2018 Commercial Fishing and Seafood Processing Facts

JOBS - FISHING
Permit holders, crew and vessels:
Commercial fishing permit holders: 332¹
Total permits owned: 408¹
Permit holders who fished: 234¹
Commercial crewmember license holders: 531²
Permit holders who fished plus crew: 765¹²
Vessels home ported: 29³ Vessels owned: 183³

Each of these individual small and family businesses represents investment, employment, and income in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough community.

INCOME:
Estimated ex-vessel income by Matanuska-Susitna Borough–based fishermen: $20.0 million¹

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 Matanuska-Susitna Borough benefits from commercial fishing dollars.

JOBS – PROCESSING
Seafood processing jobs in the Mat-Su Borough: 23⁵
Number of processing facilities: 3⁴

...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 …
The state general fund received over $24.7 million in fisheries business and landings taxes in FY 2018, and Total seafood industry contributions to the state treasury totaled over $78.3 million, including business, landings, salmon development, and seafood marketing taxes, among others.⁶,⁷

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS
The Matanuska-Susitna Borough includes House Districts 7-12, and Senate Districts D-F.

The Matanuska-Susitna Borough includes the communities of Big Lake, Houston, Palmer, Talkeetna, Trapper Creek, Sutton, Wasilla, and Willow

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.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/dcr/DCRAExternal
5. Processor employment and wage data is from the Alaska Department of Labor at http://live.laborstats.alaska.gov/seafood/seafoodstatewide.cfm.
6. Revenue figures are from the Alaska Department of Revenue Shared Taxes report: http://www.tax.alaska.gov/programs/sourcebook/index.aspx