



Resource Development Council

New Frontiers

Expanding Opportunities

Coastal and Southeast Alaska

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Southeast Alaska Industrial Sector Status

Timber

- 5,000 jobs and \$200 million in payroll lost or foregone since 1990

Tourism

- \$250 million in annual spending and visitor industry employment at about 4,000 with \$100 million in payroll

Mining

- 270 jobs at Greens Creek pays highest wages in Juneau

Fishing

- Seafood processing employment at 1,300 jobs in 2002, about the same as in 1990

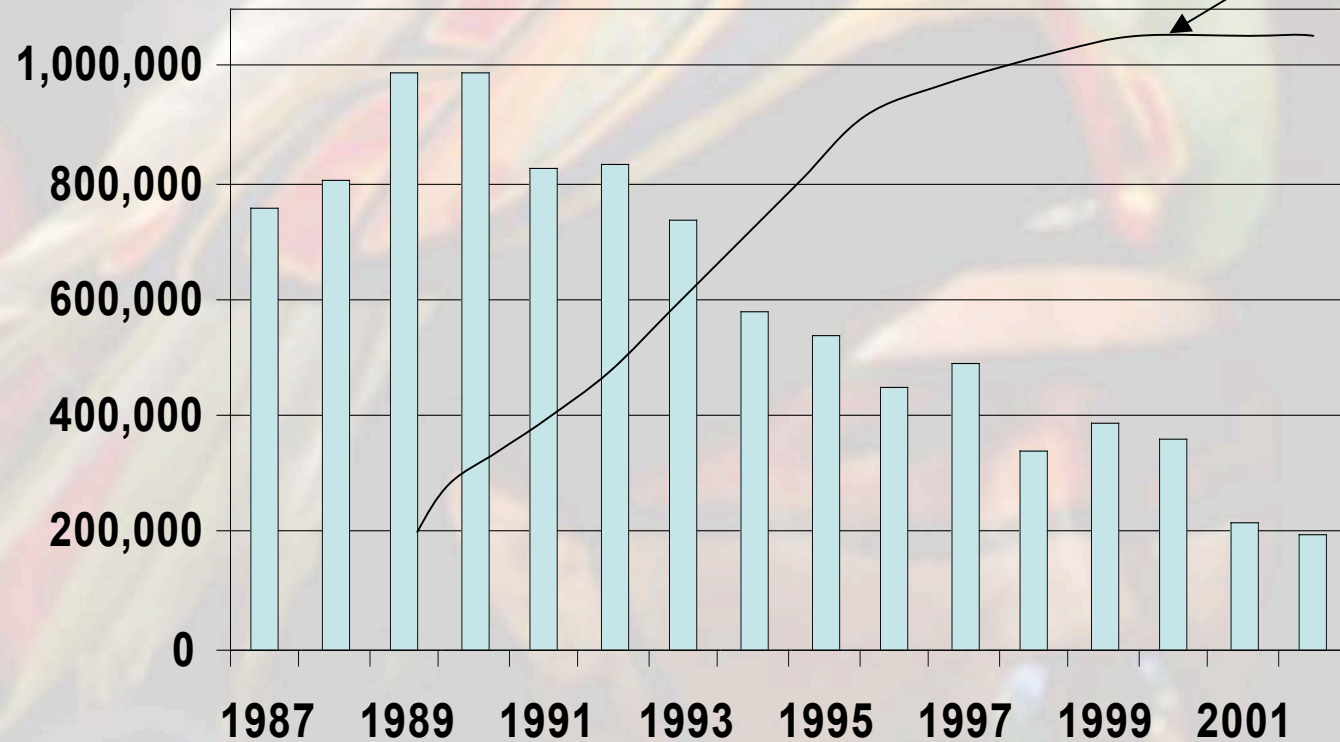
Government

- Largest employer in the region but is also overall is trending downward

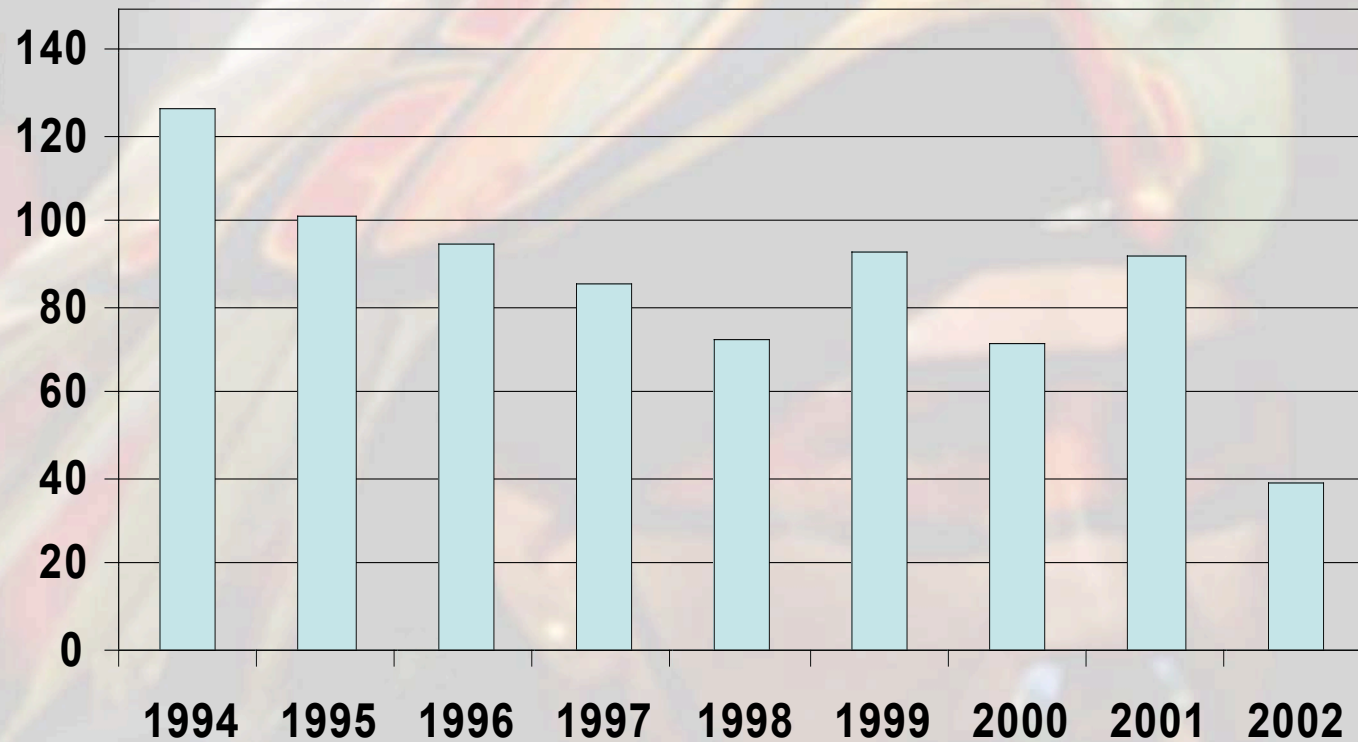


Southeast Timber Harvest 1987-2002 (000bf)

