvest information from "personal use" fisheries is included from areas designated by the Alaska Board of Fisheries (BOF) as "nonsubsistence areas." In addition, federal agencies now regulate and administer several subsistence fisheries in Alaska, where the harvest data is available, these fisheries are also included.

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