

# SOUTHEAST Alaska

## Commercial Fishing and Seafood Processing Facts

### JOBS - FISHING

Permit holders, Crew and Vessels (2011) in Southeast Alaska:

CFEC commercial fishing permit holders: 2,650<sup>1</sup>

Total permits owned: 5,220<sup>1</sup>

Permitholders who fished: 2,111<sup>1</sup>

Commercial Crew (full year) license holders: 1812<sup>2</sup>

Total Skippers who fished plus Crew in 2011: 3,923<sup>1,2</sup>

Percentage of local population who fished: 6.5%<sup>1,2,4</sup>

Vessels Home Ported: 2,535<sup>3</sup>

Estimated 2011 ex-vessel income by Southeast Alaska-based fishermen: \$215 million<sup>1</sup>

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 Southeast Alaska benefits from commercial fishing dollars.**

### JOBS - PROCESSING

Alaska Resident processing wages in Southeast Alaska \$22 million<sup>5</sup>

Total processing wages: \$56 million<sup>5</sup>

First wholesale value: \$612 million<sup>6</sup>

### ...AND MORE JOBS

**In addition to direct harvester and processor workers**, fisheries related jobs include ship and boat building, 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 Communities through Fishery Taxes ...

FY 2011 Shared taxes – **Southeast Alaska** cities and boroughs collectively received \$4.3 Million<sup>8</sup> in 2011 and **over \$18 Million** from 2007-2011 in fisheries business and landing taxes through the municipal tax-sharing program from Southeast Alaska fisheries landings and businesses. The State of Alaska received a like amount.

### Southeast Alaska includes the following top U.S.A fishing ports (ranked by 2011 volume and value)<sup>7</sup>

SITKA – 15<sup>th</sup> in volume, 10<sup>th</sup> in value

PETERSBURG – 16<sup>th</sup> in volume, 15<sup>th</sup> in value

KETCHIKAN – 17<sup>th</sup> in volume, 17<sup>th</sup> in value

JUNEAU – 46<sup>th</sup> in volume, 41<sup>st</sup> in value

HAINES (Excursion Inlet) – 63<sup>rd</sup> in volume, 69<sup>th</sup> in value

YAKUTAT – 80<sup>th</sup> in volume, 54<sup>th</sup> in value

WRANGELL – 89<sup>th</sup> in volume, 83<sup>rd</sup> in value

**Southeast Alaska also includes the Prince of Wales-Outer Ketchikan and Skagway-Hoonah-Agoon Census Areas.**

#### 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/2011/mnu.htm>.

2. Crew numbers are from Alaska Department of Fish and Game 2011 Crew license list, and is the number of individuals who list their address in a given city.

3. Vessel home port numbers are from "AK CFEC Yearly 2011 Vessel 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 in a given community.

4. 2011 Population figures used to calculate percentage of resident skippers who fished plus crew are from DCCED AK Community Information Database online at [http://www.dced.state.ak.us/dca/commdb/CF\\_COMDB.htm](http://www.dced.state.ak.us/dca/commdb/CF_COMDB.htm).

5. Processor Employment and Wages 2011 Data is from Alaska Department of Labor at <http://labor.alaska.gov/research/seafood/statewide/AKSFPBorca.pdf>.

6. Processor 1st wholesale value by Census Area 2011 is provided by Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute.

7. 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>.

8. Revenue figures from 2011 AK Dept of Revenue Shared Taxes report, pp. 17-20: <http://www.tax.alaska.gov/programs/sourcebook/index.aspx>

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