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ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF Washington's Maritime Industry 2022









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- Economic Analysis, Community Economic Planning, Business Development, Survey Research and others
- Conducted 100+ economic impact studies
- PNW Maritime studies include...
  - Economic impact of the Ballard Locks
  - Modernization of the North Pacific Fishing Fleet
  - Lewis Clark Valley Riverboat Market Assessment
  - Anacortes Marina Economic Impact Analysis
  - Port of Kalama Harbor Improvement Scheme





## Methodology

#### **Data Sources**

 U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, ESD, DOR, ADF&G, WSDF&W, NOAA, Census

#### **Industry Sources**

 WMF board members, seafood companies, workforce development programs, industry associations, ports, maritime support firms

#### **Study Year**

 2022 had unique challenges: supply chain issues, labor negotiations, geopolitical factors, continued recovery from COVID.

#### Comparison with 2017 report (referring to 2015 data)

 Methodology updated for three out of six subsectors: commercial fishing/seafood, recreational boating, maritime support



# Maritime Sectors

- Maritime Logistics and Shipping
- Shipbuilding, Repair, and Maintenance
- Commercial Fishing and Seafood Production
- Recreational Boating
- Passenger Water Transportation
- Maritime Support Services

### **Maritime Logistics and Shipping**

- Freight transportation, port and harbor operations, tugs/pilotage, cargo handling, warehousing/storage, trucking, rail
- **11** deep-draft sea and river ports
- Northwest Seaport Alliance: 4<sup>th</sup> largest container gateway in North America
- **16 billion tons** of containerized cargo
- 56 billion tons of non-containerized cargo





Source: Port of Seattle.



### Shipbuilding, Repair, and Maintenance

- Commercial, recreational, government
- **61** commercial shipyards/boatyards
- Puget Sound Naval Shipyard: **14,000** workers
- 2022 exports: **\$91 million**
- 2022 US DOD contracts: \$377 million
- Shipyard/boatyard communities: Seattle, Tacoma, Everett, Port Angeles, Anacortes, Bremerton, Bellingham, Vancouver, La Conner, Colville, Clarkston, Port Townsend

SNAPSHOT: Shipbuilding, Repair, & Maintenance	
145 Businesses	18,500 Jobs
\$8.2B in Revenues	\$2.3B in Labor Income



Source: Dakota Creek Industries



### **Commercial Fishing and Seafood Production**

- Fishermen, crew members, aquaculture workers, processor workers (onboard and shoreside)
- More than half of employment in seafood production preparation and packaging
- More than half of North Pacific fishing fleet homeport in Washington State (>58')
- \$1.5 billion in seafood exported from Seattle customs district





Source: Port of Seattle.



### **Recreational Boating**

- Sportfishing, charter fishing, yachting, sightseeing cruises, etc.
- Boat purchases, maintenance, equipment, licenses, fuel, provisions
- **\$6 billion:** Value of recreational fleet
- **\$456 million:** Upkeep and maintenance
- **1.3 million:** Sportfishing licenses sold





Source: Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife.



#### **Passenger Water Transportation**

- Ferries, cruise ships, riverboats
- Washington State Ferries: Nation's largest ferry system
- **17 million:** Number of WSF passengers, 2022
- Port of Seattle: gateway for ~40% of Alaska cruise passengers
- **1.3 million:** Number of Port of Seattle cruise passengers, 2022
- **74%**: Increase in cruise passengers, 2014-2023





Source: Port of Seattle.



### Maritime Support Services

 Law, insurance, accounting, construction, naval architecture, educational institutions, research, public agencies, non-profits





