Dillingham Census Area

2018 Commercial Fishing and Seafood Processing Facts

JOBS - FISHING
Permit holders, Crew and Vessels:
Commercial fishing permit holders: 604
Total permits owned: 734
Permit holders who fished: 417
Commercial crewmember license holders: 672
Permit holders who fished plus crew: 1,089
Percentage of local population who fished: 21.9%
Vessels home ported: 380
Vessels owned: 334

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

INCOME
Estimated ex-vessel income by Dillingham Census Area–based fishermen: $33.4 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 Dillingham Census Area benefits from commercial fishing dollars.

JOBS – PROCESSING
Seafood processing jobs in Dillingham CA: 1,409
Processing wages: $14.6 million
Number of processing facilities (2014): 7

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT
The Dillingham Census Area is in House District 37, Senate District S.

…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 2018 shared taxes – Dillingham Census Area communities collectively received $780,460 in fisheries business and landing taxes through the municipal tax-sharing program from Dillingham Census Area fisheries landings and businesses. The State of Alaska received a like amount. In addition, Togiak received $32,598 in municipal fisheries taxes.

Dillingham Census Area includes the communities of Aleknagik, Clark’s Point, Dillingham, Ekwok, Koliganek, Manokotak, New Stuyahok, Togiak, and Twin Hills.

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 (does not include confidential data).
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/dcca/DCAREternal.
5. Processor employment and wage data is from the Alaska Department of Labor at http://live.laborstats.alaska.gov/seafood/seafoodstatewide.cfm.
7. Local taxes from DCCED are from Table 2 of the Alaska Taxable database, found here: https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/dcca/dcra/poext/Pages/AlaskaTaxableDatabase.aspx