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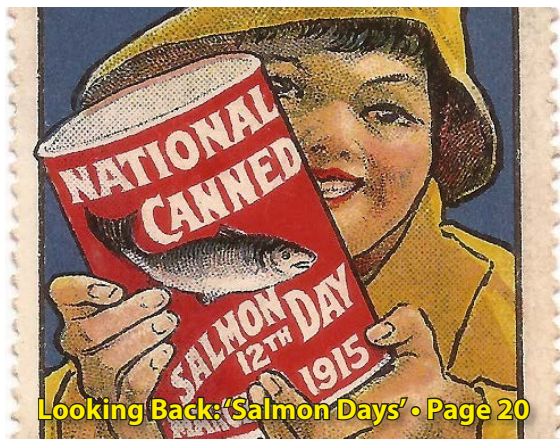
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**Salmon situation:** About 72 million salmon have been harvested so far in Alaska, about a third fewer than last year at this time. – [alaskaseafood.org](http://alaskaseafood.org)

**Halibut enforcement:** NOAA says it's taking action against charter fishing violators in Alaska. – [fisheries.noaa.gov](http://fisheries.noaa.gov)

**Fraser River watch:** Fishermen have high hopes for a strong sockeye salmon catch this year. – [vancouversun.com](http://vancouversun.com)

**Salmon seizure:** Alaska authorities seized 33,328 pounds of salmon in an illegal fishing case near Homer. – [dps.alaska.gov](http://dps.alaska.gov)

**Salmon situation:** With the exception of Bristol Bay, Alaska's salmon fisheries are struggling. – [uploads.alaskaseafood.org](http://uploads.alaskaseafood.org)

**Organized protest:** Trollers in Sitka call for Sen. Murkowski's help with the Pacific Salmon Treaty. – [kcaw.org](http://kcaw.org)

**Celebrate!** Today, Aug. 10, is Alaska Wild Salmon Day.

**Fraser watch:** It's early, but the Fraser River sockeye salmon run is looking strong for fishermen in U.S. waters. – [bellinghamherald.com](http://bellinghamherald.com)

**Coho boon:** Strong silver salmon catches are being reported in Alaska's Norton Sound. – [adfg.alaska.gov](http://adfg.alaska.gov)

**Alaska salmon update:** The statewide catch has now surpassed 90 million fish, but the Southeast pink salmon fishery is really struggling. – [scribd.com](http://scribd.com)

**Hot fishing up north:** Norton Sound is on track for a record silver salmon catch. – [adfg.alaska.gov](http://adfg.alaska.gov)

**Target's farmed fish turnabout:** Target has resumed selling farmed salmon in its stores, eight years after the retailer drew praise for committing to sell only sustainable, wild-caught salmon. – [bizjournals.com](http://bizjournals.com)

**Great idea!** The Alaska Board of Fisheries has released its 2018-19 proposal book. – [adfg.alaska.gov](http://adfg.alaska.gov)

**Primary elections:** Alaskans today choose candidates for governor, the Legislature, and Congress. – [adn.com](http://adn.com)

**Alaska salmon season update:** The statewide salmon harvest reaches 100 million fish. – [uploads.alaskaseafood.org](http://uploads.alaskaseafood.org)

**Pollution case:** The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality has fined Trident Seafoods for wastewater violations at its facility in Newport. – [oregon.gov](http://oregon.gov)

**Help for Chignik:** Alaska Gov. Bill Walker has declared an economic disaster for the Chignik region due to this season's sockeye collapse. – [gov.alaska.gov](http://gov.alaska.gov)

**Trade war:** Alaska Sen. Dan Sullivan testifies in opposition to a Trump administration tariff proposal. – [facebook.com/SenDanSullivan](http://facebook.com/SenDanSullivan)

**Coho bonanza:** Norton Sound sees a record silver salmon harvest. – [adfg.alaska.gov](http://adfg.alaska.gov)

**Pink blues:** The Southeast Alaska pink salmon catch is the lowest in over four decades. – [kfsk.org](http://kfsk.org)

**Kotzebue's killer keta season:** Fishermen at Kotzebue, Alaska, have caught a record 678,201 chum salmon, surpassing the previous mark set 37 years ago. – [adfg.alaska.gov](http://adfg.alaska.gov)

**Alaska disaster relief:** The state is taking public comment on how to distribute \$56.3 million in federal funding for the failed 2016 pink salmon season. – [adfg.alaska.gov](http://adfg.alaska.gov)

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# Fight ocean acidification: Yes on Washington Initiative 1631

In the mid-1980s, when I started seining with my dad for Fraser River sockeye, the Puget Sound fishery was already declining. But lately, the consequences of a fraying marine food web are spreading far beyond the fishing fleet. Living in Friday Harbor, I have a front row seat.

That's why I will vote for Washington's Initiative 1631 in November. This ballot measure will deeply reduce the biggest source of pollution that degrades our waters: carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) from burning coal, oil, and gas.

I've experienced some of the harm firsthand. Local salmon stocks kept dwindling, so like many fishermen I migrated north. Now I fish in Bristol Bay, while back home whale-watching boats and yachts have replaced fish boats in the harbor. Now they are worried, too.

The endangered Southern Resident orca whales aren't getting enough fish to sustain themselves. These whales haven't successfully raised a calf in over three years.

**Is anyone surprised?** Our resident orcas eat almost exclusively Chinook salmon. Just since I was a teenager, catch and escapement of these fish have dropped by more than half. Chinook in Puget Sound are down to about 10 percent of historic levels.

Scientists say the young Chinook themselves may be starving, especially when they first enter the Sound. November's ballot measure offers a chance to tackle what might be the biggest problem – while we still can.

Carbon dioxide from burning fossil fuels mixes into the water and acidifies Puget Sound. Scientists at the UW Labs in Friday Har-



Matt Marinkovich

bor have measured CO<sub>2</sub>-driven acidification at extremes that most marine waters aren't expected to see for generations. It is dissolving the shells of tiny floating snails called pteropods, a major prey for young salmon. High CO<sub>2</sub> and warm waters are fueling toxic algae that displace nutritious plankton eaten by salmon. Toxic algae are also forcing harvest closures in Dungeness crab and shellfish beds. Scientists say the impacts will keep getting worse until

we confront the root cause.

Not every attempt to "cure" this problem deserves support from fishermen. Initiative 1631 does. It is a powerful and affordable tool to slash the underlying CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

Fishermen and tribal leaders intervened to improve this ballot measure, so resource-dependent coastal people get a fair shake. The Working Group on Seafood and Energy, the only fisheries trade association focusing on carbon emissions, endorsed the initiative and provided a lot of information for this article.

