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Alaska Bering Sea Fisheries in the Global Economy

By Jon Sackton, Publisher Seafood.com News

Bering Sea 2 Million
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Strong Consistent
Marketing – ASMI
and Large processors

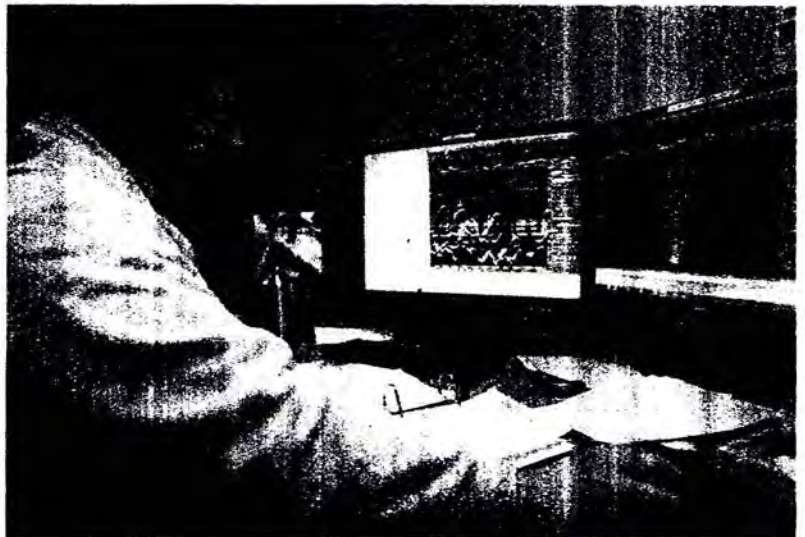
Sustainable and
Professional
Management

Source: Seafood Datasearch



In Last Few Years maintaining stability has gotten much more difficult

- Budget cuts have hit fish management (Salmon)
- Strong Dollar has hit exports (pollock and salmon)
- Stock Declines Have hurt Crab Fisheries (Lowest Opilio Harvest in decades)



ADF&G Salmon Sonar



Stability is an excellent economic goal as well as resource goal

- Alaska's premium seafood brand has largely been built on three pillars:
 - Stability of the resource
 - Quality and Sustainability
 - Infrastructure to deliver fish
- Current budget pressures that lead to less responsive management can erode all of these things
- Biggest danger is a reversion to short term thinking to just get through the bad patch.



Current conflicts should be resolved in a framework that values stability

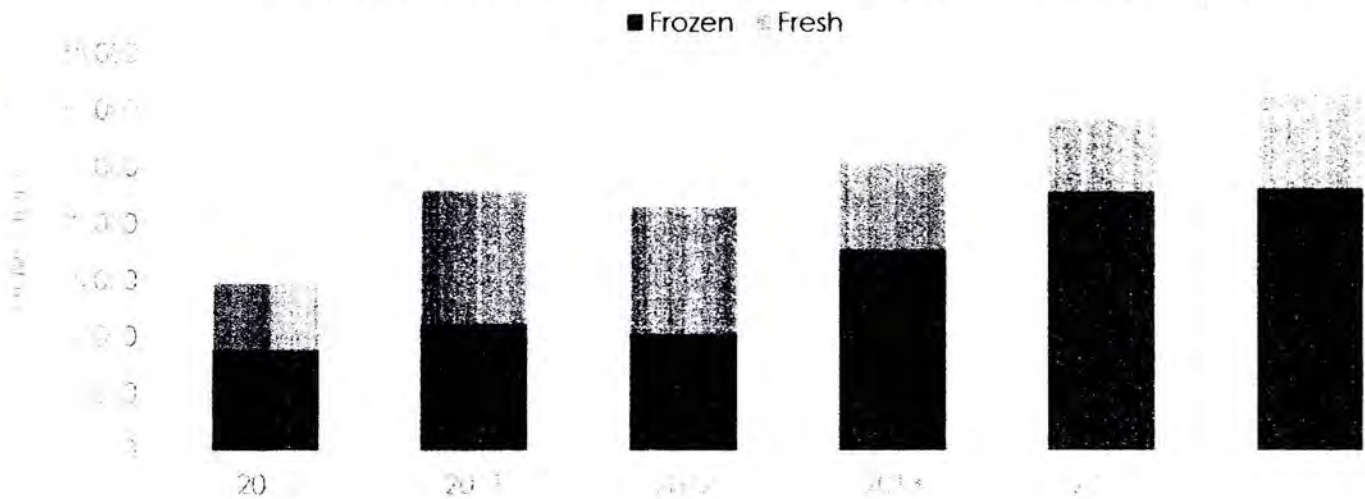
- Threats:
 - Inability to pass on labor costs;
 - Low volume leads to fewer year round jobs
 - Turmoil in fisheries management can push parties to short term thinking eroding bycatch cooperation
 - Sustainability of some fisheries could be threatened



Growth of domestic sales of sockeye and H&G cod has been spectacular

Non-exported Alaska frozen & fresh sockeye volume has been growing.

ALASKA SOCKEYE SALMON NON-EXPORTED PRODUCTION



Courtesy of NFI Global Seafood Mkt Conference

