



WEEK OF APRIL 23, 2007

## **“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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### **FEDERAL OFF-SHORE AQUACULTURE**

(1) **Governor Sarah Palin** opposes federal off-shore aquaculture for Alaska. “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.” See full press release at <http://www.gov.state.ak.us/news.php?id=312>

(2) NOAA Aquaculture web site  
<http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/mediacenter/aquaculture/offshore.htm>

### **GROUND FISH IN THE GULF OF ALASKA**

From the North Pacific Fishery Management Council web site  
[http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/npfmc/current\\_issues/groundfish/goacoop.htm](http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/npfmc/current_issues/groundfish/goacoop.htm)

**Groundfish Rationalization:** The Council is considering alternative management approaches to "rationalize" the Gulf of Alaska (GOA) groundfish fisheries. Rationalization may improve the economic stability to the various participants in the fishery, which include harvesters, processors, and residents of fishing communities. The Council is considering these policies at the request of the GOA groundfish industry to address increasing concerns about the economic stability of the fisheries. Some of these concerns include changing market opportunities and stock abundance,

increasing concern about the long-term economic health of fishing dependent communities, and the limited ability of the fishing industry to respond to environmental concerns under the existing management regime. The Council may consider rationalizing the fishery through individual fishing quotas or cooperatives, and allocations to communities. \_\_\_

**Rockfish Pilot Program:** While the Council is formulating a comprehensive rationalization program for all groundfish in the Gulf of Alaska to address similar problems in other fisheries, a short-term solution is needed to stabilize the community of Kodiak. Kodiak has experienced multiple processing plant closures, its residential work force is at risk due to shorter and shorter processing seasons and the community fish tax revenues continue to decrease as fish prices and port landings decrease. Congress recognized these problems and directed the Secretary in consultation with the Council, to implement a pilot rockfish program. All aspects of the economic portfolio of the fishery needs to be recognized for the fishery to be rationalized. All the historical players – harvesters (both catcher vessels and catcher processors) and processors need to be recognized in a meaningful way. The demonstration program is designed as a short-term two-year program for immediate economic relief until comprehensive GOA rationalization can be implemented.

#### **SOCIO-ECONOMIC AND SEAFOOD LABOR DATA (This will change every week)**

##### **(1) 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 . Available from the North Pacific Fishery Council web site  
[http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/npfmc/summary\\_reports/datacollection407.pdf](http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/npfmc/summary_reports/datacollection407.pdf)

(2) Obstacles & Opportunities for **Community-Based Fisheries** Management in the United States. 1. Michael L. Weber & Suzanne Iudicello. Obstacles ...

[www.ecotrust.org/cbfm/CBFM](http://www.ecotrust.org/cbfm/CBFM)

#### **SEAFOOD MARKETING**

(1) “Increasing value of seafood could lead to more flying fish”, Margaret Bauman, *Alaska Journal of Commerce*, 3-11-07

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- (11) Laine Welch's Fish Factor at <http://www.kinyradio.com/fishfactor.html>
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