**The measure will achieve** deep emission cuts at low costs. It will also help fishermen and others afford to do their part, instead of just sticking them with a bigger fuel bill. This initiative will impose a modest "carbon price" on most fuels. Then it uses the money to fix the problem – investing it to help ordinary people boost fuel efficiency, reduce emissions, and adapt.

This is a much stronger, fairer approach than the "carbon tax" (and mistargeted revenue giveaway) that Washington voters rejected in 2016.

Initiative 1631's "price and invest" approach provides funding that communities and businesses can use to build solutions that also benefit local industries. The money can build cold storages in coastal communities to eliminate trucking fish hundreds of miles to facilities in urban centers; retrofit vessels and vehicles to make them more fuel-efficient; and protect carbon-storing forested watersheds to ensure stable water supplies and draw down carbon.

Fishermen and tribes insisted on strong measures to ensure carbon revenues won't be diverted and squandered. Now the initiative includes multiple layers of accountability, starting with the mechanism for collecting revenue: It's a fee, not a tax. Legally, that means the money can only be spent to reduce emissions or to help people adapt to the impacts.

**Marine fuels are exempt** from the extra carbon price, so fishermen won't pay a dime more at the fuel dock. Other fuels will be charged \$15 per ton of carbon (around 14 cents a gallon of gas or diesel). That price rises at \$2 (per ton) a year, with the proceeds invested in solutions. The price stops rising in 2035 if the state is hitting its emission targets, which it should, since most of the money will go directly into emission reductions.

This fee-based policy makes way more sense than the "carbon tax" voters rejected in 2016. This time, the initiative won't give away money for tax breaks for big business and unfocused "rebates" to low-income people. Instead, Initiative 1631 dedicates the revenue to actually fix the problem – isn't that where the money should go?

Washington isn't going it alone. Dozens of countries (including China) and state and local governments that represent about half the world economy have already enacted similar "price-and-invest"

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# Salmon hatcheries support Alaskans, feed the world

When the Good Friday earthquake shook Alaska in 1964, the damage wasn't confined to buildings and homes. In some coastal areas, the land and ocean floor were uplifted, dramatically impacting the productivity of aquatic habitat for decades.

For the fishing towns of Cordova and Valdez, the fertile salmon spawning grounds of Prince William Sound all but dried up. But this wasn't the end of the story.

The people of Cordova created the Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corp. (PWSAC). The nonprofit transformed an old cannery at Port San Juan into a prolific wild salmon hatchery. As U.S. Sen. Ted Stevens recalled in the late 1970s, "In desperation, the community of Cordova banded together to build a major fish hatchery, which was one of the greatest community projects I have ever witnessed in Alaska."

Around the same time, the Alaska Legislature introduced the Fisheries Rehabilitation, Enhancement, and Development (FRED) Division within the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, and funding was provided to the department to construct hatchery facilities across the state and to staff them. Through the 1970s and '80s, FRED and the Sport Fish Division collaborated on a number of projects statewide to improve opportunities for commercial and sport users.

Shortly after opening the hatchery in 1974, PWSAC recorded the largest salmon run of any hatchery in the world. The Alaska seafood industry was once again working to meet the demands of the global marketplace, as well as support the coastal economies of Prince William Sound.

In 1980, Valdez leaders in fisheries and business founded Valdez Fisheries Development Association Inc. and built the Solomon Gulch Hatchery in Port Valdez in an effort to support the Valdez economy. The Solomon Gulch Hatchery would later become a consistent producer of early-run pink salmon as well as coho salmon, extending the common property fishery as well as significantly expanding sport fishing opportunities in Valdez. This also led to the development of the annual silver salmon derby in Valdez, which has become an economic boon for the community.

**Hatcheries are the solution** Alaska's founders intended for us to cultivate decades ago, when fishing politics of the 1970s differed little from the fish wars waged today. Back then, there was still a strong desire to work together. When salmon runs collapsed, a group of individuals representing various user groups joined to find ways to not only save our wild salmon but help them flourish – all while remaining dedicated to the environment and the sustainability of Alaska's fisheries.

Fluctuating fish runs caused by natural cycles offer little stability for Alaska's salmon users. Fisheries are the second-largest contributor to Alaska's economy after oil and gas, and history has found hatcheries provide reliable and sustainable salmon returns for all users.

Whether your favorite means of fishing is sport, subsistence, personal use, or you depend on commercial fishing for your livelihood, hatchery-raised salmon have likely benefited you and your family. Recently, hatcheries have also divided those who depend on salmon across our state. While some concerns should be addressed and in many cases are, this is diverting our focus from finding new solutions to promote sustainable fisheries enhancement in Alaska.

Today, Alaska's economy is thriving due to the foresight of many before us, and today many users depend on our fisheries enhancement programs. Hatcheries generate hundreds of millions of dollars in annual economic output, from commercial, sport, and



subsistence fishing revenue. The hatchery program is a solution endowed to us by early Alaskans to meet the challenges of Alaska's seafood industries and sustainably provide for the world's strong demand for Alaska wild salmon. We should be working together to continuously improve our program as we learn more about the natural environment and human interactions with it.

**Currently, there are many research projects** related to Alaska salmon. In one major project, ADF&G and industry are studying genetics, the scope of straying of hatchery-raised salmon, and population fitness of interacting hatchery and wild salmon. This project was developed to better help understand our salmon ecosystem in a way not possible before. Results of this study will chart a new path for Alaska salmon, and the Alaska hatchery program.

Research has found that hatcheries present a rare opportunity to supplement our natural resources while limiting impacts to the environment that supports our fisheries. One of the biggest challenges facing Alaska's salmon resource is that we love it too much. It is clear that the demand for Alaska's wild salmon by all users is greater than what the natural environment can support. New solutions and research will be needed to determine how to sustain these runs as demand continues to increase and the environment continues to change.

Innovation and determination are the lifeblood of Alaska, as was etched in history by hardy Alaskans like those survivors of the 1964 earthquake. Thanks to them – along with Ted Stevens and other visionary leaders in Alaska's fisheries – the state's hatcheries play a vital role in ensuring the promise to future generations that they, too, can enjoy and benefit from healthy salmon stocks.

To fulfill that promise, we must work together and rely on sound science. So, grab your pole, grab your net, and help us carry on a tradition older than Alaska itself. ↓

*Casey Campbell is CEO of Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corp. Mike Wells is CEO of Valdez Fisheries Development Association Inc. Learn more about salmon hatcheries statewide at [salmonhatcheriesforak.org](http://salmonhatcheriesforak.org).*

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policies. That's the kind of teamwork it takes to make a difference.

