

# Alaska Seafood Purchasing Guide for Schools













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### **Purpose of this Guide**

This publication is intended to help food service professionals in Alaska school districts navigate finding and purchasing Alaska seafood from Alaska seafood suppliers. The information in this guide is based on recommendations shared by Alaska-based seafood businesses that already sell Alaska seafood to local schools, or are interested in selling their seafood to Alaska schools.

The Alaska Seafood Supplier Directory provides detailed information on how to contact the seafood suppliers in Alaska who express interest in selling Alaska seafood to Alaska schools. Three indexes organize the

supplier listing by species and product form, region, and delivery options.

The authors of this guide welcome additional input from seafood suppliers in Alaska to ensure that the information presented is both comprehensive and timely. To be added to the supplier directory and/or to share experience and tips for working with local schools, contact Dr. Quentin Fong (qsfong@alaska.edu) at the Kodiak Seafood and Marine Science Center, University of Alaska Fairbanks, in Kodiak. An updated version of this guide will be produced as needed.



### **Fisheries to Schools Program**

This guide was developed by the Fisheries to Schools project at the University of Alaska Fairbanks Center for Alaska Native Health Research and the Alaska Sea Grant Marine Advisory Program. The overall goal of the Fisheries to Schools program is to increase food security, improve dietary quality in Alaska communities, and strengthen local and regional markets for sustainably harvested fish. Based on the lessons learned from

USDA farm to school programs that connect students with local agricultural businesses, the Fisheries to Schools project promotes Alaska seafood in schools by serving Alaska fish in school lunches, teaching fish-related lessons in classrooms, and holding fish-inspired community activities. A Fish-to-School toolkit that provides more details on implementing the entire program will be available separately from this guide.



## Why Serve Alaska Seafood in Schools?

The 2010 USDA Dietary Guidelines for Americans recommends that Americans consume at least two servings of seafood a week. Wild Alaska salmon is an excellent source of lean protein, vitamin D, and omega-3 fats, as well as other important vitamins and minerals. Omega-3 fatty acids found in Alaska salmon protect against

heart disease, promote healthy vision, and can lower risk of diabetes, depression, and dementia. Vitamin D promotes strong bones, protects against colon cancer, and can lower blood pressure. Serving salmon and other Alaska seafood in schools provides students with a highly nutritious product that is produced within the state.

# **Going Above and Beyond Selling Seafood**

Many Alaska seafood suppliers are enthusiastic and willing to work closely with schools, not just to sell fish, but also to promote the benefits of Alaska seafood in other ways.

These may include

- · Sharing recipes.
- Food demonstrations and staff trainings.
- Participation in special events and extracurricular activities.
- Developing new product lines tailored to the needs for school lunch service.
- Tours of supplier facilities for school field trips.
- Mentoring and internship opportunities for middle and high school age students who are interested in pursuing a future career in the seafood industry.

Communicate with your supplier to find out how he/she can be involved in promoting Alaska seafood learning opportunities in your school district.





### **Tips for Working with Alaska Seafood Suppliers**

Procurement Resources for National School Lunch Program Participants

School districts that receive federal funds for the National School Lunch Program must follow federal procurement regulations, which includes getting quotes from two or more potential vendors. Consult the State of Alaska Child Nutrition Program for more details.

Establish a good working relationship with a customer-oriented seafood supplier and maintain communication with them about the needs of your school food service.

Start by contacting suppliers who are located closest to your community/region, as this may yield the best delivery options. If seafood suppliers in your community/region are not interested in selling seafood locally, expand your search to other regions.

Contact Alaska seafood suppliers at least one month prior to the fishing season so they can make arrangements to ensure enough supply and to accommodate any special requirements for school food service.

For example, salmon harvests start in late May, so order by late April or early May. Black cod harvests start at the beginning of March, so order early in February. See the **Alaska Seafood Availability Chart** on page 8 for fishing seasons.

Ordering before the fishing season may also enable suppliers to provide a better price than ordering from their inventory after the fishing season has ended.



Use the **Supplier Index by Region and Community** on page 10 for Alaska seafood suppliers by region.



Use the **Alaska Seafood Supplier Directory** starting on page 19 for contact information of Alaska suppliers who work with schools, or have expressed interest in doing so.

### Questions to consider or to ask the supplier

### **SPECIES**

What species does the supplier provide?

When are these species available for purchase and delivery?

Use the **Supplier Index by Species and Product Form** starting on page 11 for Alaska seafood suppliers by species.

# PRODUCT FORMS AND PACKAGING

What product forms are available?
Suppliers may sell their fish whole, headed and gutted, or as fillets, portions, and/or ready-to-eat products such as smoked, canned, or retort pouches.

What packaging is available?
Suppliers may be able to package seafood in individual vacuum packages or larger quantities.
Also consider the weight of the boxes.

Are custom product forms and packaging available?

Decide what product form and packaging will work best for your school and kitchen.

The type of kitchen and HACCP plan for your district's food preparation facilities will affect the seafood product form you will need and how your school service staff will handle, store, and serve fresh and/or frozen seafood.

For example, a school food service facility equipped to prepare meals from scratch may be able to handle fillets of salmon. On the other hand, one that can only heat and serve processed foods may need individually vacuum-packed portioned fish or smoked products in retort pouches.



