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**Focus on: “Amendment #66 – Community Purchase of Halibut & Sablefish”**

**Community Spotlight: Kodiak Island communities**

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*The Gulf Channel Marker*, a bi-weekly “mini-newsletter” of the Gulf of Alaska Coastal Communities Coalition (GOAC3) is designed to help keep our members posted on immediate fisheries-related issues facing Gulf of Alaska coastal communities. *The Gulf Channel Marker* is available only to GOAC3 members and is distributed by e-mail and by fax or mail to those members who request it. This publication is in MS Word. All newsletters will be archived but the format will vary. We encourage you to print out *The Gulf Channel Marker* and keep copies in a three-ring binder. Past issues of *The Gulf Channel Marker* are available on request.

Your questions or suggestions for issues and linkages are always welcome. See “Web Links” at the end of this document for further information. All links are subject to change.

It is important to note that most of the issues presented are complicated. Please consider the information provided here basic and not definitive. For more detailed information on any subject, please follow the links or contact our offices. The GOAC3 does not necessarily endorse or oppose any of the material that is presented.

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## I

**ALERTS****TAKE ACTION**

- **North Pacific Research Board:** In October the Board will approve release of a request for proposals (RFP) for about \$3 million for new research starting in 2004. The RFP will be posted here on October 7 and proposals will be due December 5th. The Board will make final decisions on proposals in March 2004. This is a tentative schedule for now and may change. Interested researchers should consult this web site later this summer and fall, particularly after the Board meets on October 1-2, 2003. The Board is requesting public comment on research priorities for 2004. The notice is posted here, and **written comments are due by September 12, 2003**. Additional comments will be taken at the October 1-2 meeting of the Board in Anchorage.  
[http://www.nprb.org/research/res\\_2004.htm](http://www.nprb.org/research/res_2004.htm)
- Federal Register web address for announcement commentary for **Marine Protected Areas and Inventory of Marine Managed Areas** Comments due by **September 22, 2003**. <http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/notice/fr43495.pdf>
- **Groundfish PSEIS:** the revised DRAFT Groundfish Programmatic Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (PSEIS) is available from NOAA in hard-copy (7,000 pages!) or CD. Contact them by **August 15<sup>th</sup>** to let them know what format you prefer. **Public comments on the revised draft will be accepted until October 15, 2003**. Public comments will only be accepted in writing, submitted by mail and delivered before the deadline or by e-mail or oral statements at one of the public hearings. Public hearing information can be found at the web site..  
<http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/sustainablefisheries/seis/news11.pdf>
- **NOAA Fisheries Seeks Comment on Zero Mortality Rate Goal for Marine Mammals** NOAA Fisheries has published an advance notice of proposed rulemaking related to the Zero Mortality Rate Goal (ZMRG) contained in the Marine Mammal Protection Act. The Act states that commercial fisheries shall reduce incidental mortality and serious injury of marine mammals to insignificant levels approaching a zero mortality and serious injury rate. **The deadline for comments is September 8, 2003**. For additional information call Tom Eagle at (301) 713-2322.
- **EVOS/TC (Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council) Draft FY04 Work Plan:** Submit all written comments on or before **September 15, 2003**. Oral comments may be made at the Trustee Council meeting on October 3, 2003. Instructions on providing comments are available  
[http://www.oilspill.state.ak.us/admin/public\\_comment\\_fy04.html](http://www.oilspill.state.ak.us/admin/public_comment_fy04.html).
- **OF SPECIAL NOTE: “Commentary period” for Amendment 66 to the Fishery Management Plan (FMP) of the Sablefish IFQ program to allow eligible Gulf of Alaska coastal communities to purchase and lease halibut and sablefish quota.** Comments due **November 3, 2003**. SEE SECTION #IV for more detail.

