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New Rule Requires Some Commercial Fishermen to Buy Coast Guard-Approved Boarding Ladder

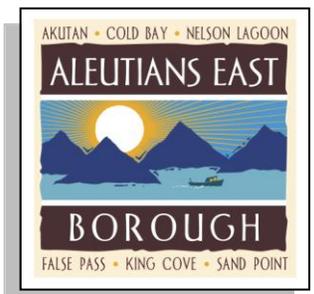
A new U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) rule, scheduled to take effect January 1, 2009, will require all commercial fishing vessels participating in federal fisheries that have a four foot drop from the rail to the water, to buy a USCG-approved boarding ladder. The purpose of the new rule is to provide for a safe and enforceable means for authorized personnel to board fishing vessels in carrying out their duties under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act, and other applicable fisheries laws and treaties. Federal officials say current standards have proven to be inadequate.

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Calendar of Fish Meetings

AEB Meeting with Fishermen at Pacific Marine Expo (Fish Expo):

10:30 a.m. – Noon on Nov. 20, 2008 – Silver Cloud Inn – 1046 1st Avenue South, Seattle, WA 98134; Room: Avenue One North – (Next to the Qwest Field Center)



Alaska Department of Fish & Game Board Meeting: Dec. 1 – 7, 2008
Cordova

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North Pacific Fishery Management Council Meeting:
Week of Dec. 8, 2009 Anchorage Hilton

[Details on NPFMC Meeting](#)



**International Pacific Halibut
Commission Annual Meeting:**
Jan. 13 – 16, 2009 Vancouver, B.C.

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