Killer whales and fishermen share a common interest in making sure the ocean can continue to support the fish we hunt. We need a strong, fair policy that will cut emissions. We need a policy like Washington's Initiative 1631. ↓

*Matt Marinkovich grew up fishing sockeye salmon on Puget Sound, fishes Bristol Bay today, and runs Matt's Fresh Fish, selling direct to consumers and restaurants. He is an active advocate for a healthy Salish Sea.*



# Bristol Bay stars in otherwise down year for Alaska salmon

The Bristol Bay sockeye fishery was magnificent in what was a disappointing, and even disastrous, salmon season elsewhere in Alaska.

In late September, and with the fishing all but done, the statewide commercial catch stood at 110.6 million fish, well short of the pre-season forecast of more than 147 million. A smaller than expected harvest of pink salmon accounted for most of the shortfall.

Bristol Bay exploded for a sockeye harvest of nearly 41.3 million fish, ranking second after the 44.2 million taken in 1995. The sockeye averaged 5.3 pounds and paid an average ex-vessel price of \$1.26 per pound for a total sockeye harvest value of about \$275.5 million.

Counting minor contributions from other species (chum, coho, Chinook, and pink), the bay tallied total ex-vessel value of \$281 million, best in the history of the fishery, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game reported.

Of the bay's five fishing districts, the Nushagak District was far and away the hottest, accounting for 58 percent or 24.1 million of the sockeye harvest. The Naknek-Kvichak District was a distant second with 8.6 million sockeye, followed by the Egegik District with about 5 million.

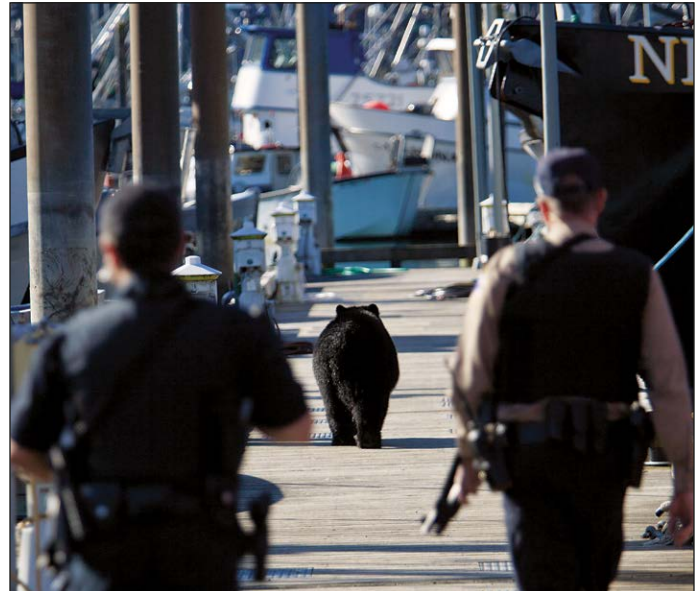
**Other important fishing zones** had little to cheer about.

At Chignik, where seiners are accustomed to catching 1 million sockeye or more annually, a run failure resulted in practically no harvest. Gov. Bill Walker declared an economic disaster for the Chignik region.

The season wasn't much better at the famed Copper River, where driftnetters caught about 44,000 sockeye – nowhere near the pre-season forecast of 942,000 sockeye.

In Upper Cook Inlet, the harvest of 814,000 sockeye was less than half the number forecast.

The statewide pink salmon harvest stood at 39.5 million fish, far



Alaska State Troopers on Sept. 8 were forced to shoot a black bear that caused a stir in the Cordova harbor. Bob Martinson photo

short of the forecast of 69.7 million. Southeast Alaska had a catch of only 7.6 million pinks on a forecast of 23 million.

The statewide chum salmon harvest stood at 17.4 million fish, exceeding the projected 21 million. ↓

– Wesley Loy

## ON THE HORIZON

Pacific Fishing magazine's monthly digest of upcoming management meetings and other notable events.

- **North Pacific Fishery Management Council meeting, Oct. 1-9, Anchorage.**
- **Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute annual meeting, Oct. 29-31, Anchorage.** Also known as the All Hands on Deck meeting.
- **Pacific Fishery Management Council meeting, Nov. 1-8, San Diego.**
- **Pacific Marine Expo, Nov. 18-20, Seattle.** A major trade show for commercial fishermen and mariners. More information at [pacificmarineexpo.com](http://pacificmarineexpo.com).
- **Alaska Board of Fisheries meeting, Nov. 28 to Dec. 4, Dillingham.** The board will consider Bristol Bay finfish proposals.
- **North Pacific Fishery Management Council meeting, Dec. 3-11, Anchorage.** The council will set Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska groundfish catch limits for 2019.
- **International Pacific Halibut Commission annual meeting, Jan. 28 to Feb. 1, Victoria, British Columbia.** The commission will set catch limits for 2019.

## Modest salmon results reported along U.S. West Coast

Here's a review of salmon seasons in Oregon, California, and Washington.

**Oregon:** In Oregon coastal waters, fishing was slow from May through July. The catch picked up significantly in August, with 12,023 Chinook landed weighing in at 140,030 pounds – surpassing the total numbers of fish and poundage from May, June, and July combined.

Preliminary data from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife shows a total of 23,030 fish landed through Aug. 31, with a total weight of 271,488 pounds valued at nearly \$2.3 million.

Oregon's dominant ports, Newport and Charleston, commanded the highest landings, with hauls of 7,068 and 3,671 fish respectively.

The data outlines a lackluster season that nevertheless has already bested last year, when fishing was closed off the Oregon coast from Florence south.

Oregon's 2017 Chinook landings totaled 264,320 pounds with an ex-vessel value of \$2.1 million in a season that's awaiting a federal disaster declaration along with the 2015 season.

Oregon's disappointing Chinook landings in recent years are mostly due to low abundances of California Sacramento River fall-run Chinook – a dynamic that's even more impactful in California.

**California:** Severely restricted to shield the drought-impacted Sacramento fall run, California's salmon season was closed in the

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*Rockfish run through the Trident Seafoods plant in Kodiak. Daysha Eaton/KMXT photo*





Alaska processors handle tens of millions of salmon every year. Chris Miller photo

# PACKING THE CATCH

## On land and at sea, processors prepare Alaska's seafood bounty for market

Catching fish in Alaska's extreme waters is tough work. And so is turning the raw fish into marketable products.

