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Arne Fuglvog is Reportedly One of Two Main Candidates for NMFS Administrator Position



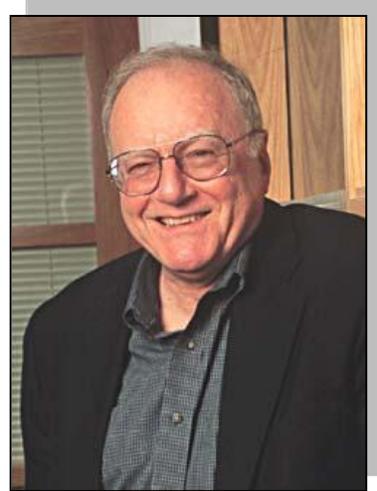
Arne Fuglvog

According to *Seafood.Com News*, Arne Fuglvog, a fifth-generation Petersburg, Alaska fisherman, is on the short list for possible appointment as head of the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) in the Obama Administration.

Fuglvog has participated in salmon, crab, halibut and many other fisheries for more than 30 years. He served on the Advisory Panel for the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council (NPFMC) for nine years and on the Council from 2003 to 2006. Fuglvog has been the U.S. National Fisherman Highliner of the Year and United Fishermen of

Alaska's Fisherman of the Year. Fuglvog has an excellent reputation in the NPFMC. He has come to represent the hands-on type of management system that is the hallmark of the council system because of his extensive knowledge of fisheries. For the past two years, Fuglvog has been working in Washington, D.C. as the fisheries, transportation and natural resources legislative assistant to Senator Lisa Murkowski.

Seafood.Com News reports that Brian Rothschild, a professor at U. Mass Dartmouth and director of the Massachusetts Marine Fisheries Institute, is the other leading contender for the administrator position. Rothschild is among those who recognized that scallops were growing rapidly in closed areas and decided to prove to NMFS that scallop harvests could be dramatically increased without threatening groundfish stocks. As a result, there has been a remarkable recovery of scallops. The transition to a closed area management system has significantly increased the overall productivity of the scallop industry. Rothschild is currently a policy advisor to the mayor of New Bedford. He has also been an active participant in recent discussions in Massachusetts about improving the way fisheries science is applied in New England.



Dr. Brian Rothschild

According to *Seafood.Com News*, there is no word on when any nomination for the position may be made. *Fish News* will provide the latest information as more details become available.

Snopac Provides Update on Proposed Sand Point Plant

By Nancy Blakey, Snopac Products Owner
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The community of Sand Point continues to express a strong desire to enter the Area M market with a processing plant owned and managed by fishers and the community. Snopac Products helped facilitate a community meeting March 9 – 10, 2009 to explore the ways a seafood processing plant would benefit the Sand Point community and how that could be done. In addition, a timeline was developed and a hiring committee for a Start-Up Director was selected.



Resumes and applications are currently being accepted for this position. Interested parties should submit their application to The City of Sand Point, P.O. Box 249, Sand Point, AK 99661, or e-mail it to sptcity@arctic.net .

It was also determined during the meetings in March that there is a strong need for more storage facilities for fishers. To address this issue, Snopac hopes to complete a large storage facility near the proposed plant by September of this year. Paul Schwitters drew up plans which include a staged second floor with access by road.

Snopac's Processing Plans for the 2009 Season

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The P/V Snopac Innovator will arrive in False Pass on June 7, 2009 for the False Pass fishery. Snopac has had multiple inquiries to buy sockeye salmon in Sand Point during the same time frame. The company is considering tendering fish from the Sand Point fishery to the P/V Snopac Innovator for the early part of

June. Afterwards, the ship will be stationed in Bristol Bay for the sockeye run. The P/V Snopac Innovator will move to Southeast to process pinks following the Bristol Bay run. Snopac will not be buying pinks in Sand Point in late July and August as they did last

year. However, the company will continue to move forward with plans to build a seafood plant in Sand Point.

Obama Administration to Work with Murkowski on Fisheries Science Funding and Denali Commission

U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski (R – Alaska) received a commitment today from Secretary of Commerce Gary F. Locke that the Obama Administration would work with her on Fiscal Year 2010 funding for the Denali Commission and fisheries science and research in Alaska. Locke made that commitment during testimony at a hearing of the Senate Appropriations Commerce, Justice and Science Subcommittee, of which Murkowski is a member.



**U.S. Secretary of
Commerce Gary F.
Locke**

Earlier this year, the Obama Administration released a partial Fiscal Year 2010 budget. However, there were no details on funding levels for fisheries research or the Denali Commission in that document. During questioning, Sen. Murkowski reminded Locke of how important these programs are to Alaska.



**U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R
- Alaska)**

Murkowski said that fisheries are “truly the lifeblood of coastal Alaska” and that Alaskans have a keen interest in making sure they have the best scientific information available “so we can continue the management of our fisheries in a sustainable way.” She also told Locke that federal funding for fisheries science and management in Alaska has been inadequate for a number of years.

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Calendar of Fish Meetings

Alaska Board of Fisheries:

April 28, 2009 Juneau (teleconference)

[Link to Board of Fisheries meeting outlook](#)

North Pacific Fishery Management Council:

June 1, 2009 Anchorage, AK – Hilton Hotel

Oct. 1, 2009 Anchorage, AK – Hilton Hotel

Dec. 1, 2009 Anchorage, AK – Hilton Hotel



[Link to NPFMC meeting outlook](#)

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