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Commercial Fishing and Seafood Processing Facts

Sitka is the #18 fishing port in the U.S. by Volume & #20 by Value of 2010 landings.

JOBS - FISHING

Permit holders, Crew and Vessels (2010) in Sitka:

CFEC commercial fishing permit holders: **564**¹
Total permits owned: **1094**¹
Permitholders who fished: **457**¹
Commercial Crew license holders: **648**²
Total Skippers who fished plus Crew in 2010: **1,105**^{1,2}
Percentage of residents who fished: **12.4%**^{1,2,4}
Vessels Home Ported: **605**³

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

Income:

Estimated 2010 ex-vessel income by Sitka-based fishermen: **\$40,151,347**¹
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 Sitka benefits from commercial fishing dollars.**

JOBS - PROCESSING

Seafood processing jobs (2009): **900**⁵
Total processing wages: (2009): **\$ 10,639,043**⁵
First wholesale value (2009): **\$104 million**⁶

...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.

TRANSPORTATION JOBS AND BENEFITS

In 2010, **74.6 million pounds**⁷ of seafood were landed in Sitka for an estimated value of **\$62.2 million**⁷, 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 – **Sitka** and the **State of Alaska** each received **\$917,991**⁸ in fishery business and landing taxes through the municipal tax-sharing program from Sitka 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/dea/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>