

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
BUREAU OF FISHERIES

**STATISTICS OF FISHING INDUSTRY OF ALASKA, SEASON OF 1921**

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 W. J. ERSKINE COMPANY

Location of home office KODIAK, ALASKA

Location of plant KODIAK, ALASKA.

Value of plant, including land, buildings, and shore equipment, \$ 4,000.00

Cost of operations, exclusive of wages, and value of vessels, boats, and fishing gear shown below \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF PERSONS EMPLOYED AND AMOUNT OF WAGES PAID.

Designation.	Whites.	Natives.	Chinese.	Japanese.	Filipinos.	Koreans.	Mexicans.	Porto Ricans.	Kanakas.	Negroes.	Others (indicate).	Total wages paid.
Fishermen	6											
Shoresmen <sup>a</sup>		3										
Transporters <sup>b</sup>												
Total	6	3										

<sup>a</sup> Includes office force in Alaska.

<sup>b</sup> Includes crews of vessels carrying supplies who are not elsewhere shown as fishermen or shoresmen.

VESSELS AND BOATS.

Registered vessels. (Whether owned or chartered.)				Unregistered vessels, boats, and other craft.		
Rig.	Name.	Net tonnage.	Value, exclusive of apparatus of capture.	Designation.	No.	Value.
Ga. sc.	ALICE	5	1,000.00	Launches and power boats		
" "	EDITH	5	2,000.00	Seine boats		
				Gill-net boats		
				Other row boats and skiffs	3	180.00
				Lighters and scows		
				Houseboats		
				Pile drivers		

FISHING APPARATUS.

Kind.	No.	Length.	Value.	Kind.	No.	Value.
Seines, beach	2	(a) 200 fath	200.00	Traps, staked		
Seines, purse		(a)		Traps, floating		
Gill nets		(a)		Dip nets		
Hand lines				Fish wheels		
Trawl lines		(b)				

<sup>a</sup> Give aggregate length in fathoms.

<sup>b</sup> 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	
Shoresmen					Vessels and boats	
Transporters					Fishing gear	
Total					Canned or other product	

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.	Dip nets.	Other appli-ances.	Began.	Ended.
Coho or silver salmon:	----- NONE -----							
Total								
Chum or keta salmon:	----- NONE -----							
Total								
Humpback or pink salmon:	----- NONE -----							
Total								
King or spring salmon:	----- NONE -----							
Total								
Red or sockeye salmon:							June 21	July 20
Alitak Bay	8075						June 15	July 10
Shuyak Island	2750							
Total								

SALMON AND TROUT PRODUCTS.

How prepared.	Coho or silver.	Chum or keta.	Humpback or pink.	King or spring.	Red or sockeye.	Dolly Varden or salmon trout.	Steelhead.	Total.
<b>CANNED:</b>								
Cases, 1/2-lb. cans, 48's...Number								
Value								
Cases, 1/2-lb. cans, 96's...Number								
Value								
Cases, 1-lb. flat cans...Number			----- NONE -----					
Value								
Cases, 1-lb. tall cans...Number								
Value								
<b>MILD CURED:</b>								
Tierces (800 lbs. each)...Number								
Value								
<b>PICKLED:</b>								
Barrels (200 lbs. each)...Number					226 1/2			226 1/2
Value								
Bellies...Pounds								
Value								
Backs...Pounds								
Value								
<b>DRY SALTED</b> ...Number of fish								
Pounds								
Value								
<b>FROZEN</b> ...Number of fish								
Pounds								
Value								
<b>SHIPPED FRESH</b> ...Number of fish								
Pounds								
Value								

HALIBUT, COD, HERRING, AND MINOR SALMON PRODUCTS.

How prepared.	Pounds.	Value.	How prepared.	Number.	Value.
<b>HALIBUT:</b>			<b>HERRING:</b>		
Fresh (shipped)			<b>CANNED:</b>		
Fresh (sold locally)			Cases, 1/2-lb. cans		
Frozen			Cases, 1-lb. cans		
Fletched				Pounds.	
Dry salted			Dry salted...For food		
Smoked			Fresh...For food		
Canned				For bait	
<b>Vessel catch—</b>	----- NONE -----		Frozen...For food		
Dry salted				For bait	
Pickled			Pickled, Scotch cure (in half-barrels)		
Stockfish			Pickled, Scotch cure (in full barrels)	76,000#	3,910.00
Tongues			Pickled, Norwegian cure		
Cod-liver oil...galls.			Pickled...For bait		
<b>Shore station catch—</b>			Fertilizer...tons.		
Dry salted			Oil...galls.		
Pickled			<b>SALMON:</b>		
Stockfish			Caviar		
Tongues			Beleke		
Cod-liver oil...galls.			Ukaku		
<b>CANNED:</b>			Kippered		
Cases, 1/2-lb. cans...Number			Dried		
Value			Fertilizer...tons.		
Cases, 1-lb. flat cans...Number			Oil...galls.		
Value					

WHALING OPERATIONS.

Species.	Catch.			Products.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Items.	Quantity.	Value.
Bowhead				Oil, body...galls.		
California gray				Oil, sperm...galls.		
Finback				Fertilizer, meat...tons.		
Humpback				Fertilizer, bone...pounds.		
Sulphur-bottom				Whalebone...pounds.		
Sperm				Meat, pickled...pounds.		
Others				Stearin...galls.		
Total						

\* Indicate number and sex of each species.





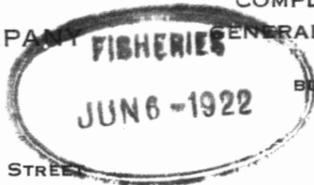
W. J. ERSKINE COMPANY

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OF ALL KIND

WESTERN UNION CODE  
(UNIVERSAL EDITION)

SUCCESSORS TO  
ALASKA COMMERCIAL COMPANY  
AT  
KODIAK, ALASKA

SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE, 310 SANSOME STREET



COMPLETE STOCK OF  
GENERAL MERCHANDISE  
BUNKER COAL

KODIAK, May 12, 1922.

The Honorable Commissioner of Fisheries,  
Washington, D. C.

S i r :-

We beg to hand you herewith report of our fishing operations for the season of 1921. Owing to our failure to receive the blanks on which to render the report, same has been delayed and we regret this very much.

In explanation of the fishing operations as covered by this report, we might state that we were conducting the business for the owners of the two boats mentioned in the report, acting as their agents and covering their operations under our licenses. Those employed divided the returns on the fish in lieu of wages, hence no amount is entered in the report as wages paid.

Should the information not be sufficiently complete we will gladly furnish any other data required.

Very respectfully,

W.J. ERSKINE COMPANY

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W.J. Erskine".

Pres.

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