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Joint Legislative Task Force Evaluating Alaska's Seafood Industry to Hold Fourth Round of Meetings December 10 and 11

Anchorage – Tomorrow, December 10, and Wednesday, December 11, the Joint Legislative Task Force Evaluating Alaska's Seafood Industry will hold its fourth round of meetings at the Anchorage Legislation Information Office, 1500 W Benson Blvd, in the Denali Room beginning at 10:00 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 Tuesday, December 10, the task force will hear from:

- Small Alaska Processors, Hanson Fish Company, Kenai Red Fish Company, Yakobi Fish Company, Kvichak Fish Company on operations and marketing efforts;
- Seamark on modernizing Alaska's seafood industry;
- University of Alaska Institute of Social and Economic Research (ISER) on Alaska's fishery data systems;
- Petersburg Harbormaster on seafood industry infrastructure and taxes.
- Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission, to offer a review and consider options for changing the Limited Entry Act.

On Wednesday, December 11, the task force will hear from:

- Alaska Vocational Technical Center on workforce development programs;

- City of Sitka on challenges and solutions for marine infrastructure;
- University of Alaska Sea Grant program on their seafood industry support.

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.

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