



Small right photo: San Pedro, California fish dock. Credit: Flickr user Magic Madzik. Middle photo: Historic fish cannery in Astoria, Oregon. Photo: Flickr user Ben Tilden. Small left photo: Historic canneries in Monterey, California. Credit: Flickr user jimg944.

## COMMUNITY CONSIDERATIONS

Participants at the 2010 workshop expressed concerns about how RBM programs, such as catch shares, could affect their communities. In general, participants were uncertain about the capacity and responsibility for assessing community impacts. Of particular concern was the potential for concentration of market power, deterrence of new entrants, and impacts to small landings operations and niche markets.

In this session, the speakers and panelists discussed potential community implications with RBM, program design considerations, and resources for community capacity-building. In Alaska, both Community Development Quotas (CDQs) and Community Quota Entities (CQEs) were created to improve social and economic conditions for communities and to build their capacity to engage in commercial fishing. However, the differences in the initial allocation specifications are possible reasons for the substantial differences in the outcomes of the two programs. Ecotrust, a non-governmental organization, has been exploring some of the dynamics of these catch share programs and others for their impacts to communities. Ed Backus of Ecotrust shared some of his organization's findings and community resources in development. Together, the panelists identified some key distributional challenges and provided recommendations for more fully integrating community considerations into the design, implementation, and evaluation of catch share programs in the future.