Status of Alaska Department of Fish and Game Aquatic Farm Operation Permits 2015-2022

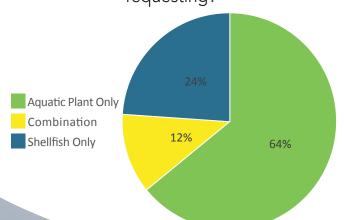


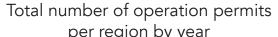
In 1988 the State of Alaska implemented the Aquatic Farm Act (AK Statutes 16.44.100-199) to allow for a facility to grow, farm, or cultivate aquatic farm products in captivity or positive control. The number of issued operation permits has remained fairly steady since 2002 with an average of 50 permits per year. However, in 2017 the number of applications and subsequent issued permits increased, particularly in Kodiak and Prince William Sound, resulting in a 33% increase to 87 total active permits by end of 2022. This is attributed mainly to the promotion of aquatic farming by global, Federal, State and private organizations, and a growing interest in aquatic plant farming. Over 76% of all applications received since 2015 include cultivation of aquatic plants.

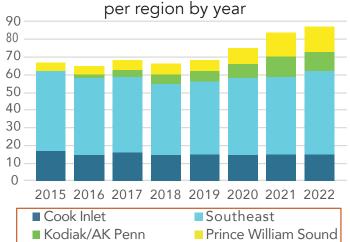




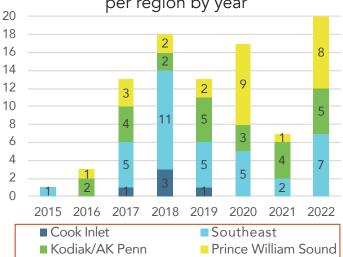
What types of species are applications requesting?







Number of aquatic farm applications per region by year



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