Commercial Fishing and Seafood Processing Facts

JOBS - FISHING
Permit holders, Crew and Vessels (2013) in the Wade Hampton Census Area:
CFEC commercial fishing permit holders: 629
Total permits owned: 705
Permit holders who fished: 461
Commercial crew (full year) license holders: 662
Total skippers who fished plus crew in 2013: 1,123
Percentage of local population who fished: 14.4%
Commercial vessels home ported: 206

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

INCOME
Estimated 2013 ex-vessel income by Wade Hampton Census Area–based fishermen: $3.3 million

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 Wade Hampton Census Area benefits from commercial fishing dollars.

JOBS – PROCESSING (2012)
Seafood processing jobs in W. H. Census Area: 526
Alaska resident processing jobs: 510 (97%)
Total processing wages: $2.3 million
Alaska resident processing wages: $1.97 million

...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 • 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 – Wade Hampton Census Area communities collectively received $39,003 in fisheries business and landing taxes through the municipal tax-sharing program from Wade Hampton Census Area fisheries landings and businesses. The State of Alaska received a like amount.

Wade Hampton 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.

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 2013 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 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/DCERAExternal.