

Kusilvak Census Area



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2021 Commercial Fishing and Seafood Processing Facts

JOBS - FISHING

Permit holders, crew and vessels:

Commercial fishing permit holders: **606**¹
Total permits owned: **654**¹
Permit holders who fished: **1**¹
Commercial crewmember license holders: **32**²
Permit holders who fished plus crew: **33**^{1,2}
Percentage of local population who fished: **0.4%**^{1,2,4}
Vessels home ported: **79**³ Vessels owned: **88**³

Each of these individual small and family businesses represents investment, employment, and income in the Kusilvak Census Area.

INCOME

Estimated **ex-vessel income** by Kusilvak Census Area-based fishermen (2020): **\$53,899**¹

Earnings generated from commercial fishing circulated in the local economy through property and sales taxes; purchases, utilities, repair and maintenance, and other services. **Virtually every business in the Kusilvak Census Area benefits from commercial fishing dollars.**

JOBS – PROCESSING

Seafood processing jobs in Kusilvak Census Area: **182**⁵
Alaska resident processing jobs: **175 (96%)**⁵
Total processing wages: **\$1.3 million**⁵
Alaska resident processing wages: **\$1.1 million (85%)**⁵

...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 ...

FY 2020 shared taxes – **Kusilvak Census Area communities collectively received \$31,869 in fisheries business and landing taxes** through the municipal tax-sharing program from Kusilvak Census Area fisheries landings and businesses.⁶ The State of Alaska received a like amount.

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

The Kusilvak CA is in House District 39, Senate District T. **The Kusilvak Census Area includes communities of Alakanuk, Chevak, Emmonak, Hooper Bay, Kotlik, Marshall, Mountain Village, Nunam Iqua, Pilot Station, Russian Mission, Saint Mary's, and Scammon Bay.**

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.
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 \(alaska.gov\)](#)