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Fisheries Policy and Management Framework





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54 communities

Alaska Peninsula, the Aleutian Chain, Bristol Bay, the Kodiak Archipelago, and the Pribilof Islands.

State ARDOR and Federal Economic Development District
Distressed communities (_ unemployment and _ pcpi)

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Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy
(CEDS)



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Community Data Needs and Challenges

Primary Needs:

A clear and integrated picture of

Labor and Economic Activity

Resource and Ecosystem Assessments



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Community Data Needs and Challenges

Greatest deficiencies: Labor Data

More robust, accurate and timely data collection processes

Data collection strategies from the community perspectives

Timely reporting

Breakdown barriers between agencies

Problems Caused:

Delays in TAA assistance

Lack of qualifying data for grants

Unable to make the case for ED & infrastructure investments



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Community Data Needs and Challenges

Increasing Problem: Confidentiality

Fewer players =
more and more information becoming unavailable

Problems Caused:

Inability to fully illustrate community situation and
plan for future needs

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