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2021 Commercial Fishing and Seafood Processing Facts

JOBS - FISHING

Permit holders, crew and vessels:

Commercial fishing permit holders: **112¹**
Total permits owned: **117¹**
Permit holders who fished: **31¹**
Commercial crewmember license holders: **90²**
Permit holders who fished plus crew: **121^{1,2}**
Vessels home ported: **2³** Vessels owned: **20³**

Each of these individual small and family businesses represents investment, employment, and income in the Fairbanks Northstar Borough.

INCOME

Estimated **ex-vessel income** by Fairbanks North Star Borough based fishermen: **\$3.3 million¹**

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

JOBS – PROCESSING

Seafood processing jobs in Fairbanks North Star Borough: **13⁵**

Alaska resident processing jobs: **12⁵**
Total processing wages: **\$153,284⁵**

...AND MORE JOBS

In addition to direct harvester and processor workers, fisheries related jobs include 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 • 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 **\$29.7 million** in fisheries business and landings taxes in FY 2021.⁶ Total seafood industry contributions to the state treasury totaled over **\$63.1 million**, including business, landings, salmon development, and seafood marketing taxes, among others.⁷

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

The Fairbanks North Star Borough includes House District 1 through 6 and Senate Districts A, B and C.

The Fairbanks North Star Borough includes Fairbanks, Ft. Wainwright, North Pole, Badger, Chatanika, Chena Hot Springs, Chena Ridge, College, Eielson AFB, Ester, Farmers Loop, Fox, Goldstream, Harding-Birch Lakes, Moose Creek, Pleasant Valley, Salcha, South Van Horn, Steele Creek, and Two Rivers.

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.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. 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](#).
5. Processor employment and wage data is from the Alaska Department of Labor provided on request.
6. Revenue figures are from the Alaska Department of Revenue Shared Taxes report: [FY2021 - Shared Tax Report - - Working Updated 11.29.2021.xlsx \(alaska.gov\)](#)
7. Tax assessment summaries are found at: [Alaska Department of Revenue - Tax Division](#)