Alaska Pink Salmon 2016 Disaster Update 10/21/19

Many CFEC salmon permit holders with a history of pink salmon harvests have already received applications for 2016 pink salmon disaster funds. Permit holder applications are due October 31st and payments are expected be dispursed 6 to 8 weeks later. If you believe you should be eligible for a payment and did not receive an application, Pacific State Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC) has instituted an appeal process for permit holders to request a review of their payment eligibility determination. A written appeal must be postmarked to PSMFC by November 15, 2019, to be considered in the appeals process. A link to the appeal/review request form and to an updated Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) sheet dated September 19th, 2019 can both be found at: http://www.psmfc.org/fishery-disaster-programs

CFEC limited entry permit holders that meet the following criteria will be eligible for a payment:

- Must have held a CFEC permit card for salmon in 2016
- Must have fished for pink salmon in 2016,
- CFEC permit holders in the South Alaska Peninsula area must have documented ADF&G fish ticket landings equal to or greater than 1,000 pounds of pink salmon landed in 2016.
- Must have a demonstrated loss of 2016 pink salmon ex-vessel revenue compared to their average pink salmon ex-vessel value during the most recent five even years from 2006 through 2014 as calculated from ADF&G and CFEC landings and value data.

As part of the application for a disaster payment, each skipper must submit the name, address, and crew share percentage for each deckhand who participated in the 2016 pink salmon fishery. Crew members for the 2016 salmon fishery identified as fishing crew by an eligible permit holder will be eligible for payment if the permit holder is eligible to receive a disaster payment. Disaster payment applications will be sent to eligible crew
members after October 31, 2019. The application deadline for crew members will be January 31, 2020.

**Alaska Young Fishermen’s Summit Scholarship and Fundraising Raffle**

The Aleutians East Borough Natural Resources Department (NRD) is planning to sponsor two local fishers to attend the eighth Alaska Young Fishermen’s Summit, in Juneau on January 21 - 23, 2020. Applicants aged 18 to 35 will be selected for AEB funded travel based on documented involvement in the fishing industry and a one-page letter of interest to attend the Summit. As part of the AEB funded trip to the AYFS, the Borough would provide round-trip travel from the home Borough community to Juneau, lodging in Juneau during the AYFS, and AYFS registration.

To apply for an AEB funded scholarship to attend AYFS 2020, interested young fishers should submit a letter of interest and a summary of fishing industry experience to the Borough Clerk, Tina Andersen by **4PM, Monday November 4th, 2019**. Application materials can be submitted in person at the Borough office in Sand Point, by FAX to 907-383-3496, or by email to tanderson@aeboro.org. Additional information on the AYFS can be found at [https://alaskaseagrant.org/event/2020-alaska-young-fishermens-summit/](https://alaskaseagrant.org/event/2020-alaska-young-fishermens-summit/).

The Aleutians East Borough NRD is fundraising for the 2020 AYFS scholarship by holding a raffle for cases of locally processed seafood, with the support of Peter Pan Seafoods, Silver Bay Seafoods, Trident Seafoods, and the local Sand Point Qagan Tayagungin tribe. Raffle tickets are now available for $10 each at the AEB offices in Sand Point, King Cove and Anchorage. Raffle prizes include: one case of King Crab, one case of Shatterpack Cod and 4 cases of Canned Sockeye Salmon. The drawing will be held December 12th during the AEB Assembly meeting.
Upcoming Aleutians East Borough Fishermen’s Meetings Scheduled:

10AM November 21\textsuperscript{st} at the Silver Cloud Stadium Hotel, Seattle during the Pacific Marine Expo.

5:30PM December 4\textsuperscript{th} at the Anchorage Hilton, after the North Pacific Fishery Management Council first day of the December meeting.

10AM December 18\textsuperscript{th}, AEB Winter Fisheries Teleconference, with fishery managers, observer representatives and enforcement personnel.

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