



Bristol Bay's Legacy on the Big Screen

Bristol Bay: A Legacy Story Premieres Coming to Anchorage/Dillingham/Naknek

February 12, 2015

A project of the Alaska Marine Conservation Council and Nunamta Aulukestai, the short film "Bristol Bay: A Legacy Story" chronicles the decades of work on the part of local residents and communities, tribes, the seafood industry, and conservation organizations to protect fisheries and a way of life in Bristol Bay from offshore oil and gas drilling. Join us for an upcoming screening of the film in Anchorage next week. Screening dates to be announced soon for Dillingham and Naknek.

[>> Check out the trailer](#)

**One Course Discourse
Film Screening & Panel
Friday, Feb. 20, 11:30am-1pm
Bear Tooth Theatrepub**

The Bear Tooth's lunch series One Course Discourse will feature "Bristol Bay: A Legacy Story" followed by a panel discussion. Panel participants will include former Alaska Governor Tony Knowles, Dorothy Childers of AMCC, Kim Williams of Nunamta Aulukestai, and Bristol Bay Salmon Fisherman, Paul Wayner. Admission is free. [Invite your friends and share on Facebook!](#)

One COURSE DISCOURSE

FRI, FEB 20th | 11:30 | 11:30am - 1pm

11:45 screening of film "A Legacy Story"
12:20 panel discussion

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Stop in to hear the story and join the discussion about the protection of salmon and a way of life in Bristol Bay.

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Full Steam Ahead to Reduce Halibut Bycatch

Council Votes 9-2 to Release Motion on Halibut Bycatch for Public Review

February 11, 2014

Halibut bycatch in the Bering Sea was the big ticket item for the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (the Council) at the February meeting in Seattle last week. After nearly four days dedicated to the issue, the Council made a motion to move forward in reducing halibut bycatch caps in the Bering



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Sea Aleutian Islands (BSAI) groundfish fisheries with options to reduce bycatch by up to 50% by sector. AMCC strongly supported this amendment, maintaining that the crisis facing the directed halibut fishery warrants swift and significant change in bycatch caps. Final action is scheduled for June 2015 at the Council meeting in Sitka.



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"My catch" by Oceana Wills



Deep Sea Fishermen's Union testifying at the joint IPHC and NPFMC Feb. 5 meeting

Council held a joint meeting with the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) earlier in the week to discuss the issue of BSAI bycatch. It had been nearly two decades since the two bodies met to share information and the meeting provided an

opportunity to collaborate on management of Pacific halibut... [Read more about the February Council Meeting.](#)

W h a t W e ' r e R e a d

[*Time to Empower and Employ the Next Generation of Alaska Fishermen*](#)

by Rachel Donkersloot, Juneau Empire

[*In support of a permanent withdrawal of Bristol Bay from offshore drilling*](#)

by Norm Van Vactor, Alaska Dispatch News

[*For Rockfish, A Tale of Recovery, Hidden On Menus*](#) by NPR

[*Bristol Bay Sockeye's prey quality affected by ocean temps*](#) by Josh Edge, KDLG

[*Council adds 50% option for bycatch cut*](#) by DJ Summers, Alaska Journal of Commerce

Painting the Local Food Movement Ocean Blue

Incorporating Seafood into Local Food Efforts in Alaska and Beyond

February 4, 2015

By Kelly Harrell, AMCC Executive Director



A [recent op-ed by AMCC's Rachel Donkeksloot](#) that ran in the Juneau Empire and other coastal papers highlighted the 'graying of the fleet' and challenges we face in ensuring continued access for local and young Alaskans to fisheries. While there are certainly barriers ahead in turning the

tide on the loss of fisheries access in our coastal communities, one area that gives us hope are the possibilities presented for local fishermen by transformations in our seafood markets due to steadily increasing interest in local foods... [Read more.](#)

When Fishermen Go On Vacation

Theresa Peterson discusses conservation-minded fishermen in Abreojos

January 20, 2015

by Theresa Peterson, AMCC
Kodiak Outreach Coordinator

When fishermen go on vacation, we often gravitate to fishing ports. Like a magnet we are drawn to the docks to meet the fleet and learn about the commercial fisheries that make it work for their fishing community. This January, I found a model of success upon visiting the small fishing port of Abreojos, Mexico with my family... [Read more.](#)



We Can't Trade Silvers for Gold

AMCC Board Member Elsa Sebastian Writes about Transboundary Mining

January 20, 2015

By AMCC Board Member, Elsa Sebastian



Last month the AMCC board voted to pass a resolution requesting that the U.S. State Department act on transboundary mining concerns. In doing this, AMCC joins a coalition of fisheries organizations, tribal and First Nations members, and Alaskan municipalities calling for an independent review of the threats

posed by more than 12 industrial scale mines in different stages of development in the transboundary region of British Columbia, just across the border from Alaska. At stake is the health of Southeast Alaska's key salmon producing rivers: the Taku, the Stikine, and the Unuk... [Read More.](#)

Business Member Profile: Alyeska Resort

Bringing Local, Sustainably Caught Seafood to Customers

February 9, 2015

AMCC has been working with Alyeska Resort since early 2014 when we began to source Kodiak Jig Seafoods rockfish to Alyeska's Seven Glaciers Restaurant. Recently, AMCC's Engagement and Development Manager, Samantha Baker, interviewed Seven Glaciers Chef Aaron Gilman about this partnership and about the resort's support of AMCC as a business member.

Sam: What motivates your business to support the health of marine ecosystems and coastal communities?

Aaron: As an Alaskan restaurant and resort, Alyeska Resort and Seven Glaciers in particular recognize that Alaska's marine ecosystem is one of, if not THE greatest natural resource available to Alaskans and the coastal communities of Alaska play a major role in providing this resource to the rest of Alaskans... [Read the full interview.](#)



Chef Aaron Gilman prepares rockfish for an audience during the AK Food Conference in 2014

Learn more about becoming an AMCC Business Member: [click here.](#)

U p c o m i n g E v e n t s

- February 13 [A Conversation with AMCC: Informational Meeting](#), Homer
- February 18 [Alaska Food Policy Council Town Hall](#), Palmer
- February 20 [One Course Discourse: Bristol Bay's Legacy](#), Anchorage
- March 4-6 [Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference](#), Anchorage
- March 4-7 [Kachemak Bay Science Conference](#), Homer
- March 17 [Alaska Food Policy Council & AMCC Town Hall](#), Homer



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Apply for an Internship with AMCC

AMCC is hiring a Fisheries Conservation Intern for the summer of 2015 through [ACF's internship program](#). If you or someone you know is interested in [applying](#), the deadline is **Friday, February 13th**. Read the full job description [here](#).



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