Kusilvak Census Area

2021 Commercial Fishing and Seafood Processing Facts

JOBS - FISHING
Permit holders, crew and vessels:
Commercial fishing permit holders: 606¹
Total permits owned: 654¹
Permit holders who fished: 1¹
Commercial crewmember license holders: 32²
Permit holders who fished plus crew: 33¹²
Percentage of local population who fished: 0.4%¹²⁴
Vessels home ported: 79³ Vessels owned: 88³

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

INCOME

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: 182⁵
Alaska resident processing jobs: 175 (96%)⁵
Total processing wages: $1.3 million⁵
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:
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.