A. OTHER INFORMATION SOURCES

There are many organizations, publications and web-sites which can provide you with information and assistance in planning a fish processing plant. These include federal agencies such as the Economic Development Administration; state agencies such as the Alaska Department of Community and Economic Development; units of the University of Alaska such as the Marine Advisory Program; regional organizations such as CDQ groups, and private non-profit organizations such as Alaska Village Initiatives—to name just a few examples.

Below we list just a few organizations. Contacting these organizations can quickly lead you to many other sources of information.

University of Alaska Marine Advisory Program (MAP)

Specialists with the University of Alaska Marine Advisory Program have written many publications to assist Alaska seafood processors and fishermen. Some of the most useful publications for planning small processing plants include the following:

- **Planning Seafood Cold Storage.** Written by Edward Kolbe and Donald Kramer. Marine Advisory Bulletin No. 46 (Second Edition, 1997). This 50-page report describes basic steps in planning a cold storage facility for a seafood plant. It includes estimates of equipment needs and potential costs for five hypothetical cold storage facilities. The same authors are writing a similar report on *Planning Seafood Freezing Operations*.

- **Air Shipment of Fresh Fish: A Primer for Shippers and Cargo Handlers.** Written by Chuck Crapo and Brian Paust. Marine Advisory Bulletin No. 32 (Revised 1991).


- **Care and Handling of Salmon: The Key to Quality.** Written by John Doyle. Marine Advisory Bulletin No. 45 (1995).

These and other Marine Advisory Program publications are available from:

Alaska Sea Grant College Program  
University of Alaska Fairbanks  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99775-5040  
907-474-6707 (telephone)  
907-474-6285 (fax)  
[http://www.uaf.alaska.edu/seagrant/](http://www.uaf.alaska.edu/seagrant/)
Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute (ASMI).

The Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute (ASMI) has a wealth of information and materials (including free videos) which can assist you in planning your marketing and in producing quality products. Much of this information is available on the ASMI website at www.alaskaseafood.org.

You can also contact ASMI at:

311 N. Franklin Street, Suite 200
Juneau, AK 99801-1147
(800) 478-2903
(907) 465-5560
Fax: (907) 465-5572
www.alaskaseafood.org

Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G)

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game has detailed data on commercial fisheries landings. Contact your area management biologist about the best way to obtain information for your area.

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game also compiles data from the Commerical Operators Annual Reports (COAR Reports) filed by processors each spring. You can use this data to get a sense of the average prices processors earned for different products in your area in past years. For more information about the COAR data contact:

Alaska Department of Fish and Game
Division of Commercial Fisheries
1255 W. 8th Street
Juneau, AK 99801
P.O. Box 25526
Juneau, AK 99802-5526
Phone (907) 465-4210
Fax (907) 465-2604
www.cf.adfg.state.ak.us/cf_home.htm
Alaska Village Initiatives

Alaska Village Initiatives is a non-profit, membership-based company which works to strengthen the well-being of rural Alaska communities by embracing their cultural values and strengthening their self-reliance through training, assistance, advocacy and economic development. It was formerly known as the Community Enterprise Development Corporation, and since its formation in 1968 it has assisted in the establishment of several village processing plants. For more information contact:

Alaska Village Initiatives
1577 C Street, Suite 304
Anchorage, AK 99501
1-800-478-2332.
e-mail: avi@ruralak.org

Alaska Division of Community and Business Development

The State’s Division of Community and Business Development has a number of programs supporting economic development of Alaska’s seafood industry. More information about the Division may be found at the web page of the Department of Community and Economic Development at www.dced.state.ak.us or by contacting:

Alaska Division of Business Development
P.O. Box 110809
Juneau, Alaska 99811-0809
907-465-2017

Economic Development Administration

The federal Economic Development Administration, which sponsored this handbook, supports a wide variety of economic development projects in rural Alaska. For more information, contact:

Economic Development Administration
550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 1700
Anchorage, AK 99501
(907) 271-2272 (telephone)
907-271-2273 (fax)