

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF FISHERIES

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STATISTICS OF FISHING INDUSTRY OF ALASKA, SEASON OF 1917.

The company or individual receiving this blank is requested to supply the data called for herein and mail the statement to the Bureau of Fisheries, Washington, D. C. (in the franked envelope provided for the purpose), as soon as possible after the close of the fishing season. The law requires that reports of this character be forwarded not later than December 15, and that they "shall be sworn to by the superintendent, manager, or other person having knowledge of the facts, a separate blank form being used for each establishment in cases where more than one cannery, saltery, or other establishment is conducted by a person, company, or corporation." Attention is called to the fact that a heavy penalty is provided for failure to comply with the provisions of the law.

H. M. SMITH,
U. S. Commissioner of Fisheries.

Name of company or individual... **NORTHWESTERN FISHERIES COMPANY,**

Location of plant or fishery... **NUSHAGAK, ALASKA** Location of home office... **SEATTLE, WASHINGTON.**

Value of plant, including land, buildings, and shore equipment, \$**81,774.77** Operating or cash capital \$**260,603.61**

NUMBER OF PERSONS EMPLOYED AND AMOUNT OF WAGES PAID.

Designation.	Whites.	Natives.	Chinese.	Japanese.	Filipinos.	Koreans.	Mexi- cans.	Porto Ricans.	Kanakas.	Negroes.	Others (indicate).	Total wages paid.
Fishermen	90										Italians	40,935.07
Shoemen ^a	62	30	40	21	18		14		1			54,662.70
Transporters ^b	13											6,500.00
Total	165	30	40	21	18		14		1			102,097.77

^a Includes office force in Alaska.

^b Includes crews of vessels carrying supplies who are not elsewhere shown as fishermen or shoemen.

VESSELS AND BOATS.

Registered vessels. ^c				Unregistered vessels, boats, and other craft.		
Rig.	Name.	Net tonnage.	Value, ex- clusive of apparatus of capture.	Designation.	No.	Value.
Ship	Benj. F. Packard	2013	30000.00	Launches and power boats. (Chartered)	1	1,800.00
	S. S. Shelikof	101	34168.80	Seine boats		
	S. S. Kogbung	6	2500.00	Gill-net boats	43	10,539.68
	Gas. Kiska	38	8500.00	Other row boats and skiffs	5	150.00
		2158	75768	Lighters and scows	5	3,300.00
				Houseboats. (Tally Scow)	1	150.00
				Pile drivers	1	500.00

^c Whether owned or chartered.

FISHING APPARATUS.

Kind.	No.	Length.	Value.	Kind.	No.	Value.
Seines		(a)	\$	Traps, staked		
Gill nets	* 215	(21500 f)	24295.00	Traps, floating		
Hand lines				Guns and rifles		NONE
Trawl lines		(b)		Other		

^a Give aggregate length in fathoms.

^b Give aggregate number of hooks.

LOSSES DURING YEAR.

Loss of life.					Loss of property.	
Designation.	Drowning.	Other accidents.	Disease.	Total.	Items.	Kind and value.
Fishermen					Buildings	
Shoemen	NONE				Vessels and boats	
Transporters					Fishing gear	600 fathoms Gill Net \$750.00
Total					Canned or other product	

* 107½ Red Salmon Nets, 10,750 Fathoms. 107½ King Salmon Nets 10,750 Fathoms. Only one net used consecutively during the season. King salmon nets are exchanged for red salmon nets.

SALMON AND TROUT PRODUCTS.

How prepared.	King or spring.	Red or sockeye.	Coho or silver.	Pink or humpback.	Dog or chum.	Dolly Varden or salmon trout.	Steelhead.	Total.
CANNED:								
Cases, 1/2-lb. cans	Number							
	Value							
Cases, 1-lb. flat cans	Number	590	926	193	363			
	Value							
Cases, 1-lb. tall cans	Number	2303	40560	366	3370			46,599
	Value	20502.	375587.60		21331.20			420,324.30
MILD CURED:								
Tierces (800 lbs. each)	Number		2904.00					
	Value							
PICKLED:								
Barrels (200 lbs. each)	Number							
	Value							
Bellies	Pounds							
	Value							
Backs	Pounds							
	Value							
DRY SALTED:								
Number of fish								
Pounds								
Value								
FROZEN:								
Number of fish								
Pounds								
Value								
SHIPPED FRESH:								
Number of fish								
Pounds								
Value								

HALIBUT, COD, HERRING, AND MINOR SALMON PRODUCTS.

How prepared.	Pounds.	Value.	How prepared.	Pounds.	Value.
HALIBUT:			HERRING:		
Fresh (shipped)			Dry salted For food		
Fresh (sold locally)			Fresh For food		
Frozen			Frozen For bait		
Fletched			Frozen For food		
Dry salted			Frozen For bait		
Smoked	NONE		Pickled For food		
Canned			Frozen For bait		
COD:			Fertilizer tons		
Vessel catch—			Oil galls		
Dry salted			SALMON:		
Pickled			Caviar		
Stockfish			Beleke		
Tongues			Ukulu		
Cod-liver oil galls			Kippered		
Shore station catch—			Dried		
Dry salted			Fish pudding		
Pickled			Fertilizer tons		
Stockfish			Oil galls		
Tongues					
Cod-liver oil galls					

WHALING OPERATIONS.

Catch.				Products.		
Species.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Items.	Quantity.	Value.
Bowhead				Oil, body	galls	
California gray				Oil, sperm	galls	
Finback				Fertilizer, meat	tons	
Humpback	NONE			Fertilizer, bone	pounds	
Sulphur-bottom				Whalebone	pounds	
Sperm				Meat, pickled	pounds	
Others				Stearin	galls	
Total						

MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS.

Items.	Quantity.	Value.	Items.	Quantity.	Value.
	Pounds.				
Black cod			Tomcod		
Fresh			Fresh	pounds	
Frozen			Frozen	pounds	
Pickled			Pickled	pounds	
Smoked			Other fish		
Eulachon			Fresh	pounds	
Fresh			Frozen	pounds	
Pickled	NONE		Pickled	pounds	
Smoked			Dogfish		
Rock cod or bass			Oil	galls	
Fresh			Fertilizer	tons	
Frozen			Clams (Specify unit)		
Pickled			Crabs	do	
Smelt			Mussels	do	
Fresh			Oysters	do	
Frozen			Seaweed	do	
Pickled			Ivory (walrus)	do	
Pollock			Hides		
Fresh			Hair seal	number	
Frozen			Sea lion	number	
Pickled			Walrus	number	
Flatfish					
Fresh					
Frozen					
Pickled					

DETAILED REPORT OF SALMON FISHING OPERATIONS, BY LOCALITIES AND APPARATUS.

It is desired that this information be prepared with accuracy and detail, so far as the packers' records can by reasonable effort be made to furnish it. Different streams in the same bay or sound should be separately reported so far as the catch can properly be credited to each. Catches not certainly referable to particular streams may be reported under the head of the bay, sound, or region.

Species of salmon and names of streams or localities fished.	Number of salmon taken with each kind of apparatus.					Fishing season—	
	Seines.	Gill nets.	Traps.	Lines.	Other appliances.	Began.	Ended.
King or spring salmon: Nushagak Bay		11,134				June 9th	June 25th.
Total		11,134					
Red or sockeye salmon: Nushagak Bay		619,182				June 25th	August 1st.
Total		619,182					
Coho or silver salmon: Nushagak Bay		4,758				July 21st	August 1st.
Total		4,758					

Average No. salmon per case:
Kings: 4-5 Humps:
Reds: 14-15 Dogs: 11-12
Cohos: 13

