Kodiak

2018 Commercial Fishing and Seafood Processing Facts

Kodiak is ranked the #4 fishing port in the U.S. by weight and the #8 port by value, with landings of 390.5 million pounds of seafood worth $104.4 million in 2018.¹

JOBS - FISHING

Permit holders, crew and vessels:

Commercial fishing permit holders - Kodiak: 489¹
Kodiak Island Borough: 550¹
Total permits owned - Kodiak: 968¹
Kodiak Island Borough: 1,074¹
Permit holders who fished - Kodiak: 344¹
Kodiak Island Borough: 382¹
Commercial full year crew license holders - Kodiak: 685², Kodiak Island Borough: 772²
Permit holders who fished plus crew - Kodiak: 1,029¹,²
Kodiak Island Borough: 1,154¹,²
Percentage of local population who fished - Kodiak: 17.3%¹,²,⁴, Kodiak Island Borough: 9%¹,²,⁴
Vessels home ported - Kodiak: 562³, Kodiak Island Borough: 636³
Vessels owned - Kodiak: 449³, Kodiak Island Borough: 526³

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

INCOME

Estimated ex-vessel income by Kodiak Island Borough–based fishermen: $104.9 million¹

Earnings generated from commercial fishing circulated in the local economy through property and sales taxes; purchases, utilities, transportation, and other services.

Virtually every business in Kodiak benefits from commercial fishing dollars.

JOBS – PROCESSING

Seafood processing jobs in Kodiak Island Borough: 2,327⁵
Alaska resident processing jobs: 1,387 (59.6%)⁵
Total processing wages: $42.8 million⁵
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Number of processing facilities: 15⁴

In addition to direct harvester and processor workers, fisheries related jobs include hatcheries, fuel, accountants, air and water travel, marine supply, boat building and repair, air cargo crew, freight agents, and scientists.

Government related jobs include the largest United States Coast Guard base in the US with 3100 personnel and dependants, Alaska Department of Fish and Game • U.S. Fish and Wildlife Protection/Alaska Department of Public Safety • Docks and Harbors • U.A. School of Fisheries • Alaska Sea Grant Marine Advisory program, and more.

REVENUE to the State and Community

FY 2018 shared taxes – The City of Kodiak received $880,642, and the Kodiak Island Borough received $1.9 million in fisheries business and landing taxes through the municipal tax-sharing program from Kodiak fisheries landings and businesses; the State received a like amount. ⁷ In addition, Kodiak Island Borough fisheries taxes added $1.8 million in revenue.⁸

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

Kodiak is in House District 32, Senate District P.
The Kodiak Island Borough includes the communities of Akhiok, Chiniak, Kodiak, Kodiak Station, Larsen Bay, Old Harbor, Ouzinkie, Port Lions, and Karluk.

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
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.licensefie
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/DCRAExternal.
5. NOAA, NMFS Office of Science and Technology, see reports “Total Commercial Fishery Landings at Major U.S. Ports” ranked by value and by weight at http://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/commercialfisheries/commercial-landings/index
6. NOAA, NMFS Office of Science and Technology, see reports “Total Commercial Fishery Landings at Major U.S. Ports” ranked by value and by weight at http://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/commercialfisheries/commercial-landings/index
7. Revenue figures are from the Alaska Department of Revenue Shared Taxes report: http://www.tax.alaska.gov/programs/sourcebook/index.aspx
8. Local taxes from DCCED are from Table 2 of the Alaska Taxable database, found here: https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/dcca/dcrarepoext/Pages/AlaskaTaxableDatabaseas.aspx