2018 Commercial Fishing and Seafood Processing Facts

Wrangell is ranked the #75 fishing port in the U.S. by weight and the #83 port by value, with landings of 4.9 million pounds of seafood worth $10.4 million.6

JOBS - FISHING

Permit holders, crew and vessels:
Commercial fishing permit holders: 2101
Total permits owned: 3811
Permit holders who fished: 1481
Commercial crewmember license holders: 2052
Permit holders who fished plus crew: 3531,2
Percentage of local population who fished: 14.5%1,2,4
Vessels home ported: 2283 Vessels owned: 2123

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

INCOME

Estimated ex-vessel income by Wrangell–based fishermen: $12.0 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 Wrangell benefits from commercial fishing dollars.

JOBS – PROCESSING

Seafood processing jobs in Wrangell: 1455
AK resident processing jobs: 46 (32%)5
Total processing wages: $2.0 million5
AK resident wages: $1.0m (50.3%)5
Number of processing facilities: 24

Footnotes - Sources:
2. Crew numbers are from Alaska Department of Fish and Game commercial crew 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; http://www.commerce.alaska.gov/dcca/DCCEDExternal.