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Southcentral Alaska Commercial Fisheries Economic Significance in 2013

Ranking Amongst the Top 50 US Fishing Ports in 2013:

Top ranked U.S Ports: millions of dollars, exvessel (landed) value, before processing:

New Bedford	\$379
Dutch Harbor	197
Kodiak	154
Aleutians	105
Alaska Peninsula	102

Southcentral Alaska Ports: millions of dollars, exvessel value and rank in U.S top 50 ports:

Cordova	\$76	#7
Seward	70	#15
Kenai	40	#27
Valdez	29	#43
Homer	26	#46

Total Southcentral Alaska Region Value of Landings 2013: \$241 million. Overall port ranking if five Southcentral Alaska ports are combined is--#2 in the United States and---#1 in Alaska.

Source, NOAA Fisheries Report on US Fisheries for 2013, page 23:

<http://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/Assets/commercial/fus/fus13/FUS2013.pdf>

Salmon Fishing Jobs near record growth in Alaska in 2013, Southcentral Alaska, second highest number of fishing jobs at 1,619 jobs. (Also see processing jobs.)

Source: Alaska Department of Labor, Alaska Economic Trends, November 2014

<http://labor.state.ak.us/trends/nov14.pdf>

Commercial fishing jobs grew last year to a level not seen since 2000, according to the state Department of Labor. Driven primarily by an increased salmon harvest, notably from the record run of pinks, fishing jobs grew by nearly 2.5 percent last year. That brought the annual monthly average to 8,400 jobs, just 400 shy of the record. (This does not include processing jobs.)

Seafood harvesting and processing jobs are a focus of the November Alaska Economic Trends, which breaks down the numbers by region. Some highlights:

Salmon fishing jobs were the main source of growth between 2012 and 2013 with a statewide gain of 452 jobs, or 10 percent. Salmon at Bristol Bay accounted for 98 percent of harvesting jobs and 73 percent in the Southcentral region. Alaska crabbing dropped by

about 100 jobs over those two years, down 17 percent. The average loss for groundfish harvesting jobs was 187 jobs, or 15 percent.

Southeast Alaska has steadily been generating the most fishing jobs, at 2,510, gaining 210 last year, the most since 2000. **Southcentral was second highest at 1,619 fishing jobs due to the region's halibut fleets and the Prince William Sound and Cook Inlet salmon fisheries.** The Aleutians/Pribilof Islands ranked third for fishing employment at 1,513, followed by Bristol Bay with 1,364 fishing jobs.

Alaska Seafood Processing Jobs in 2013: Alaska had about 170 fish processing facilities in 2012. Most on-shore processing plants were in Southeast (39.3 percent) or 66 plants. **The second highest number of plants were in Southcentral (26.8 percent) or 45 plants.** The highest numbers of processing workers in 2013, were located in the Aleutian and Pribilof Island region (26.9%) at 7,507; followed by Southeast (15.3%) at 4,270 workers; Bristol Bay (15%) at 4,186; and **Southcentral (14%) at 3,900 processing jobs.**

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