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## Commercial Fishing and Seafood Processing Facts

As Alaska's largest private-sector employer, commercial fishing and seafood processing is a major contributor to employment and wages. The fishing industry employs tens of thousands of individuals producing billions of pounds of seafood for the US and the world. Commercial fishing permit holders represent small and family-owned business, supporting dozens of other services businesses such as hardware and marine suppliers, fuel, accountants, air and water travel, shipping, boat builders, hatcheries, restaurants, scientists, educators, and administrators. The seafood industry provides Alaskans with critical access to local seafood through restaurants, grocery stores, and fish markets.

**Virtually every business in Alaska benefits from commercial fishing dollars.**

### Key Statistics for 2015:

**The seafood industry is Alaska's largest private sector employer creating over 63,000 direct jobs throughout the state.**<sup>8</sup>

Commercial fishing permit holders live in 189 communities throughout Alaska.<sup>1</sup>

In Alaska, 1-in-7 *residents* are employed by the seafood industry.<sup>9</sup>

Alaska resident *active* commercial fishing permit holders: 7,089<sup>1</sup>

Percent of Alaska resident *active* commercial fishing permit holders: 72%<sup>1</sup>

Alaska resident active commercial fishing permits: 9,540<sup>1</sup>

Percent of Alaska resident *active* commercial fishing permits: 71%<sup>2</sup>

Alaska commercial fishing full-year *resident* crewmember licenses: 10,563<sup>3</sup>

Alaska licensed commercial fishing vessels registered to Alaska owners: 7,536<sup>4</sup>

Alaska licensed commercial fishing vessels homeported in Alaska: 8,561<sup>4</sup>

CFEC estimated earnings by Alaska resident permit holders: \$756.2 million<sup>1</sup>

CFEC estimated harvest by Alaska resident permit holders: 1.25 BILLION lbs.<sup>1</sup>

NOAA total annual landings for Alaska: 5.79 BILLION pounds<sup>5</sup>

NOAA total Alaska fisheries ex-vessel income: \$1.88 billion<sup>5</sup>

Dept. of Labor Alaska resident processing employment – monthly average: 8,393<sup>6</sup>

Dept. of Labor total processing employment (worked at some time in 2013): 27,909<sup>6</sup>

Dept. of Labor Alaska resident processing wages: \$133 million<sup>7</sup>

Dept. of Labor processing wages – total: \$386 million<sup>7</sup>

Alaska total seafood export value: \$3.27 billion<sup>8</sup>

Fisheries Business/Landing taxes directly benefit 65 Alaska cities, boroughs & municipalities.<sup>10</sup>

Alaska's seafood industry pays over \$250 million per year in taxes and fees.<sup>11</sup>

All data is compiled from 2013 unless otherwise noted. Sources:

1 - Alaska Commercial Fishery Entry Commission –download 2013 permit activity data at: [www.cfec.state.ak.us/gpbycen/2013/MenuStat.htm](http://www.cfec.state.ak.us/gpbycen/2013/MenuStat.htm)

2 – Calculated 15,406 active permits held by residents & 4,528 by nonresidents in 2013, at:

[www.cfec.state.ak.us/pstatus/14052013.htm](http://www.cfec.state.ak.us/pstatus/14052013.htm)

3. ADF&G 2013 crew license list – available by purchase from Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

4. CFEC 2013 Commercial Fishing Vessel license list (CSV) available for download at [www.cfec.state.ak.us/plook/](http://www.cfec.state.ak.us/plook/)

5. NOAA Landings and Ex-vessel Value - [www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/commercial-fisheries/commercial-landings/annual-landings-with-group-subtotals/index](http://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/commercial-fisheries/commercial-landings/annual-landings-with-group-subtotals/index)

6. AK Department of Labor Economic Trends, November 2014: <http://labor.state.ak.us/trends/nov14.pdf>

7. AK Department of Labor Statewide Seafood Processing data through 2012 is online at

<http://laborstats.alaska.gov/seafood/seafoodstatewide.htm> (2013 Statistics were provided on request).

8. Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute 2014 Annual Report - [http://ebooks.alaskaseafood.org/ASMI\\_Annual\\_Report/](http://ebooks.alaskaseafood.org/ASMI_Annual_Report/)

9. Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute Economic Value Report - [pressroom.alaskaseafood.org/economic-value-of-alaska-seafood/](http://pressroom.alaskaseafood.org/economic-value-of-alaska-seafood/)

10. Department of Revenue *Annual Report*, available for download at: [www.tax.alaska.gov/programs/sourcebook/index.aspx](http://www.tax.alaska.gov/programs/sourcebook/index.aspx)

11. Compiled from various sources as found on "UFA Alaska Seafood Industry Taxes and Fees" sheet.