## II IMPORTANT DATES<sup>2</sup>

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- **Southeast Conference** – September 16-18, Haines, Alaska
- **North Pacific Fishery Management Council**: Check the NPFMC for their 2003-05 meeting schedule and for committee meetings, etc. Next scheduled meeting begins October 6<sup>th</sup> in Anchorage. <http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/npfmc/> (See also *The Gulf Channel Marker #2, July 15, 2003*, for detailed information on “Getting Involved in the Council Process”)
- **Alaska Board of Fisheries** – Check the BOF web site for their 2003-04 calendar <http://www.state.ak.us/adfg/boards/fishinfo/bofhome.htm>
- **National Marine Fisheries Service national conference**- November 13-15, 2003 Washington, DC. First fisheries-management conference co-sponsored by the eight regional fishery management councils. For more information check the NPFMC web site. <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/>
- **National Fishery Law Symposium**: The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual National Fishery Law Symposium will be held this year on 23-24 October at the Washington State Convention & Trade Center, 800 Convention Place, in Seattle. Sponsored by the University of Washington’s School of Law. For more information, contact: Kathy Kline at the University of Washington ([kkline@u.washington.edu](mailto:kkline@u.washington.edu)) or the Symposium Co-Chairs, Eldon Greenberg ([egreenberg@gsblaw.com](mailto:egreenberg@gsblaw.com)) or Bud Walsh ([budwalsh@dwt.com](mailto:budwalsh@dwt.com)).
- **Gulf of Alaska Coastal Communities Coalition (GOAC3)**: Our annual meeting is October 19<sup>th</sup> in Anchorage. See our web site at [www.goac3.org](http://www.goac3.org) for this and many other important fisheries dates.
- **Fish Expo**: November 20-22nd, 2003, Seattle [www.fishexposeattle.com/](http://www.fishexposeattle.com/)

**CHECK OUR WEB SITE FOR A DETAILED CALENDAR OF GOAC3 AND FISHERIES RELATED EVENTS: [www.goac3.org](http://www.goac3.org)**

## III IMPORTANT TO KNOW

### A. TAA – TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE UPDATE 8/28/03

The deadline for filing PETITIONS for groups to be eligible for the Trade Adjustment Assistance program for farmers<sup>3</sup> is August 31<sup>st</sup>. This is NOT a deadline for individual applications.

<sup>2</sup> For other current calendar items, check our web site @ [www.goac3.org](http://www.goac3.org)

<sup>3</sup> Alaskan fishermen were not originally included in the category of “farmers” but Sen. Lisa Murkowski has been very instrumental in working with the U.S. Department of Agriculture to allow Alaskan fishermen to petition for acceptance as an eligible group.

Thanks to the efforts of Senator Lisa Murkowski, a petition for ALL Alaskan permit holders is being filed by the United Fishermen of Alaska (UFA.) If this petition is accepted, then all Alaskan permit holders will be eligible to apply for benefits. They will have up to three months make individual applications. The GOAC3 will notify all our members as soon as we hear that the petition has been accepted.

Alaskan fishermen wanting more information about the Trade Adjustment Assistance should check the following web links. Please also see *The Gulf Channel Marker #4 (August 20, 2003)* for background information. Links:

USDA/FAS <http://www.fas.usda.gov/itp/taa/resource.htm>  
 Federal Register - Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers  
<http://www.fas.usda.gov/info/fr/2003/082003taa.htm>

## B FEDERAL REGISTER UPDATES

### FEDERAL REGISTER / NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY ITEMS 2003 BEGINNING 8/03

From the Federal Register Online via GPO Access [wais.access.gpo.gov]

NOAA/NMFS Fisheries web page <http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/>