See the **Glossary of Seafood Industry Terms** on page 25 for commonly used terminology.

### More about processing

Different processing techniques affect the taste and texture of the seafood product, so these should be considered when making decisions about product forms. Examples:

**Pinbone out** salmon fillets have a slightly softer texture than salmon fillets that were immediately frozen with **pinbone in.** 

**Skin-on** fillets will retain more moisture than **skin-off** fillets.

Flash frozen fish will better keep product quality and nutrients than glazed or unglazed frozen fish.



### **QUALITY**

When was the fish caught and/or what "grades" of fish are available?



The quality of fish and any frozen foods will decline the longer it is stored, so it is important to plan your menu to use the seafood within 6–12 months of purchase in order to maintain the highest nutritional content.

### More about fish quality

Higher grade fish is the highest quality and will have a good texture and flavor. Most likely it will be fish caught in the most recent fishing season. This type of fish is appropriate for baked, poached, or grilled preparations where the fish is a stand-alone part of the meal.

Lower grade fish may be fish that was caught the previous season or that is slightly flawed, bruised, or soft. This fish is lower priced, but may have a shorter shelf life than higher quality fish. Lower grade fish can be used in recipes where texture is less critical, such as fish patties, soups, and tacos.



See **Resources** on page 9 for ASMI guides on salmon product specifications and grading, and the *Whitefish Buyer's Guide* for non-salmon products.

### PRICE AND PAYMENT

Discuss pricing, invoicing, and any necessary contractual agreements and/or bidding processes with your supplier.

Local seafood prices will vary according to species, market prices, season, level of processing, and logistical considerations with shipping and delivery. Some suppliers may offer wholesale or special pricing for schools, while others maintain retail pricing.



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### STORAGE AND DELIVERY

- If the supplier is located in your community, will the supplier deliver or coordinate with school staff for pick-up?
- What shipping options are available for suppliers that are located outside your community?
- Are your storage facilities limited?
  Can the supplier hold inventory
  and deliver seafood in shipments
  throughout the school year?
  (Some suppliers may have access
  to cold storage at their facilities or
  through contacts.)

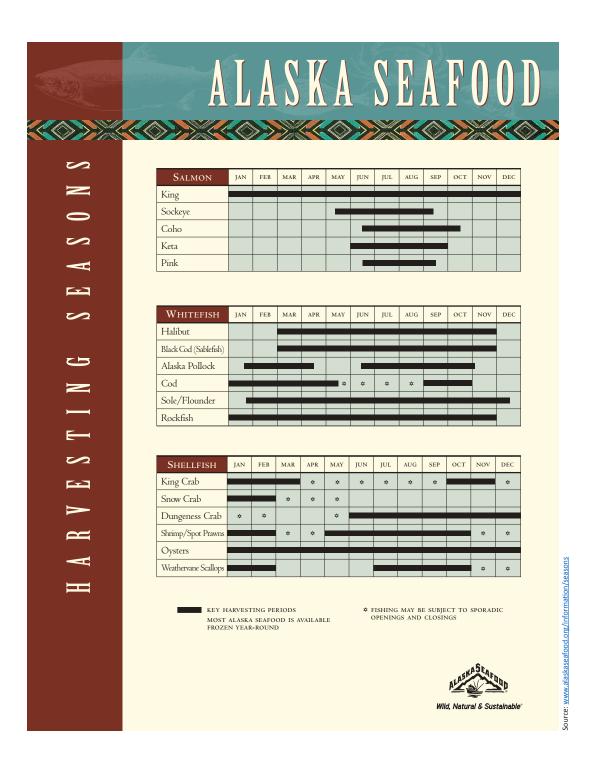
For rural or nonlocal school districts, some suppliers may already be set up to ship fish via air cargo, barge, or other transport. Other suppliers may be hesitant to ship fish and may not even offer this service.

When transporting fish over long distances, careful temperature control is necessary to ensure that the quality of the seafood is maintained. Poor temperature control can result in seafood that is potentially harmful when consumed. Schools are advised to be prepared to share financial responsibility for any risks associated with shipping fish.



### **Alaska Seafood Availability Chart**

A wide variety of seafood in Alaska is harvested at different times of the year and in different regions, depending on the species. Familiarity with the species and harvest seasons is important for sourcing Alaska seafood in school meals in order to obtain the best price. The following chart provides information on the harvest seasons for seafood in Alaska. More information can be found at the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute website, <a href="https://www.alaskaseafood.org">www.alaskaseafood.org</a>.



# Resources on Serving and Promoting Local Seafood in Schools

A number of organizations and agencies offer free online and print publications for serving and promoting local seafood in schools. This page lists some resources and websites where materials can be accessed.

