

# Alaska Community Survey



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**All responses are anonymous.**

**SURVEY INSTRUCTIONS**

- ◇ All answers given in this survey should reflect information about [COMMUNITY NAME].
- ◇ Please ask questions if anything is unclear. Contact Dr. Amber Himes-Cornell at Amber.Himes@noaa.gov or at (206)526-4221.
- ◇ Please use pen in blue or black ink.
- ◇ Please **DO NOT** write your name anywhere on this survey.
- ◇ Please mark only one answer for each question unless otherwise instructed.
- ◇ If you are unable to answer the question, please write why you are unable to answer in the margin. (e.g. Data not available)

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND PARTICIPATION**



**Q1** **How many people live in [COMMUNITY NAME]...** *Please indicate the source of the number of people or if the number is an estimation. Seasonal workers includes all industries (for example, fishing, construction, tourism, etc.)*

**... as year round residents?** \_\_\_\_\_ people

- Source: \_\_\_\_\_
- This is an estimation.

**... as seasonal workers or transients?** \_\_\_\_\_ people

- Source: \_\_\_\_\_
- This is an estimation.

**... as year round residents and work in a shore-side processing plant?** \_\_\_\_\_ people

- Source: \_\_\_\_\_
- This is an estimation.

**Q2** On average, during which months does [COMMUNITY NAME] have seasonal workers living there? Seasonal workers includes all industries (for example, fishing, construction, tourism, etc.)

**Q3** On average, how long is the fishing season(s) in [COMMUNITY NAME] each year? Please provide the months that fishing out of [COMMUNITY NAME] typically begins and ends each year and indicate which fishery(ies) you are referring to.

Fishery: \_\_\_\_\_ From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

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**Q4** In what month(s) does the population in [COMMUNITY NAME] reach its annual peak?

**Q5** To what degree is this peak in population driven by employment in the fishing sectors (For example, processing plants, commercial fishing, subsistence fishing, recreational/sport fishing, and charter fishing)?

- Entirely   
  Mostly   
  Somewhat   
  A little   
  Not at all

**Q6** We would like to learn about how your community is interrelated with other communities. Below is a list of ways that your community may engage with other communities. Please list up to 5 communities that [COMMUNITY NAME] residents interact with the most and how residents interact with them. Check all that apply.

List community name	Share local fisheries information	Share general public services	Share traditional knowledge	Share professional services (e.g., law, medical)	Share resources (e.g., fuel, food, medicines)	Share culture (traditional events)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**Q7 Which communities do residents of [COMMUNITY NAME] travel to on a regular basis and what mode of transportation is available to travel there?** Please list up to 5 communities and check all the modes of transportation available to travel there.

List community name	Air	Ice road	River	Winter trails	Skiff	Ferry
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Q8 Please list the top 3 cities or communities that [COMMUNITY NAME] depends on for goods and supplies, such as groceries, fuel, household supplies, construction materials, and hardware.**

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

**Q9 Do any of the children in your community under age 18 attend school in another community?**

- Yes → Go to Q9a
- Local children are enrolled in correspondence courses.
- Local children attend schools located in [COMMUNITY NAME].

**Q9a If so, please list the community(ies) where local children attend school.** Please only list communities where kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade schools are attended by local students.

**Q10 Which of the following types of infrastructure projects, if any, have been completed in [COMMUNITY NAME] in the last 10 years, are currently in progress, or are being planned for completion in the next 10 years? Please mark the applicable boxes for each project.**

Type of infrastructure project	Completed in the last 10 years?	Currently in progress?	Plan to complete in the next 10 years?	Year of completion or planned completion (if not known, write "unknown")
Fish cleaning station	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Barge landing area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Construct new dock space	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Improve existing dock structure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Electricity serving the dock	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Water serving the dock	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Roads serving dock space	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Pilings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Fuel tanks at dock	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Breakwater	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Harbor dredging	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Jetty	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Dry dock space	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Haul out facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
EPA certified boat cleaning station	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Broadband internet access	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Road	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Airport/seaplane base	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Water and sewer pipelines	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Diesel powerhouse	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Sewage treatment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Water treatment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Alternative energy (hydro, wind, tidal)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
New landfill/solid waste site	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Community center/Library	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Public safety – Police department	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Emergency response	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Fire department	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
School	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Telephone service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Post office	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Other (Specify):	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

**Q11 What is the maximum vessel length that can use moorage in [COMMUNITY NAME]?**

Vessels up to \_\_\_\_\_ feet long can use moorage in [COMMUNITY NAME].

No dock space is available for public moorage.

