2018 Commercial Fishing and Seafood Processing Facts

Juneau ranked #49 in the U.S. by value with seafood landings worth $21.4 million in 2018.6

JOBS - FISHING

Permit holders, crew and vessels (2018):
Commercial fishing permit holders: 3841
Total permits owned: 6291
Permit holders who fished: 2551 (up 6)
Crew license holders: 376 full year2
Permit holders who fished plus crew: 6311.2
Percentage of local population who fished: 2.0%1,2,4
Vessels home ported: 6043 Vessels owned: 3053
Juneau had 39 catcher sellers, catcher processors and direct market vessels in 2018.8 Each of these individual small and family businesses represents investment, employment, and income in the Juneau community.

INCOME

Estimated ex-vessel income by City and Borough of Juneau-based fishermen from all fisheries: $20.7 million. Earnings generated from commercial fishing circulate in the local economy through property and sales taxes; purchases of homes, rentals, hotels, electricity, entertainment, fuel, vehicles, food, repair and maintenance, transportation, travel, medical, and other services. Virtually every business in Juneau benefits from commercial fishing dollars.

The Juneau based DIPAC Hatchery produces significant number of chum, sockeye, Chinook and coho salmon for commercial, sport, and personal use fisheries.

JOBS – PROCESSING (2018)

Shore based processors: 68
Seafood processing jobs in Juneau: 5365 (up 62)
Alaska resident processing jobs: 222 (41.4%)5
Total processing wages: $6.3 million5
Alaska res. processing wages: $3.2 M (50.9%)5

Footnotes - Sources:
2. Crew numbers are from Alaska Department of Fish and Game commercial crew license list, and are the number of 2017 adult license holders who list their address in a CBJ 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/fishery_statistics/landings/index.htm 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://dca-coa.ddced.opendata.arcgis.com/
5. Processor employment and wage data is from the Alaska Department of Labor at http://live.laborstats.alaska.gov/seafood/seafoodstatewide.cfm.
7. Revenue figures are from the Alaska Department of Revenue Shared Taxes report; http://www.tax.alaska.gov/programs/sourcebook/index.aspx
8. Processor, catcher seller and direct mkt vessels are from ADFG at http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fishlicense.historical_holders

...AND MORE JOBS

In addition to direct harvester and processor workers, fisheries related jobs include hatcheries, 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 • Hatcheries • 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 – The City and Borough of Juneau received $447,875 in fisheries business taxes through the municipal tax-sharing program from City and Borough of Juneau fisheries landings and businesses.(1.9 M in last five years). The State of Alaska received a like amount.

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

The City and Borough of Juneau is in House Districts 33 and 34, Senate District Q.

The City and Borough of Juneau includes the communities of Juneau, Douglas, and Auke Bay. Juneau residents’ top fisheries include salmon ($9.8M), halibut ($2.4M), crab ($1.9M, all species), and sablefish ($1.1M). Southeast salmon drift gillnet is the top single fishery with $4.5M earnings1.