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“GOAC3 CORKLINE: FISH NEWS FOR ALASKA'S COASTAL COMMUNITIES”

Welcome to the "GOAC3 CORKLINE" – a weekly offering of major “fish news” for Alaska’s fisheries-dependent communities. The GOAC3 - Gulf of Alaska Coastal Communities Coalition - is a non-profit organization concerned about the dwindling economic and socio-economic health of our fishing communities. There are many complicated issues impacting our fishing communities and it is important to stay as informed as we can. The “fish news” and links presented here are for your information only. This is not inclusive of all news. We highly recommend that you subscribe to various news services for much more in-depth coverage. The most important of these are the (a) North Pacific Fishery newsletter and web page, (b) National Marine Fisheries Service (Alaska Region) web page and news, (c) The Alaska Board of Fisheries and Alaska Department of Fish and Game web pages. If the hyperlink does not work, cut and paste to your URL bar.

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NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL NOMINATIONS: Alaska Governor Sarah Palin forwards six names to the U.S. Secretary of Commerce for consideration for the North Pacific Fishery Management Council. The list sent to Secretary of Commerce Carlos M. Gutierrez includes Duncan Fields, Jeff Stephan, Gale Vick, Beth Stewart, Nancy Munro and Sam Cotten. http://www.alaskajournal.com/stories/040807/hom_20070408014.shtml

ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES Governor Palin Appoints Two to Board of Fisheries March 30, 2007, Juneau, AK – Governor Sarah Palin today announced the appointment of Howard Delo of Big Lake and Vince Webster of King Salmon, to the Alaska Board of Fisheries...<http://www.gov.state.ak.us/archive.php?id=233&type=1>

HALIBUT CHARTER ISSUES APRIL 2007

- (1) Comment Deadline April 23 on Area 2C Halibut charter regulations - Two fish limit, only one over 32”**NMFS proposes regulations that would restrict the harvest of halibut by persons fishing on a guided sport charter vessel in International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) Regulatory Area 2C. The current sport fishing catch or bag limit of two halibut per day is proposed to be changed for a person sport fishing on a charter vessel in Area 2C to require that at least one of the two fish taken in a day be no more than 32 inches (81.3 cm) in length. This proposed regulatory change is necessary to reduce the halibut harvest in the charter vessel sector while minimizing negative impacts on this sector, its sport fishing clients, and the coastal communities that serve as home ports for the fishery. The intended effect of this action is a reduction in the poundage of halibut harvested by the guided sport charter vessel sector in Area 2C...Comment Deadline April 23

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20071800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2007/E7-6422.htm> Draft for NOAA Fisheries Service Review- Regulatory Amendment to Modify the Halibut Bag Limit In the Halibut Charter Fisheries In IPHC Regulatory Area 2C http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/analyses/halibut/draft2cbaglimit_eairirifa0307.pdf

- (2) **North Pacific Fishery Management Council Newsletter and action from April Council meeting:** Measure to limit halibut fishing could take effect in '09. The North Pacific Fishery Management Council this weekend took final action that could put a halibut charter moratorium in place. The move still has to be approved and signed into law by the U.S. secretary of Commerce. If signed, the expected implementation date is the 2009 fishing season. To qualify for a moratorium permit, charterboat owners would have to have taken at least five trips in 2004 and 2005. Fifteen halibut trips qualifies the boat owner for a transferable permit. **NPFMC Halibut Charter Motions:** Moratorium http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/npfmc/current_issues/halibut_issues/CharterHalibutMotion307.pdf Compensated Reallocation http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/npfmc/current_issues/halibut_issues/CharterHalibutMotion307.pdf GHM Measures for 2008 http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/npfmc/current_issues/halibut_issues/CharterIFQ/Apr07GHMAllocation.pdf Allocation http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/npfmc/current_issues/halibut_issues/CharterIFQ/AllocationMotionApr07.pdf See NPFMC newsletter for April 2007 <http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/npfmc/> ... Kodiak supports this action. <http://www.kodiakdailymirror.com/?pid=19&id=4555>
- (3) **To reduce charter catch, halibut size limit enacted in Southeast** Federal fisheries official are proposing new harvest limits on anglers fishing on a guided sport charter in Southeast Alaska, requiring that at least one of two fish taken in a day be no more than 32 inches long. *Alaska Journal of Commerce* April 12, 2007 <http://www.alaskajournal.com/>