### Seafood safety and handling

- Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute, <u>www.alaskaseafood.org</u>
- Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute: A Food Service Guide to Seafood Quality, www.alaskaseafood.org/fishingprocessing/fsgsq.htm
- Recoveries and Yields from Pacific Fish and Shellfish, Alaska Sea Grant Marine Advisory Bulletin No. 37, seagrant.uaf.edu/bookstore/pubs/MAB-37.html

### Seafood purchasing guides

- Alaska Salmon Buyers Guide, <u>www.alaskaseafood.org/fishingprocessing/sgrades.htm</u>
- Alaska Whitefish Buyers Guide, www.alaskaseafood.org/retailers/practices/pages/buyerguide-whitefish/

#### Fish in the cafeteria

- Alaska Farm to School, dnr.alaska.gov/ag/ag FTS.htm
- Alaska Farm to School Recipes: Multiple Batch Sizes, www.uaf.edu/ces/pubs/catalog/detail/index.xml?id=574
- Alaska Child Nutrition Services, www.eed.state.ak.us/tls/cnp/
- Genuine Alaska Pollock, <u>www.greatfishforgreatkids.org</u>/

#### Fish in the classroom

- Sitka Conservation Society, <a href="mailto:dnr.alaska.gov/ag/FarmToSchool/FISH2SCHOOL.pdf">dnr.alaska.gov/ag/FarmToSchool/FISH2SCHOOL.pdf</a>
- University of Alaska Fairbanks, Center for Alaska Native Health Research, UAF Fish-to-School Toolkit (coming soon)

### Fish in the community

- Alaska Food Policy Council, <u>akfoodpolicycouncil.wordpress.com/</u>
- University of Alaska Fairbanks, Center for Alaska Native Health Research, UAF Fish-to-School Toolkit (coming soon)

### **Supplier Index by Region and Community**

Following is a list of seafood suppliers by region and community. Contact information for each company can be found in the Alaska Seafood Supplier Directory.



Copper River Seafoods *Kotzebue*Norton Sound Seafood Center *Nome* 

#### Kenai Peninsula

Yukon Kuskokwim Delta Alaska Salmon Purchasers *Kenai* Kwik'pak Fisheries *Emmonak* Auction Block *Homer* 

Alaska Salmon Purchasers Kendi Auction Block Homer Copper River Seafoods Kenai Inlet Fish Producers Kenai Tanner's Fresh Fish Processing Ninilchik.

Alaska Blue Harvest Seafoods Kenai

#### **Bristol Bay**

Copper River Seafoods *Naknek*Copper River Seafoods *Togiak*Naknek Family Fisheries *Naknek*Silver Bay Seafoods *Naknek* 

### Alaska Peninsula

Aleutia Sand Point

#### Interior

Interior Alaska Fish Processors Fairbanks

### Southcentral

10<sup>th</sup> and M Seafoods Anchorage Alaska's Finest Seafood Anchorage Alaska Salmon Direct Anchorage Copper River Seafoods Anchorage Indian Valley Meats, Inc. Indian Silver Bay Seafoods Valdez

#### Kodiak

Alaska Pacific Seafoods (North Pacific Seafoods) *Kodiak* Sun'aq Tribal Enterprises *Kodiak* 

#### Southeast Alaska

Alaska Glacier Seafood Juneau

E.C. Phillips & Son Ketchikan
Silver Bay Seafoods Craig
Silver Bay Seafoods Metlakatla
Silver Bay Seafoods Sitka
Sitka Sound Seafoods
(North Pacific Seafoods) Sitka
Tonka Seafoods Petersburg

#### Aleutian Islands

Aleutia Sand Point

Aleutian Fresh Seafoods Unalaska

# **Supplier Index by Species and Product Form**

Following are lists of seafood suppliers by seafood species and product form. Contact information for each company is provided in the Alaska Seafood Supplier Directory starting on page 19.

### Salmon: Chinook (king)

	Produc	ct form	/cut				Freezi	ng/pacl	kaging				Proce	ssing an	d packa	ging
Supplier	Headed and gutted	Fillet	Portions	Skinless	Pinbone out	Pinbone in	10F	Glazed	Shatterpack	Fresh frozen	Frozen blocks 50#	Frozen vac. sealed	Smoked	Retort	Can	Custom
10th and M Seafoods	•	•	•				•									•
Alaska Glacier Seafoods	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•		•				•
Alaska Pacific Seafoods (North Pacific Seafoods)	•	•										•				
Alaska Salmon Direct	•	•								•						
Alaska Salmon Purchasers Inc.	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•		•				
Alaska's Finest Seafood, LLC	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Copper River Seafoods, Inc.	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
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Silver Bay Seafoods, Sitka Facility	•						•				•				•	
Silver Bay Seafoods, Valdez Facility	•						•				•					
Sitka Sound Seafoods (North Pacific Seafoods)	•	•	•				•					•				
Tanner's Fresh Fish Processing		•	•									•	•			•
Tonka Seafoods		•	•	•	•								•	•	•	•



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### Salmon: chum (keta)

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Alaska Glacier Seafoods	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•		•				•
Alaska Pacific Seafoods (North Pacific Seafoods)	•	•										•				
Alaska Salmon Direct	•	•								•						
Alaska Salmon Purchasers Inc.	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•		•				
Alaska's Finest Seafood, LLC	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Auction Block Co., The	•	•	•			•						•				•
Copper River Seafoods, Inc.	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
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Inlet Fish Producers, Inc.	•	•	•													
Interior Alaska Fish Processors		•			•							•	•			
Kwik'pak Fisheries	•	•	•									•				
Naknek Family Fisheries	•	•	•									•	•			
Norton Sound Seafood Center	•	•						•								
Silver Bay Seafoods, Craig Facility	•						•				•					
Silver Bay Seafoods, Metlakatla Facility	•						•				•					
Silver Bay Seafoods, Naknek Facility	•	•					•									
Silver Bay Seafoods, Sitka Facility	•						•				•				•	
Silver Bay Seafoods, Valdez Facility	•						•				•					
Sitka Sound Seafoods (North Pacific Seafoods)	•	•	•				•					•				
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Tonka Seafoods		•	•	•	•								•	•	•	•



