

Sea Food Innovation Center Feasibility Study and Business Plan in Dillingham

Reasons for Exploring a Sea Food Innovation Center:

1. The Bristol Bay Region is prim for fisheries based investments.
2. Increasing local fishery participation has been a topic of much discussion in region.
3. The “Bingman” property in the City of Dillingham and the need for SAVEC to have a permanent location present the opportunity to implement an innovation center.
4. Federal funding is at an all-time high, is interested in investments around workforce and infrastructure.

Overall Goal of the project:

Provide a space focused on the Sea Food industry that promotes local participation in the Sea Food Industry cluster and creation of small businesses. Included but not limited to: commercial fishing, Mariculture, food processing, business management, resource management, sport fish, subsistence...

Current Working Group:

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Current Intent:

Apply for funding to explore what the cost and feasibility would be on the project for a three phased approach (listed below). The study would also need to be able to host community meetings to facilitate the discussions on the list below.

***Please keep in mind this list is a brain storm, other items may need to be explored. Comments and suggestions are welcome, this is meant to be an inclusive process.

Phase 0.0 Business Plan and Feasibility Study

- Identify possible tracks
- Field Trip to Kodiak and Old Harbor to tour KSMSC and O.H. subsistence processing facility
- Identify # of buildings
- Identify planning partners
- Identify mission and purpose for next 100 years
- Review phases 1, 2, & 3 to identify information listed below.

Phase 1- Sea Food Innovation Center (Plot 947)

- Engage processors, ask for funding in exchange for trainings
- Engage partners and contributors, ask for commitments
- Identify funding for construction and maintenance of all three phases
- Identify cost of each phase and possible additions to phases such as cold storage
- Identify ownership of facility and land, lease/buy?
- Identify management of facility
- Identify subsistence processing needs, grinder, vacuum packer, etc.

- Look at commercial kitchens, commercial smokers, processing facilities, welding, fiberglass, RSW, radio/electric, network, diesel motor and outboard repair/maintenance, etc.
- Fishery management equipment; fish count, biology, science and math etc.
- Sport fishing guide infrastructure

Phase 2- Multipurpose parking lot, Farmer's market/Pavilion (Plot 900) industry Park

- Identify if cold storage is needed for sea food facility
- Identify any possible additions that could be made to a innovation center after construction
- Create parking lot space for Industry park: farmers market/tail gate business
- Create community picnic space with covering

Phase 3- Potters marsh style walkway (Near/through plot 900)---engage ADF&G and USFWS

- Develop design for walkway
- Identify tourism industry partners
- Identify marketing strategies
- Identify safety precautions
- Create signage
- Identify ownership and maintenance