Timber industry opinion of the # of law suits filed to stop harvesting

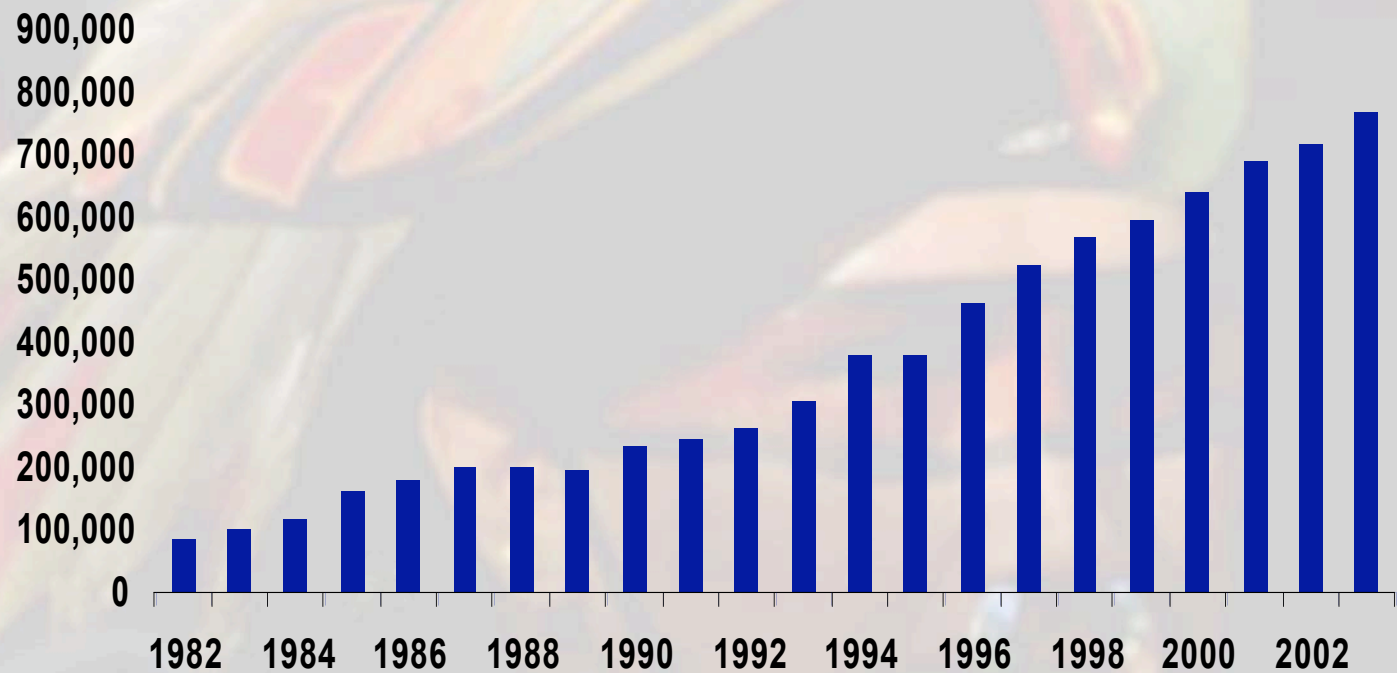


Southeast Salmon Harvest 1994-2002 (ex-vessel, million \$)



Southeast Cruise Traffic 1982-2003

■ Number of Cruise Passengers





Local Population Trends

- Ketchikan population down by 1,100
- Wrangell population down by 600
- Petersburg population about 3,400 but trending down
- Sitka population stabilized at about 8,900
- Juneau slow but steady growth now at 31,000
- Most rural Southeast communities have been trending down 6 to 18% since their peak



Sealaska A Stable Economic Influence for Southeast and Alaska

- 870 direct jobs payroll \$29 million
- 1,200 direct and indirect jobs with a payroll \$35 million
- Largest private employer (counting direct and indirect jobs) in Southeast
- Majority of benefits derived from timber harvest and affiliated activities
- Annually distribute approximately \$9-10 million in 7(i) payments – over \$250 million since 1982



Strategies for Expanding Opportunities

- Protect existing core industries timber, fishing and mining
 - TNF timber supply still kicking – new leadership
 - Fishing - new marketing
 - Mining - Greens Creek - Kensington
- Tourism industry –
 - New ports of call in SE Alaska – Hoonah
 - Create more high end destination traveler attractions
- Infrastructure:
 - Roads, marine ports and intermodal transportation, drinking water, electrical intertie and



Great Ideas that Need Your Help

- Open China Market – log fumigation
 - USDA and USTR can help solve this problem
- Finalization of ANCSA entitlements
 - Call Senator Murkowski and support S 1466
- Finalization of Sealaska land conveyances
 - Call Governor Murkowski, USDA and delegation advise that you support this effort
- Settlement for SE Native communities left out of ANCSA settlement
 - Advise delegation you support “landless settlement”



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Conclusions**