



## Alaska Community Seafood Hub Shines

As a Winner at Fish 2.0 Business Competition and with USDA Grant

November 16, 2015

By Kelly Harrell, Executive Director

AMCC decided to take the plunge this spring and submit our concept for scaling up local seafood sales through the creation of the Alaska Community Seafood Hub to the international fisheries-focused business plan competition known as Fish 2.0. This was the second time the ground-breaking competition has been



AMCC Executive Director, Kelly Harrell, with other Fish 2.0 Winners from Salty Girl Seafoods

hosted after first launching to high acclaim in 2013. For those in the fisheries world, Fish 2.0 quickly became the go-to place for those interested in advancing cutting-edge business models focused on the triple-bottom line of social, environmental, and economic impact... [Read more.](#)

## The Latest on Bering Sea Halibut

### Bycatch

Updates from the IPHC and the North Pacific Fishery Mgmt Council

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By Shannon Carroll, Fisheries Policy Director

For more than a year, dual concerns regarding declining halibut stocks and community access in the Bering Sea have been a hot button issue for both the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) and the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (the Council). Despite committed efforts by a diverse array of stakeholders, the precarious state of the Bering Sea halibut fishery remains uncertain heading into the end of 2015... [Read more.](#)

## Monterey Gathering Unites Fishing Groups



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## Community Fisheries Network Meets in California to Discuss Issues

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By Kelly Harrell, Executive Director

This November AMCC staff traveled to the lovely seaside town of Monterey, California to attend an in-person gathering of the Community Fisheries Network (CFN). This was the third in-person meeting of the CFN that AMCC has attended



since joining the network in 2011. The CFN was created to advance the needs of small-scale fisheries and fishing communities through collaboration and peer-to-peer sharing of experience and knowledge. Themes this year that groups are grappling with across the country included electronic monitoring, supporting the next generation of fishermen, the impacts of climate change and ocean acidification, and developing new ways to market and brand local seafood. As usual, it was a rich and rewarding experience to share our common challenges and carve out solutions. We were especially psyched to get more acquainted with the local host for the meeting, Real Good Fish (formerly Local Catch Monterey). Led by fish-loving founder Alan Lovewell, Real Good Fish is making waves across the country for their innovative work to deliver more local seafood in California including to schools. They recently received the [Kaplan Innovation Prize](#) award for their work and are a [2015 Finalist for the Good Food Award](#). Find out more about the Community Fisheries Network and its members at: [communityfisheriesnetwork.org](http://communityfisheriesnetwork.org)

## Fish Talk in Our Nation's Capitol

Fishing Communities Coalition Discusses Magnuson-Stevens and More

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Left to right: Jeff Farvor and Frankie Balovich (Alaska Longline Fisherman's Association), Senator Lisa Murkowski, Kelly Harrell and Shannon Carroll (AMCC)

By Hannah Heimbuch, Community Fisheries Organizer

It's amazing what you can fit into three days. In the case of three Alaska Marine Conservation Council (AMCC) staff members this October, it was more than 6,000 miles, a half-day of lobbying training and several dozen meetings with congressional offices, agency leaders, and conservation partners in our nation's capital.

This trip to Washington, D.C. was my first, and allowed me to witness

firsthand what it looks like when diverse groups truly collaborate in pursuit of a better future. This is the promise I see in the Fishing Communities Coalition (FCC)... [Read more.](#)

To learn more about the Fishing Communities Coalition and the issues they work on, visit [fishingcommunitiescoalition.org](http://fishingcommunitiescoalition.org)

## E v e n t s o f I n t e r e

Nov 18-20 [Pacific Marine Expo](#), Seattle

>Thursday, Nov 19th, 5-7pm [Fishermen's Reception](#) during Expo

Dec 7-15 [North Pacific Fishery Mgmt Council Meeting](#), Anchorage

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

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

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

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



### DECEMBER 1ST IS #GIVINGTUESDAY

Save the date for #GivingTuesday on December 1st this year, a national day of giving back to our communities! Join Board Member and fisherwoman, Elsa Sebastian, by sharing why you support AMCC with an #UNselfie on [Facebook](#). Download the [#unselfie form here](#) to fill out with your answer and post using the hashtag #givingtuesdayak. Don't forget to tag the Alaska Marine Conservation Council too!



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### JOIN US AT PACIFIC MARINE EXPO

Visit our booth #544 at Pacific Marine Expo this week in Seattle! We will be hanging out with our friends, the Salmon Sisters. On Thursday night, November 19th during the Expo, we will be co-hosting the 9th Annual Fishermen's Reception to celebrate protection of Bristol Bay's rich fisheries and way of life. Check out and share [this invitation](#) with your friends, family and colleagues - all are welcome!



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