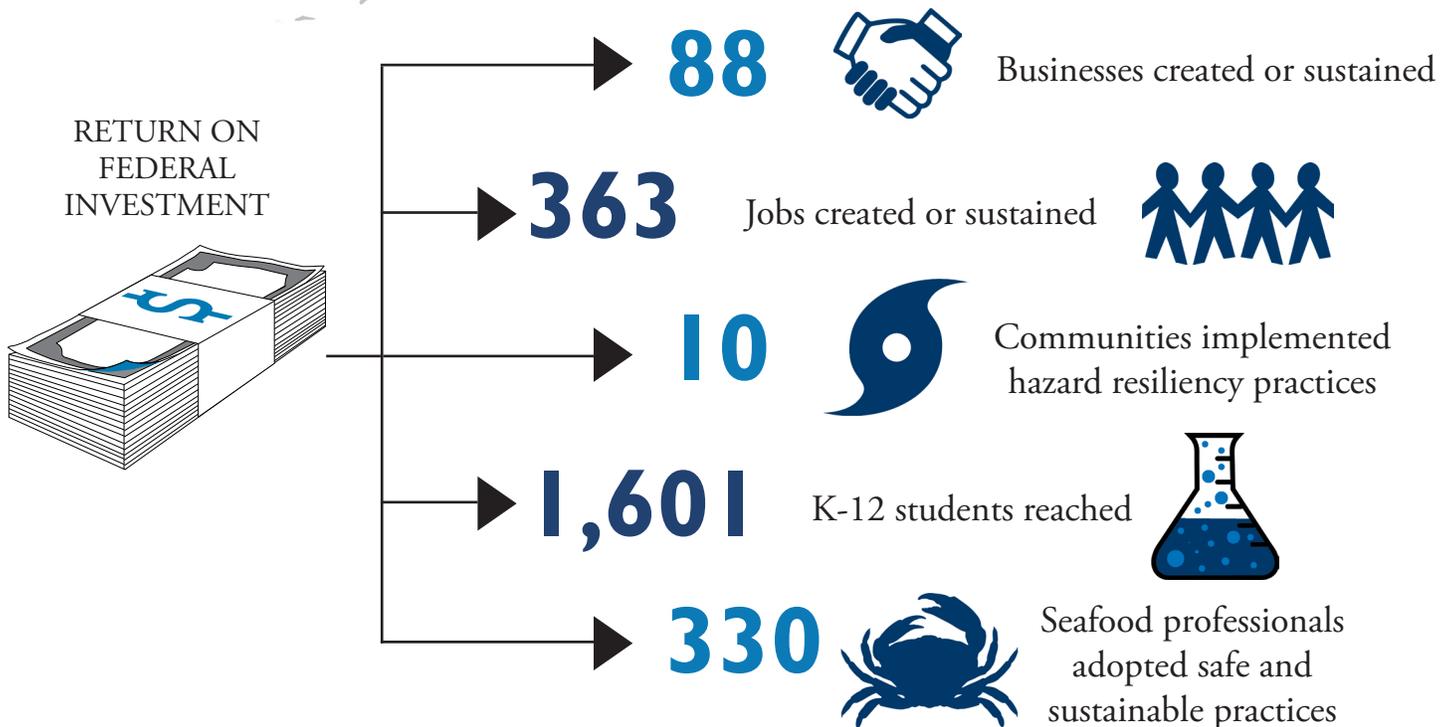


ALASKA SEA GRANT

\$7.8 M
economic impact in 2015

*Metrics reported to National Office in June 2016
for work completed Feb 2015 to Jan 2016.*



Sea Grant training helps Alaska mother launch award-winning, organic baby food business

“The classes helped me set up Bambino’s...I really enjoyed the collaboration with fishermen, processors and distributors. Now I have a completely different understanding of how our fisheries work.”

- Zoi Maroudas,
Owner of Bambino’s Baby Food

Bambino’s Baby Food is an online retailer of organic, frozen baby food that features Alaska wild salmon and halibut and ships to all 50 states. When owner Zoi Maroudas decided to launch the business, she turned to Alaska Sea Grant for technical help. Maroudas took two classes offered by Sea Grant—one that allowed her to earn food safety certification and another that taught her how seafood is caught by various gear groups in Alaska waters. Bambino’s has won numerous awards including the 2016 grand prize at the Alaska Symphony of Seafood competition.

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Skippers discuss the future of Alaska fishing in Kodiak. Credit: Danielle Ringer

“We’re an aged, aging fleet. When a bunch of us die, I don’t know if turning over that quota share is going to be a positive effect ‘cause I think it’s gonna have to disperse - I don’t know how many young guys have a cash flow to buy into it.”

- Kodiak fisherman

Sea Grant works to understand barriers to entry in Alaska’s fishing industry

Young people are leaving coastal fishing communities at an alarming rate. Even though Alaska produces 60 percent of the nation’s seafood, young people see little opportunity due to barriers to entry and upward mobility in the fishing industry. Decline in participation by Alaskans could affect the long-term sustainability of the seafood industry locally and statewide.

To better understand these barriers, Alaska Sea Grant researchers interviewed youth in the Bristol Bay and Kodiak regions. Results suggested that youth are primarily deterred from entering the fisheries due to the impacts of privatization of fishing access that led to higher costs of permits and quota and increased business risk. Sea Grant will use survey results to develop strategies to address barriers to access and inform policy responses to support future generations of Alaskan fishermen and their contribution to the state’s economy.

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Sea Grant helps grow Alaska shellfish farming industry to 69 businesses

Alaska Sea Grant helped the aquaculture industry grow from a single farmer in 1988 to over 60 farms, 7 nurseries, and 2 hatcheries by 2015. In 2014, 185 workers produced 1.2 million pounds of oysters and 10,000 pounds of mussels and clams, which yielded a record-high \$1,174,802 in shellfish sales.

In the early years of Alaska aquaculture, Alaska Sea Grant’s work with farmers and the state legislature resulted in the passage of a bill (Alaska HB 208) which eased the permitting process and enabled farmers to acquire sites. Alaska Sea Grant developed methods for growing and harvesting shellfish to ensure high quality, safe products and to improve yields.

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