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## 2015 Commercial Fishing and Seafood Processing Facts

*Alaska's commercial fishing sector is a major contributor to employment and wages in Washington. The Alaska fishing industry employs thousands of individuals from U.S. states, who earn millions of dollars in wages, and produces billions of pounds of seafood for the US and the world.*

*Commercial fishing permit holders represent small and family-owned business, supporting dozens of other services businesses such as hardware and marine suppliers, fuel, accountants, air and water travel and shipping, boat builders, restaurants, scientists, and administrators.*

***Virtually every business in the greater Seattle area benefits from commercial fishing dollars.***

*Statistics are not readily available for Alaska seafood processing jobs and wages paid to Washington residents. The following numbers are for harvesting (fishing) only:*

### Key Statistics for 2015:

- **Washington residents who fished an AK commercial fishing permit: 1,549<sup>1</sup>**
- **Washington resident AK commercial crewmember license holders: 5,029<sup>2</sup>**
- **Washington resident permit holders who fished plus crew: 6,578<sup>1,2</sup>**
- **Alaska commercial fishing vessels registered to Washington owners: 1,751<sup>3</sup>**
- **Alaska fisheries ex-vessel earnings by Washington-based permit holders: \$904.2 million<sup>1</sup>**
- **Estimated harvest by Washington-based permit holders: 4.0 billion pounds<sup>1</sup>**

### 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](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.

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