**Q12 How many feet of public dock space for moorage are located in and around the port of [COMMUNITY NAME] for permanent and transient vessels?**

\_\_\_\_\_ feet of dock space is available for permanent vessels to moor at.

No dock space is available for permanent vessels to moor at.

\_\_\_\_\_ feet of dock space is available for transient vessels to moor at.

No dock space is available for transient vessels to moor at.

**Q13 What is the annual revenue that public moorage facilities earned in 2013?**

US\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Q14 Which of the following types of regulated vessels, if any, is the port of [COMMUNITY NAME] capable of handling? Regulated vessels are those that are specially regulated by the U.S. Coast Guard and must conform to the Maritime Transportation Security Act.**

- Rescue vessels (e.g., Coast Guard)
- Cruise ships
- Ferries
- Fuel barges

- HAZMAT
- None of the above
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Q15 Which size classes, if any, of commercial fishing boats use [COMMUNITY NAME] as their base of operation during the fishing season? Check all that apply.**

- Under 35 feet
- 35 to 60 feet
- 61 to 125 feet
- Over 125 feet
- None

**Q16 How many boats are based in [COMMUNITY NAME] compared to five years ago?**

	A lot more	More	No more or less	Less	A lot less
Charter boats/Party boats	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Private pleasure boats	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial fishing boats	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boats shorter than 35 feet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boats between 35 and 60 feet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boats between 61 and 125 feet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boats longer than 125 feet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify):	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Q16a For any changes you noted in Q16, please describe any changes that you have noticed.**

**Q17 To the best of your knowledge, what type of recreational or sport fishing, if any, goes on in [COMMUNITY NAME]? Check all that apply.**

- Charter boats or party boats
- Private boats owned by local residents
- Private boats owned by non-residents
- Shore-based or dock fishing by local residents
- Shore-based or dock fishing by non-residents
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- None

**Q18 What saltwater species, if any, are targeted by recreational fishermen that use boats based in [COMMUNITY NAME]? Check all that apply.**

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pink salmon         | <input type="checkbox"/> Crab                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chum salmon         | <input type="checkbox"/> Black cod/sablefish |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chinook/King salmon | <input type="checkbox"/> Shrimp              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coho/Silver salmon  | <input type="checkbox"/> Clam                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sockeye/Red salmon  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Halibut             | <input type="checkbox"/> None                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rockfish            |  |

**Q19 Which fishing gear types, if any, are used by commercial fishing boats that use [COMMUNITY NAME] as their base of operation during the fishing season? Check all that apply.**

- |                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trawl    | <input type="checkbox"/> Purse seiner      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pots     | <input type="checkbox"/> Troll             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Longline | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gillnet  | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above |

**Q20 What are the three (3) most important subsistence marine or aquatic resources to the residents of [COMMUNITY NAME]? Subsistence may be defined as the harvest of local natural resources for local consumption. We encourage you to answer this question in conjunction with others from [COMMUNITY NAME].**

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

Subsistence harvesting is not done by residents of [COMMUNITY NAME].

**Q21 What types of fishing support businesses are located in [COMMUNITY NAME]? From the list below, check one box for each type of business to indicate if it is present in [COMMUNITY NAME].**

<b>Business type</b>	<b>Located in the community?</b>	
Fish processing plants	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Fishing gear sales	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Fishing gear manufacturer	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Boat repair	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Electrical	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Welding	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Mechanical services	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Machine Shop	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Hydraulics	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Haulout facilities for small boats (less than 60 tons)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Haulout facilities for large boats (more than 60 tons)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Tidal grid for small boats (less than 60 tons)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Tidal grid for large boats (more than 60 tons)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Commercial fishing vessel moorage	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Recreational fishing vessel moorage	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Tackle sales	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Bait sales	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Commercial cold storage facilities	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Drydock storage	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Marine Refrigeration	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Fish lodges	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Fishing business attorneys	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Fishing related bookkeeping	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Boat fuel Sales	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Fishing gear repair	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Fishing gear storage	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Ice sales	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Water taxi	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Seaplane service	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Air taxi	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Other (Specify):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

**Q22** For those businesses in Q21 that are not available in [COMMUNITY NAME], please list the top three communities that people go to for these services.

