



Fish News

June 25, 2012

Port Moller Commercial Salmon Fishery Announcement # 3: Nelson Lagoon Section

According to the Alaska Department of Fish & Game (ADF&G), the Nelson Lagoon Section will remain closed to commercial salmon fishing from 6:00 a.m. Monday, June 25 until further notice.

Statistical charts and harvest strategies are available at the Sand Point, Cold Bay, and Port Moller Fish and Game offices. Commercial salmon fishing regulations, commercial harvest, escapement, and news releases can be found on the ADF&G website at: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareaakpeninsula.salmon> Salmon fishery announcements will be broadcast on VHF channel 72 daily at 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. and may also be obtained from ADF&G in Port Moller at 375-2716.

Sand Point Commercial Salmon Fishery Announcement # 05 For Emergency Order #4-FS-M-SP-05-12

ADF&G has announced that commercial salmon fishing in the Beaver Bay, Balboa Bay, Southwest Stepovak, Northwest Stepovak, Stepovak Flats, and East Stepovak sections of the Southeastern District will be extended for 48 hours from noon Monday, June 25 until noon Wednesday, June 27, 2012. Fishermen are reminded that only set gillnet gear may be used in the Southeastern District Mainland prior to July 11.

All closed waters in the above locations will be as described in the regulation book or as adjusted by emergency order.



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Salmon fishery announcements will be broadcast on VHF channels 6 and 73 daily at 9:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and may also be obtained from ADF&G in Sand Point at 383-2334 (383-ADFG).

Alaska Fishing Industry Sends Help to Japan Fishing Fleets

Group targets projects to help fleets return to fishing, starts with lifejackets

The Alaska Fishing Industry Relief Mission (AFIRM) has begun delivering aid to help fishing fleets of Northern Japan affected by last year's tsunamis.

"We were told from the outset that there would be at least a year before affected communities could respond to the basics of life and complete planning to be ready to identify meaningful projects," said AFIRM Chairman Larry Cotter. "In the meantime we raised approximately \$380,000 and attempted to establish communications through the Japanese fishing cooperatives, consular office, and processor network. We're up and running and looking to deliver help from the Alaska fishing industry to our counterparts in Japan."

Vancouver-based artist and filmmaker Linda Ohama had worked with a similar effort of the British Columbia fishing community, and contacted AFIRM to relay an urgent request from a small boat fleet near Sendai that was ready to get back fishing, but only lacked lifejackets. AFIRM sent the group \$5,500 to get them back on the water.

"This was a very small request monetarily, but we couldn't overlook the symbolism and

were happy to help. We understand Ms. Ohama will be returning to the area this summer and we look forward to hearing back on projects for specific needs in small boat fleets where we can help,” said Cotter. “In the meantime, AFIRM is supporting a suite of projects with the Ishinomaki Fish Market that serves as a regional delivery center for affected fleets.”

The group plans to send \$136,500 to purchase a three ton capacity forklift and mid-size truck for use in the regional fish market, and a fish processing training simulator use for the Miyagi fishery high school to help provide the workforce to support deliveries by fleets in the tsunami affected region.

AFIRM, a 501(c) (3) non-profit charity, was first formed to assist the Gulf fishing communities following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005 and was re-activated for the tsunami relief effort. AFIRM has zero overhead given its volunteer board and staff, so 100% of all contributions will go directly for assistance. All donations to AFIRM are 100% tax deductible.

More information is available at AFIRM’s website at www.akjapanhelp.org.



Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute

Energy, Infrastructure and Transportation Developments: New Opportunities for Alaska Seafood Exports

Forum:

Tuesday, June 26, 2012

1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Captain Cook Hotel, Endeavor Room

939 W. 5th Ave.

Anchorage, AK 99501

907-276-6000

Reception:

5 – 7 p.m.

Captain Cook Hotel, Quarter Deck

- 1:00 p.m. Opening Remarks
Ray Riutta, ASMI Executive Director
- 1:10 p.m. Alaska Seafood Exports and Commercial Development
Susan Bell, Commissioner, State of AK Department of Commerce,
Community and Economic Development
- 1:30 p.m. Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute Overseas Programs and Export
Markets
Joe Jacobson, International Director, ASMI
- 2:00 p.m. Cold Bay Airport Initiative to Access Live Crab and Fresh Finfish
Markets in East Asia
Ernie Weiss, Natural Resources Director, Aleutians East Borough
- 2:30 p.m. Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA)
James Hemsath, Deputy Director – Project Development and Asset
Management, AIDEA
- 3 p.m. Break
- 3:15 p.m. AEA Energy Programs and Projects
Sara Fisher-Goad, Executive Director, Alaska Energy Authority
- 3:45 p.m. Northern Air Cargo Overview
Mark Liland, Director of Sales
- 4:05 p.m. Lynden Cool Chain: From Sea to Serve
Dennis Mitchell, VP, Alaska, Lynden International
- 4:25 p.m. Anchorage: Global Aero-Nexus
John Parrott, Manager, Ted Stevens Anchorage International
Airport
- 4:55 p.m. Closing Remarks
Ray Riutta
ASMI Executive Director

5:00 p.m. Adjourn

5:00 p.m. Reception Begin
 Location: Captain Cook Quarter Deck

7:00 p.m. Reception End

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