Haines Borough

2018 Commercial Fishing and Seafood Processing Facts

Haines Borough is ranked the #89 fishing port in the U.S. by weight and the #103 port by value, with landings of 3.8 million pounds of seafood worth $6.3 million in 2018.¹

JOBS - FISHING

Permit holders, crew and vessels:
Commercial fishing permit holders: 101¹ (2018 preliminary)
Total permits owned: 160¹
Permit holders who fished: 82¹
Crew license holders: 89² full year and 5 7-day licenses.
Permit holders who fished plus crew: 176¹²
Percentage of local population who fished: 6.8%¹,²,⁴
Vessels home ported: 82² Vessels owned: 84³
Haines based fishermen fished for crab, halibut, groundfish, shrimp, sea cucumbers, sablefish and salmon in Southeast, Prince William Sound, Bristol Bay, and the Gulf of Alaska in 2018. Each of these individual small and family businesses represents investment, employment, and income brought home to the Haines Borough.

INCOME:

Estimated ex-vessel income by Haines Borough-based fishermen: $5.8 million¹ (2018 preliminary)
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 the Haines Borough benefits from commercial fishing dollars.

JOBS – PROCESSING (2017)

Seafood processing jobs in Haines Borough: 321⁵
Total processing wages: $2.8 million⁵

…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 …
Haines Borough received $352,884 in fisheries business taxes in FY2018, and $1.25 million in the past five years through the municipal tax-sharing program from Haines Borough fisheries landings and businesses.⁶ The State of Alaska received a like amount.

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

Haines is in House District 33, Senate District Q.

Haines Borough includes the communities of Haines and Excursion Inlet. The majority of Haines fishermen (52) fished the Southeast salmon gillnet fishery with total estimated earnings of $3.6 million in 2018.

Footnotes - Sources:
2. Crew numbers are from Alaska Department of Fish and Game commercial crew license list, and are the number of 2018 full year and seven day adult resident crew license holders who list their address in a given community.
3. Vessel numbers are from CFEC yearly download 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. 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://dcr-a-dco-dced.opendata.arcgis.com/.
5. Processor employment and wage data is from the Alaska Department of Labor 2017 provided on request. For historical data see: http://live.labstats.alaska.gov/seafood/statewide.cfm.