### Salmon: sockeye

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Alaska Blue Harvest Seafoods	•	•										•				
Alaska Glacier Seafoods	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•		•				•
Alaska Pacific Seafoods (North Pacific Seafoods)	•	•										•				
Alaska Salmon Direct	•	•								•						
Alaska Salmon Purchasers Inc.	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•		•				
Alaska's Finest Seafood, LLC	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
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Aleutian Fresh Seafoods, LLC		•										•	•	•	•	
Auction Block Co., The	•	•	•			•						•				•
Copper River Seafoods, Inc.	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
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Sun'aq Tribal Enterprises			•		•							•	•			
Tanner's Fresh Fish Processing		•	•									•	•			•
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Alaska Blue Harvest Seafoods	•	•										•				
Alaska Glacier Seafoods	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•		•				•
Alaska Pacific Seafoods (North Pacific Seafoods)	•	•										•				
Alaska Salmon Direct	•	•								•						
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Kwik'pak Fisheries	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				•				
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Alaska Salmon Direct	•	•								•						
Alaska Salmon Purchasers Inc.	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•		•				
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Alaska Glacier Seafoods	•	•	•	•	•		•	•				•				•
Alaska's Finest Seafood, LLC	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Aleutian Fresh Seafoods, LLC		•						•								
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### Black cod (sablefish)

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Sun'aq Tribal Enterprises										•		•	•			

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Alaska Glacier Seafoods	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•		•				•
Alaska Pacific Seafoods (North Pacific Seafoods)	•	•					•		•							
Alaska's Finest Seafood, LLC	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Aleutian Fresh Seafoods, LLC	•							•								
Auction Block Co., The	•	•	•	•	•							•				•
Copper River Seafoods, Inc.	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Norton Sound Seafood Center		•		•	•							•				
Sitka Sound Seafoods (North Pacific Seafoods)	•	•	•				•					•				
Sun'aq Tribal Enterprises			•	•	•							•				
Tanner's Fresh Fish Processing		•	•									•	•			•
Tonka Seafoods		•	•	•	•								•	•	•	•



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### Rockfish (snapper)

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Supplier	Headed and gutted	Fillet	Portions	Skinless	Pinbone out	Pinbone in	IQF	Glazed	Shatterpack	Fresh frozen	Frozen blocks 50#	Frozen vac. sealed	Smoked	Retort	Can	Custom
Alaska Glacier Seafoods	•	•	•	•			•	•		•		•				•
Alaska's Finest Seafood, LLC	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Auction Block Co., The	•	•	•	•	•							•				•
Copper River Seafoods, Inc.	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
E.C. Phillips and Son, Inc.		•		•	•	•	•	•		•		•				
Silver Bay Seafoods, Metlakatla Facility	•									•						
Sitka Sound Seafoods (North Pacific Seafoods)	•	•	•				•					•				
Tanner's Fresh Fish Processing		•	•									•	•			•
Tonka Seafoods		•	•	•	•								•	•	•	•

### Lingcod (greenling)

	Produ	ct form	/cut				Freezi	ng/pacl	kaging				Proce	ssing an	d packa	aging
Supplier	Headed and gutted	Fillet	Portions	Skinless	Pinbone out	Pinbone in	IQF	Glazed	Shatterpack	Fresh frozen	Frozen blocks 50#	Frozen vac. sealed	Smoked	Retort	Can	Custom
Alaska Glacier Seafoods	•	•	•	•			•	•		•		•				•
Alaska's Finest Seafood, LLC	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Auction Block Co., The	•	•	•		•							•				•
Copper River Seafoods, Inc.	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Sitka Sound Seafoods (North Pacific Seafoods)	•	•	•				•					•				

### Pollock

	Produ	ıct form	/cut				Freezi	ng/pacl	kaging				Proces	ssing an	d packa	ging
Supplier	Headed and gutted	gutted Portions Skinless Pinbone out					IQF	Glazed	Shatterpack	Fresh frozen	Frozen blocks 50#	Frozen vac. sealed	Smoked	Retort	Can	Custom
Alaska Pacific Seafoods (North Pacific Seafoods)	•	•					•		•							
Alaska's Finest Seafood, LLC	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

# **Supplier Index by Delivery Option**

Following is a list of seafood suppliers categorized by logistical services they can arrange for schools, including local delivery, statewide shipping, and holding inventory. Contact information for each company can be found in the Alaska Seafood Supplier Directory. Product form and packaging information is in the Supplier Index by Species and Product Form.

