



Area M Permit Holders Profit off of Declined Chum and King Salmon Stocks

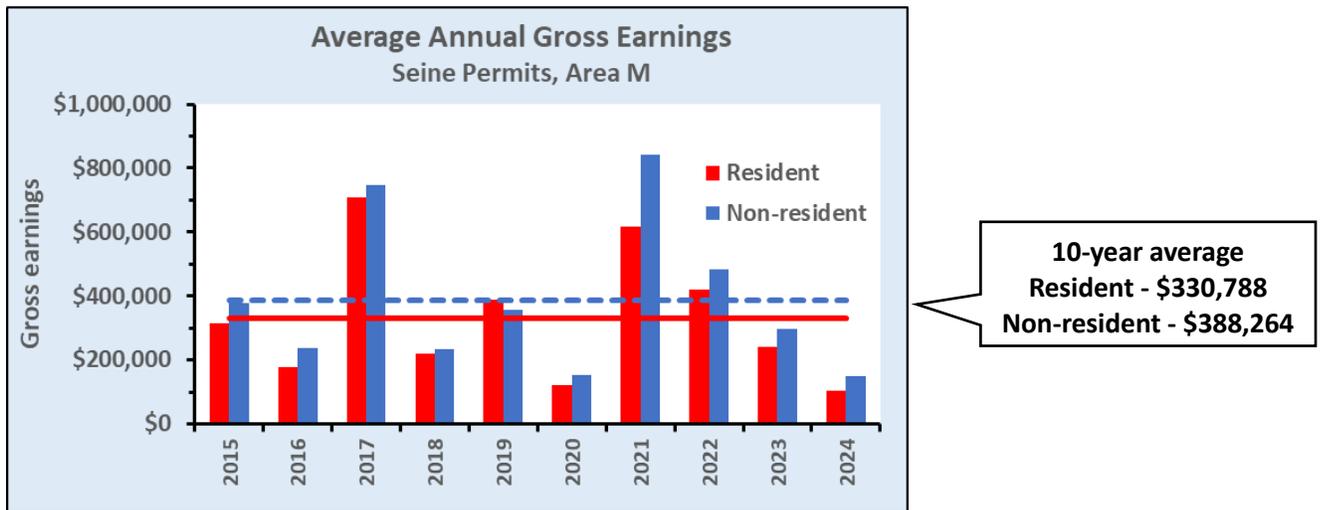


Figure 1. Average annual earnings for residents (red) and non-residents (blue) fishing Area M purse seine permits, with lines showing averages over 2015–2024.

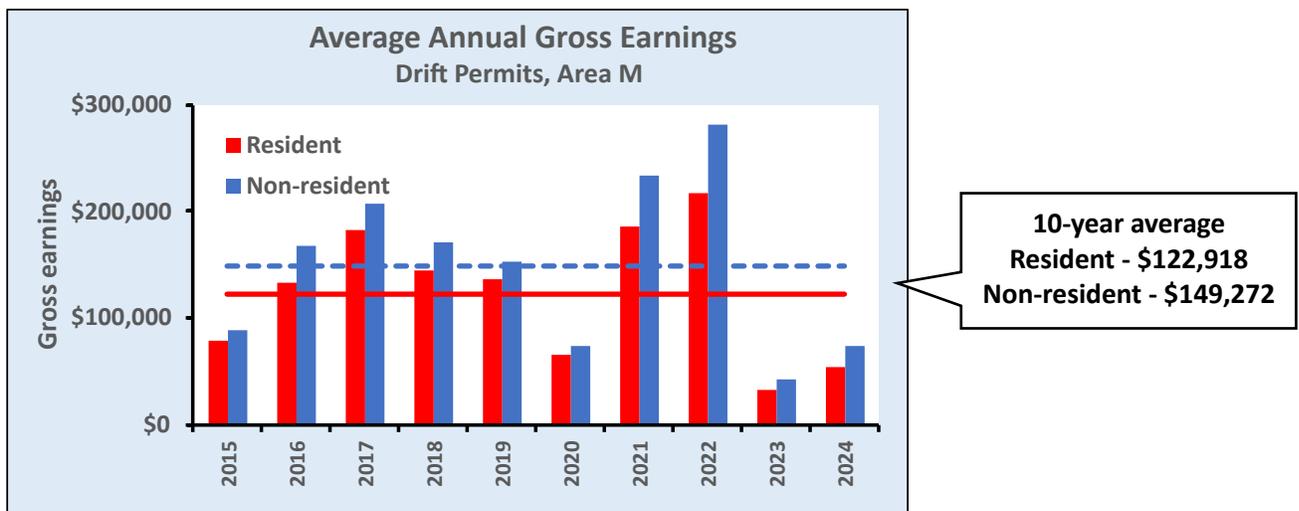


Figure 2. Average annual earnings for residents (red) and non-residents (blue) fishing Area M drift permits, with lines showing averages over 2015–2024.

Key Takeaways:

1. Resident and non-resident permit holders **profit off protected Chinook and chum salmon stocks** from the Yukon, Kuskokwim, Bristol Bay, and Cook Inlet.
2. There are fewer non-resident permits fished, but **non-resident permit holders have higher annual gross earnings** than resident permit holders.
3. Average earnings of resident permit holders are **4.6x (drift) and 12.5x (seine) higher than the 2020-2024 per capita income of Kuskokwim River residents** in the Bethel Census Area (\$26,543).

Source: CFEC, <https://www.cfec.state.ak.us/bit/MNUSALM.htm>