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NOTIFICATION OF ALASKA COMMERCIAL SEAFOOD SNAPSHOT REPORT TO BE SENT TO ALASKA FISHING ORGANIZATIONS

Subject: NOAA Fisheries to Prepare "Snapshot" Report for Alaska Seafood Industry; Invites Interested Individuals/Organizations to Participate

Over the next three months, NOAA Fisheries will prepare a "snapshot" report in response to an urgent request from Alaska seafood producers and associations for an independent evaluation of the current state of federal Alaska commercial fishing and seafood markets. The report will include information on the factors causing financial stresses across the industry and related impacts on fishermen, processors, and Alaska's coastal communities.

The report will draw on discussions with fishermen, processors, Alaska natives, and others and information gathered from a select number of representative industry members and coastal communities in Alaska. It will also include available landings, price, and trade data collected by federal agencies and the State of Alaska.

The report will offer insight and analysis to assist the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, state fisheries managers, the Alaska seafood industry, Alaska communities, Alaska Native communities, and others as they develop responses to the current crisis. It will also inform the execution of NOAA's [National Seafood Strategy](#) and may help to bolster a "whole of government" approach to tackling the current challenges in Alaska, including developing stronger ties to agencies with more direct authority for addressing international trade issues. Potential future actions will be developed once information is collected and quantified.

We welcome collaboration on this effort with the members of the Alaska fishing industry and state managers. Anyone interested in providing data or participating in focused discussions on the current state of the Alaska seafood industry or Alaska coastal communities should contact Steve Kasperski at Stephen.Kasperski@noaa.gov.

Thank you. We look forward to working with you on this report.

Best,
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