

# **FISH BOX SALES TAX**

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# PRESENTATION

- WHO is taxed? / WHO is not taxed?
- WHAT is tax amount?
- WHEN do you charge the tax?
- WHERE & HOW to report and pay the tax?
- WHY is there a tax?

# WHO IS TAXED?

- Fishing charter customer who takes fish &/or seafood which is packaged
  - Customer may be from Sitka or outside Sitka
  - Fish &/or seafood need not be for customer to be taxed, for it could be for friends, relatives or others

# WHO IS NOT TAXED?

- Person who catches or receives fish &/or seafood while not on a charter
- Person who does not catch or receive any fish &/or seafood while on a charter
- Person who catches or receives fish &/or seafood while on a charter, but releases the fish &/or seafood, or eats it prior to any packaging
- Charter business is not taxed
- Processor who packages fish is not taxed

# WHAT IS THE TAX AMOUNT?

- Sales tax based on the flat rate of \$10 per packaged fish &/or seafood
  - Packaged fish &/or seafood may consist of:
    - various types of fish &/or seafood
    - Various types of fish
    - Various types of seafood
    - Single type of fish
    - Single type of seafood
    - Any type of packaging
      - 50 lb box
      - 5 lb box
      - 100 lb box
      - bag of fish &/or seafood
      - canned fish &/or seafood

# WHEN DO YOU CHARGE THE TAX?

- Prepaid as part of the charter package
- When the fish &/or seafood caught or obtained as a result of a charter is packaged by a processor who receives the fish &/or seafood from the charter customer or the charter business on behalf of the customer
- When the charter business packages the fish &/or seafood for the charter customer caught or obtained as a result of a charter if the tax has not been prepaid

# HOW & WHERE DO YOU REPORT & PAY THE TAX?

- Who reports and or pays the tax –
  - Charter business who packages fish &/or seafood for charter customer
- OR
- Processor who packages fish &/or seafood for charter customer
- Report on sales tax forms furnished by Finance Department
- Pay with sales tax forms

# WHY IS THERE A TAX?

- Initiative passed by 67% of voters at October 2006 election
- Ordinance 2006-38
- Purpose – A sales tax must be imposed on the value of property or service purchased if the sales amount does not represent the value of the property or service purchased –  
(SGC 4.09.030)
  - Value of fish charter without packaged fish &/or seafood
  - Value of fish charter with packaged fish &/or seafood