Supplier	Delivery option		
	Local delivery	Statewide shipping	Hold inventory
oth and M Seafoods	•	•	•
Alaska Blue Harvest Seafoods	•	•	•
Alaska Glacier Seafood	•	•	•
Alaska Pacific Seafoods (North Pacific Seafoods)	†		
Alaska Salmon Direct	•	•	•
Alaska Salmon Purchasers Inc.	•	•	•
Alaska's Finest Seafood, LLC	•	•	•
Aleutia	•	•	•
Aleutian Fresh Seafoods	•	•	•
Auction Block Co., The	•	•	•
Copper River Seafoods, Inc.	•	•	•
E.C. Phillips and Son, Inc.	•	•	•
Indian Valley Meats	•	•	•
Inlet Fish Producers, Inc.	•	•	
Interior Alaska Fish Processors	•	•	•
Kwik'pak Fisheries	•	•	•
Naknek Family Fisheries	•	•	•
Norton Sound Seafood Center	•	•	•
Silver Bay Seafoods, LLC Sitka Facility	•		
Sitka Sound Seafoods (North Pacific Seafoods)	•		•
Sun'aq Tribal Enterprises	•	•	•
Tanner's Fresh Fish Processing	•	•	•
Tonka Seafoods	•	•	•

† Local pick-up only



### **Alaska Seafood Supplier Directory**

10th and M Seafoods

Wholesaler, Processor, Retailer, Broker

Website: <a href="www.10thandmseafoods.com">www.10thandmseafoods.com</a>
Address: 1020 M St, Anchorage, AK 99501
Phone: 800-770-2722; 907-272-3474

Contact person: Rob Winfree Email: tenmsea@alaska.net

Product species: black cod (sablefish), Pacific cod, halibut; salmon: Chinook (king), chum (keta), sockeye, pink,

coho

Local delivery: Yes Statewide shipping: Yes Hold inventory: Yes

**Notes:** Custom processing

#### Alaska's Finest Seafood, LLC

Wholesaler, Retailer

Website: www.alaskasfinestseafood.com

Address: 200 W 34th Ave #161, Anchorage, AK 99503

Phone: 907-223-3323 Contact person: Dan Dennis

Email: <a href="mailto:ddantheman698@gmail.com">ddantheman698@gmail.com</a>
Product brand: Alaska's Finest Seafood

Product species: black cod (sablefish), Pacific cod, halibut, lingcod (greenling), rockfish (snapper);

salmon: Chinook (king), chum (keta), sockeye, pink, coho

Local delivery: Yes Statewide shipping: Yes Hold inventory: Yes

#### Alaska Salmon Direct

Fisherman, Processor, Direct Marketer

Website: www.alaskasalmondirect.com

Address: 6948 Fairweather Dr, Anchorage, AK 99518

Phone:

Contact person: Eric Fleming

Email: efleming@aksalmondirect.com

**Product brand:** Coghill sockeye, Eshamy sockeye

Product species: salmon: chum (keta), sockeye, pink, coho

Local delivery: Yes Statewide shipping: Yes Hold inventory: Yes

Alaska Blue Harvest Seafoods

Fisherman, Processor

**Website:** <u>www.alaskablueharvestseafoods.com</u> **Address:** 2305 Watergate Way, Kenai, AK 99611

Phone: 907-252-9524
Contact person: Lisa Gabriel

Email: alaskablueharvestseafood@gmail.com
Product brand: Alaska Blue Harvest Seafoods
Product species: salmon: sockeye, pink, coho

Local delivery: Yes Statewide shipping: Yes Hold inventory: Yes

#### Alaska Glacier Seafoods

Processor

Website: www.alaskaglacierseafoods.com

Address: 13555 Glacier Hwy, Juneau, AK 99801 (physical); PO Box 34363, Juneau, AK 99803 (mailing)

**Phone:** 907-790-3590

Contact person: Peter Hochstoeger

Email: peter@alaskaglacierseafoods.com

Product brand: Alaska Glacier Seafoods Co., Alaska Glacier Seafoods, Inc.

Product species: black cod (sablefish), Pacific cod, halibut, lingcod (greenling), rockfish (snapper);

salmon: Chinook (king), chum (keta), sockeye, pink, coho

Local delivery: Yes Statewide shipping: Yes Hold inventory: Yes

### Alaska Pacific Seafoods (North Pacific Seafoods)

Processor

**Website:** <u>www.northpacificseafoods.com</u> **Address:** 627 Shelikof St, Kodiak, AK 99615

Phone: company 206-726-9000; direct 206-812-4218

Contact person: Chris Adams

Email: <a href="mailto:chrisa@npsi.us">chrisa@npsi.us</a>

Product species: cod, pollock; salmon: Chinook (king), chum (keta), sockeye, pink, coho

**Local delivery:** Yes **Statewide shipping:** No **Hold inventory:** Yes

### Alaska Salmon Purchasers, Inc.

Processor

Website: <a href="https://www.alaskasalmonpurchasers.com">www.alaskasalmonpurchasers.com</a> Address: 46655 Kenai Spur Hwy, Kenai, AK 99611

Phone: 907-776-8006

Contact person: Mark Powell Email: <a href="markpowell@aspi.us.com">markpowell@aspi.us.com</a>

**Product brand:** Alaska Salmon Purchasers, Inc.

**Product species:** salmon: Chinook (king), chum (keta), sockeye, pink, coho **Local delivery:** Yes **Statewide shipping:** Yes **Hold inventory:** Yes

**Aleutia** Fisherman, Processor

Website: www.aleutia.org

Address: 408 Main St, Sand Point, AK 99661

**Phone:** 907-383-5909

Contact person: Karen Montoya

Email: <a href="mailto:karen@aleutia.org">karen@aleutia.org</a>
Product brand: Aleutia

