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## **Joint Legislative Task Force Evaluating Alaska's Seafood Industry to Hold Third Round of Meetings November 13 and 14**

Anchorage – Tomorrow, November 13, and Thursday, November 14, the Joint Legislative Task Force Evaluating Alaska's Seafood Industry will hold its third round of meetings at the Anchorage Legislation Information Office, 1500 W Benson Blvd, in the Denali Room beginning at 9:00 a.m. The task force was developed during the last legislative session through Senate Concurrent Resolution 10 to understand the impacts on Alaska's seafood industry and what tools the state has in its toolbox to strengthen it.

On Wednesday, November 13, the task force will hear from:

- Brett Watson, PhD UAA / ISER Fisheries Economist, on Commercial Fisheries and Local Economies
- Rachel Donkersloot, PhD, Coastal Cultures Research LLC, and Courtney Carothers and PhD, Professor, College of Fisheries & Ocean Sciences, UAF, on permit outmigration
- Garrett Evridge, Seamark, Alaska's Seafood Future, on innovation and R&D.
- Dustin Rinehart, Director, State Government Relations, CMA CGM-Alaska, on shipping challenges and enhancements.
- Warren Wilson, Mayor, City of King Cove; Gary Hennigh, City Manager; and Amber Jusfowytch, Asst. City Administrator & Capital Projects Director, on King Cove, Alaska - A 113-Year-Old Fishing Community in Peril
- Marissa Wisniewski, Chair, Alaska Fishing Communities Coalition, on their recommendations.

On Thursday, November 14, the task force will hear from:

- Dan Strickland, Green-iceberg/PicoICE, and Lars Snaebjorn Tr. Gudnason, Green-iceberg/PicoICE (Iceland), on at-sea ice and chilling technology.
- Luke Fanning, CEO, APICDA; Ragnar Alstrom, Executive Director, YDFDA; Florence Kargi, Regional Affairs Manager, CVRF; and Jeff Kaufmann, Vice President, CBSFA, for a panel discussion with CDQ groups.

- Tracy Welch, Executive Director, UFA, on further recommendations from United Fishermen of Alaska.
- Katie Harms, Douglas Island Pink and Chum (DIPAC), on the state and future of Alaska's hatcheries

The task force will finish on Thursday with a roundtable discussion on what has been presented so far and consider the schedule and topics of future meetings. For more information about the task force, please email the committee at [AKSeafoodTaskForce@akleg.gov](mailto:AKSeafoodTaskForce@akleg.gov).

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