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

**Q23** Which public social services are available in [COMMUNITY NAME]? Check all that apply.



- Medical services or doctors
- Food bank
- Soup kitchen
- Job placement services
- Publicly subsidized housing
- Public library
- Other (Specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**Q24 Which, if any, natural resource-based industries does [COMMUNITY NAME]’s economy rely upon? Check all that apply.**

- Mining
- Logging
- Fishing
- Oil and natural gas exploration or drilling
- Geothermal
- Ecotourism (e.g. whale watching, kayaking)
- Sport hunting and fishing
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- None of the above

**Q25 How much total revenue did the community of [COMMUNITY NAME] receive from fisheries related taxes or fee programs in 2013? If no revenue was received from one of the sources of revenue listed, please write \$0 in the “Revenue Received” column. If revenue is received for one of the sources of revenue listed, but there are no records of the total amount, please write “unknown.”**

Source of Revenue	Amount of Total Revenue Received in US\$
Fishing gear storage on public/tribal land	US\$ _____
Leasing public/tribal land to members of the fishing industry	US\$ _____
Tax on the sale of marine fuel (used to power private and commercially owned boats)	US\$ _____
Harbor rental	US\$ _____
Municipal dock use fees (for example, container off-loading/on-loading, fishing gear transfer, etc.)	US\$ _____
Other: _____	US\$ _____
Other: _____	US\$ _____
Other: _____	US\$ _____

**Q26 Does the [COMMUNITY NAME] local government, organizations, or other local entities receive any funding or grants from a Community Development Quota entity? If funding or grants were received in 2013, please indicate how much the local government received.**

- [COMMUNITY NAME] received \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in funding or grants from a Community Development Quota entity in 2013.
- [COMMUNITY NAME] received \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in special allocations from a Community Development Quota entity in 2013.
- [COMMUNITY NAME] does not receive any funding or grants from Community Development Quota entities.

**Q27 Which of [COMMUNITY NAME]’s public services are at least partially supported or funded by any of the following: Local or Borough Raw Fish Tax, Shared Fisheries Business Tax, the Fisheries Resource Landing Tax, or marine fuel sales tax? Check all that apply.**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Maintaining the harbor                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Roads  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital/medical clinic/emergency response | <input type="checkbox"/> Police/enforcement/fire protection               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational scholarships                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Not able to determine                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Roads                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social services (e.g., libraries, etc.)    | <input type="checkbox"/> No community services are funded by these taxes. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water and wastewater systems               |   |

**Q28 Please describe any local fishing-related fee programs charged to the fishing industry and which public services and infrastructure they support?**

- [COMMUNITY NAME] does not administer any local fishing-related fee programs.

**Q29 How does [COMMUNITY NAME] participate in the fisheries management process in Alaska?**

- [COMMUNITY NAME] does not participate at all in the fisheries management process.
- [COMMUNITY NAME] has a paid staff member that attends North Pacific Fisheries Management Council meetings and/or Board of Fisheries meetings.
- [COMMUNITY NAME] has a representative that participates in North Pacific Fisheries Management Council committees or advisory groups.
- [COMMUNITY NAME] has a representative that sits on regional fisheries advisory and/or working groups run by Alaska Department of Fish and Game.
- [COMMUNITY NAME] has a representative that participates in the Federal Subsistence Board or Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council process.
- [COMMUNITY NAME] relies on regional organizations, such as the Gulf of Alaska Coastal Communities Coalition, Southeast Conference, or Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference, to provide information on fisheries management issues.
- [COMMUNITY NAME] financially supports research organizations, industry coalitions, and trade associations, such as \_\_\_\_\_.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Q30 In your opinion, what are the current challenges for the portion of [COMMUNITY NAME]’s economy that is based on fishing? Please feel free to provide additional information on a separate sheet of paper.**

- Q31** Please describe the effects you've seen of fisheries policies or management actions you've seen, if any, on [COMMUNITY NAME]. Please describe the policies or management action(s), both positive and negative and what impact it has had on [COMMUNITY NAME]. Please feel free to provide additional information on a separate sheet of paper.
- Q32** Which past or current fisheries policy or management action affected [COMMUNITY NAME] the most? Please describe the policy or management action, positive or negative, and how [COMMUNITY NAME] residents were affected. Please feel free to provide additional information on a separate sheet of paper.
- Q33** What, if any, potential future fisheries policy or management action concerns [COMMUNITY NAME] the most? Please describe the policy or management action, positive or negative, and why [COMMUNITY NAME] residents are concerned. Please feel free to provide additional information on a separate sheet of paper.

**Q34 Who contributed to filling out this survey?** *Check all that apply. The answers to this question will not be reported.*

- Local government staff
- Local elected officials
- Harbormaster
- Tribal Council member or staff
- Non-governmental organization (for example, GOACCC, SWAMC, etc.)
- Fishing industry participants (for example, commercial/recreational/subsistence fishermen, processing plant workers, etc.)
- Local fishing support sector businesses
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please use the space below to provide us with any additional information you would like us to know about [COMMUNITY NAME] that shows how [COMMUNITY NAME] is engaged in or affected by fisheries.**  
*Please feel free to provide additional information on a separate sheet of paper.*

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!**

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