



The Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (SSRAA),

a non-profit corporation headquartered in Ketchikan, Alaska, enhances salmon stocks in southern Southeast Alaska. This study estimates and describes SSRAA's economic impacts in the region.

Our Mission:

To enhance and rehabilitate salmon production in southern Southeast Alaska to the optimum social and economic benefit of salmon users.

Economic Impacts

SSRAA operations generate the following average annual direct, indirect, and induced economic impacts in southern Southeast Alaska.



678

Jobs

including:

Commercial Fishing:
191

Sportfishing:
130



\$45.6M

Labor Income

including:

Commercial Fishing:
\$13.1 M

Sportfishing:
\$10.6 M



\$112.3M

Economic Output

including:

Commercial Fishing:
\$27.5 M

Sportfishing:
\$27.3 M

Individuals in **1,300 part-time, seasonal, and permanent positions** in southern Southeast earn at least a portion of their annual income from SSRAA operations.*

400 Commercial Fishermen

580 Seafood Processing Workers

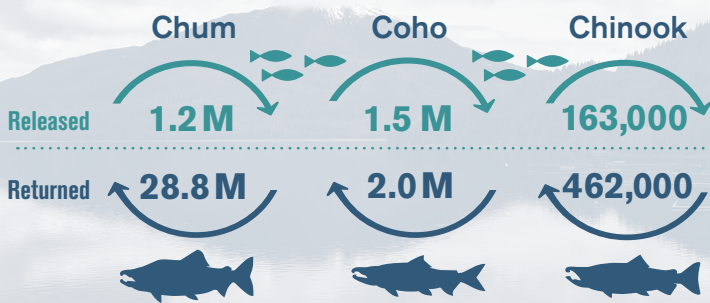
230 Sportfishing Industry Employees

84 Hatchery Workers

*These positions include resident workers and non-resident workers during their time in southern Southeast. In addition to these positions, annual average job impacts include regional spending by individuals in these positions and by businesses that benefit from SSRAA salmon.

Releases/Returns (average pounds)

(2021-2025) released and returned:



Releases/Returns (by the numbers)

Over the past five years, SSRAA released an annual average **200.5 million** salmon into southern Southeast Alaska waters, with an average **4.1 million** returning each year.

Salmon Harvests

Annual average **number** of SSRAA salmon harvested between 2021 - 2025:

	 Common Property Commercial	 Cost Recovery	 Sport/ Personal Use
Chum	2.4M	947,000	-
Coho	229,000	92,000	79,300
Chinook	25,000	26,000	5,200



SSRAA Operations

SSRAA operates **seven** hatcheries and **five** additional release sites in southern Southeast Alaska, with a Main Office located in Ketchikan.

Hatcheries

- ▶ Burnett Inlet Hatchery
- ▶ Crystal Lake Hatchery
- ▶ Deer Mountain Hatchery
- ▶ Klawock River Hatchery
- ▶ Neets Bay Hatchery
- ▶ Port Saint Nicholas Hatchery
- ▶ Whitman Lake Hatchery

Release Sites

- ▶ Anita Bay
- ▶ Carroll Inlet
- ▶ Kendrick Bay
- ▶ Nakat Inlet
- ▶ Port Asumcion

Fisheries Business Tax



SSRAA salmon generate tax revenues for the state and local communities in which the fish are processed. Between 2021 and 2025, local governments in southern Southeast received an annual average combined total of **\$235,000** in Fisheries Business Tax distributions.

SSRAA Funding Sources:

SSRAA's operations are primarily funded through cost recovery harvests and a three percent ex-vessel tax on landed salmon in southern Southeast communities.



Source: SSRAA average income FY22-FY26, including FY26 Q4 projections.

Community Impacts

SSRAA supports the communities in which the organization operates through community education, research, and recreational opportunities.

Education & Research

- ▶ **100+ students** per year participate in Salmon in the Classroom or salmon dissections donated by SSRAA.
- ▶ **Spawning Demonstrations** and **Hatchery Tours** in Ketchikan, Klawock, and Petersburg.
- ▶ Inclusion in the **Kanyama Program** for 20+ Japanese students annually.
- ▶ Annual **\$5,000 donation** to the Sam Rabung Memorial Fund, which awards scholarships for Alaska residents in the University of Alaska Southeast Applied Fisheries program. Preference is given to female or Alaska Natives, who are often underrepresented in Alaska fisheries.
- ▶ **Fry donations** to Southeast Alaska Discovery Center.
- ▶ Staff support for the **National Ocean Science Bowl** for Ketchikan High School students.
- ▶ **Fisheries and hatchery studies** in partnership with the University of Alaska and other universities.

Community Support

Salmon Donations

SSRAA **donates 800-900 salmon annually** to community programs and services. Organizations SSRAA donated to recently include the Ketchikan Indian Community (KIC) Elders' program, Klawock-Heenya in Klawock, Community of Saxman, Ketchikan Pioneer Home, and Ketchikan Fire Department.

Freshwater Sportfishing Opportunities

SSRAA stocks Harriet Hunt and Carlanna Lakes with rainbow trout to provide road **accessible sportfishing opportunities**, including the City Park Kids Fishing Derby held annually on Father's Day.



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