

Wasilla, Palmer & Mat-Su Borough, Alaska

Commercial Fishing and Seafood Processing Facts

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JOBS - FISHING

Permit holders, Crew and Vessels (2010) in Wasilla - Palmer -Mat-Su Borough:

CFEC commercial fishing permit holders: **301**¹

Total permits owned: **375**¹

Permitholders who fished: **213**¹

Commercial Crew license holders: **405**²

Total Skippers who fished plus Crew in 2010: **618**^{1,2}

Rank among Alaska census areas for total skippers & crew fishing: **#11**⁶

Vessels Home Ported: **28**³

Each of these individual small and family businesses represents investment, employment, and income in the Wasilla - Palmer -Mat-Su Borough community.

Income:

Estimated 2010 ex-vessel income by Wasilla - Palmer -Mat-Su Borough-based fishermen: **\$14,694,432**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 Wasilla - Palmer -Mat-Su Borough benefits from commercial fishing dollars.**

JOBS - PROCESSING

Seafood processing jobs (2009 -Borough): **35**⁵

Total processing wages: (2009-Borough): **\$ 168,160**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 through Fishery Taxes-

The State general fund received over **\$16 million**⁸ in its share of fishery business and landings taxes in 2010, and seafood industry contributions totaled over **\$70 million**⁸. The seafood industry is second only to oil & gas in revenue generated to the State (2010).

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 (this source not used in this sheet).

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>