CRAB RATIONALIZATION APRIL 2007

1. **Crewman's Association asks for share of crab quota** The Crewman's Association, based in Kodiak, is asking the North Pacific Fishery Management Council to reallocate to crewmen a percentage of individual fishing quotas for crab. *Alaska Journal of Commerce* April 12, 2007 <http://www.alaskajournal.com/>
2. **Confidentiality and Data Quality Protocols for BSAI Crab Economic Data** 4/07 Binding Arbitration [Report 4/07](#) [18 Month Review](#) of Crab Rationalization Program 4/07 http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/npfmc/current_issues/crab/crabcoop.htm

BYCATCH ISSUES APRIL 2007

3. **NPFMC Salmon Bycatch committee meets April 27, Anchorage:** Salmon Bycatch Workgroup will meet in Anchorage, AK....Friday, April 27, 2007, <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20071800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2007/E7-6714.htm>...

4. **NPFMC Salmon Bycatch page:**
http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/npfmc/current_issues/bycatch/bycatch.htm
5. **NMFS comment deadline May 25 on Amendment 84 – salmon bycatch**
<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20071800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2007/E7-5474.htm>

SEAFOOD PROMOTION:

1. **NOAA Publishes Seafood Promotion Council Final Rule:** A new *final rule*, which published in the Federal Register on April 11, 2007, provides a framework for the establishment of Seafood Promotion Councils. This program is designed to inform consumers about the quality of the seafood they purchase. Under the framework of this rule, Seafood Promotion Councils may be established by petitioners who produce a particular seafood product. A referendum of that particular industry's participants must be held to approve the establishment of a Council. Participation in the Seafood Promotion Council program is voluntary, and only those wishing to participate in the Council will pay any fees. The Seafood Promotion Councils will not be funded by the federal government. Any money spent by the federal government in the creation of a Council will be recovered from the petitioners or the Council. A Seafood Promotion Council can establish brand labels to designate product quality standards have been achieved. Product endorsements must be based on scientifically valid information. Misleading information will not be allowed as part of a marketing campaign. The Secretary of Commerce or his designee will sit on the Seafood Promotion Council board to approve marketing plans and ensure compliance with required federal regulations. An annual audit of Council operating expenses will be conducted to ensure that funds are used appropriately and that stated objectives to increase demand for seafood are met. Questions about the program may be directed to John.M.Ward@noaa.gov. To file a petition, contact Gordon.J.Helm@noaa.gov
2. **From INTRAFISH <http://www.intrafish.no/global/news/U.S.> OKs plan to create network of seafood marketing groups; ASMI opposes move.** The U.S. government will create new seafood marketing councils to help increase the general demand for fish under an initiative finalized Wednesday. (Must subscribe to INTRAFISH to get story.)
3. **“Increasing value of seafood could lead to more flying fish”** By Margaret Bauman
Alaska Journal of Commerce Publication Date: 03/11/07 <http://www.alaskajournal.com/>
4. **Ensuring fresh fish arrives in good shape is no easy task..** Alaska seafood processors shipping fresh product already face many logistical challenges in delivering premium fish, and increasing customer and government demands aren't going to make it any easier.
Alaska Journal of Commerce April 12, 2007 <http://www.alaskajournal.com/>
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OFF-SHORE AQUACULTURE

