



COMFISH 2019 SCHEDULE

PRESENTED BY THE KODIAK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27TH

4:00pm-6:00pm

Fish Taco Night

Sponsored by: AMCC, ASMI, and Kodiak Jig Seafoods

Location: Kodiak Island Brewery

Stop by to celebrate our fishing community and enjoy rockfish tacos. Your tacos are prepared in authentic fashion by the Association of Latin Women in Alaska with fish harvested by a local jig fisherman. The event is cosponsored by the Alaska Marine Conservation Council, the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute, and Kodiak Jig Seafoods. Proceeds will support recertification for Pacific cod harvested by the Alaska jig sector in the Marine Stewardship Council and Responsible Alaska Fisheries Management (MSC/RFM) programs. Suggested donation: \$5.00

THURSDAY, MARCH 28TH

10:00am-5:00pm

ComFish Trade Show Open to the Public

Location: Kodiak Harbor Convention Center

10:00am-10:30am

Coast Guard Helicopter Rescues at Sea

Presented by: LT Wes Jones & LT Jared Carbajal

Location: Best Western Kodiak Inn, Harbor Room

Two Coast Guard helicopter pilots discuss tales of their rescues at sea and provide insight on how to prepare for a rescue by helicopter when the worst happens.

10:45am-11:15pm

Throw Me a Rope: Strategies for Preventing Fatal Falls Overboard in Commercial Fishing

Presented By: Theodore Teske, NIOSH Health Communication Specialist

Location: Best Western Kodiak Inn, Harbor Room

Falls overboard remain a leading cause of death among commercial fishermen. New research from NIOSH shows falls overboard are often unwitnessed and when there are witnesses, rescue attempts fail more often than not. This workshop will start by showing a new video from NIOSH recounting the story of a Dungeness crab fisherman who survived a fall overboard because of his personal flotation device (PFD). Then, using real survival equipment, presenters and audience members will discuss practical strategies for preventing these events, alerting crews when a fall occurs, surviving in the water, retrieving and treating the crewmember in the water, and maintaining PFDs and other safety gear.

11:30am-12:15pm

Playing By the Rules: Legal challenges and issues in the fishing industry.

Presented by: Stacey Stone, Lafcadio Darling & John Casperson

Location: Best Western Kodiak Inn, Harbor Room

Don't get bit: buying and selling a vessel.

The fine print: contracts for vessel repair.

Lien on me: understanding what is a lien and when it applies.

Crew contracts: get it in writing, and get it early.

1:00pm-1:30pm

Senator Murkowski Legislative Update

Presented By: Murkowski Representatives Ann Robertson & Amy Kirkham

Location: Best Western Kodiak Inn, Harbor Room

Brief video by Senator Murkowski and legislative update on federal fisheries and legislation by Senator Murkowski's legislative assistant Ann Robertson.

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1:45pm-2:15pm

Investing in Your Business: Energy Efficiency and Vessel Upgrades

Presented By: Tyler Kornelis, KANA Economic Development & Laura Vaught, SWAMC Energy Coordinator, and Jim Fowler, Energy Audits of Alaska

Location: Best Western Kodiak Inn, Harbor Room

Learn about an energy audit and upgrade program for commercial fishers that's currently available in Kodiak. Commercial fishers can request an energy audit focusing on specific upgrades of interest, such as Refrigeration upgrades (including RSW systems), LED lighting, Auxiliary engines to avoid use of main engines, Heat recovery for cabin, Variable-speed pump motors, Insulation in fish hold, and more. Once the audit is complete, commercial fishers can use the audit report detailing recommended efficiency upgrades and their associated savings and apply for a USDA grant that would cover 25% of the vessel upgrade costs.