Each year, processors handle billions of pounds of groundfish, salmon, halibut, herring, and shellfish, producing fillets, surimi, canned goods, roe products, crab legs, and other goods. It takes huge financing and thousands of workers to do the job.

Presented here is *Pacific Fishing* magazine's directory of processing companies operating in Alaska. We've greatly expanded this year's directory to include not only shore plants, but also at-sea processors.

The at-sea sector includes processing ships and barges, as well as fleets of vessels that both catch and process fish. These powerful fleets include American Fisheries Act factory trawlers targeting Bering Sea

pollock, Amendment 80 factory trawlers targeting flatfish and other groundfish species, and freezer longliners concentrating on Pacific cod. Note that our listing includes only those processing vessels the state classifies as having the largest daily capacity.

Alaska's status as a world-class fishing zone is reflected in the heavyweight companies operating in the state, including Maruha Nichiro, Marubeni, Nissui, Trident Seafoods, Pacific Seafood, and American Seafoods.

We hope you find this Alaska processor directory useful, and we welcome your suggestions for improvement.

— Wesley Loy





Salmon gillnetters at a Bristol Bay cannery. U.S. Coast Guard photo



Workers process black cod at Seafood Producers Cooperative in Sitka. James Poulson photo

## SHORE PROCESSORS

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Sena Wheeler  
www.sixtynorthseafoods.com  
Sites: Cordova

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Sites: Juneau

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### Haida Wild Alaska Seafood

1 Water St., Hydaburg, AK 99922  
(907) 285-3666  
Leadership: Cody Carl, plant manager  
www.haidawildalaskaseafood.com  
Sites: Hydaburg  
Parent company: City of Hydaburg (50 percent) and  
Hydaburg Cooperative Association (50 percent)

### Haines Packing Co.

P.O. Box 290, Haines, AK 99827  
(907) 766-2883  
Leadership: Harry Rietze  
www.hainespacking.com  
Sites: Haines

### Icicle Seafoods Inc.

4019 21st Ave. W., Seattle, WA 98199  
(206) 282-0988  
Leadership: Pal Angell-Hansen, CEO  
www.icicleseafoods.com  
Sites: Dillingham, Egegik, Larsen Bay,  
Petersburg, Seward  
Parent company: Cooke Aquaculture Inc.

### International Seafoods of Alaska Inc.

517 Shelikof St., Kodiak, AK 99615  
(907) 486-4768  
Leadership: Todd Shoup, director of operations  
isa-ak.com  
Sites: Kodiak  
Parent company: True World Holdings LLC

### Kwik'Pak Fisheries LLC

2909 Arctic Blvd., Anchorage, AK 99503  
(907) 644-0326  
Leadership: Jack Schultheis, general manager  
www.kwikpakfisheries.com





*Much of Alaska's huge annual pollock catch is processed into surimi, a versatile protein paste. Gunnar Knapp photo*

Sites: Emmonak  
Parent company: Yukon Delta Fisheries Development Association

#### **Leader Creek Fisheries**

4601 Shilshole Ave. NW, Seattle, WA 98107  
(206) 547-6900  
Leadership: Dan Nomura, president  
www.leadercreekfisheries.com  
Sites: Naknek  
Parent company: Canadian Fishing Co. (Canfisco), part of The Jim Pattison Group

#### **North Pacific Seafoods Inc.**

4 Nickerson St., Suite 400, Seattle, WA 98109  
(206) 726-9900  
Leadership: Dave Hambleton, president  
www.northpacificseafoods.com  
Sites: Kenai (Inlet Fish Producers), Kodiak (Alaska Pacific Seafoods), Naknek (Pederson Point plant), Naknek (Red Salmon plant), Sitka (Sitka Sound Seafoods), Togiak (Togiak Fisheries)  
Parent company: Marubeni

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Leadership: Josh Osborne, plant manager  
nortonsoundseafood.com  
Sites: Nome  
Parent company: Norton Sound Economic Development Corp.

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www.oceanbeauty.com  
Sites: Alitak, Cordova, Excursion Inlet, Kodiak, Naknek, Petersburg  
Parent company: Bristol Bay Economic Development Corp. holds 50 percent interest

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Sites: Kodiak (Island Seafoods), Nikiski (Pacific Alaska Shellfish), Seward (Resurrection Bay Seafoods), Wrangell (Sea Level Seafoods)

#### **Peter Pan Seafoods Inc.**

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Leadership: Barry Collier, CEO  
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Sites: Dillingham, King Cove, Port Moller, Valdez  
Parent company: Maruha Nichiro

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Sites: Sitka

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Sites: Kenai

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Sites: Petersburg

#### **Trident Seafoods Corp.**

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Leadership: Joe Bundrant, CEO  
tridentseafoods.com  
Sites: Akutan, Cordova, Ketchikan, Kodiak, Naknek, Petersburg, St. Paul, Sand Point, Wrangell

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15400 NE 90th St., Redmond, WA 98073  
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Leadership: Tom Enlow, president  
www.unisea.com  
Sites: Dutch Harbor  
Parent company: Nissui

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(206) 783-3818  
www.tridentseafoods.com/our-story/our-fleet  
Length: 233 feet  
Key species: Herring, salmon

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www.eefoods.com/page/fleet  
Length: 182 feet  
Key species: Salmon, cod

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Key species: Salmon, crab, herring, cod

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Key species: Herring, salmon, cod

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signatureseafoods.com  
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Key species: Chum, pink salmon

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goldenalaska.com  
Length: 305 feet  
Key species: Bering Sea pollock

### Ocean Phoenix

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www.prempac.com/vessels/ocean\_phoenix.html  
Length: 680 feet  
Key species: Bering Sea pollock

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Key species: Bering Sea pollock

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American Seafoods Group  
2025 First Ave., Suite 900, Seattle, WA 98121  
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americanseafoodscompany.com/vessels  
Length: 272 feet  
Key species: Bering Sea pollock, yellowfin sole

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(206) 374-1515  
americanseafoodscompany.com/vessels  
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Key species: Bering Sea pollock, yellowfin sole

### Arctic Fjord

Arctic Storm Management Group LLC  
2727 Alaskan Way, Pier 69, Seattle, WA 98121  
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www.arcticstorm.com/vessels.html  
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Key species: Bering Sea pollock

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www.arcticstorm.com/vessels.html  
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Key species: Bering Sea pollock

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Key species: Bering Sea pollock

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Key species: Cod, yellowfin sole, pollock

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Length: 276 feet  
Key species: Bering Sea pollock