1. **Senator Lisa Murkowski sponsors bill to prohibit federal off-shore aquaculture until further requirements established:** [S.533](#): A bill to amend the National Aquaculture Act of 1980 to prohibit the issuance of permits for marine aquaculture facilities until requirements for the permits are enacted into law. **Sponsor:** [Sen Murkowski, Lisa](#) [AK] (introduced 2/8/2007) **Cosponsors** (None) **Committees:** Senate Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
2. **Alaska Administration calls for moratorium on U.S. fish farming** Gov. Sarah Palin is calling for provisions in the federal Aquaculture Act to prevent potential damage to Alaska's fisheries. *Alaska Journal of Commerce* <http://www.alaskajournal.com/>
3. **Governor Palin Asks for Changes to Federal Fish Farm Proposal** April 4, 2007, Juneau, Alaska – Governor Sarah Palin today expressed her administration’s objections to elements of the federal government’s proposal to allow fish farms in the open ocean off of America’s coasts. “While the latest proposal is an improvement over past versions, we still want to make sure that there will be adequate protections for Alaska’s world-renowned wild fisheries in the event it passes into law,” Governor Palin said. “Alaska’s fishing industry has had great success in recent years by extolling the virtues of our wild seafood; we must make sure that any new federal laws don’t muddle this message.” <http://www.gov.state.ak.us/news.php?id=252>
4. **A task force is urging Congress to enact legislation to ensure that strong environmental standards are in place to regulate the siting and conduct of offshore marine aquaculture.** At the same time, the Marine Aquaculture Task Force suggests that the federal government should provide funding and incentives for research, development and deployment of technologies and techniques for sustainable marine aquaculture. The Task Force— an independent panel of leaders from scientific, policymaking, business and conservation institutions organized by researchers from WHOI— was charged with examining the risks and benefits of marine aquaculture and developing a set of national policy recommendations to guide future development of our oceans. [www.mtsociety.org/userfiles/ File/LegislativeUpdate3-12-07.pdf](http://www.mtsociety.org/userfiles/File/LegislativeUpdate3-12-07.pdf)

MERGERS IN THE PROCESSING WORLD

1. **Alaska wants review of big Japanese fish merger** Could a pending merger between Japanese seafood giants Maruha and Nichiro be a bad thing for Alaska? State officials are concerned, and they plan to ask the North Pacific Fishery Management Council to look into it...<http://community.adn.com/?q=adn/node/106409>

GLOBAL WARMING IMPACTS

1. **Panel warns of warming costs in dollars and fish**
KODIAK — Warming oceans are coming with a high price tag not only the environment, but for coastal economies and the budgets of governments and private

enterprises, says Bob Pawlowski, executive director of the Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation. There are costs to the environment and to day-to-day business operations, Pawlowski said, holding up his wallet to emphasize the point at a ComFish seminar March 16 on the impact of climate change on fisheries and coastal communities in Alaska...http://www.alaskajournal.com/stories/040107/hom_20070401019.shtml

SOCIO-ECONOMIC AND SEAFOOD LABOR DATA

- 1. Socio-Economic Discussion Paper: Comprehensive Socioeconomic Data Collection for Alaskan Fisheries: A Discussion and Suggestions** by The Economic and Social Sciences Research Program Alaska Fisheries Science Center Seattle, WA
<http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/npfmc/>
- 2. Southwest Municipal Conference posts study - Improving Seafood Harvest Labor Data:** SWAMC recently received the final Seafood Harvesting Labor Data report, written by Northern Economics....The full report may be downloaded at:
<http://electra.he.net/~swamc/images/stories/seafood%20harvesting%20labor%20data%20final%20report.pdf>
- 3. THE FORAKER GROUP REPORT ON THE ALASKA NONPROFIT ECONOMY**
A report on the economic importance of Alaska's nonprofit sector conducted by the Institute of Social and Economic Research University of Alaska Anchorage by Scott Goldsmith December 2006 www.iser.uaa.alaska.edu/
- 4. The Great Salmon Run** by Gunnar Knapp and Cathy Roheim and James Anderson of the Department of Environmental and Natural Resources at the University of Rhode Island
www.iser.uaa.alaska.edu/

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- (3) NPFMC:** [/www.fakr.noaa.gov/npfmc/](http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/npfmc/)
- (4) NOAA Fish News:** To subscribe or search the FishNews archives, [FishNews website](#).
- (5) AK CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION:**
www.state.ak.us/local/CongressDelegation.shtml
- (6) U.S. CONGRESSIONAL LINKS:**
<http://thomas.loc.gov/>
- (7) AK LEGISLATURE:**
w3.legis.state.ak.us/home.htm
- (8) AK BOF:** www.boards.adfg.state.ak.us/
- (9) ADF&G:** www.adfg.state.ak.us/
- (10) ALASKA COMMUNITIES:**
www.state.ak.us/local/communit.shtml

- (11) Laine Welch's Fish Factor at <http://www.kinyradio.com/fishfactor.html>
- (12) UFA: www.ufa-fish.org
- (13) SEAFA: <http://www.seafa.org>
- (14) ASMI: <http://www.alaskaseafood.org/>
- (15) SEAGRANT FISHLINES:
<http://seagrant.uaf.edu/news/fishlines/2007/april.html>
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