2:15pm-2:45pm

Representative Stutes Legislative Update

Presented By: Representative Louise Stutes

Location: Best Western Kodiak Inn, Harbor Room

Legislative update on State of Alaska fisheries and state budget issues including: 2016 Pink Salmon Disaster Relief funding, Department of Fish and Game budget cuts, Gulf of Alaska Rationalization, Title 16, HB 35, HB 65, HB41/SB22 , AMHS Funding, and Hatchery Straying Studies.

3:00pm-4:00pm

Dunleavy Administration and ADF&G Update

Presented by: John Moller, Senior Policy Advisor and Rachel Baker, Deputy Commissioner

Location: Best Western Kodiak Inn, Harbor Room

Fisheries related policies and appointments. A discussion of upcoming and ongoing North Pacific Fishery Management Council actions, updates on pink salmon and Pacific cod disaster declarations, and status of the ADF&G budget.

5:00pm-7:00pm

Public Reception

Sponsored by: Trident Seafoods, APL, and Samson Tug & Barge

Location: Kodiak Harbor Convention Center

Kodiak knows their fish, and Trident knows it! Their top-notch and innovative culinary team will be serving up delicious fish product appetizers! While you're at it enjoy some liquid libations! Beer will be hosted by Samson, and wine will be hosted by APL. Have your cake and eat it too by celebrating the 40th ComFish Anniversary with what else, but cake!

FRIDAY, MARCH 29TH

10:00am-5:00pm

ComFish Trade Show Open to the Public

Location: Kodiak Harbor Convention Center

10:00am-10:45am

Alaska Seafood Market Update

Presented by: Jeremy Woodrow, Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute; Garrett Evridge, McDowell Group

Location: Best Western Kodiak Inn, Harbor Room

ASMI & McDowell Group have teamed up to share Alaska seafood's current state in the global marketplace. Learn about where your catch is going, the value at home and abroad, and how global economics create challenges and opportunities for Alaska seafood.

11:00am-11:45am

Space Launch Operations and the Fishing Community

Presented by: Mark Lester, President of Alaska Aerospace Corporation

Location: Best Western Kodiak Inn, Harbor Room

Increased space launch operations at the Alaska Aerospace Corporation (AAC)-operated spaceport at Narrow Cape, Kodiak in 2018 involved several waterway and air space closures that regrettably created real and perceived conflicts with regional fishing activities. AAC recognizes their responsibility to collaborate and communicate better with the fishing community to avoid similar issues in the future. To

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this end, AAC's President has been meeting with various interested parties to better understand fishing operations and improve the spaceport's approach to plan, communicate, and execute waterway closures for future space launches. This is the beginning of an enduring commitment for the spaceport to be a more engaged and accommodating neighbor with the Kodiak community. This presentation provides an overview on the need and process for closures, share an update of AAC's community communication and collaboration activities, outline initial changes to the spaceport's approaches to closures, and solicit feedback for continued improvement.

12:00pm-1:15pm

Sea Stories Above the Harbor

Sponsored by: Alaska Marine Conservation Council and Alaska Sea Grant

Location: Best Western Kodiak Inn, Harbor Room

AMCC and Alaska Sea Grant are bringing back Sea Stories Above the Harbor Friday, March 29th from 12:00 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. at the Best Western. Come enjoy fresh chowder from Monk's Rock along with a lineup of stories about fishermen and the mentors who trained them.

1:30pm-2:15pm

Digging Deeper into the Pebble Mine and its Threats to Bristol Bay

Presented By: Melanie Brown, Commercial Fisherman for Bristol Bay & Ryan Spies, Lynker Technologies

Location: Best Western Kodiak Inn, Harbor Room

The Pebble Mine is being pushed through the federal permitting process faster than any other large mine in Alaska's history with a final decision targeted for early 2020 despite continued opposition from local residents, fishermen, processors, and businesses around the country. In this panel discussion, attendees will hear the results of hydrology study showing some likely results of various dam failure scenarios, discuss the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), hear the latest science and research being done to assess potential impacts on Bristol Bay's salmon fishery, and learn how to be effectively have your voice heard during the current public comment period.

