Nome Census Area

2021 Commercial Fishing and Seafood Processing Facts

JOBS - FISHING
Permit holders, crew and vessels:
Commercial fishing permit holders: 272
Total permits owned: 341
Permit holders who fished: 143
Commercial crewmember license holders: 105
Permit holders who fished plus crew: 248
Percentage of local population who fished: 2.5%
Vessels home ported: 92
Vessels owned: 89

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

INCOME:
Estimated ex-vessel income by Nome Census Area-based fishermen: $1.0 million
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 Nome Census Area benefits from commercial fishing dollars.

JOBS – PROCESSING
Seafood processing jobs in the Nome CA: 267
Alaska resident processing jobs: 251 (94%)
Total processing wages: $4.8 million
Alaska resident processing wages: $4.8 million (93.8%)
Number of processing facilities (2022): 3

…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 2021 shared taxes – Nome Census Area communities collectively received a total of $5,641 in fisheries business and landing taxes. The State of Alaska received a like amount.

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT
The Nome Census Area is in House District 39, Senate District T.

The Nome Census Area includes communities of Elim, Golovin, Koyuk, Nome, Saint Michael, Savoonga, Shaktoolik, Shishmaref, Stebbins, Teller, Unalakleet, and White Mountain.

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.