CHECK NOAA fisheries web sites and Federal Register for full details

DATE	ITEM	ACTION	DUE	LINK
7/29/03	H&S IFQ Record keeping	FINAL RULE	7/29/03	Glenn Merrill, (907) 586-7228
8/4/03	BSAI Crab LLP	FINAL RULE	8/4/03	Gretchen Harrington, 907-586-7228.
8/5/03	Pelagic shelf rockfish CGOA	CLOSURE	8/5/03	Mary Furuness, 907-586-7228
8/6/03	GOA Hook & Line Groundfish	CLOSURE	8/6/03	Mary Furuness, 907-586-7228
8/8/03	"Other" Rockfish - GOA	CLOSURE	8/8/03	Mary Furuness, 907-586-7228
8/8/03	Halibut Charter GHL	FINAL RULE	8/8/03	Glenn Merrill, (907) 586-7228
8/18/03	Groundfish Observer Pgm	FINAL RULE		Patsy A. Bearden, 907-586-7008.
8/18/03	BSAI / P-Cod allocation	PROPOSED RULE	10/2/03	Nina Mollett, 907-586-7462 or <a href="http://caldera.sero.nmfs.gov/grants/programs/">http://caldera.sero.nmfs.gov/grants/programs/</a>
8/18/03	NMFS Cooperative Research	ANNOUNCEMENT	9/12/03	.
8/16/03	Arrowtooth Flounder closure	CLOSURE	8/16/03	Mary Furuness, 907-586-2778.
8/18/03	BSAI/GOA HAPC	ANNOUNCEMENT		Cindy Hartmann, (907) 586-7585.
8/18/03	GOA Groundfish PSEIS Testimony	ANNOUNCEMENT	9/10/03	Steven K. Davis, 907-271-3523
8/29/03	AFA/ effectiveness of info	FINAL RULE	8/29/03	Patsy A. Bearden, 907-586-7008.
8/29/03	AFA/ remove expiration dates	PROPOSED RULE	9/24/03	Lori Durell, 907-586-7247 Dr. Ronald Baird, Nat'l Sea Grant 301-713-929/03 2448
8/29/03	Notice for Panel reviewers	REQUEST	9/29/03	2448
8/29/03	IQF reg correction from 7/29	CORRECTION	8/29/03	Patsy A. Bearden, 907-586-7008.
9/02/03	Sablefish FMP/ Amendment #66	COMMENTARY**	11/3/03	Glenn Merrill 907-586-7228
9/5/03	Pollock in GOA 630	CLOSURE	8/27/03	Josh Keaton 907-586-7228
9/5/03	Pollock in GOA 620	CLOSURE	8/30/03	Josh Keaton 907-586-7228
9/5/03	Pollock in GOA 610	CLOSURE	8/30/03	Josh Keaton 907-586-7228
9/5/03	Rock Sole and Yellowfin UR	FINAL RULE	10/2/03	Jeff Hartman, 907-586-8743
9/5/03	Groundfish Observer pgm	PROPOSED RULE	10/3/03	Jason Anderson 907-586-7228

## IV OF SPECIAL NOTE

### AMENDMENT #66 – COMMUNITY PURCHASE OF HALIBUT & SABLEFISH

In April of 2002, the North Pacific Fishery Management Council approved an amendment to the existing Halibut and Sablefish IFQ (Individual Fishing Quota) program to allow specified eligible communities in the Gulf of Alaska to create community non-profits to qualify as purchasers of halibut and sablefish quota shares for IPHC (International Pacific Halibut Commission) Areas 3A and 2C . This amendment, called Amendment #66, was then sent to the National Marine Fisheries Service for a series of legal and other regulatory reviews. It must ultimately be approved by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce.

This is a major initiative that the Gulf of Alaska Coastal Communities Coalition (GOAC3) has been working on for over 5 years. We were able to demonstrate that the out-migration of halibut and sablefish quota share since the IFQ (Individual Fishing Quota) program was implemented in the mid-1990's had a very significant negative economic impact on smaller fisheries-dependent communities in the Gulf of Alaska. The Council subsequently identified 42 eligible communities in the Gulf. (See this section "C" "Who are the eligible communities?")

#### A **Federal Register publication of Commentary Period for the proposed amendment to the Sablefish FMP (fishery management plan)**

The *Federal Register* has just published the following "Notice of Availability: Request for Comments" on modification of the Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for sablefish in regard to Amendment #66. Comments are due by November 3, 2003.

The reason for the separation of sablefish from halibut in reference to Amendment 66 is that sablefish is governed by an FMP and halibut is not. **A commentary period for "proposed rule" of regulations regarding the Amendment for both halibut and sablefish will be announced later this fall. This is somewhat confusing but an important distinction. The GOAC3 will have a special announcement when the "proposed rule" is published.** After the National Marine Fisheries Service evaluates these comments, a "proposed rule" that would implement the amendment may be published. According to the "notice of availability" "all comments received by the end of the comment period whether specifically directed to the amendment or the proposed rule, will be considered in the approval/disapproval decision on the amendment. To be considered in the approval/disapproval decision on the amendment, comments must be received by the close of business" on November 3, 2003.

Please copy the GOAC3 on your comments.

#### FEDERAL REGISTER ANNOUNCEMENT:

5. [Federal Register: September 2, 2003 (Volume 68, Number 169)]  
[Proposed Rules] [Page 52173] From the Federal Register Online via GPO  
Access [[wais.access.gpo.gov](http://wais.access.gpo.gov)] [DOCID:fr02se03-38]

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, NOAA 50 CFR Part 679 [ID 082503D]  
RIN 0648-AQ98

Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska; Individual Fishing Quota Program;

### Community Purchase

AGENCY: NMFS, NOAA, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) has submitted Amendment 66 to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska (FMP). This amendment would modify the Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Program by revising the definition of an eligible quota share holder to allow eligible communities in the Gulf of Alaska (GOA) to purchase and hold sablefish quota share (QS) for lease to and use by community residents.