Product species: salmon: sockeye

Local delivery: Yes Statewide shipping: Yes Hold inventory: Yes

**Notes:** Community-based organization, multiple processors

#### **Aleutian Fresh Seafoods, LLC**

Resale

Website: www.aleutianfreshseafood.com

Address: 2315 Airport Beach Rd, Unalaska, AK 99685

Phone: 907-581-1864

Contact person: Mike Barber

Email: dgmikebarber@arctic.net

Product species: Pacific cod, halibut, salmon: sockeye

Local delivery: Yes Statewide shipping: Yes Hold inventory: Yes

Notes: Crab also available

#### **Auction Block Co., The**

Wholesaler, Processor, Retailer

Website: www.alaskashealthyseafood.com
Address: 4501 Ice Dock Rd, Homer, AK 99603

**Phone:** 907-235-7267

Contact person: Heather Brinster

Email: heather.auctionblock@gmail.com

Product species: black cod (sablefish), Pacific cod, halibut, rockfish (snapper), salmon: chum (keta), sockeye,

pink, coho

Local delivery: Yes Statewide shipping: Yes Hold inventory: Yes

#### Copper River Seafoods, Inc.

Processor, Wholesaler

Website: <a href="https://www.copperriverseafood.com">www.copperriverseafood.com</a> Address: 1400 1st Ave, Anchorage, AK 99501

**Phone:** 907-522-7806

Contact person: Weylin Buzby Email: wbuzby@crsalaska.com

**Product brand:** Copper River Seafoods

Product species: black cod (sablefish), Pacific cod, halibut, lingcod (greenling), rockfish (snapper);

salmon: Chinook (king), chum (keta), sockeye, pink, coho

Local delivery: Yes Statewide shipping: Yes Hold inventory: Yes

Notes: Crab and scallops available

E.C. Phillips and Son, Inc.

Wholesaler, Processor

Website: www.ecphillipsalaska.com

Address: 1775 Tongass Ave, Ketchikan, AK 99901

Phone: 907-247-7975
Contact person: Larry Elliott

Email: ecpsales@ecphillips.alaska.com Product brand: E.C. Phillips & Son, Inc.

Product species: black cod (sablefish), halibut, lingcod (greenling), rockfish (snapper); salmon: Chinook (king),

chum (keta), sockeye, pink, coho

**Local delivery:** Yes **Statewide shipping:** Yes **Hold inventory:** Yes

#### Indian Valley Meats, Inc.

Wholesaler, Processor, Retailer

**Website:** <u>www.indianvalleymeats.com</u> **Address:** 200 Huot Circle, Indian, AK 99540

Phone: 907-653-7511

Contact person: Renee or Cathy Drum

Email: ivm@alaska.net

**Product brand:** Indian Valley Meats **Product species:** salmon: chum (keta)

Local delivery: Yes Statewide shipping: Yes Hold inventory: Yes

Notes: Salmon jerky

#### Inlet Fish Producers, Inc.

Processor

Website: www.inletfish.com

Address: 2000 Columbia St, Kenai, AK 99611

Phone: 907-283-9275

Contact person: Dale Heimgartner Product brand: Inlet Salmon

**Product species:** salmon: Chinook (king), chum (keta), sockeye, pink, coho **Local delivery:** Yes **Statewide shipping:** Yes **Hold inventory:** No

#### **Interior Alaska Fish Processors**

Wholesaler, Processor, Retailer

Website: <a href="www.santassmokehouse.com">www.santassmokehouse.com</a>
Address: 2400 Davis Rd, Fairbanks, AK 99701
Phone: 1-800-478-3885; 907-456-3885
Contact person: Virgil Umphenour

**Product brand:** Santa's Smokehouse

Product species: sheefish, salmon: Chinook (king), chum (keta), sockeye, pink, coho

**Local delivery:** Yes **Statewide shipping:** Yes **Hold inventory:** Yes

Notes: Also offers salmon sausage and jerky; smoked salmon pieces, strips, and canned products; salmon

burgers; salmon hot dogs; and salmon breakfast sausage

Kwik'pak Fisheries Processor

Website: www.kwikpakfisheries.com

Address: Lower Yukon River, Emmonak, AK 99581

Phone: Emmonak 907-949-1120; Anchorage 907-644-0326

Contact person: Jack Schultheis

Email: schultheis@kwikpakfisheries.com

**Product brand:** Kwik'pak

Product species: salmon: chum (keta), coho

Local delivery: Yes Statewide shipping: Yes Hold inventory: Yes

Notes: CDQ group

#### Naknek Family Fisheries

Processor

Website: www.naknekfish.com

Address: PO Box 473, Naknek, AK 99633

**Phone:** 907-246-3474

**Contact person:** Izetta Chambers **Email:** <u>izetta@naknekfish.com</u>

Product brand: Naknek Family Fisheries, Alaska Bounty, Bristol Bay Wild Product species: salmon: Chinook (king), chum (keta), sockeye, pink, coho Local delivery: Yes Statewide shipping: Yes Hold inventory: Yes