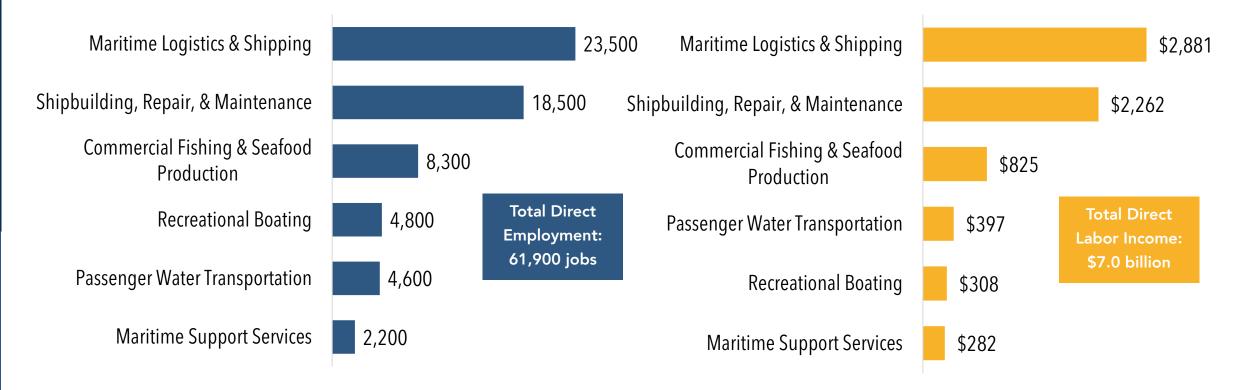
Source: Skagit Valley College.



### **Direct Impacts by Sector**

#### Direct Employment, by Sector

#### Direct Labor Income, by Sector (\$Millions)





#### Total Economic Impacts, 2022

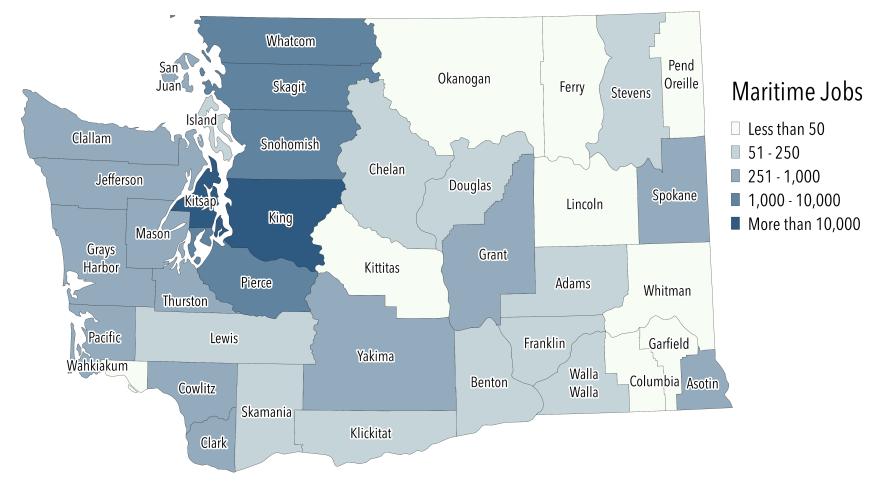


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#### **State Government Revenues:**

\$382 million including direct and indirect impacts

#### Maritime Employment by County

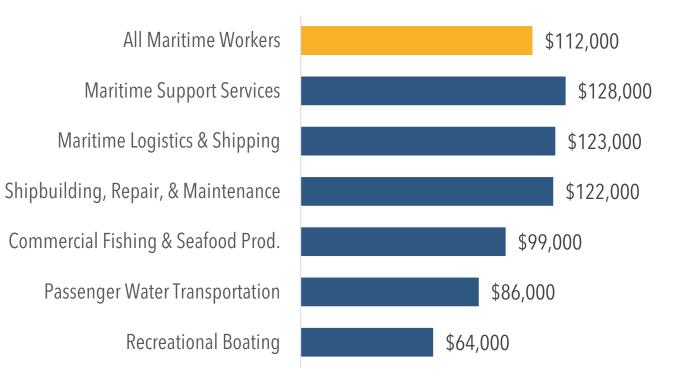




Sources: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, 2023; Washington State Employment Security Department, 2023; State of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, 2023.

#### Washington Maritime Worker Earnings

#### Average Earnings, 2022 (including benefits)



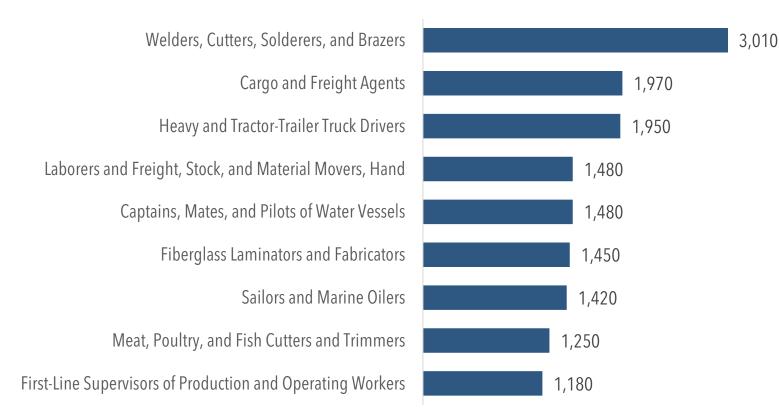


Source: Port of Seattle.



