



Alaska Longline

FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Post Office Box 1229 / Sitka, Alaska 99835 / 907.747.3400 / FAX 907.747.3462

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 25, 2023

Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association and Alaska Sustainable Fisheries Trust host Fall Hybrid Fishermen's EXPO

The Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association (ALFA) and the Alaska Sustainable Fisheries Trust (ASFT) are hosting a Fall Hybrid Fishermen's EXPO on Wednesday, November 15, from 9AM-4:30PM to provide educational workshops and training to new and experienced local fishermen as well as others with interest in the fishing sector. During this EXPO, workshops and presentations will be offered in a hybrid format. **Participants located in Sitka have the option of viewing all presentations virtually through Zoom, or attending select sessions in-person at the Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (NSRAA) Conference Room, located at 1308 Sawmill Creek Rd. in Sitka. A schedule of in-person and virtual presentations can be found on the ALFA website.**

Commercial and subsistence fishermen of all gear types will have the opportunity to attend free and interactive presentations on topics such as: the possible start up of a Regional Seafood Development Association in Southeast Alaska, Nobeltec TIMEZERO updates to cartography and bathy and NOAA ENC chart download system, NOAA marine weather forecasting, women in commercial fishing, North Pacific Fishery Management Council updates, updates on fuel efficiency and hybrid engine projects, and Alaska marine safety. Presenters include Daniel Joram, Jeff Farvour, Chandler Kemp, Troy Nicolini, Linda Behnken, Lauren Howard, Eric Jordan, Leann Fay, Celeste Tyndico and more.

Attendees are welcome to participate in as many sessions as they are able. There will be a raffle prize drawing at the conclusion of EXPO for attendees.

Please reach out to Natalie Sattler at program.director@alfafish.org or 907-738-1286 with any questions. **Visit alfafish.org to register and for a full list of presentations and times.** All presentations will provide time for questions and discussion.

This series is part of a push by ALFA and ASFT to provide resources and educational opportunities for fishermen, especially those who are just starting out in the industry. "Thanks to the support of our funders, sponsors and ALFA's membership, we are able to offer these workshops free and open to the public," says ALFA executive director Linda Behnken. Support

for ALFA and ASFT's Fishermen's EXPO includes funding from the City and Borough of Sitka, the Edgerton Foundation, and the OneUSDA Southeast Alaska Sustainability Strategy initiative.

ALFA is an alliance of small-boat, commercial fishermen that support sustainable fisheries and thriving coastal communities by involving fishermen in research, advocacy and conservation initiatives.

ASFT is a non-profit dedicated to strengthening fishing communities and marine resources through research, education and economic opportunity.

CONTACT: Natalie Sattler: 907-738-1286, program.director@alfafish.org