2:30pm-3:15pm

Net Repurposing

Presented by: Nicole Baker, Net Your Problem & Robin Schiro

Location: Best Western Kodiak Inn, Harbor Room

The high volume of fishing activity in Kodiak will generate a considerable amount of fishing waste, in remote communities where landfill space is limited and cost of transportation is high. Net Your Problem has been recycling end of life trawl fishing gear since 2017 and in this forum, Nicole will report on past successes in Dutch Harbor and Kodiak, as well as discuss plans for the future. Additionally, Robin explores a pilot project that will collect and transport end-of-life fishing nets from Kodiak, Alaska to Interface where they will be recycled and entered back into the economy as recycled carpet tiles. Companies such as Interface, recycle carpet by weaving in used fishing nets to make carpet tiles with a high percentage of recycled material. Ultimately, those recycled carpet tiles could end up back on Kodiak Island as a useable recycled product.

3:15pm-4:00pm

The View from D.C.: An Update from Sen. Dan Sullivan

Presented by: Senator Sullivan

Location: Best Western Kodiak Inn, Harbor Room

Sen. Sullivan to provide an update on federal fisheries and oceans policy, legislative priorities, and an outlook on the 116th Congress. With an opportunity for Q&A.

5:00pm-6:00pm

Exhibitor Reception

Sponsored by: Cascade Engine and Kodiak Diesel

Location: Kodiak Harbor Convention Center

Celebrate the last full day of ComFish by stopping by the tradeshow for beer hosted by Cascade Engine and Kodiak Diesel!

SATURDAY, MARCH 30TH

10:00am-3:00pm

ComFish Trade Show Open to the Public

Location: Kodiak Harbor Convention Center

10:00am-12:00pm

Fun with Fish & Processor Games & Recognition

Location: Kodiak Harbor Convention Center, Outside

Come see and learn about some of Kodiak's marine fish species – lots of different, unique fish you don't often see and attend a salmon shark dissection while you are there. Many fish will be on display. Play fish identification guessing games! Recognition and appreciation of Kodiak's processing companies and their workers: each local processor will be awarded a very special award and have a team compete in a fish toss game. Door prizes for the audience!

11:00am-12:45pm

Thelma C. Tours

Presented by: Trenton Dodson

Location: Next to Trident Seafoods

Join us for a guided tour of the Thelma C! Every year several old wooden boats abandoned in the Kodiak boat harbor end up as ashes on the beach, burned for unpaid moorage fees. Thanks to efforts by Kodiak Maritime Museum however, the 36 foot salmon seine vessel Thelma C was rescued from the burn pile. With funding from the Alaska State Legislature, National Marine Administration, USDA, and the people of Kodiak, the boat has been restored to its original condition and will soon be installed as a permanent outdoor interpretive exhibit in downtown Kodiak, on the harbor spit adjacent to St. Paul Harbor.

12:30pm-2:30pm

Fishermen's Showcase

Hosted by: Alaska Sea Grant Marine Advisory Program

Location: Kodiak Harbor Convention Center, Outside

Join us for the 4th annual Fishermen's Showcase! This is a friendly competition for Kodiak fishermen to demonstrate their skills and compete for the honor of the most able Fisherman! Competitors complete five skills in timed heats of three contestants, and overall best time takes the title! Skills include: coiling, knot tying, hook throw, rail tie/hitch, and survival suit donning. Prizes will go to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners and all contestants receive a recognition award for participating.

New this year is the family-friendly heat where kids can participate in the contest with their parents as a relay team, with kids joining activities based on their skill sets. Knot tying and skill practice will also be available for our young fishermen at the event!

Pre-registration is encouraged! Sign up at the Chamber of Commerce ComFish registration table; in person with Julie Matweyou (jamatweyou@alaska.edu) or Astrid Rose (airose@alaska.edu); or show up at the showcase. Sign up in groups of three if you want to compete with your crewmates or friends!

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