### Washington Maritime Industry Occupations

#### Most Common Maritime Industry Occupations, 2022 (1,000+ workers)

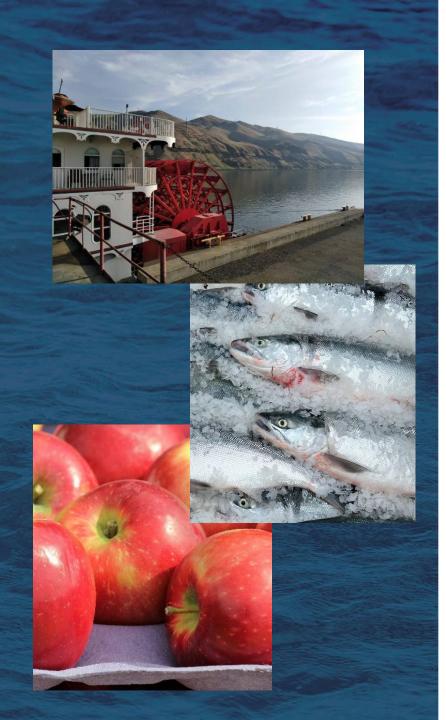




Source: Puget Sound Pilots.



Sources: Washington State Employment Security Department, 2023; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2023. 16



# **Telling the Maritime Story**

- The Columbia-Snake River System
- The Alaska Seafood Connection
- Agricultural Ties
- Maritime Innovation
- Workforce Development
- Environmental Stewardship

#### **Maritime Innovation**

- Washington Maritime Blue:
  - 50+ companies and organizations
  - \$400 million+ raised
  - 400+ jobs created
  - Business incubators/accelerators
- Example startups: recycling used fishing gear, kelp snacks, low-emission vessel construction, logistics platform for tug and barge, ballast water treatment systems
- WAV-C (WA Autonomous Vehicle Cluster)
- Pacific NW Tech Bridge

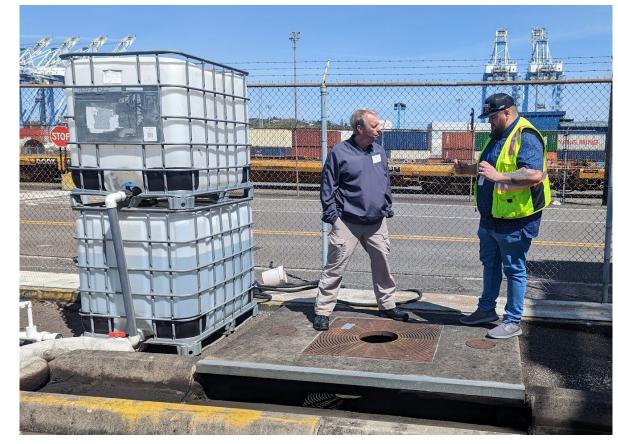


Source: Net Your Problem.



### **Environmental Stewardship**

- New ship designs improve fuel efficiency
- Better voyage planning
- Cleaner engines; alternative fuels
- Ballast water treatment improvements
- Safer routing distances
- Reduced noise impacts
- Fishing: vessel and gear innovations, recycling used fishing gear
- Cruise: "Maritime Green Corridor"; shore power at Port of Seattle
- Green Marine: 10x increase in membership



Source: Green Marine.



### Workforce Development

- Challenges: aging workforce, tight labor market, limited awareness
- Maritime High School
- Northwest Maritime Apprenticeship Program (Whatcom, Skagit, Island Counties)
- Port of Seattle Youth Career Launch
- Youth Marine Foundation (Tacoma)
- Center of Excellence for Marine Manufacturing & Technology:
  - 100+ stakeholders
  - Identification of highest needs and programs to scale up



Source: Northwest Maritime Center





#### Resources

#### Report and handout: www.maritimefederation.com

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