



As much as upon gold, timber, and, recently, oil, Alaska's history and economy are built upon its fisheries—probably more so. They are among the richest in the world, if not the richest, especially with the 200-mile limit and the opening of a new bottom-fish industry. Clockwise from the top are a purse seiner at Kachemak Bay; a fresh catch of Pink Salmon caught at Clark's Point in Bristol Bay; a boat returning from the sea entering the Sitka Fjords; and a day's catch of salmon being gaffed at Naknek.

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