

# ALL ABOUT OREGON COMMERCIAL FISHING

**A robust fishing industry and thriving coastal communities benefit all Oregonians.** From providing desirable destinations for escaping summer heat to delivering fresh seafood to all corners of the state, there is both utility and pride found on our majestic shoreline. The commercial fishermen who have established independent, family businesses work alongside a host of scientists, fisheries managers, seafood processors, fishmongers, and others who bring specialized skills and talents to Oregon.

## Economic Impact in Oregon\*

In 2021, Oregon commercial fishing generated an estimated **\$642 million in income** to statewide economy, equivalent to about **9,200 jobs**.



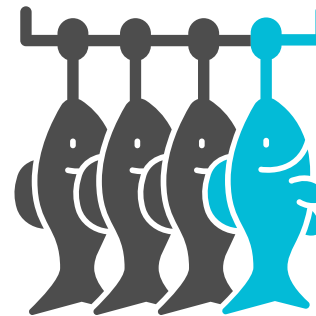
**The fishing industry**  
(commercial and recreational)  
accounts for:

**11.5 %** of coastal economy  
**.5 %** of statewide economy

(\*Source: The Research Group, LLC. Oregon Commercial and Marine Recreational Fishing Industry Economic Activity for Years 2020 and 2021, Addendum 2023. Prepared for ODFW - June 2024.)

## Distant waters = Local income

There are a significant number of Oregon-owned commercial fishing vessels that work the waters off Alaska. Mostly homeported in Astoria and Newport, this distant-water fleet utilizes vessel repair and provisioning services in Oregon and most crew members are also based in Oregon.



**More than 1/4**  
of the commercial fisheries  
income in 2021 was generated  
by the distant water fisheries.

## 2 Ports in the Country's Top 12



According to NOAA reports, two Oregon ports were in the top 12 for landings in 2022.

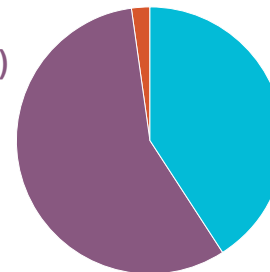
**ASTORIA:**  
**150 million pounds**

**NEWPORT:**  
**99.7 million pounds**

## A \$1.5 billion industry

Commercially-caught and landed in Oregon  
2023 (Pounds/Value)

**CRUSTACEANS**  
(crab, shrimp, etc.)  
580.9M lbs.  
\$888M



**MOLLUSKS**  
(oysters, clams, etc.)  
46.9M lbs.  
\$30.6M

**FISH**  
2.3B lbs.  
\$640M

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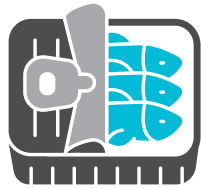


# Beyond the Economy: Advantages of Oregon Fishing

## Socio-Economic Importance of Healthy Proteins

Beyond generating income, fishermen deliver a carbon-friendly, high-protein product that is important in feeding Oregon and the United States.

**USDA recommendation for seafood consumption in a healthy diet:**



**Adults 8 oz.** minimum per week

**Children 6 oz.** minimum per week



**1 in 6 children in Oregon** faced hunger in 2022. (*Feeding America*)

**12.8%** of Oregon households were deemed **food insecure** in 2021-23. (*USDA*)

**USDA purchases of West Coast seafood 2021-24 = 29 million pounds**



These nutritious proteins went to school lunch programs, food banks and disaster-stricken communities.

## Managed for sustainability

**Fishermen play a key role in maintaining healthy oceans.**

Seafood harvested from federally-managed U.S. fisheries is inherently sustainable and **Oregon fishermen play a central role in the fishery management process.**

**1976: Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act established.**

Among other things, it established:

- 10** national standards that define sustainable & responsible fishery management.
- 8** regional fishery management councils in the United States, with **2 directly impacting Oregon commercial fishing:**
  - PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**  
**119 species managed**
  - NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**  
**140 plus species managed**

**Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife manages the state's marine fishery resources,** including



Dungeness Crab and Oregon Pink Shrimp, to maintain and sustain stocks for current and future Oregonians.