DATES: Comments on Amendment 66 must be received at the following address by November 3, 2003. ADDRESSES: Comments on the FMP amendment may be mailed to Sue Salvesson, Assistant Regional Administrator, Sustainable Fisheries Division, Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668, Attn: Lori Durall.

Comments may be delivered in person or by courier to the Federal Building, 709 West 9th St., Room 413-1, Juneau, AK, 99801. Comments also may be sent via facsimile to (907) 586-7557, Attn: Lori Durall.

Copies of Amendment 66 to the FMP and the Environmental Assessment/Regulatory Impact Review/Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (EA/RIR/IRFA) prepared for this action by the Council and NMFS are available from NMFS at the above address, or by calling the Alaska Region, NMFS, at (907) 586-7228.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Glenn Merrill, (907) 586-7228, or [glenn.merrill@noaa.gov](mailto:glenn.merrill@noaa.gov).

### **B For Further Background Information:**

To access the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC) information on Amendment 66 go to their web site @ <http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/npfmc/> and then scroll to the “halibut” and “reports for analysis” sections. You will be looking for the following

- DRAFT Discussion paper for Community purchase of commercial halibut and sablefish
- Elements and Options for the allowing community purchase....
- Community purchase of halibut and sablefish IFQ shares discussion paper
- Amendment 66 EA/RIR March 2002
- April 2002 Council newsletter
- April 2002 motion for community purchase of halibut and sablefish (Amendment 66)

To access the Proposed Rule in *The Federal Register* go to the following web link and type in “page 52173” in the Quick Search

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html>

To access the National Marine Fishery Service Restricted Access Management (NMFS/RAM) <http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/ram/>

OR: Contact the GOAC3 (Gulf of Alaska Coastal Communities Coalition) [www.goac3.org](http://www.goac3.org)

In the meantime, the North Pacific Fishery Management Council has also established an “Amendment 66 Implementation Committee” which will meet sometime this fall to begin the process for any “trailing amendments” which might be needed to implement the Amendment, if and when approved by the Secretary of Commerce. These will include recommendations for a “Code of Conduct.” The GOAC3 has two members on this Committee. ( Check the NPFMC web site “committee meetings” on a regular basis for updated committee information.)

**C** **Who are the eligible communities?** According to the April 2002 motion by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, the following communities were listed as eligible under the proposed Amendment 66 to the Halibut and Sablefish program:<sup>4</sup>

Area 2C	Area 3A	Area 3B
Angoon	Akhiok	Chignik
Coffman Cove	Chenega Bay	Chignik Lagoon
Craig	Halibut Cove	Chignik Lake
Edna Bay	Karluk	Ivanof Bay
Elfin Cove	Larsen Bay	King Cove
Gustavus	Nanwalek	Perryville
Hollis	Old Harbor	<u>Sand Point</u>
Hoonah	Ouzinkie	7 communities
Hydaberg	Port Graham	
Kake	Port Lions	
Kasaan	Seldovia	
Klawock	Tatitlek	
Metlakatla	Tyonek	
Meyers Chuck	<u>Yakutat</u>	
Pelican	14 communities	
Point Baker		
Port Alexander		
Port Protection		
Tenakee Springs		
Thorne Bay		
<u>Whale Pass</u>		
21 communities		

**D** **What should eligible coastal communities do in the mean time?**

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<sup>4</sup> Eligibility was based on communities under 1500 in population as of the 2000 census, with no road access to larger communities, direct access to saltwater, and a documented historic participation in the halibut or sablefish fisheries. Communities not listed must apply to the North Pacific Fishery Management Council to be approved for participating in the program and will be evaluated using the above criteria. See the April 2002 Council motion for population and other information.

