

Kusilvak Census Area



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2016 Commercial Fishing and Seafood Processing Facts

JOBS - FISHING

Permit holders, crew and vessels:

Commercial fishing permit holders: 617¹
Total permits owned: 688¹
Permit holders who fished: 479¹
Commercial crewmember license holders: 717²
Permit holders who fished plus crew: 1,196^{1,2}
Percentage of local population who fished: 14.8%^{1,2,4}
Vessels home ported: 129³ Vessels owned: 140³

Each of these individual small and family businesses represents investment, employment, and income in the Kusilvak Census Area.

INCOME

- Estimated **ex-vessel income** by Kusilvak Census Area-based fishermen: \$5.1 million¹

Earnings generated from commercial fishing circulated in the local economy through property and sales taxes; purchases, utilities, repair and maintenance, and other services. **Virtually every business in the Kusilvak Census Area benefits from commercial fishing dollars.**

JOBS – PROCESSING

Seafood processing jobs in Kusilvak Census Area: 635⁵
Alaska resident processing jobs: 598 (94%)⁵
Total processing wages: \$4.5 million⁵
Alaska resident processing wages: \$3.7 million (83%)⁵

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 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 • 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 – **Kusilvak Census Area communities collectively received \$89,344 in fisheries business and landing taxes** through the municipal tax-sharing program from Kusilvak Census Area fisheries landings and businesses.⁶ The State of Alaska received a like amount.

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

The Kusilvak CA is in House District 39, Senate District T.

The Kusilvak Census Area includes communities of Alakanuk, Chevak, Emmonak, Hooper Bay, Kotlik, Marshall, Mountain Village, Nunam Iqua, Pilot Station, Russian Mission, Saint Mary's, and Scammon Bay.