Notes: Custom processing for schools; training for school district kitchen staff; mentor and training

opportunities for students

#### **Norton Sound Seafood Center**

Wholesaler, Processor, Retail

Website: nortonsoundseafood.com

Address: 201 Belmont Rd, Nome, AK 99762

Phone: company 907-443-2304; direct 907-624-3190

Contact person: William "Middy" Johnson

Email: middy@nsedc.com

**Product brand:** NSSP, NSSC, Norton Sound Seafood Products

Product species: Pacific cod, halibut, herring; salmon: chum (keta), sockeye, pink, coho

Local delivery: Yes Statewide shipping: Yes Hold inventory: Yes

#### Silver Bay Seafoods, LLC

Processor

**Website:** <u>www.silverbayseafoods.com</u> **Address:** 208 Lake St, Sitka, AK 99835

**Phone:** 907-969-3244, Maria direct 907-966-3110

Contact person: Richard Riggs or Maria
Email: Richard.riggs@silverbayseafoods.com

Product brand: Silver Bay Seafoods

Product species: halibut, salmon: Chinook (king), chum (keta), sockeye, pink, coho

**Local delivery:** Yes **Statewide shipping:** No **Hold inventory:** No **Notes:** Multiple processors (Sitka, Craig, Valdez, Naknek, and Metlakatla)

Sitka Sound Seafoods (North Pacific Seafoods)

Processor

**Website:** <u>www.northpacificseafoods.com</u> **Address:** 329 Katlian St, Sitka, AK 99835

Phone: company 206-726-9000; direct 206-812-4218

Contact person: Chris Adams

Email: chrisa@npsi.us

Product brand: Sitka Sound Seafoods

Product species: black cod (sablefish), Pacific cod, halibut, lingcod (greenling), rockfish (snapper);

salmon: Chinook (king), chum (keta), sockeye, pink, coho

Local delivery: Yes Statewide shipping: No Hold inventory: Yes

### **Sun'aq Tribal Enterprises**

Processor

Website: www.kodiakwildsource.com

Address: 312 West Marine Way, Kodiak, AK 99615

Phone: 907-486-4449

**Contact person:** Christopher Sannito **Email:** csannito@alaskan.com

Product brand: Kodiak Island Wild Source

Product species: black cod (sablefish), Pacific cod, halibut; salmon: sockeye, pink

Local delivery: Yes Statewide shipping: Yes Hold inventory: Yes

Notes: Company is willing to develop products to tailor to the needs of schools. Scallops also available.

#### Tanner's Fresh Fish Processing

Fisherman, Processor, Wholesaler

Website: www.tannersfish.com

Address: PO Box 39752, Ninilchik, AK 99639

**Phone:** 907-567-3222

Contact person: Jason Tanner Email: tannersfish@gmail.com Product brand: Kenai Select

Product species: Pacific cod, halibut, rockfish (snapper); salmon: Chinook (king), chum (keta), sockeye, pink,

coho

**Local delivery:** Yes **Statewide shipping:** Yes **Hold inventory:** Yes

Tonka Seafoods Processor

Website: www.tonkaseafoods.com

Address: 1200 South Nordic Dr, Petersburg, AK 99833 (physical); PO Box 1420, Petersburg, AK 99833 (mailing)

Phone: 907-772-3662

Contact person: Wendell Gilbert
Email: wendell@tonkaseafoods.com
Product brand: Alaskan Pantry

Product species: black cod (sablefish), Pacific cod, halibut, herring, lingcod, rockfish (snapper), sole; salmon:

Chinook (king), chum (keta), sockeye, pink, coho

Local delivery: Yes Statewide shipping: Yes Hold inventory: Yes

### **Glossary of Seafood Industry Terms**

Bleeding To improve the quality and shelf life of fish, fishermen will cut a gillraker or

an artery behind the gills while the fish is still alive.

**Boneless fillet** Fillets from which the pinbones have been removed.

**Bycatch** All nontarget marine life captured by a fishing vessel. This can include the

inappropriately sized target species, other species of fish, as well as other aquatic animals such as sea stars, shellfish, jellyfish, seabirds, turtles, and

marine mammals.

**Cold-smoked** Fish smoked at low temperatures (around 80°F) for 18 hours to several days,

producing a moist, delicately flavored product that requires refrigeration.

**Collar** The section of a fish just behind the gills, containing bones, meat, and

pectoral fins. The collar contains quite a bit of meat, but is most often discarded when a fish is steaked or filleted. Headless fish are most often

sold with the collar on because it protects the fish.

**CDQ Group** Community Development Quota Group. One of six regional organizations

formed under a federal fisheries program to promote fisheries-related economic development in western Alaska. Sixty-five communities within a 50 mile radius of the Bering Sea coastline participate in the program.

**CIF** Cost insurance and freight. The price quoted by the seller that includes

insurance, freight, and other charges incurred in getting to the port of

destination.

**Double-frozen** Fish or shellfish that is frozen at sea, thawed for reprocessing in a plant

onshore, and then frozen a second time. Also called twice-frozen or

"refrozen."

**Dressed** Whole fish that have been gutted and from which gills and fins usually have

been removed.

**Direct marketer** Fishermen who sell, process, and/or export their catch to wholesalers,

retailers, and consumers. This type of business model increases the fisherman's control over the quality and pricing of his/her product.

**F.O.B.** Free on board. The abbreviation is usually followed by a city's name. It is

used with quoted prices and indicates that any shipping charges beyond the

f.o.b. point are the buyer's responsibility.

