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**Legislative Task Force on Evaluating Alaska's Seafood Industry to Hold
January 9 and 10 Meetings**

Discussion Will Include an Update from Sen. Murkowski and Task Force Findings and Policy Discussions

Anchorage, AK – Tomorrow, the Legislative Task Force on Evaluating Alaska's Seafood Industry will host its January meeting at the Anchorage Legislative Information Office, [1500 West Benson Blvd., Anchorage, AK, 99503](#). Discussions will begin Thursday, January 9 at 10:45 a.m. with an update from Alaska's U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) on federal policies impacting the Alaska seafood industry and ways the Alaska legislature can help.

The task force's discussion will continue Thursday afternoon and into Friday, January 10, at 10:00 a.m. with a review of the preliminary findings and discussion of conceptual legislation for policy areas in the state, including:

- Financing interest rates for commercial fishermen
- Corporate income tax credits for certain value-added fisheries activity
- Small-scale processor pack loans
- Fisheries business tax
- Fishery resource landing tax
- Maritime insurance pools
- Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute
- Alaska hatcheries & mariculture

- Statewide longitudinal data system
- Improving Alaska's workforce development programs
- Changes to the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission and Limited Entry Act
- Alaska resolutions urging certain seafood-related federal actions

On Friday afternoon, at approximately 2:30 p.m., there will be an opportunity for public testimony. To participate, you can visit the Anchorage Legislative Information Office in person at [1500 West Benson Blvd, Anchorage, AK](#), or call 844-586-9085 from around the state. If you are in Anchorage, the contact number is 907-563-9085; if you are in Juneau, it is 907-586-9085.

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