- Write in support of this amendment to the FMP for sablefish. All comments must be delivered in person or by courier to the Federal Building, 709 West 9th St., Room 413-1, Juneau, AK, 99801. Comments also may be sent via facsimile to (907) 586-7557, Attn: Lori Durall. Please copy the GOAC3 on your comments.
- Expect the “proposed rule” for the *regulations* for both halibut and sablefish will be published some time this fall. These will definitely need comments. The GOAC3 will send out an alert when the *Federal Register* publishes the “proposed rule.” Earliest “best guess” projection is March of 2004 before the program is approved and notice published. In the meantime, there is a lot of work that must be done – such as meetings on how this might be structured, etc.
- Get as much information as you can. Check all the recommended links and/or call the GOAC3 with any questions you might have. One of the most comprehensive sources of information is the North Pacific Fishery Management Council’s Amendment 66 EA/RIR<sup>5</sup> Initial Regulatory Impact Analysis of March 12, 2002. This is a 162 page document in pdf format that can be downloaded from the Council’s web site.
- Keep checking with the GOAC3. Watch future issues of *The Gulf Channel Marker*. We expect to schedule regional meetings on this as soon as it is finally approved by the Secretary of Commerce.
- Contact the GOAC3 with your questions and suggestions.

## V COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT: KODIAK ISLAND COMMUNITIES

The Gulf of Alaska Coastal Communities Coalition (GOAC3) represents member communities in the Gulf of Alaska. In this section we want to highlight our Gulf communities by sub-region.

**THE GULF OF ALASKA:** The Gulf of Alaska is essentially a big arc, a narrow rim of coast line and islands that extends *approximately* from 130° east long. to about 160° west long., and 55° south lat. to 62° north lat. A 1986 NOAA<sup>6</sup> report (Hood and Zimmerman) described the Gulf of Alaska as inclusive of the “southern coast of most of the Aleutian Island, the coast and offshore islands south of the Alaska Peninsula (including Shumagin and Kodiak Island groups), Cook Inlet, Prince William Sound, and the Alexander Archipelago. The area of the Gulf continental shelf is estimated to be ..the equivalent of 12.5% of the total continental shelf of the United States.”

Kodiak Island is located on the northeastern side of the Gulf of Alaska. It is 252 air miles south of Anchorage. The area encompasses 6,559.8 square miles of land and 5,465.8 sq.

<sup>5</sup> Environmental Assessment/ Regulatory Impact Review

<sup>6</sup> National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

miles of water, almost 1.9 million acres including Kodiak Island and Afognak Island.<sup>7</sup> The climate, strongly influenced by marine weather, has little or no freezing and moderate precipitation, with frequent cloud cover and fog. Temperatures range from 32 to 62°. Kodiak Island is the largest island in Alaska and is second only to Hawaii in the entire U.S., and is accessible only by sea or air.

There are 10 existing communities on Kodiak Island, including Kodiak “city”, which, with a population of 6500, is the largest community. Kodiak Island has been inhabited for over 8000 years. The first non-native contacts were in 1763, when the Russians came to the island seeking sea otter pelts. The outlying communities are predominately a mix of Alutiiq, Russian, and Scandinavian cultures, with a strong Caucasian and Filipino and other Asian population in Kodiak “city.” The primary economy for the entire island has traditionally been commercial fishing but now tourism – guiding and lodges, along with logging, service industry, ANCSA<sup>8</sup> corporations and military are also strong components.

#### KODIAK ISLAND COMMUNITIES

Information is primarily from the Alaska Community Data Base, AK Dept. of Community & Econ. Development and the "Sector and Regional Profiles of the North Pacific Groundfish Fisheries 2001" by Northern Economics

COMMUNITY	TYPE	CENSUS 2000	PRIMARY ECONOMY
AHKIOK	2nd Class city	80	Fishing, government, tourism, subsistence
CHINIAK	Unincorporated	50	Fishing, government, tourism
KARLUK	Unincorporated	27	Fishing, tourism, government, subsistence
KODIAK	Home Rule	6334	Fishing, processing, service, tourism, government
KODIAK STN	Military	1890	U.S. Coast Guard base
LARSEN BAY	2nd Class city	115	Fishing, processing, tourism, government, subsistence
OLD HARBOR	2nd Class city	237	Fishing, tourism, government, subsistence
OUZINKIE	2nd Class city	225	Fishing, government, subsistence
PORT LIONS	2nd Class city	256	Fishing, logging, tourism, government , subsistence
UGANIK	Unincorporated	0	
WOMEN'S BAY	Unincorporated	690	"bedroom community" of Kodiak Station - military
KODIAK ISLAND			
BOROUGH	2nd Class Bor.	13,913	Fishing, processing, service, tourism, government

