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ALASKA TOP FISHING PORTS FOR 1999

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), Alaska Region, announces the top fishing ports in Alaska in 1999, according to James W. Balsiger, Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS.

The port of Dutch Harbor-Unalaska netted the top landings slot among all U.S. fishing ports for the 12th straight year - with an increase of 81.2 million pounds over 1998 landings. The value of landings at Dutch Harbor-Unalaska was \$140.8 million, an increase of \$30.8 million from the 1998 value. Kodiak, Alaska, was third nationally in catch value at \$100.8 million in 1999.

Part of the increase in 1999 landings at Dutch Harbor-Unalaska was due to an increase in pollock quotas. In addition to the increased pollock landings, fishermen also landed more flatfish, halibut and salmon. Halibut and crab prices were high in 1999, and these two species accounted for most of the increased value of 1999 Dutch Harbor-Unalaska landings.

The top leading Alaska ports in volume and value of fish and shellfish landed in 1999 are:

COMMERCIAL FISHERY LANDINGS
AT ALASKA PORTS, 1999

Port	Millions of Pounds	Millions of Dollars
Dutch Harbor - Unalaska	678.3	140.8
Kodiak	331.0	129.9
Naknek-King Salmon	62.3	46.5
Seward	41.8	41.5
Ketchikan	159.4	39.9
Homer	17.4	34.6
Petersburg	99.2	34.1
Sitka	36.2	32.6
Cordova	62.2	30.8
Kenai	19.6	22.9
Juneau	7.6	14.4
Wrangell	23.2	8.5
Haines	7.0	4.2
Anchorage	7.2	4.1
Craig	5.8	2.1

A complete list of commercial fishery landings and value at 50 major U.S. ports for 1998 - 1999 is available at http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/news_releases_at_nmfs.htm or by fax upon request.