



UNITED FISHERMEN OF ALASKA

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Introduction to United Fishermen of Alaska

United Fishermen of Alaska (UFA) is the statewide commercial fishing trade association representing 37 commercial fishing organizations participating in fisheries throughout the state, and the federal fisheries off Alaska's coast. Our mission is to promote and protect the common interest of Alaska's commercial fishing industry, as a vital component of Alaska's social and economic well-being.

UFA was formed in 1974 to provide a voice for commercial fishing participants throughout the state. Today, UFA is headquartered in Juneau and continues to advocate on behalf of our industry, provide feedback to legislators and policy makers, and take specific issues that impact our members. UFA provides a forum for communication within the fishing industry and acts as a conduit for information. We also provide public relations for the commercial fishing industry, and educational and informational programs for our members, legislators, and the general public.

UFA's policy positions are developed by the UFA board, which meets twice a year in-person. Each of our member groups holds a seat on our Board of Directors and has an equal vote. In addition to our member groups, there are four at-large board seats on the Board that are filled by individual members of UFA and are elected by their peers.

Our members include harvesters and aquaculture associations located throughout coastal Alaskan communities: Alaska Bering Sea Crabbers, Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association, Alaska Scallop Association, Alaska Trollers Association Alaska Whitefish Trawlers Association, Area M Seiners Association, At-sea Processors Association, Bristol Bay Fishermen's Association Bristol Bay Regional Seafood Development Association, Bristol Bay Reserve, Cape Barnabas, Inc., Concerned Area "M" Fishermen Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association, Cordova District Fishermen United, Douglas Island Pink and Chum, Freezer Longline Coalition, Fishing Vessel Owners Association, Groundfish Forum, Kenai Peninsula Fishermen's Association, Kodiak Crab Alliance Cooperative, Kodiak Regional Aquaculture Association, Kodiak Seiners Association, North Pacific Fisheries Association, Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association, Northwest Setnetters Association, Petersburg Vessel Owners Association, Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation, Purse Seine Vessel Owner Association, Seafood Producers Cooperative, Southeast Alaska Herring Conservation Alliance, Southeast Alaska Fisherman's Alliance, Southeast Alaska Regional Dive Fisheries Association, Southeast Alaska Seiners, Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association, United Catcher Boats, United Southeast Alaska Gillnetters, and Valdez Fisheries Development Association.