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Cordova, Alaska

Commercial Fishing and Seafood Processing Facts

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Cordova is the #15 fishing port in the U.S. by Volume & #27 by Value of 2012 landings.

JOBS - FISHING

Permit holders, Crew and Vessels (2012) in Cordova:

- CFEC commercial fishing permit holders: 327¹
- Total permits owned: 559¹
- Permitholders who fished: 296¹
- Commercial Crew (full year) license holders: 323²
- Total Skippers who fished plus Crew in 2012: 619^{1,2}
- Percentage of local population who fished: 26.7^{1,2,4}
- Commercial Vessels Owned: 441 ; Home Ported: 682³

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

Income:

Estimated 2012 ex-vessel income by Cordova-based fishermen in statewide fisheries: **\$44,136,019¹**
 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 Cordova benefits from commercial fishing dollars.

JOBS - PROCESSING

- Seafood processing jobs in Valdez-Cordova Census Area: 1,730⁵ AK Resident seafood processing jobs in Cordova-Valdez: 242⁵
- Total processing wages: \$18,404,124⁵ AK Resident seafood processing wages: \$4.6 million⁵
- First wholesale value (2011): \$191 million⁶

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. In 2012, 83.8 million⁷ pounds of seafood were landed in Cordova for an estimated ex-vessel value of \$40 million⁷, and most of this was shipped or flown out, providing many more transportation sector jobs.

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 2012 Shared taxes – Cordova and the State of Alaska each received \$1,371,290⁸ in fisheries business and landing taxes through the municipal tax-sharing program from Cordova fisheries landings and businesses.

Footnotes - Sources:

- Commercial fishing permit activity, estimated harvest and earnings by permit holder are from AK Commercial Fishery Entry Commission (CFEC) at <http://www.cfec.state.ak.us/gpbycen/2012/mnu.htm>.
- Crew numbers are from Alaska Department of Fish and Game 2012 Crew license list, and is the number of individuals who list their address in a given city.
- Vessel home port numbers are from "AK CFEC Yearly 2012 Vessel CSV file available online at <http://www.cfec.state.ak.us/plook/> and is a count of commercial fishing licensed vessels that list home port in a given community.
- 2012 Population figures used to calculate percentage of resident skippers who fished plus crew are from DCCED AK Community Information Database online at http://www.dced.state.ak.us/dca/commdb/CF_COMDB.htm.
- Processor Employment and Wages 2012 Data is from Alaska Department of Labor at <http://labor.alaska.gov/research/seafood/statewide/AKSFPBorca.pdf>.
- Vessel 1st wholesale value by Census Area 2011 is provided by Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute.
- NOAA, NMFS Office of Science and Technology, see reports "Total Commercial Fishery Landings at Major U.S. Ports" ranked by value, by poundage <http://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/commercial-fisheries/commercial-landings/index>.
- Revenue figures from 2012 AK Dept of Revenue Shared Taxes report, online at: <http://www.tax.alaska.gov/programs/sourcebook/index.nsox>.

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