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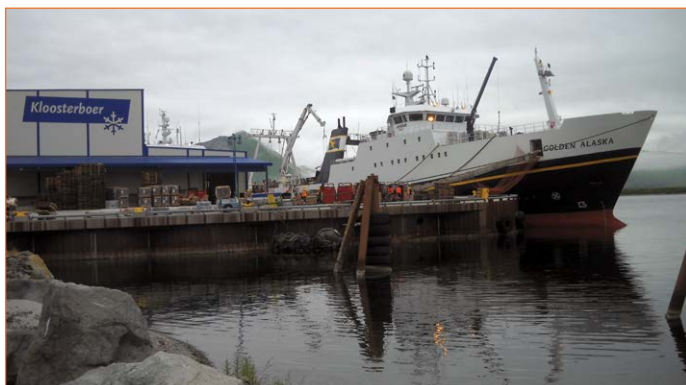
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*The American Seafoods factory trawler Ocean Rover, docked in Seattle. Wesley Loy photo*

[www.glacierfish.com/operations/cp-northern-glacier](http://www.glacierfish.com/operations/cp-northern-glacier)  
Length: 201 feet  
Key species: Various Bering Sea groundfish

#### **Northern Hawk**

Coastal Villages Region Fund  
711 H St., Suite 200, Anchorage, Alaska 99501  
(907) 278-5151  
[www.coastalvillages.org/vessels](http://www.coastalvillages.org/vessels)  
Length: 341 feet  
Key species: Bering Sea pollock

#### **Northern Jaeger**

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[americanseafoodscompany.com/vessels](http://americanseafoodscompany.com/vessels)  
Length: 336 feet  
Key species: Bering Sea pollock, yellowfin sole

#### **Ocean Rover**

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(206) 374-1515  
[americanseafoodscompany.com/vessels](http://americanseafoodscompany.com/vessels)  
Length: 256 feet  
Key species: Bering Sea pollock, yellowfin sole

#### **Pacific Glacier**

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(206) 298-1200  
[www.glacierfish.com/operations/ft-pacific-glacier](http://www.glacierfish.com/operations/ft-pacific-glacier)  
Length: 276 feet  
Key species: Bering Sea pollock

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Trident Seafoods Corp.  
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(206) 783-3818  
[www.tridentseafoods.com/our-story/our-fleet](http://www.tridentseafoods.com/our-story/our-fleet)  
Length: 270 feet  
Key species: Bering Sea pollock

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[www.starboats.com/fishing\\_operations.php](http://www.starboats.com/fishing_operations.php)  
Length: 300 feet  
Key species: Bering Sea pollock

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Length: 215 feet  
Key species: Flatfish, other groundfish

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[fishermensfinest.com/index.php/our-vessels](http://fishermensfinest.com/index.php/our-vessels)  
Length: 160 feet  
Key species: Flatfish, other groundfish

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[www.oharacorporation.com/ohara-fleet](http://www.oharacorporation.com/ohara-fleet)  
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[www.iquiqueus.com/vessels/ft-cape-horn](http://www.iquiqueus.com/vessels/ft-cape-horn)  
Length: 158 feet  
Key species: Flatfish, other groundfish

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Length: 160 feet  
Key species: Flatfish, other groundfish

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Key species: Flatfish, other groundfish

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Key species: Flatfish, other groundfish

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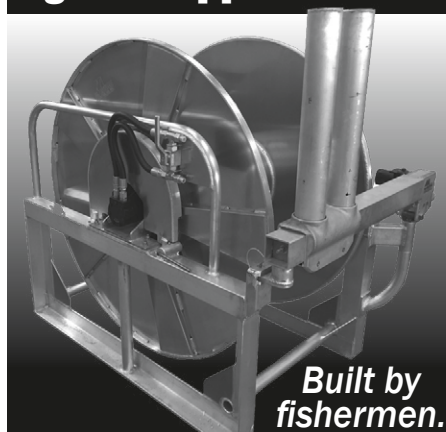
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Length: 295 feet  
Key species: Flatfish, other groundfish

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Key species: Flatfish, other groundfish

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Key species: Flatfish, other groundfish

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Key species: Flatfish, other groundfish

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Shelford Boat Ltd.  
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Length: 180 feet  
Key species: Cod

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(360) 318-1280  
alaskanleader.com/the-fleet/alaskan-leader  
Length: 150 feet  
Key species: Cod

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Key species: Cod

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Arctic Sablefish LLC  
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(907) 244-2123  
www.alentionsable.com  
Length: 124 feet  
Key species: Cod

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Length: 136 feet  
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www.baranofcourageous.com/copy-of-about-me  
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www.tatooshseafoods.com/vessels  
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(360) 318-1280  
alaskanleader.com/the-fleet/bering-leader  
Length: 124 feet  
Key species: Cod

#### **Bering Prowler**

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(206) 352-9252  
Length: 124 feet  
Key species: Cod

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(206) 352-9252  
bluenorth.com/home/#/fishing/fishing-vessels  
Length: 137 feet  
Key species: Cod

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bluenorth.com/home/#/fishing/fishing-vessels  
Length: 116 feet  
Key species: Cod

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bluenorth.com/home/#/fishing/fishing-vessels  
Length: 156 feet  
Key species: Cod

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2930 Westlake Ave. N., Seattle, WA 98109



*The flatfish factory trawler Seafreeze America at its June 2016 christening ceremony at Seattle's Lake Union. Photo courtesy of United States Seafoods*

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bluenorth.com/home/#/fishing/fishing-vessels  
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Key species: Cod

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alaskanleader.com/the-fleet/bristol-leader  
Length: 167 feet  
Key species: Cod

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www.clipperseafoods.com/new-page-3

Length: 129 feet  
Key species: Cod

#### **Clipper Epic**

Clipper Seafoods  
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(206) 284-1162  
www.clipperseafoods.com/clipper-epic  
Length: 172 feet  
Key species: Cod

#### **Clipper Surprise**

Clipper Seafoods  
641 W. Ewing St., Seattle, WA 98119  
(206) 284-1162  
www.clipperseafoods.com/new-page-4  
Length: 129 feet  
Key species: Cod



*Rockfish run through the Trident Seafoods plant in Kodiak. Daysha Eaton/KMXT photo*



*The newly built factory trawler Araho, as seen in February 2017 at Fishermen's Terminal in Seattle. Jeff Pond photo*

