

Kenai Peninsula Borough



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2016 Commercial Fishing and Seafood Processing Facts

Three Kenai Peninsula Borough cities are in the top 60 U.S. Seafood ports by value of landings in 2016 – Seward (#25), Kenai (#43), and Homer (#59).⁹

JOB - FISHING

Permit holders, crew and vessels:

Commercial fishing permit holders: **1,422¹**
Total permits owned: **2,200¹**
Permit holders who fished: **1,101¹**
Commercial crewmember license holders: **1,644²**
Permit holders who fished plus crew: **2,745^{1,2}**
Percentage of local population who fished: **4.7%^{1,2,4}**
Vessels home ported: **1,150³** Vessels owned: **1,118³**

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

INCOME:

Estimated **ex-vessel income** by Kenai Peninsula Borough-based fishermen: **\$98.8 million¹**
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 the Kenai Peninsula Borough benefits from commercial fishing dollars.**

JOB - PROCESSING

Seafood processing jobs in Kenai Peninsula Borough: **2,051⁵**
Alaska resident processing jobs in borough: **824 (40%)⁵**
Total processing wages: **\$17.3 million⁵**
Alaska resident processing wages: **\$8.3 million (47.9%)⁵**
Number of processing facilities: **30⁴**

Footnotes - Sources:

1. Commercial fishing permit activity and estimated harvest and earnings by permit holder are from the Alaska Commercial Fishery Entry Commission (CFEC) at https://www.cfec.state.ak.us/fishery_statistics/earnings.htm.
2. Crew numbers are from Alaska Department of Fish and Game commercial crew license list, and are the number of full year adult resident license holders who list their address in a given community. <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=license.licensefile>
3. Vessel numbers are from CFEC database data found online at <https://www.cfec.state.ak.us/plook/#downloads> and are a count of commercial fishing licensed vessels that list home port or ownership in a given community.
4. Number of processing facilities, and population data used to calculate the percentage of residents who fished, are from the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development (DCCED) Community Database: <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/dcra/DCRAExternal>.
5. Processor employment and wage data is from the Alaska Department of Labor at <http://live.laborstats.alaska.gov/seafood/seafoodstatewide.cfm>.
6. Revenue figures are from the Alaska Department of Revenue Shared Taxes report: <http://www.tax.alaska.gov/programs/sourcebook/index.aspx>.

...AND MORE JOBS

In addition to direct harvester and processor workers, fisheries related jobs include hatcheries, 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.

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 2017 shared taxes – **The Kenai Peninsula Borough and its communities collectively received \$1.38 million in fisheries business and landing taxes** through the municipal tax-sharing program from Kenai Peninsula Borough fisheries landings and businesses.⁶ The State of Alaska received a like amount.

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

The Kenai Peninsula Borough is in House Districts 29-32, Senate Districts O and P.

Kenai Peninsula Borough includes communities of Anchor Point, Clam Gulch, Cooper Landing, Fritz Creek, Halibut Cove, Homer, Hope, Kasilof, Kenai, Moose Pass, Nanwalek, Nikiski, Nikolaevsk, Ninilchik, Port Graham, Seldovia, Seward, Soldotna, Sterling, Tyonek, Cohoe, and Kachemak.