2018 Commercial Fishing and Seafood Processing Facts

Homer ranked the #82 fishing port in the U.S. by weight and the #70 port by value, with landings of 4.3 million pounds of seafood worth $13.2 million in 2018.¹

JOBS - FISHING
Permit holders, crew and vessels:
Commercial fishing permit holders: 593¹
Total permits owned: 1,062¹
Permit holders who fished: 433²
Commercial crewmember license holders: 638²
Permit holders who fished plus crew: 1,071¹,²
Percentage of local population who fished: 19.7%¹,²,⁴
Vessels home ported: 615³ Vessels owned: 562³

Each of these individual small and family businesses represents investment, employment, and income in the Homer community.

INCOME:
Estimated ex-vessel income by Homer–based fishermen: $69 million.¹
Earnings generated from commercial fishing circulated in the local economy through taxes; purchases, rentals, hotels, electricity, entertainment, fuel, vehicles, food, repair and maintenance parts, transportation, travel, medical, and other services. Virtually every business in Homer benefits from commercial fishing dollars.

JOBS – PROCESSING
Seafood processing jobs in Kenai Peninsula Borough: 1,751⁵
Alaska resident processing jobs in borough: 736 (43%)⁵
Total processing wages: $18.4 million⁵
Alaska resident processing wages: $9.0 million (49%)⁵
Number of processing facilities: 8¹

Revenues to the state and community through fisheries taxes...
FY 2018 shared taxes – Homer received $59,449 in fisheries business and landing taxes through the municipal tax-sharing program from Homer fisheries landings and businesses.⁷ The State of Alaska received a like amount.

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT
Homer is in House District 31, Senate District P.

Salmon is the most abundant and valuable species to Homer fishermen, with total landings of 49.2 million pounds worth more than $52 million. The Homer fleet is well diversified with other fishing activity in crab ($3.4m), halibut ($6.7m), black cod ($5.5m) and groundfish ($6.5m) in 2018 statewide fishing earnings.¹

Footnotes - Sources:
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.licenseSelf.
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/dcra/DCRAExternal.