
Local Economic Contributions by West Coast Groundfish & Whiting Processors

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**For West Coast Seafood Processors
Association**

Question to Address:

What do shore-based processors of groundfish & whiting add to the local economies in each state ?

General Approach

- Survey the groundfish & whiting processors in CA, OR & WA to collect 2006 employment and major expenditures data
- Pool & present the proprietary data by state
- Present only direct economic impacts (no multipliers)
- 13 processors in the three states participated

Employment Data – Groundfish Only

	CA	OR	WA	Total
Total Persons	777	1,125	227	2,129
Total Hrs	380,783	663,269	202,084	1,246,136
Total Payroll	\$6.07 Mil	\$10.06 Mil	\$3.78 Mil	\$19.91 Mil

Employment Data – Whiting Only

	CA	OR	WA	Total
Total Persons	140	963	1,092	2,195
Total Hrs	62,669	420,749	917,040	1,400,458
Total Payroll	\$1.18 Mil	\$5.98 Mil	\$9.48 Mil	\$16.64 Mil

Employment Data – Groundfish & Whiting

	CA	OR	WA	Total
Total Persons	777+	1,125+	1,092+	2,994+
Total Hrs	443,452	1,084,018	1,119,124	2,646,594
Total Payroll	\$7.25 Mil	\$16.05 Mil	\$13.26 Mil	\$36.56 Mil

Employment: Fishermen & Processing – Groundfish Only

Total Vessels in 2006	123
Average Crew	<u>x 4</u>
Total Employment	492

Ratio of Fishermen to Processors: 492 : 2,129

For each fisherman there are 4.3 shore-side processing employees

Employment: Fishermen & Processing – Whiting Only

Total Vessels in 2006	35
Average Crew	<u>x 5</u>
Total Employment	175

Ratio of Fishermen to Processors: 175 : 2,195

For each fisherman there are 12.5 shore-side processing employees

Local Purchases of Services – Groundfish & Whiting

Results:

- Utilities (sewer/solid waste & electricity) are major; water is also purchased
- Plant supplies, equipment purchases & repairs were also important
- \$20.19 million of local purchases in 2006

Local Expenditures Data – Groundfish & Whiting

	CA	OR	WA	Total
Utilities (Elec., Water, Sewer)	\$867,293	\$3,679,041	\$3,438,781	\$7,985,115
Plant Supplies & Other Services	\$898,172	\$1,056,166	\$3,262,189	\$5,216,527
Equipment Purchase & Repair	\$470,740	\$3,711,751	\$2,805,172	\$6,987,663

Conclusions

1. In all states the processors of groundfish and whiting are major contributors to the local economies
2. Employment is substantial: over 2,990 persons are employed in these fisheries by processors with payrolls totaling \$36.5 million
3. Local purchases are also very significant and include utilities as well as locally produced goods and services

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