Valdez

2018 Commercial Fishing and Seafood Processing Facts

JOBS - FISHING
Permit holders, crew and vessels:
Commercial fishing permit holders: 321
Total permits owned: 521
Permit holders who fished: 241
Commercial crewmember license holders: 731
Permit holders who fished plus crew: 971,2
Percentage of local population who fished: 2.5%1,2,4
Vessels home ported: 701 Vessels owned: 501
Each of these individual small and family businesses represents investment, employment, and income in the Valdez community.

INCOME
Estimated ex-vessel income by Valdez–based fishermen: $3.7 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 Valdez benefits from commercial fishing dollars.

JOBS – PROCESSING
Seafood processing jobs in Valdez-Cordova Census Area: 2,2075
Alaska resident processing jobs: 4545
Total processing wages: $23.5 million5
Alaska resident processing wages: $8.0 million5
Number of processing facilities: 174

...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.

Much of the seafood caught in Valdez is flown or shipped out, providing many transportation sector jobs.

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 …
FY 2018 shared taxes – Valdez received $512,449 in fisheries business and landing taxes through the municipal tax-sharing program from Valdez fisheries.7 The State of Alaska received a like amount.

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT
Valdez is in House District 9, Senate District E.

Salmon is the most abundant and valuable seafood species to Valdez fishermen, with total landings of 4.2 million pounds worth more than $1.9 million.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.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/dcmr/DCCEDeternal.
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