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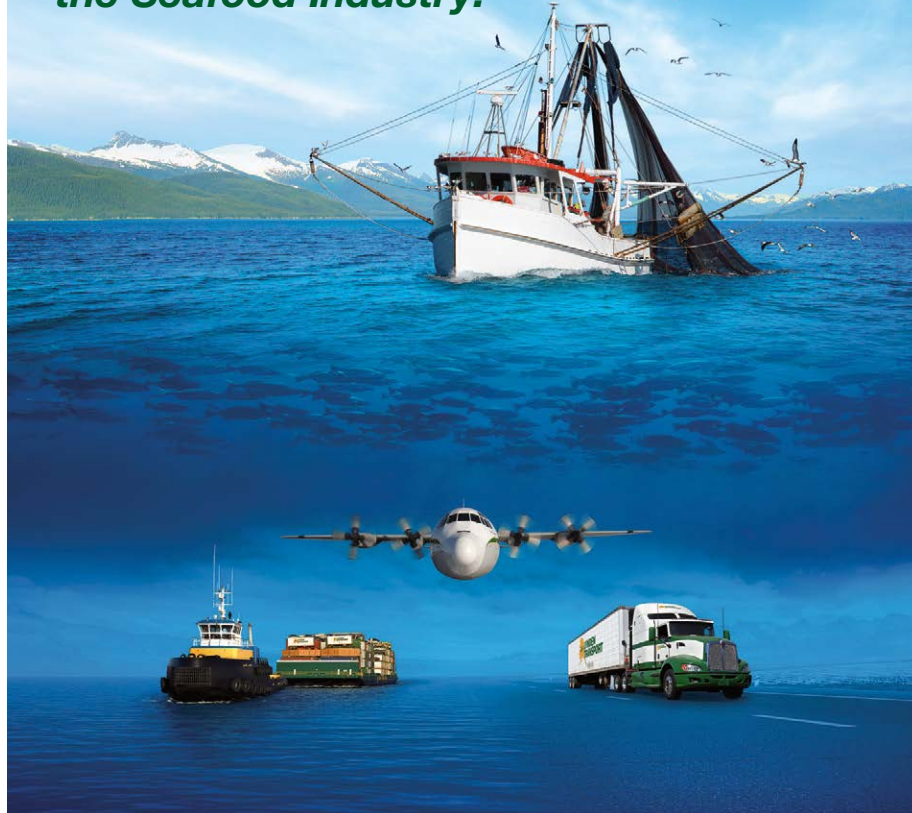






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Fort Bragg and San Francisco areas for most of July.

The Klamath River stock's ocean abundance forecast was 359,200 fish, far above last year's prediction of 54,200 fish.

But through July 31 – the most recent date that the California Department of Fish and Wildlife had landings data for – fishing in the state's Klamath Management Zone (KMZ) fell thousands of fish short of monthly quotas.

Had KMZ quotas been met through July 31, 11,600 fish would have been landed. The preliminary total through that date was about 5,000 fish. Fishing closed in the KMZ on Aug. 31.

California's total Chinook landings of about 38,000 fish through July 31 puts the state roughly on par with 2017's disaster-scale season catch of about 50,000 fish.

"The season may end up chalking up slightly better than 2017, but it's still nowhere near what this stock and this fleet need to be in order to sustain a viable fishing economy," said Noah Oppenheim, executive director of the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations.

Recent drought and ongoing "water mismanagement" have affected salmon runs, he said. But there are some positive aspects.

Fish weights averaged between 18 and 20 pounds, ex-vessel prices averaged \$8 to \$9 a pound, and meat quality was "exceptional" due to healthy ocean conditions, Oppenheim said. He added that copious winter rains two years ago combined with reports of high numbers of juvenile salmon in the ocean suggest that populations will rebound.

**Washington:** Washington's ocean salmon troll fishery was also restricted this season.

A 16,500-fish quota was in effect for the May and June Chinook

fishery in the coastal area north of Cape Falcon, which includes Washington and a small part of northern Oregon. The quota was reached, most of it landed in Washington.

For the July through September Chinook fishery north of Cape Falcon, about 8,000 Chinook were landed through the season's Sept. 19 close.

Washington's total catch of about 24,200 fish fell short of a 27,500-fish quota. Last year's total spring and summer Chinook quota was 45,000 fish and 35,560 fish were landed.

In the summer coho salmon fishery, a 5,600-fish commercial quota was in effect, but commercial fishermen agreed to transfer 1,000 fish to the sport fishery's quota for the Neah Bay area.

Only 1,276 coho were landed by commercial fishermen through Sept. 19, as fishermen focused on Chinook. Last year's total landings for the summer coho fishery amounted to 1,838 fish.

This is the third year in a row that Washington's ocean season quotas haven't been reached. But fishermen who were in the right places at the right times were able to reap the benefits of robust prices.

Greg Mueller, executive director of the Washington Trollers Association, said ex-vessel Chinook prices peaked as high as \$13.50 per pound and averaged between \$8 and \$9 per pound.

He said coho prices were between \$3 to \$4 per pound for most of the summer and reached \$5 per pound near the end of the season.

"Despite an extremely low total allowable catch of 27,500 fish north of Cape Falcon, the market and demand drove prices up to the \$13 range and the lack of volume was made up for by an extremely high price and demand," said Mueller. "You couldn't keep our fish on the market – at \$13 a pound, the buyers were crying for our fish." ↓

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# A century of 'Salmon Days'

In 2016, Alaska Gov. Bill Walker signed a bill into law proclaiming Aug. 10 of each year as Alaska Wild Salmon Day. Block parties, barbecues, and lectures across the state marked the occasion this past summer. But this is not a novel idea. In fact, Alaska Wild Salmon Day is the most recent incarnation of over a century of governor-sanctioned dates set aside to promote and celebrate salmon.

The mid-1910s were a particularly ripe time for salmon celebration. In 1913, the Transportation Club of Seattle initiated Salmon Day, an effort led by the Seattle agent of the Missouri-Pacific Railway. It was a quickly planned celebration, but the publicity that it generated was enough for fisheries trade magazine Pacific Fisherman to practically spasm in anticipation of the promotional possibilities of future Salmon Days.

"Salmon Day 1914 will prove one of the biggest, most comprehensive and effective publicity movements ever taken in behalf of canned food," opined the editor.

In preparation for the festivities, governors across the nation claimed March 13, 1914, as Salmon Day. The date itself held little significance, but rather was selected because there was a cannery conference in Seattle scheduled for then, and it was efficient to host a banquet when cannery leaders would be in the city. But the year was important, since 1914 marked the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the canned salmon industry.

The 1914 event was again coordinated by the Transportation Club of Seattle, which convinced 30 railroads across the country to serve canned salmon in their dining cars on March 13. Moreover, the United States Printing & Lithographic Co. created custom Salmon Day menus for use on the trains. Steam lines also

committed to serving salmon that day.

