

Films & Fish Taco Night at ComFish

AMCC to host two community events at Comfish in Kodiak, April 2-4, 2015

March 19, 2015

**Film Showcase: *A Legacy Story*
and *In the Same Boat***
Sat, April 4, 1-2:30pm
**Best Western Inn Harbor
Room**



[Watch the Trailer](#)

This film showcase will open with the Kodiak premiere of "Bristol Bay: A Legacy Story."

A project of the Alaska Marine Conservation Council and Nunamta Aulukestai, the film chronicles the decades of work by local residents and communities, tribes and the seafood industry to protect fisheries and a way of life in Bristol Bay from offshore oil and gas drilling.

Following this, the Bristol Bay Regional Seafood Development Association will host a screening of "In the Same Boat," a short documentary funded by BBRSDA. Created by Elijah Lawson (F/V Potential), the film "is all about raising awareness and promoting Bristol Bay as a standard for fisheries around the world." A brief Q&A with Bristol Bay fishermen will follow the films.

Come Jig it Up - Fish Taco Night at the Kodiak Island Brewery
Thursday, April 2, 5-7pm



Celebrate our island's bounty with authentic Kodiak Jig Seafoods cod fish tacos! The tacos will feature seafood harvested by community-based, small boat fishermen, processed down on our working waterfront and prepared by the Association of Latin Women in Alaska (ALMA). Enjoy no host local beer, and visit with members of the Alaska Marine Conservation Council. The event is sponsored by the Alaska Jig Association, the Alaska Marine Conservation Council, Cook Inletkeeper, and the Bristol Bay

Regional Seafood Development Association.



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Final Action on Bering Sea Chinook Bycatch

North Pacific Fishery Management Council's April Meeting Approaches

March 24, 2014



The North Pacific Fishery Management Council meets in Anchorage in just a couple of weeks for their April meeting. The meeting week kicks off with the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) meeting on Monday, April 6 and the Advisory Panel starts Tuesday, April 7. The Council

itself starts up Wednesday, April 8 and runs through April 13. The big item on the agenda is final action on Bering Sea salmon bycatch, with a focus on reducing both chum and Chinook salmon bycatch. With Chinook salmon populations in severe decline throughout Western Alaska and complete closures of the subsistence fisheries on the Yukon River, it's critical that the Council takes meaningful action to reduce bycatch at this time. The Council will also take final action on allowing longline pot fishing for sablefish in the Gulf of Alaska and will discuss ecosystem-based management in the Bering Sea... [Read more](#) about the upcoming meeting.

***Comments on all agenda items are due by 5pm on Tuesday, March 31 - email to npfmc.comments@noaa.gov ... [Read more](#) for details on how to comment and other ways to participate.**

Talking Fish From Coast to Coast

Heimbuch Writes About Recent Travels from Portland, ME to Portland, OR

March 16, 2015

By Hannah Heimbuch, Community Fisheries Organizer

At the end of February, while Homer basked in 40-degree weather, I ventured out for a visit to a very wintry New England. In Gloucester I was able to spend three days with members of the [Fish Locally Collaborative](#), a diverse group of marine conservationists that work



to create a healthy ocean through community based fisheries and other important efforts.

This valuable face-to-face meeting allowed me to gain a much deeper understanding of the unique members and joint capacity of the FLC. I have a broader understanding of the social, environmental and economic movements taking shape within the marine conservation

world, and how our work in Alaska informs and is informed by those efforts ... [Read more.](#)

Business Member Profile: Dive Alaska

Supporting Marine Conservation Efforts in Alaska

March 2, 2015

Recently, we asked Dive Alaska's Scott Anderson a few questions about his business's support of AMCC.



Why does your business care about the health of marine ecosystems and coastal communities?

As divers, our recreation depends on healthy ecosystems. We see the impact of people and activities in person, making us uniquely positioned to serve as ambassadors for the world's oceans and waterways.

How does your business contribute to the health of these ecosystems and/or communities?

Dive Alaska participates in such conservation activities as "Project Baseline", a baseline monitoring initiative where divers document the underwater realm by videotaping, photographing, and conducting surveys of fish and invertebrate life.

Why have you chosen to support AMCC?

By partnering with other organizations such as AMCC we hope to build the synergy to have meaningful impact on the policies which affect our oceans.

What else can you tell us about being a coastal business in Alaska?

We recognize the need for sustainable development and use of our resources. We think that policy is best made with the input of the people/businesses who are on the "front line". In a State with such vast coastline, Dive Alaska enjoys one of the biggest geographical locations in which to operate. We are grateful for the opportunity to live and do business in such a great and pristine part of the world's oceans.

To read Dive Alaska's Bio and learn more about AMCC's Business Member Program, [click here.](#)

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

March 24 [Alaska Food Policy Council Town Hall](#), Anchorage

March 27-29 [Every Halibut Counts](#) booth at the [Mat-Su Outdoorsman Show](#), Wasilla

April 2-3 [Southeast Alaska Farm and Fish to Schools Conference](#), Juneau

April 2-4 [Comfish Alaska 2015](#), Kodiak (Details on AMCC Events Above)

April 2-5 [Every Halibut Counts](#) at the [Great Alaskan Sportsman Show](#),

Anchorage

April 6-14 [North Pacific Fishery Management Council Meeting](#), Anchorage

April 9-11 AMCC Board Meeting, Anchorage

April 10 [Board of Fish proposals due for 2015-2016 cycle](#)

May 2-3 [Every Halibut Counts](#) at the [Kenai Peninsula Sport, Rec and Trade Show](#), Soldotna



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Every Halibut Counts at Sportshows

AMCC will be partnering with Alaska Sea Grant to share our collaborative project, Every Halibut Counts, at sportshows including the Mat-Su Outdoorsman Show, Great Alaska Sportsman Show in Anchorage, and the Kenai Peninsula Sport, Rec & Trade Show. Learn more about the project at everyhalibutcounts.org and be sure to stop by our booth!

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