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Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association and Alaska Sustainable Fisheries Trust host Spring Virtual Fishermen's EXPO

The Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association (ALFA) and the Alaska Sustainable Fisheries Trust (ASFT) are hosting a Spring Virtual Fishermen's EXPO on April 4 and 5, from 9AM-1PM 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 all the workshops and presentations will be offered in a virtual format.**

Commercial and subsistence fishermen of all gear types will have the opportunity to attend free and interactive classes on fishermen training courses, commercial fishing insurance, management updates on halibut bycatch and pending salmon bycatch actions, business planning for fishermen, break-even analysis, preparing for your lender, Deckhand Logbook updates, troller-led oceanography in Southeast Alaska, ALFA's crew training program and more. Presenters include Maddie Lightsey with Alaska Boats and Permits, Jess Sarsfield with AgWest Farm Credit, Marc Wheeler with Spruce Root, Sunny Rice and Gabe Dunham with SeaGrant, Linda Behnken and Natalie Sattler with ALFA, Kirk Johanson and Dylan Hopper with SeaMountain insurance and Tyler Hennon with the University of Alaska, Fairbanks.

Attendees are welcome to participate in as many sessions as they are able. Raffle prizes are available for those that attend sessions.

Please reach out to Natalie Sattler at program.director@alfafish.org or 907-738-1286 with any questions. **Visit alfafish.org for a full schedule of events and to register.** 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 sponsors and ALFA's membership, we are able to offer these workshops free and open to the public," says ALFA executive director Linda Behnken.

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.

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