#### VI JOIN US: SOMETHING YOU CAN DO NOW

**As you can see, the marine-related issues facing our coastal communities are multiple and complex. The Gulf of Alaska Coastal Communities Coalition (GOAC3) is a 501(c)6 non-profit, working hard to protect Gulf of Alaska communities' *sustainable* access to adjacent marine resources in perpetuity. We can't do this without the help of our members and many other organizations. We are one piece of the puzzle, but an important piece.**

<sup>7</sup> Alaska Department of Community and Economic Development, Alaska Community Database, 2003

<sup>8</sup> Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act

If you are a resident of a coastal community in the Gulf of Alaska and you are not currently a member, please join us in this effort. Contact us directly or through our web site at [www.goac3.org](http://www.goac3.org). Eligible VOTING members of the GOAC3 include Gulf of Alaska boroughs, cities, ANCSA regional and village corporations and tribal councils. NON-VOTING membership is open to everyone for an annual fee of \$100.00.

## VII WEB LINKS AND WHERE TO GET OTHER INFORMATION

- LEXICON (OR: that strange fishery code) Does the jargon of fisheries management confuse you? You aren't alone. There are several hundred, probably thousands, of acronyms that are used in fisheries management. We've tried to keep current with most of them. You can request comprehensive list of acronyms from our office.

### CONTACTING YOUR CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

- Senator Ted Stevens
  - <http://stevens.senate.gov/>
  - Anchorage Office 907-271-5915
  - Washington DC Office 202-224-3004
- Senator Lisa Murkowski
  - <http://www.senate.gov/~murkowski/>
  - Anchorage Office 907-271-3735
  - Washington DC Office 202-224-6665
- Congressman Don Young
  - <http://www.house.gov/donyoung/>
  - Anchorage Office 907-271-5978
  - Washington DC Office 202-225-5765
- On-line <http://congress.org/congressorg/home/>
- "Congress at Your Fingertips" Capitol Advantage© 108<sup>th</sup> Congress, via Capitol Advantage Publishing, [www.capitoladvantage.com](http://www.capitoladvantage.com)

### DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON THE GULF OF ALASKA

- Alaska Department of Commerce and Economic Development  
<http://www.dced.state.ak.us/>
- Alaska Regional Development Organizations (ARDORs)  
[www.dced.state.ak.us/cbd/ardor/ardor](http://www.dced.state.ak.us/cbd/ardor/ardor)
  - Prince William Sound Economic Development Council
  - Southeast Conference
  - Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference (SWAMC)
- Institute of Social and Economic Research (ISER) at the University of Alaska-Anchorage. <http://www.iser.uaa.alaska.edu/>
- North Pacific Fishery Management Council <http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/npfmc/>

### WEB SITE TO CHECK ON A REGULAR BASIS

- The ALASKA Report <http://www.alaskareport.com/>
- North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC) <http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/npfmc/>
- National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/>
- Alaska Board of Fisheries <http://www.state.ak.us/adfg/boards/fishinfo/bofhome.htm>
- State of Alaska - Department of Fish & Game <http://www.state.ak.us/adfg/adfghome.htm>
- State of Alaska - Department of Fish & Game Division of Commercial Fisheries
- International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) <http://www.iphc.washington.edu/halcom/default.htm>
- Heads Up! -- <http://www.heads-up.net/>
- The Federal Register <http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/multidb.cgi>