Transportation Clubs in Buffalo, Minneapolis, Boston, Chicago, Grand Rapids, Cincinnati, Jacksonville, St. Louis, Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Salt Lake City held luncheons or banquets in honor of the day. The largest banquet was held in Seattle, where 350 guests feasted and heard speeches by the governor of Washington, the mayor of Seattle, the deputy director of the U.S. Fish Commission, and more.

Pacific Fisherman reported that thousands of daily and weekly newspapers wrote about the canned salmon industry and published salmon recipes for the occasion. Although no particular effort was devoted to providing retail establishments with merchandising displays, Pacific Fisherman also reported that "the crowds gathering around several Seattle window displays on the day were so large as to seriously interfere with traffic, and had to be dispersed by the police from time to time."

**Canned Salmon Day:** In 1915, the celebration continued, but the name of the event became more specific. It was then known as Canned Salmon Day, and it coincided with the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, a world's fair hosted in San Francisco. The Washington state building was the center of the day's festivities, where 30,000 spectators crowded the building in order to sample canned salmon with crackers and cider. Women from Washington state were dressed as mermaids as they dispatched portions of canned salmon to the masses.

Back in Seattle, Northern Pacific Railway created a float that was paraded around the city. It optimized exposure to salmon and the dish for which the railway's dining cars were best known.

The float featured "Ten big salmon ... frozen in great blocks of ice, on a gayly decorated auto truck. Each salmon, in its icy prison, held in its mouth one of the 'Great Big Baked Potatoes' (which) ... made the Northern Pacific diners famous."

The marriage of national marketing campaigns, governor endorsements, and cross-industry promotion stayed with the seafood industry, even as Canned Salmon Day faded from the spotlight.

But something else stuck, as well. As Gov. Oswald West of Oregon noted in his 1914 proclamation, "it is our duty, not only to put forth every effort to protect this great industry through the propagation of salmon and the maintenance of proper fishing regulations, but through exploration to extend our markets."

More than 100 years later, plenty think that hatcheries, management, marketing, and proclaiming days to celebrate salmon are what will keep wild runs viable. History tells us that it wasn't enough in Oregon. And sorry to tell you, Gov. Walker, it isn't enough for Alaska, either.

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A stamp marking Canned Salmon Day, 1915. Image courtesy of Karen Hofstad



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## Proposed Pacific Salmon Treaty deal includes cut for Alaska

**Treaty reset:** Negotiators in the United States and Canada reached a new 10-year harvest-sharing agreement under the Pacific Salmon Treaty.

The deal, still subject to U.S. and Canadian government approval, appears to distribute some pain to all parties in an effort to conserve struggling Chinook salmon stocks.

Many Alaska commercial fishermen were vocal in opposing harvest cuts. A Sept. 17 press release from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game emphasized the positive, saying: "Under the agreement, every participating jurisdiction accepted a reduction in the number of fish that can be harvested, unlike recent treaties in which Alaska bore the majority of the burden."

"I regret the reduction of even one salmon available to Alaskans for harvest," said Alaska Gov. Bill Walker. "However, this treaty agreement protects the health and sustainability of our salmon stocks and guarantees Alaska's ability to directly manage our fisheries without federal interference. I met with fishing groups that opposed this treaty and carried their message back to D.C. in a meeting with the secretary of commerce to explore the option of a one-year delay. That did not prove feasible. I realize some fishery groups are unhappy with this outcome."

Other elected officials also looked to emphasize positive aspects of the treaty agreement.

Oregon Gov. Kate Brown praised negotiators for their "strong recommendations."

"If approved, the treaty will result in more salmon returning to Washington and Oregon waters, where many populations are listed for protection under the federal Endangered Species Act," said a press release from Washington Gov. Jay Inslee's office.

Canada and the United States originally signed the Pacific Salmon Treaty in 1985. It provides a framework for the two countries to cooperate on management of Pacific salmon, most importantly Chinook.

The current harvest-sharing agreement is set to expire on Dec. 31. It's now up to the U.S. and Canadian governments to review and ratify the proposed 10-year agreement.

"If approved, the new conservation and harvest-sharing agreement will be effective on Jan. 1, 2019, and remain in force through Dec. 31, 2028," said a press release from the Pacific Salmon Commission.

Under the agreement, catches of Chinook salmon in Southeast Alaska will be reduced by up to 7.5 percent from recent levels when poor Chinook returns are expected, according to the Oregon press release. And Canada will reduce Chinook catches by up to 12.5 percent under these conditions. Oregon and Washington will see reductions ranging from 5 to 15 percent, Alaska's press release said.

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**Election update:** Alaskans are facing big decisions in the Nov. 6 general election.

The race for governor is a three-man contest pitting the incumbent, Bill Walker, against challengers Mark Begich and Mike Dunleavy.

Begich is a Democrat and former U.S. senator, while Dunleavy is a Republican and former state senator.

They present serious opposition for Walker, an independent whose popularity has suffered due to his efforts to deal with state budget deficits.

Aside from the governor's race, a lot of buzz is swirling around Ballot Measure 1, a citizen initiative that backers say would update

and improve protections for salmon habitat.

Ballot Measure 1 has spawned a classic Alaska debate pitting conservationists against business interests who believe the initiative would impede development and industry.

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**Disaster relief:** A distribution plan is taking shape for the \$56.3 million Congress appropriated for the 2016 Gulf of Alaska pink salmon fishery failure.

The draft spending plan specifies four categories for funding: research, municipalities, fishery participants, and processors.

The biggest chunk of the money, just over \$32 million, is allocated to fishery participants across five areas: Southeast, Yakutat, Lower Cook Inlet, Prince William Sound, Kodiak, South Alaska Peninsula, and Chignik.

Processors and processing workers are to receive \$17.7 million under the draft spending plan, which was subject to public comment until Sept. 18.

For more details, go to [tinyurl.com/yd5mg8et](http://tinyurl.com/yd5mg8et).

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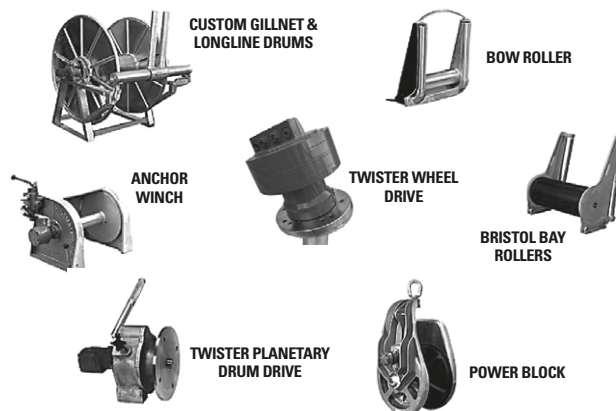
**Free money!** This year's Alaska Permanent Fund dividend is \$1,600 for each eligible Alaska resident. Most payments were scheduled to go out on Oct. 4.

