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Each year, the salmon industry provides thousands of jobs and hundreds of millions of dollars families throughout the state.

Alaska's fishing industry leads the state in providing 47% of private sector jobs, and is seco

Salmon fishing permits are issued to individuals, not corporations, through the ^limited entry

Three main gear types catch Alaska salmon: trolling, gillnetting, and purse seining. All comme

Trollers use long trolling poles to pull or troll 2 to 4 deep weighted lines through the water

Trollers primarily target king, coho, and pink salmon as they enter Alaskan waters on their wa sold dressed, or filleted in the fresh or fresh frozen market.

Gillnetters set curtain-like nets in the water suspended from a float line at the surface and

There are two types of gillnets; driftnets that are free floating from boats, and setnets that

Purse Seiners use a large floating net, pulled and set in circle by a power skiff, to surround

Purse seiners are not allowed north of the Alaska Peninsula; boat size is limited to 58 feet.

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