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Commercial Fishing and Seafood Processing Facts

Kenai is the #29 fishing port in the U.S. by volume & #25 by value of 2013 landings.[6]

JOBS - FISHING

Permit holders, Crew and Vessels (2013) in Kenai:

CFEC commercial fishing permit holders: **218**[1]
Total permits owned: **282**[1]
Permit holders who fished: **178**[1]
Commercial crew (full year) license holders: **250**[2]
Total skippers who fished plus crew in 2013: **428**[1,2]
Percentage of local population who fished: **5.9%**[1,2,4]
Commercial vessels home ported: **188**[3], owned: **123**[3]

Each of these individual small and family businesses represents investment, employment, and income in the Kenai community.

INCOME

Estimated 2013 **ex-vessel income by Kenai–based fishermen**: **$10.1 million**[1]

Earnings generated from commercial fishing circulated in the local economy through property and sales taxes; purchases of homes, rentals, hotels, electricity, entertainment, fuel, vehicles, food, repair and maintenance parts, transportation, travel, medical, and other services. **Virtually every business in Kenai benefits from commercial fishing dollars.**

JOBS – PROCESSING

Seafood **processing jobs** (Kenai Pen. Borough) **2,204**[5]
AK **resident processing jobs**: **939**[5] **(42.6%)**
Processing **wages: $18.8 million**[5]
AK **resident processing wages**: **$8.5 million**[5] **(45.2%)**

…AND MORE JOBS

In addition to direct harvester and processor workers, fisheries related jobs include fuel, accountants, consultants, air and water travel, hardware and marine repair and supply businesses, advocacy and marketing organizations, air cargo crew, freight agents, and scientists.

In 2013, **36 million**[6] **pounds of seafood were landed in Kenai for an estimated value of $40.1 million**[6], and most of this was shipped or flown out, providing many transportation sector jobs.

Government related jobs include Alaska Department of Fish and Game • Fish and Wildlife Protection/Alaska Department of Public Safety • Docks and Harbors • Hatcheries • Alaska State Troopers • United States Coast Guard • University of Alaska School of Fisheries • Alaska Sea Grant Marine Advisory program, and more.

REVENUE to the State and Community through Fishery Taxes …

FY 2013 shared taxes – **Kenai received $197,541**[7] **in fisheries business tax from Kenai fisheries businesses.** The **Kenai Peninsula Borough and its communities collectively received $1.5 million**[7] in fisheries business and landing taxes through the municipal tax-sharing program and the State received a like amount.

Footnotes - Sources:

1. Commercial fishing permit activity, estimated harvest and earnings by permit holder are from AK Commercial Fishery Entry Commission (CFEC) at http://www.cfec.state.ak.us/gpbycen/2013/mnu.htm .
2. Crew numbers are from Alaska Department of Fish and Game 2013 Commercial Crew license list, and is the number of full year adult resident license holders who list their address in a given community.
3. Vessel home port numbers are from "AK CFEC Yearly 2013Vessel CSV file available online at http://www.cfec.state.ak.us/plook/ and is a count of commercial fishing licensed vessels that list home port or ownership in a given community.
4. 2013 Population figures used to calculate percentage of resident skippers who fished plus crew are from DCCED AK Community Information Database online at http://commerce.state.ak.us/cra/DCRAExternal .
5. Processor Employment and Wages 2013 Data is from Alaska Department of Labor at http://labor.alaska.gov/research/seafood/statewide/AKSFPBorca.pdf .
6. NOAA, NMFS Office of Science and Technology, see reports "Total Commercial Fishery Landings at Major U.S. Ports" ranked by value, by poundage http://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/commercial-fisheries/commercial-landings/index .
7. Revenue figures from 2013 AK Dept of Revenue Shared Taxes report, pp. 17-20: http://www.tax.alaska.gov/programs/sourcebook/index.aspx .