2021 Commercial Fishing and Seafood Processing Facts

**Naknek is ranked the #8 fishing port in the U.S. by weight and the #4 port by value, with landings of 160.6 million pounds of seafood worth $245.2 million in 2021.**

**JOBS - FISHING**

Permit holders, crew and vessels:

Commercial fishing permit holders: 134

Total permits owned: 148

Permit holders who fished: 114

Commercial crewmember license holders: 121

Permit holders who fished plus crew: 235

Percentage of local population who fished: 28.6

Vessels home ported: 361

Vessels owned: 67

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

**INCOME**

Estimated ex-vessel income by Bristol Bay Borough-based fisherman: $8.6 million

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 Bristol Bay Borough benefits from commercial fishing dollars.**

**JOBS – PROCESSING**

Seafood processing jobs in Bristol Bay Borough: 3,755

Total processing wages: $41.3 million

Number of processing facilities: 13

**REVENUE to the State and Community**

FY 2021 shared taxes – Bristol Bay Borough received $4.9 million in fisheries business and landing taxes through the municipal tax-sharing program from fisheries landings and businesses. The State of Alaska received a like amount. In addition, borough fisheries taxes added $2.9 million in revenue to the Bristol Bay Borough in 2021.

**LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT**

Bristol Bay Borough is in House District 37 and Senate District S.

**Bristol Bay Borough of includes the communities of King Salmon, Naknek, and South Naknek.**

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**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](https://www.cfec.state.ak.us/fishery_statistics/earnings.htm), (does not include confidential data).

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](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](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. Population data used to calculate the percentage of residents who fished, are from the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development Database: [Alaska Population Estimates](https://www.census.gov/cci/programs/maps/alaska-population-estimates).

5. Processor employment and wage data is from the Alaska Department of Labor provided on request.


8. Local taxes from DCCED are from Table 2 of the Alaska Taxable database, found here: [Alaska Taxable 2021.pdf](https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=license.licensefile)