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# Fish News

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## **NPFMC Meets June 9 - 15, 2010 in Sitka** **Major Issues Include Chum Bycatch, Rockfish Catch Share Program**

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC) is scheduled to meet June 9 - 15, 2010 in Sitka at Centennial Hall. The Council plans to review a discussion paper on the Bering Sea Aleutian Islands (BSAI) chum salmon bycatch issue and finalize alternatives for analysis. The Council will also get an update on chum and Chinook salmon genetics research and sampling design.



**One of the major issues that the NPFMC will consider during its June meeting includes the Central Gulf of Alaska Rockfish Program.**

Other major issues include the Central Gulf of Alaska Rockfish Program, the Amendment 80 Program and the Gulf of Alaska Pacific cod sideboards for crab vessels. The Council plans to take final action on the rockfish catch share program. The NPFMC is also expected to take final action on the amendment for lost vessel replacement (Amendment 80 Program). In addition, there will be an initial review of an analysis

for the Gulf of Alaska Pacific cod sideboards for crab vessels. Currently, some crab boats are restricted from fishing for cod in the western Gulf. A proposal was put forth to allow these boats to fish in the fall if it appeared that the federal B season cod was not likely to be harvested. However, there may be little interest in this proposal now because of the Pacific cod sector split that was approved late last year. For more information, check the link below:

## **Senators Call for 3-Year Moratorium on Discharge Permits for Commercial Vessels**

U.S. Senators Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) and Barbara Boxer (D-CA) have introduced a bipartisan bill (S.3372) this month that extends the current moratorium on permit requirements for commercial and charter fishing vessels and other commercial vessels under 79 feet long. The legislation calls for a three-year extension of the moratorium on permits for discharges under the Clean Water Act.



**A bipartisan bill introduced by U.S. Senators Lisa Murkowski and Barbara Boxer would create a three-year moratorium extension for commercial and charter fishing vessels on permits for discharges under the Clean Water Act.**

The current two-year moratorium is scheduled to expire on July 31, 2010. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Coast Guard were instructed to conduct a study to examine the effects of discharges incidental to the normal operation of such vessels. The senators say the results of the study have not been fully analyzed, and it

will be nearly impossible for the EPA to issue the permits by July 31. That would put the vessels in violation of the Clean Water Act for any kind of incidental discharge. The senators say more time is needed to evaluate the study before determining whether these discharges need to be regulated.

[Link: Read more - Press Release](#)

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## ALEUTIA ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

The Aleutia Board of Directors will hold its annual membership meeting Thursday, May 27, 2010 at 7 p.m. at the Aleutians East Borough office in Sand Point. Communities outside Sand Point will be linked telephonically.

Attend the meeting to:

- Hear an overview of the 2009 season and expectations for the 2010 season
- Elect two board members (one at-large, one Sand Point seat)
- Receive your 2009 retro check!

Remember, you have to be a member to attend the meeting (and vote). We'll have membership applications available at the meeting, but we encourage you to join earlier if possible.

Please visit [www.fishaleutia.org](http://www.fishaleutia.org) for a membership form, nomination forms and other information.

You can also get forms at Aleutians East Borough offices in Sand Point and King Cove or the False Pass City office. Call 907-383-5909 for more information.

**Aleutia's mission is to help support local fishermen, their families and the community. You are Aleutia. Get involved today!**



Aleutia is accepting nominations for two Board of Director positions. The positions, one at-large and one Sand Point-based seat, are currently held by Duane Kapp and Danny Cumberlidge.



The deadline for nominations is Monday, May 24. Nomination forms and membership applications are available at

[www.fishaleutia.org](http://www.fishaleutia.org).

You can also pick up forms and applications at the

Sand Point Aleutians East Borough office, the King Cove Aleutians East Borough office, or the False Pass City office. Submit nomination forms to any of these offices or via email to: [aleutia@arctic.net](mailto:aleutia@arctic.net) or fax at (866) 783-9649.

You must be an Aleutia member to nominate or run for a board seat. Elections will be held during the annual membership meeting May 27 at 7 p.m. at the Sand Point Aleutians East Borough office. Call 907-383-5909 for more information.

Remember YOU are Aleutia. Get involved today.



**Nomination Form**  
**Aleutia Board of Directors**  
***Deadline for submission May 24, 2010***

Nominee's name: \_\_\_\_\_

F/V: \_\_\_\_\_

Seat: \_\_\_\_\_ At-large \_\_\_\_\_ Sand Point

Term: 3 years

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

There are several ways to submit a nomination: email [aleutia@arctic.net](mailto:aleutia@arctic.net), fax to: 866-783-9649, drop your nomination off at the Sand Point or King Cove AEB office or the False Pass City office.

## Canadian Company Releases New Bottom Contact Sensor

Notus Electronics Ltd. of Canada has released a new Bottom Contact Sensor. The sensor provides vital information such as whether trawl gear is on the ocean bottom. The sensor is essential for all trawl types and scientific surveys.

For more information, visit the link below:

[Link: New Bottom Contact Sensor](#)

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