

# ECONOMIC VALUE OF BRISTOL BAY

A National Treasure



Bristol Bay is the world’s most valuable wild salmon fishery. It supplies 50% of the world’s wild sockeye salmon. Harvesting, processing, and retailing Bristol Bay salmon generates \$1.5 billion in annual economic activity across the United States.

Locally, the Bristol Bay salmon fishery supports 14,000 full and part time jobs. Nationally, the Bristol Bay salmon industry supports nearly 20,000 permanent jobs and \$500 million in direct annual income.

## ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF THE BRISTOL BAY SALMON INDUSTRY IN 2010

ANNUAL AVERAGE EMPLOYMENT	OUTPUT VALUE: \$1.5 BILLION	INCOME: \$500 MILLION
<b>FISHING &amp; PROCESSING IN BRISTOL BAY</b>		
12,000 seasonal jobs	\$390 million	\$140 million
<b>SHIPPING, SECONDARY PROCESSING &amp; RETAILING AFTER BRISTOL BAY</b>		
1,000 jobs	\$110 million	\$40 million
<b>MULTIPLIER IMPACTS IN OTHER INDUSTRIES</b>		
6,800 jobs	\$970 million	\$320 million

Source: Institute of Social and Economic Research, University of Alaska Anchorage



While in Bristol Bay, sportsmen spend millions and contribute to the employment of lodge owners, guides, pilots, and other staff. Hunting and fishing trips support an additional 850 jobs and add \$60 million to the region’s economy.

## EPA CONFIRMED THE ENORMOUS ECONOMIC VALUE OF THE BRISTOL BAY WATERSHED

In studying the Bristol Bay watershed, EPA highlighted that the Bristol Bay watershed supports several sustainable and robust economic sectors such as:

- commercial, sport, and subsistence fishing
- sport and subsistence hunting
- non-consumptive recreation (e.g. wildlife viewing and tourism)

From these sectors, according to the EPA, **the ecological resources of the Bristol Bay watershed generated nearly \$480 million in direct economic expenditures and sales in 2009**, and provided in-region employment for over 14,000 full-and part-time workers.

[www.epa.gov/bristolbay/about-bristol-bay](http://www.epa.gov/bristolbay/about-bristol-bay)

**EPA’s proposed restrictions help protect Bristol Bay’s incredible fisheries and the thousands of jobs that those fisheries support.**

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