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## Fierce fighting in California's water wars

**Farms and fish:** Nov. 6 is midterm election day, but in California, the day after may be even more politically significant.

That's because the State Water Resources Control Board has set Nov. 7 as the date for reconvening on an explosively divisive water management plan that more than doubles flows in the Lower San Joaquin River and its tributaries to prevent what the agency has described as a looming environmental crisis.

Increasing the water allotments for endangered and threatened fish species, including salmon, will have striking economic effects on the Central Valley agricultural economy and will also impact the water supply of municipalities, including the city of San Francisco.

The board's release of the plan's final draft in July was a bombshell in California's "water wars" and triggered a series of counterstrikes.

Ahead of the board's late August hearings on the plan, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner Brenda Burman wrote in a letter that the water plan contradicts "congressional directives" and could result in a request to have the U.S. attorney general take legal action to block it.

The next volley in the water warfare came in the form of a memo from U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke that also warned of litigation against "unacceptable restrictions that further reduce the (Interior Department's) ability to deliver water to federal contractors."

On Aug. 19, the day before the start of the board's hearings, over 1,000 Central Valley farmers converged at the state capital in Sacramento to protest the fish-saving plan.

An Associated Press report on the protest quoted Republican state Sen. Anthony Cannella, who told the masses of farmers: "If they vote to take our water, this does not end there - we will be in

court for 100 years."

The board's two days of hearings included comments from 150 people. Some echoed the Water Board's description of the plan as a means of preventing "an ecological crisis, including the total collapse of fisheries."

Others implored the board to consider the social and economic impacts of further constricting agricultural irrigation.

The board decided to postpone decision-making until Nov. 7 and is encouraging voluntary settlement agreements with water districts as an alternative to lawsuits. Such agreements can "provide a faster, more durable solution to reasonably protect beneficial uses in the Lower San Joaquin River and its tributaries," according to an Aug. 22 press release from the Water Board.

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**'Spotty' tuna fishing:** As of mid-September, West Coast albacore tuna fishing was on par with past seasons, with the only significant anomaly being that fishermen were venturing farther offshore to get the catch.

"It's been OK for some guys, but it's been spotty," said Wayne Heikkila, executive director of the Western Fishboat Owners Association.

The main action has been focused in the area between Coos Bay, Oregon, and Westport, Washington, he continued, with a "normal fishing" level of a half-ton to three-quarters of a ton per day of landings.

Ocean conditions are not normal, however - Heikkila said that the warmer water favored by albacore is farther offshore this season. Tuna are ranging from 60 to 150 miles offshore and seem to be scattered.

Smaller, younger fish appear to be prevalent this year, and so are smaller prices.

Heikkila said that last year's ex-vessel price averaged about \$5,000 a ton and peaked at up to \$7,000 a ton at the end of the season.

This year's average price is about \$3,500 a ton, with the price dip particularly affecting the higher-end blast-frozen sashimi market.

Canadian buyers still have product in their freezers from last season, which also affects the market, said Heikkila.

Another market dynamic is a high harvest quantity off Spain's coast, where warm water conditions prevail. Spain's 15,000-ton catch cap was met at the end of August, and Heikkila said a normal season harvest there amounts to about 6,000 tons.

The brine and canned markets have been "stable," he continued, and the fresh fish market saw ex-vessel prices of \$1.25 to \$1.75 a pound paid by processors. Off-the-boat dock sales saw prices of up to \$3 a pound.

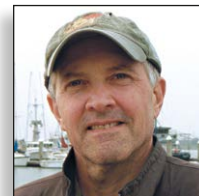
Albacore fishing generally starts in June, ramps up through the summer and early fall months, and tapers to an end by late October.

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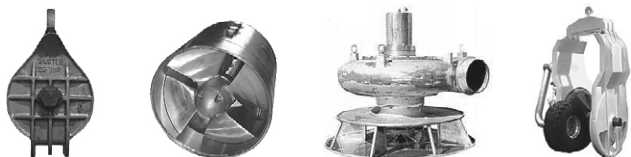


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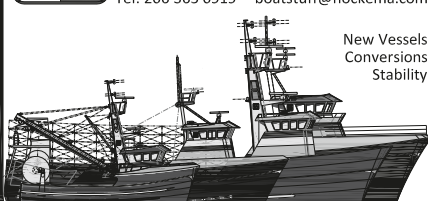
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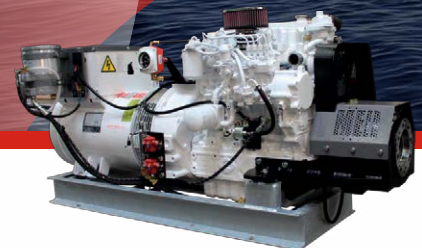
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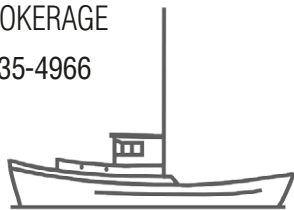
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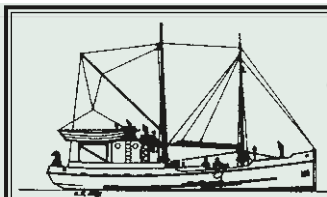
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AREA	ESTIMATED VALUES
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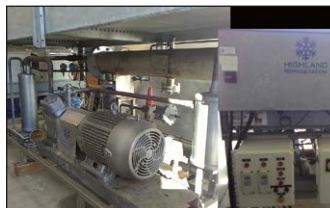
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hand. Bycatch species are allowed to swim through the mechanism, out of the tank and back into the river.

The Wild Fish Conservancy (WFC) recently invited reporters, state officials, and members of the seafood industry to the fishing community of Cathlamet to observe the traps in action after two years of research and testing funded by federal and state grants.

A WFC press release stated that "data concluded the trap did an exceptional job at ensuring the unharmed release of nontarget species such as endangered and threatened Chinook and steelhead, better than any commercial gear currently in use."

The next step is testing the "economic viability" of the traps. Fish caught in August and September will be distributed to West Coast retail markets, providing what the WFC describes as "a fresh and truly sustainable product to local communities."

Daniel Mintz reports from Eureka, Calif.

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