### **MARKET INFORMATION RESOURCES**

- The ALASKA REPORT is one of the most useful web sites for Alaska's commercial fishermen. <http://www.alaskareport.com/>
- Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute (ASMI) <http://www.alaskaseafood.org/> The mission statement of the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute: "To increase the worldwide consumption of Alaska Seafood and promote the quality and superiority of Alaska seafood products."
- Alaska Seafood Marketing Board (PENDING)
- FishLinke - <http://www.fishlink.info/fishlink/>
- Salmon Marketing Information Service <http://asmi.safeshopper.com/34/cat34.htm?17>
- Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation (AFDF) <http://www.afdf.org/>
- National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/>
- NOAA / NMFS "Fisheries Market News" links: [http://www.st.nmfs.gov/st1/market\\_news/](http://www.st.nmfs.gov/st1/market_news/)
- North Pacific Fisheries Management Council (NPFMC) <http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/npfmc/>
- *National Fisherman* <http://www.nationalfisherman.com/>
- *Pacific Fishing* <http://www.pfmag.com/>
- Alaska Department of Fish and Game Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC) <http://www.cfec.state.ak.us/>
- Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) certification: Check out their web site for how this helps market sustainable Alaskan wild stock. <http://www.msc.org/>
- AK Salmon Price Report and Salmon Marketing Bulletin: The weekly price-tracking report for week of July 21 is posted on the ASMI website as a PDF file. (posted Friday afternoons) <http://www.alaskaseafood.org/fishingprocessing/bulletin.htm>
- Audubon Seafood Lover's Guide <http://seafood.audubon.org/>
- Marine Stewardship Council, <http://www.msc.org/>
- U.S. Salmon Network – linking fishing, consumer, food, indigenous groups and environmental groups – [www.ussalmonnetwork.org](http://www.ussalmonnetwork.org)

**STAT PACKS:** Looking for the latest statistical information on your fishery? Check out the National Marine Fisheries Service <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/>

- *Pacific Fishing Year Book 2003* March 2003 <http://www.pfmag.com/>
- Salmon Market Information Service  
[www.alaskaseafood.org/fishingprocessing/bulletin](http://www.alaskaseafood.org/fishingprocessing/bulletin)
- NOAA web site for 2003 fishery regs and final rule  
<http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/frules/default.htm>

## RESEARCH

- The North Pacific Research Board (NPRB) met May 20<sup>th</sup> in Anchorage. A newly-appointed 10-member Advisory Panel met the day before.  
<http://www.nprb.org/npmri/>
- University of Alaska-Fairbanks <http://www.uaf.edu/>
- University of Alaska – Southeast <http://www.uas.alaska.edu/>
- Kodiak Fish Tech Center
- Office of Fisheries Development  
<http://www.dced.state.ak.us/cbd/seafood/seafood.htm>
- The Prince William Sound Science Center. <http://www.pwssc.gen.ak.us/frames/>
  - Oil Spill Response Institute (OSRI) [www.pwssc-osri.org/](http://www.pwssc-osri.org/)
- Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council (EVOS/TC) <http://www.oilspill.state.ak.us/>
  - Gulf Ecosystem Management (GEM) <http://www.oilspill.state.ak.us/>
  - Prince William Sound Regional Citizen’s Advisory Council (PWS/RCAC)  
<http://www.pwsrcac.org/>
  - Cook Inlet Regional Citizen’s Advisory Council (CI/RCAC)  
<http://www.circac.org/>
- Alaska SeaLife Center) <http://www.alaskasealife.org/>
- Arctic Institute of the North <http://www.ucalgary.ca/aina/>
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration / National Marine Fisheries Service NOAA/ NMFS - main web site – [www.nmfs.noaa.gov](http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov)–
- Fish Research West – a collaborative effort between fishermen and scientists on the Pacific West Coast <http://www.fishresearchwest.org/>

## ENVIRONMENTAL

- Alaska Marine Conservation Council (AMC2) <http://www.akmarine.org/>
- Tidepool <http://www.tidepool.org/>
- Prince William Sound Regional Citizen’s Advisory Council (PWS/RCAC)  
<http://www.pwsrcac.org/>
- Oil Spill Response Institute (OSRI) [www.pwssc-osri.org/](http://www.pwssc-osri.org/)
- Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council (EVOS/TC) <http://www.oilspill.state.ak.us/>
- Gulf Ecosystem Management (GEM) <http://www.oilspill.state.ak.us/>
- The North Pacific Research Board (NPRB) <http://www.nprb.org/npmri/>
- The Prince William Sound Science Center. <http://www.pwssc.gen.ak.us/frames/>
- The Federal MPA Committee <http://mpa.gov/mpabusiness/fac.html>
- The State of Alaska MPA web site is  
[http://www.state.ak.us/adfg/geninfo/special/mpa/mpa\\_home.htm](http://www.state.ak.us/adfg/geninfo/special/mpa/mpa_home.htm)
- IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas website:
  - [http://www.unep-wcmc.org/protected\\_areas/categories/eng/](http://www.unep-wcmc.org/protected_areas/categories/eng/)
- Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) and Habitat Areas of Particular Concern (HAPC)  
<http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/npfmc/Committees/EFH/efh.htm>

