

ComFish Forums 2010

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All forums located at Best Western Kodiak Inn, Harbor Room

Thursday, April 15

10:00 - 11:00am ----

Marketing Alaska Seafood

Alaska Seafood in Global Food Markets: Strengths & Strategies

How does Alaska seafood compete with other 'center of the plate' proteins?

Quentin Fong, AK Sea Grant/Marine Advisory Program/Kodiak FITC

(qfong@sfos.uaf.edu)

What Do U.S. Consumers Really Think About Alaska Seafood?

The latest U.S. Research; Fine-Tuning AK Marketing Efforts

Laura Fleming, Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute

(lfleming@alaskaseafood.org)

11:30am - 12:30pm ---

E-Stops: The Winch Stops Here!

Preventing Winch Entanglement Injuries with an Emergency Stop

The capstan winch is the most powerful thing on the deck of a seiner, and almost every year a fisherman gets injured or killed in a wrap-up. To prevent these types of injuries, NIOSH engineers worked with fishermen to develop an emergency stop device for winches. This session will discuss the development and commercialization of this technology.

Ted Teske, NIOSH Health Communication Specialist

(tit5@cdc.gov)

The Search for the Perfect PFD: Preventing Fatalities from Falls Overboard

Falls overboard are the second leading cause of death among all commercial fishermen. An easy way to increase your chances of survival is to wear a personal flotation device while working on deck. Since 2008 NIOSH has surveyed 400 Alaska fishermen about their opinions and attitudes related to falling overboard and wearing PFDs, and 200 field tested six new PFD models for 30 days. This hands on presentation will summarize the results of this study and provide information about the types of PFDs their peers found acceptable in working conditions and give attendees a chance to see the PFDs for themselves. **SHOW UP - YOU COULD WIN A FREE PFD!**

Devin Lucas, Nat'l Institute of Health & Occupational Safety

(dlucas@cdc.gov)

1:00 - 2:00pm

Town Meeting with ADF&G Commissioner, Denby Lloyd

Bring all your questions & comments to AK's Top 'Fish-Crat' and colleagues

2:15 - 3:15pm

Permitting Large Mines in Alaska

Here's your chance to learn about the State's large mine permitting process directly from the Team at ADF&G, ADEC and ADNR - including Tom Crafford, Mining Coordinator for the Pebble Project tom.crafford@alaska.gov

5:30 - 7:30pm ---

Taste of Kodiak: Seafood Reception

Best Western Kodiak Inn, Harbor Room

Friday, April 16

10:00 - 11:30am ---

Finding the Funding: Loans & Opportunities for New Entrants
State & Federal Loans | Community Programs | Permit Banks

JoAnn Rodamaker, Credit Director, Commercial Fisheries & Agriculture Bank

Lujean Fedotov & Geoff Whistler/AK. Dept. of Commerce/Division of Investments
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Sherri McCann, Loan Specialist, NOAA Financial Services/Northwest Region
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Noon - 1:00pm ---

Bering Sea Crab Fisheries: A Five Year Review

How is the new catch share program working out on the water?

Mark Fina, Senior Economist, North Pacific Fishery Management Council (mark.fina@noaa.gov)

1:30 - 2:30 ---

Alaska's Large Mine Permitting Process: Is It Enough to Protect Bristol Bay's Fisheries from the Risks of the Proposed Pebble Mine?

Trout Unlimited; Nunamta Alukestai; Renewable Resources Coalition
(lindsey@bloominAlaska.net)

2:00 - 4:00---

Getting that First Fishing Loan (This forum is at Fishermen's Hall)
Tools and resources for new fishermen looking to make their first investment

Glenn Haight, Alaska Marine Advisory Program gehaight@alaska.edu

3:00 - 4:00 ---

Oil & Gas Development in the Eastern Bering Sea/Bristol Bay
Current status of oil/gas development, future options for the nation's 5.6 million acre
'fish basket' -- Safe for now.... but leases could reopen in 2017!

Dan Strickland, AK Marine Conservation Council/ Bristol Bay fisheries liaison
(dan@akmarine.org)

5:00 - 7:00pm ---

"Savor Bristol Bay" Reception

Salmon appetizers by Chef Joel Chenet

'Seasons of Subsistence' photography display by Nick Hall

Hosted by Trout Unlimited at NOAA/Near Island Fisheries Research Center

(lindsey@bloominAlaska.net)

7:00 pm --- 9:30pm

Fishermen Out Loud - Fisher Poets

Stories, poems and songs about fishing and the sea.

Presented by Kodiak Maritime Museum

toby@kodiakmaritimemuseum.org

Location: Gerald C. Wilson High School Auditorium

Saturday, April 17

10:00 - 11:30am

Off the Grid: Alternative Energy Options for Remote Sites: solar, wind, water

Theresa Peterson, Alaska Marine Conservation Council theresa@akmarine.org

Donna Jones, Sustainable Kodiak djones@kodiak.alaska.edu

Kirk Garoutte, Susitna Energy Systems kirk@susitnaenergy.com

Don Dumm sourdoughsolar@gmail.com ; Bruce Short

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Noon - 1:30pm

Catch Share Programs

Point/Counterpoint panel ĩ Lots of Q &A!

Duncan Fields, North Pacific Fishery Management Council

Stephen Langdon, Prof. of Anthropology, UAA

Terry Haines, fisherman, Kodiak City Council member

Shawn Dochtermann, Crewmen's Association

Glenn Merrill, NOAA Fisheries, Sustainable Fisheries Management

Gale Vick, Gulf of Alaska Coastal Community Coalition

Mark Fina, Senior Economist, NPFMC

Facilitator: Glenn Haight, AK Sea Grant/Marine Advisory Program

2:00-3:00pm

Pebble Mine: Waves of Opportunity

Mike Heatwole, VP of Public Affairs/Pebble Partnership

3:30 - 4:30 Movie Time! "Red Gold"

This one hour documentary on Pebble Mine that goes beyond the conflict. It gives voice to commercial, subsistence and sport fishermen, as well as mine officials. This acclaimed film by Ben Knight and Travis Rummel is the winner of both the Audience Choice and Director's at Telluride Mountainfilm.

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