



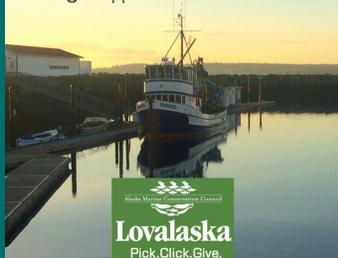
JANUARY ENEWS

Dear Alaskans,

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Your gift supports coastal communities.



Protecting the integrity of Alaska's marine ecosystems and promoting healthy, ocean-dependent communities.



Urge Congress to Support Ocean Acidification Research Funding

Sign the letter to increase funding for essential Ocean Acidification research

January 22, 2016



Congress will soon undertake important funding decisions for Federal Ocean Acidification Research and Monitoring.

Ocean acidification is changing the very chemical nature of our oceans, harming a multitude of important species today, and threatening more in the future. Fishermen,

shellfish farmers, and coastal communities who depend on productive coastal areas for their jobs and way of life will suffer if we don't respond to the challenge of ocean acidification.

[Please visit this link to sign the letter](#) to the Alaska delegation supporting increased funding for this essential research.

Workshop Highlights Statewide Momentum for Improved Community Fisheries Access

Community leaders gather to discuss fisheries access

January 21, 2016

By: Hannah Heimbuch, Community Fisheries Organizer

While Alaska's communities are diverse and often geographically distant, what they share coast-wide is a historic fisheries tradition - one that has sustained Alaskans through food, cultural heritage and economy. Increasingly, however, these communities also have in common a shrinking number of fishermen.



Just after the New Year, community and fisheries leaders from around the state gathered in Anchorage to discuss coastal Alaska's continued loss of fisheries access - through outmigration of permits and quota, fleet consolidation, stock depletion by other fisheries, and other factors. January's Fisheries Access Workshop, hosted by Alaska Sea Grant, was a two-day

forum covering the serious implications these losses have to community health across the state.... [Read more here.](#)

To watch the workshop's video archive or download presentations [click here.](#)

Turning Trash into Treasure

Norb Smerecki and Agi Smerecka, on upcycling, inspiration, and the ocean

January 15, 2016

As many of us know, the best way to contribute to the wider health of our environment is to simply use less. Yet, life is fraught with little obstacles that make minimizing our consumption difficult. So we do our best, and we probably follow the familiar "reduce, reuse, recycle" adage when possible. But, inevitably as human beings, we still create waste. One possible contribution to reducing waste is through upcycling -

a concept [AMCC business members](#) Norb Smerecki and Agi Smerecka, owners of [Kettu](#) and

crafters of upcycled bags and accessories, utilize in their business. To gather further insight into their business and ethos we poised a few questions about their creative process, their perspective on upcycling/recycling, and their connection to the ocean.



Are you interested in becoming an AMCC Business member? [Check out AMCC's business member page!](#)

Q: What inspired your creations and products?

A: Simple answer is Alaska. This is a great land in which raw beauty is displayed in abundance. There is so much to explore. All this open space invites one to come in and enjoy it. It is therefore easy to get inspired just by living here. When you are away from noise and chaos creativity has a tendency to storm your mind. You are influenced by natural surroundings and energized to create.... [Read more here.](#)

To see Kettu's current creations please [visit the online store.](#)

What We're Reading in Fish, Food, & Ocean News

- [A Farm Organizer Visits Fish Country: An Alaska Journal](#)
by Severine Von Tschamer Fleming
- [AMCC to expand in-state salmon sales](#)

by Molly Dischner

- [Supreme Court Rules Setnet ban "unconstitutional"](#)

by DJ Summers, Rashah McChesney

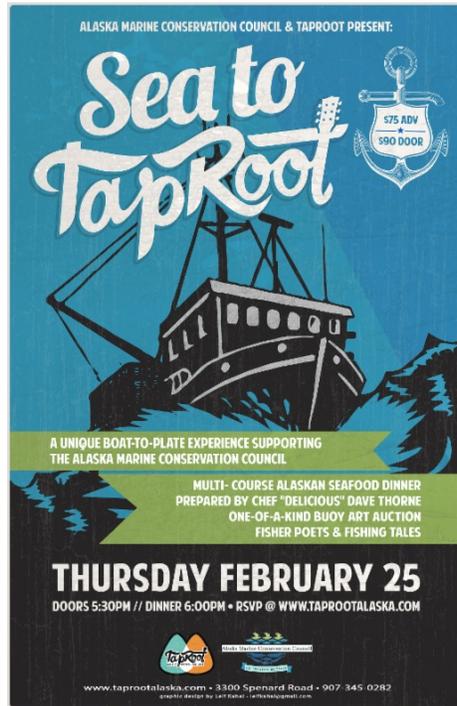
- [Shellfish farming becomes million-dollar industry in Alaska](#)

by Laine Welch

- [If Alaska's leaders put "fish first", we'll prosper for generations](#)

by Norman Van Vector, Lindsay Bloom, Linda Behnken

Save the Date...



Next Generation of Fishermen Spring Educational Tour

The Alaska Young Fishermen's Network is gathering colleagues from across coastal Alaska and the nation for an epic seafood expedition. A group of fishermen will travel to Boston for the Seafood Expo of North America (i.e. Boston Seafood Show), to Washington D.C. to meet with congressional and fishery agency leaders, and then to Slow Fish 2016 in New Orleans, all in early March 2016.

[Email Hannah to Become a Sponsor!](#)

Sea to TapRoot

Help us celebrate wild Alaskan seafood and the fishermen who help us sustain it with a multi-course Alaskan seafood dinner, fisher poets and fisher tales, and an artist decorated buoy auction!

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Jan 25-29 [International Pacific Halibut Commission Meeting](#), Juneau

Jan 27-30 [Alaska Young Fishermen's Summit](#), Juneau

Jan 30 [Young Fishermen's Storytelling Workshop](#), Juneau

Feb 1-10 [North Pacific Fisheries Management Meeting](#), Portland, OR

Feb 8-9 [Innovation Summit](#), Juneau

Feb 16-18 [2016 Local Seafood Summit](#), Norfolk, VA

Feb 25 [Sea to Tap Root](#), Anchorage

Feb 26-28 [Alaska Food Conference & Festival](#), Anchorage

Mar 6-14 [Next Generation of Fishermen Spring Educational Tour](#), Boston,



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