

Food and Drug Administration Fact Sheet – Alaska

FDA Presence: 2 FDA employees in Alaska

Resident Post: Anchorage

reports to: Seattle District: Bothell, Washington

reports to: Pacific Region: Oakland, California

Industry Presence in State

There are 482 FDA-regulated establishments in the State of Alaska

(Some firms are in more than one category)

Food establishments (includes cosmetics) – 77 percent

Medical device and Radiological establishments – 14 percent

Human drug establishments – 4 percent

Biologic establishments (includes blood banks) – 3 percent

Animal drug and feed establishments – 2 percent

Industry Highlights

- Alaska supplies most of America's salmon, crab, halibut, and herring. Alaska is the number one producer of wild salmon in the world and has the only salmon industry certified as "sustainable".
- Alaska ranks as one of the top ten seafood producers worldwide. More than 6 million pounds of seafood are harvested off Alaska each year, making up approximately 60% of all U.S. production. The total value of Alaska seafood production has topped \$2.5 billion annually for several years.
- Dutch Harbor and Kodiak consistently rank as two of the top three ports in the U.S. for tonnage of seafood brought in. Alaska has over 33,000 miles of shoreline -- more than the rest of the U. S. combined.

Contracts, Partnerships & Local Activities

State contracts

Alaska Department Environment and Conservation

- Conduct food safety inspections, conduct seafood HACCP inspections.

Alaska Department of Health

- Conduct inspections of mammography facilities.

State Partnerships

Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation

- Conduct inspections of the fish and fishery products processing industry for compliance with the Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP) regulations.
- Conduct mutual planning and sharing of reports for inspections, investigations, and analytical findings, related to food firms in the State of Alaska.