



# THE ALASKA POLLOCK FISHERY AN IMPORTANT ECONOMIC ENGINE FOR ALASKANS



The Alaska pollock fishery\* is a vital source of employment and economic opportunities for Alaska families and communities.

**We're proud that our fishery continues to be a pillar of Alaska's statewide economy and a reliable source of income for hardworking families as it has been for decades.**

## ECONOMIC IMPACT

Alaska seafood is vital to the state's economy, and Alaska's pollock fishery is a significant contributor to the state's seafood sector.



ALASKA'S POLLOCK FISHERY REPRESENTS  
**30% | \$1.56B**  
OF THE OVERALL FIRST WHOLESALE VALUE  
OF ALASKA SEAFOOD.

(Source: ASMI, April 2024)

## THE ALASKA POLLOCK FISHERY\*



IS THE  
**2<sup>nd</sup> largest**  
FISHERY IN THE WORLD



SUPPORTS NEARLY  
**30K jobs**  
ACROSS THE U.S.



ACCOUNTS FOR OVER  
**35% of all fish**  
CAUGHT BY U.S. COMMERCIAL  
FISHERIES

Vessel Operations • Technical Support  
Seafood Processing • Distribution • Wholesale  
Retail • Foodservice Industries

\*Eastern Bearing Sea Alaska pollock fishery

## A VITAL CONTRIBUTOR TO THE ALASKA SEAFOOD SECTOR



**48K** WORKERS

Employed by the Alaska seafood industry including in the pollock sector

**\$2.3B**

Of labor income provided annually by commercial fishing to the state's economy

(Source: ASMI, April 2024)

### Supporting Other Fisheries

- PROVIDING A RELIABLE SOURCE OF INCOME AND A VALUABLE LIFELINE for other fisheries during challenging market conditions.
- SUPPORTING NON-POLLOCK SHORESIDE PROCESSORS, allowing them to stay in operation when pollock is not in season.



## SUPPORTING WESTERN ALASKA COMMUNITIES

The Alaska pollock fishery is a vital and valued economic partner to coastal Western Alaska communities through the Community Development Quota (CDQ) program.

**35%**

**OF ALASKA POLLOCK ASSETS**

are owned and controlled by Western Alaska communities through the CDQ program.

**65**

**WESTERN ALASKA COMMUNITIES**

depend on the pollock fishery for economic activity, including shoreside processing jobs, port and support business employment, and tax revenue.

**6 CDQ**

**GROUPS PROVIDE FUNDS**

to support education, training and employment opportunities, and investments to improve infrastructure.