**F.A.S.** Frozen at sea.

**Fillet** A portion of flesh taken from either side of a fish, cut parallel to the central

bones. The main bones, fins, and belly flaps are usually removed from

finished fillets.

**Freezer burn** White, chalky surface dehydration, most common on corners or narrow

edges of product. Excessive freezer burn indicates exposure to cold air and results in loss of natural juices, contamination, and rapid oxidation or

rancidity.

**Fresh** Product that has never been frozen, cooked, cured, or otherwise preserved.

**Fresh frozen** Indicates fish were quickly frozen while still fresh.

**Frozen** Fish that have been subjected to rapid lowering of temperature, generally to

0°F or lower, in such a manner as to preserve the inherent quality.

**Full-nape fillet** Fillet with pinbones retained, nape on, and tail on. Also called "full fillet" or

"whole fillet."

**Glaze** A fish that has been dipped in water after freezing. Ice forms a glaze around

the fish or meat, protecting it from damage by freezer burn. Fish or shellfish may be "reglazed" or "double-glazed" to ensure adequate protection.

**H&G** Processed fish where the head and viscera have been removed.

**Hot-smoked** Fish exposed to smoke at gradually increasing temperatures (up to 180°F)

over a period of 12 to 18 hours, resulting in coagulation of the protein. The product is entirely cooked with a dry texture and intensely smoky flavor.

**Immersion freezing** Freezing by placing seafood products in direct contact with a refrigerant,

which can be applied as a bath or spray, in batch- or continuous-type freezing operations before packaging for subsequent frozen storage.

**IQF** Individually quick frozen. The same as frozen, but indicates the individual

pieces have been frozen separately, usually by cryogenic means. This

prevents them from sticking together and facilitates use.

**J-cut** A method of removing pinbones that also removes the nape. J-cut fillets are

more expensive than other fillets.

**Kipper** To cure (herring, salmon, etc.) by cleaning, salting, and drying or smoking.

**Layerpack** A box of frozen fillets in which the layers are separated by sheets of plastic.

Fillets in each layer may overlap and be frozen together.

**Lox** Mild-cured salmon (soaked in brine for a long periods, then soaked to

remove the salt) that has been cold smoked.

**Mince** Fish pieces left over from filleting and trimming, sieved to remove any

bones; used for making minced blocks.

**Nape** The front and thinnest part of a fillet, around the belly.

**Net weight** Weight of product without packing material or glaze.

Ocean-run Refers to salmon that are still in the ocean and are therefore bright and

firm; also known as ocean bright.

Omega-3s Specific fatty acids found in seafood and some other sources. Research has

found that these fatty acids have a beneficial effect on the cardiovascular

system and many other aspects of human health.

**Pan-ready** A fish that has been headed, gutted, scaled, and had its fins clipped.

**Pinbones** A strip of small bones found parallel to the midline in some fish fillets; can

be removed with "V" or "J" cuts or by hand.

**Portion** Usually a square or rectangle, cut from a block of frozen fish. Weights vary

from 1½ to about 6 ounces. May be plain or breaded, raw or precooked.

**Previously frozen** Frozen seafood that has been slacked out, or thawed for sale in that state;

it should be clearly identified as "previously frozen" product to distinguish it

from fresh.

**Refreshed** Also "previously frozen." Seafood that has been frozen, often in blocks, then

thawed for resale.

**Retort pouch** A flexible package made of layered plastic and metallic-colored foil as an

alternative to traditional cans. The layers of a retort pouch may be clear or opaque. Most are "see-through" on the top with foil on the bottom, to

avoid confusion with vacuum-sealed products.

**Semibright** Chum salmon that has been harvested in freshwater, on its way to spawn.

Semibrights are also called brights.

**Shatterpack** Another name for layer pack. A box of frozen fillets packed so that all pieces

are separated by layers of plastic sheeting. In a less-than-perfect pack, layers may stick together. To break the layers apart, the box might have to be

dropped to "shatter" the layers.

**Shelf life** The expected amount of time a seafood product will remain in high-quality

condition for consumption. In general, the higher the fat content, the more prone the product is to spoilage and flavor changes, so the shorter the shelf

life. Most of these changes are retarded by cold temperatures.

**Silverbright** A term referring to chum salmon that have been harvested at sea rather

than in freshwater.

**Smoked** Fish cured by the action of smoke produced from slowly burning wood or

other material, to partly dry the product and impart a smoky flavor.

**Split** A fish cut open from the throat or nape to the tail. Gills, guts, and roe have

been removed; head or backbone may be removed.

Sustainable seafood Seafood farmed or captured in a way that promotes the long-term health of

both the target resource and the marine ecosystem.

**Tray pack** A seafood packaging form in which a product is prepackaged on a shallow,

clear, or foam plastic tray, overwrapped with transparent plastic film. An absorbent paper pad, covered with plastic to avoid sticking to the product, is sandwiched between the product and the tray to draw off moisture.

**V-cut** A method of removing pinbones by making a V-shaped cut along both sides

of the pinbone strip, leaving most of the nape.

Viscera Internal organs including intestines. Eviscerated means the gut cavity has

been cleaned out.

**Wetlock** Wax-coated cardboard used for shipping fish packed on ice.

**Whole fish** The complete fish just as it comes from the water, also called landed or

round weight.

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