

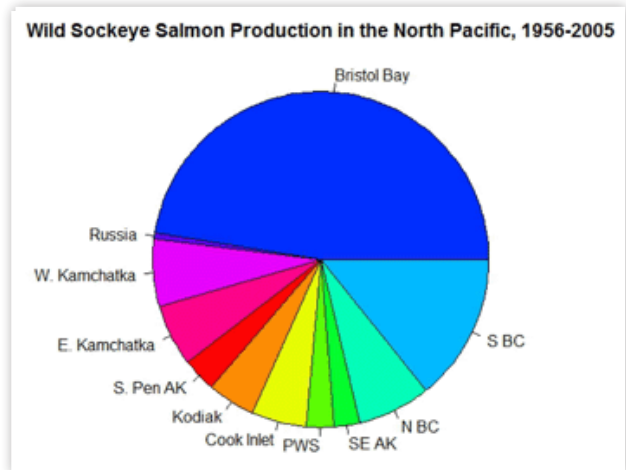


# PROTECTING ALASKA'S BRISTOL BAY IS KEY TO SUSTAINABLE SALMON PROGRAMS

**Alaska's Bristol Bay is the largest wild sockeye salmon fishery remaining in the world and the most valuable single salmon fishery in Alaska.**

Protecting the Bristol Bay fishery is an essential element to the future of any sustainable salmon program:

- While the world's oceans are suffering the loss of many important fish food species, Bristol Bay continues to supply roughly 50% of the world's commercial supply of wild sockeye salmon.
- Alaska's wild salmon fishery is the only wild salmon fishery in America certified as a sustainably-harvested salmon fishery.<sup>1</sup>
- Bristol Bay sockeye salmon represent 60% of the Alaska sockeye salmon harvest, by value.<sup>2</sup>
- In 2010, 30 million wild salmon were harvested in Bristol Bay, totaling roughly 168 million pounds of healthy seafood, which are shipped as frozen, fresh or tinned salmon.<sup>3</sup>
- This richly productive and sustainable resource generates some \$450 million a year in revenue and employs more than 10,000 people.<sup>4</sup>
- Wild Pacific salmon is an internationally recognized and prized food that consumers increasingly seek out for its healthy qualities and benefits to the environment.
- The Bristol Bay salmon fishery has been commercially fished for 125 years, and it will con-



tinue to provide a secure source of healthy food for the world's population, as long as critical salmon habitat remains intact and its pristine waters are protected.

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