

# Seward, Alaska

## Commercial Fishing and Seafood Processing Facts

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**Seward is the #17 fishing port in the U.S. by Volume & #9 by Value of 2010 landings.**

### JOBS - FISHING

#### Permit holders, Crew and Vessels (2010) in Seward:

CFEC commercial fishing permit holders: **62**<sup>1</sup>

Total permits owned: **118**<sup>1</sup>

Permitholders who fished: **43**<sup>1</sup>

Commercial Crew license holders: **118**<sup>2</sup>

Total Skippers who fished plus Crew in 2010: **161**<sup>1,2</sup>

Percentage of residents who fished: **6%**<sup>1,2,4</sup>

Vessels Home Ported: **88**<sup>3</sup>

**Each of these individual small and family businesses represents investment, employment, and income in the Seward community.**

#### Income:

Estimated 2010 ex-vessel income by Seward-based fishermen: **\$10,746,450**<sup>1</sup>

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 Seward benefits from commercial fishing dollars.**

### JOBS - PROCESSING

Seafood processing jobs (2009 - Kenai Peninsula Borough): **1,846**<sup>5</sup>

Total processing wages: (2009 - Kenai Peninsula Borough): **\$ 11,590,049**<sup>5</sup>

First wholesale value (2009 - Kenai Peninsula Borough): **\$151 million**<sup>6</sup>

### ...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 Life Center • Alaska Sea Grant Marine Advisory program, and more.

### TRANSPORTATION JOBS AND BENEFITS

In 2010, **75.4 million pounds**<sup>7</sup> of seafood were landed in Seward for an estimated value of **\$69.2 million**<sup>7</sup>, and most of this was shipped or flown out, providing many more jobs.

### REVENUE to the State and Community through Fishery Taxes ...

FY 2010 Shared taxes – The **City of Seward** received **\$298,316**<sup>8</sup>, the **Kenai Peninsula Borough** received **\$622,268**<sup>8</sup>, and the **State of Alaska** received **\$1,149,746**<sup>8</sup> in fishery business and landing taxes through the municipal tax-sharing program from Seward and Kenai Peninsula Borough fisheries landings and businesses.

#### Footnotes - Sources:

1. Commercial fishing permit activity, estimated harvest and earnings by permit holders are from AK Commercial Fishery Entry Commission (CFEC) at: <http://www.cfec.state.ak.us/gpbycen/2010/mnu.htm>
2. Crew numbers are from Alaska Department of Fish and Game 2010 Crew license list, and is the number of individuals who list their address in a given city.
3. Vessel home port numbers are from AK CFEC – online at <http://www.cfec.state.ak.us/plook/>
4. 2010 Population figures used to calculate percentage of resident skippers who fished plus crew is from DCCED AK Community Information Database online at: [http://www.dced.state.ak.us/dca/commdb/CF\\_COMDB.htm](http://www.dced.state.ak.us/dca/commdb/CF_COMDB.htm)
5. Processor Employment and Wages Data is from Alaska Department of Labor at <http://labor.alaska.gov/research/seafood/statewide/AKSFPBorca.pdf>
6. Processor 1st wholesale value by Census Area 2009 provided by Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute
7. National rank and NOAA total landings and value for selected ports is from NOAA Fisheries - Office of Science & Technology: <http://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/st1/commercial/index.html>
8. Revenue figures from 2010 AK Dept of Revenue Shared Taxes report: <http://www.tax.alaska.gov/programs/sourcebook/index.aspx>