- Federal Register web address for announcement commentary for Marine Protected Areas and Inventory of Marine Managed Areas July 23, 2003. Comments due by September 22, 2003. <http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/notice/fr43495.pdf>
- SeaWeb <http://www.seaweb.org/>

### **SUBSISTENCE:**

- UFA Subsistence web site: [www.subsistmginfo.org/](http://www.subsistmginfo.org/)
- Alaska Department of Fish & Game's subsistence web at [http://www.state.ak.us/local/akpages/FISH\\_GAME/subsist/subhome.htm](http://www.state.ak.us/local/akpages/FISH_GAME/subsist/subhome.htm).
- The federal subsistence web is located at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: [www.r7.fws.gov/asm/home.html](http://www.r7.fws.gov/asm/home.html)
- Federal Subsistence Management Newsletter <http://alaska.fws.gov/asm/pdf/newsltr03.pdf>

### **MARINE MAMMALS**

- NMFS Steller sea lion site: <http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/protectedresources/stellers.htm>
- The Alaska Department of Fish and Game's SSL page: [http://www.state.ak.us/adfg/geninfo/special/ssl/ssl\\_com.htm](http://www.state.ak.us/adfg/geninfo/special/ssl/ssl_com.htm)
- The North Pacific Fishery Management Council
- National Marine Mammal Laboratory (NMML) Report to Congress <http://nmml.afsc.noaa.gov/>
- The North Pacific Universities Marine Mammal Research Consortium– UBC <http://www.marinemammal.org/>

### **OTHER WEB LINKS OF INTEREST**

- United Fishermen of Alaska <http://www.alaska.net/~usag/ufoa/>
- Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation (AFDF) <http://www.afdf.org/>
- Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute (ASMI) <http://www.alaskaseafood.org/>
- Alaska Seafood Marketing Report <http://asmi.safeshopper.com/34/512.htm?783>
- Alaska Sea Grant Program / Marine Advisory Program <http://www.uaf.edu/seagrant/>
- Alaska Symphony of Seafood <http://www.symphonyofseafood.com/>
- Alaska Department of Community & Economic Development <http://www.dced.state.ak.us/>
- Fishing For The Future <http://www.fishingforthefuture.org/>
- Fish Expo & Work Boat Northwest-- <http://www.fishexposeattle.com/>
- International Boston Seafood Show <http://www.bostonseafood.com/>
- National Fisheries Institute <http://www.nfi.org/>
- Marine Fisheries Conservation Network (MFCN) <http://www.conservefish.org/>
- International West Coast Seafood Show <http://www.westcoastseafood.com/>
- At-Sea Processors Association (APA) <http://www.atsea.org/>
- Pacific Seafood Processors Association (PSPA) <http://www.pspafish.net/>
- Saltonstall Kennedy Grant Program <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/ocs/skhome.html>
- State of Alaska - Department of Environmental Conservation, Division of Environmental Health's seafood page <http://www.state.ak.us/dec/deh/>
- United Salmon Association <http://www.ptialaska.net/~usalmon/>
- University of Alaska Fishery Industrial Technology Center, Kodiak <http://www.sfos.uaf.edu/fitc/>
- University of Alaska School of Fisheries & Ocean Sciences <http://www.sfos.uaf.edu/>

- University of Alaska Sea Grant College Program <http://www.uaf.edu/seagrant/>
- University of Alaska Sea Grant Marine Advisory Program <http://www.uaf.edu/map/>
- USDA Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) <http://www.fas.usda.gov/>
- Wild Salmon Center (Visit for more information on the 2001 Pacific Rim Wild Salmon and Steelhead Conference, Nov. 5-6.) <http://www.wildsalmoncenter.org/>
- World Trade Center Alaska <http://www.wtcak.org/>
- FishLink.com [www.fishlink.info/fishlink/](http://www.fishlink.info/fishlink/)
- Comfish at [www.ComFish.org](http://www.ComFish.org)
- Country of Origin Labeling (COOL) <http://www.ams.usda.gov/COOL>.
- Anchorage-based Phoenix Food Consulting,

## VIII ARCHIVES

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Issue 2	July 15, 2003	Getting Involved in the Council Process Fisheries Law and Oceans Commission updates
Issue 3	August 1, 2003	Fisheries Market Information Community Spotlight: The Chigniks
Issue 4	August 20, 2003	TAA – Trade Adjustment Assistance

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