

March 14, 2002

Re: Annual Alaska Salmon Production Report

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed please find the "Annual Alaska Salmon Production Report" for the 2001 reporting period. The following should help the reader understand the information in this report.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

1. The reporting threshold is 1,000,000 pounds of salmon products sold at wholesale in the previous calendar year.
2. "Quantity" is the number of pounds of reportable product produced by a processor or its affiliate.
3. "Production area" is where the product was processed into a reportable salmon product form within Alaska by the processor or its affiliate. If the salmon was exported in the round and then reprocessed into a reportable product, the production area is "Exported in the Round" (Production Area I).
4. No quality distinctions are made within each product form category.
5. The "product forms" are those listed in statute. These are the only product forms that are included in the Annual Alaska Salmon Production Report database and are the only ones that the processors are required to report.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Information that could be used to identify the quantity for a particular fish processor is confidential information and will not be released to the public. Consequently, data for many areas is not shown (double asterisks) on the Annual Alaska Salmon Production Report.

ANNUAL ALASKA SALMON PRICE REPORT

The Department of Revenue will be publishing an Annual Alaska Salmon Price Report on or before July 31, 2002 that will report the pounds/cases and wholesale prices for the entire year. This report will also reflect any adjustments made to previously reported numbers for the year.

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