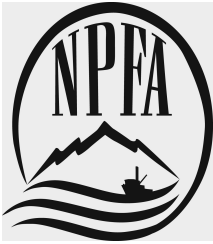


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North Pacific Fisheries Association
P.O. Box 796 · Homer, AK · 99603

Dear Fisherman,

Today your fisherman's organization, North Pacific Fisheries Association (NPFA), needs your support. Your \$200 will help insure the continued participation of Homer based commercial fishermen on boards, commissions, committees and workgroups making decisions that affect local commercial fishermen. NPFA has been active in the Homer area since 1955. Our two primary budget items are dues paid to United Fishermen of Alaska (UFA), and travel expenses associated with sending representatives to participate in meetings. Whether we like it or not, we all know that those who attend the meetings make the rules.

Homer is a unique fishing community; fishermen who reside in Homer fish all over the state. NPFA is a multi gear and multi species organization and our members fish from Dixon Entrance in SE Alaska to Attu and everywhere in between. For fishermen who are not involved in halibut or groundfish, NPFA works on appointments to the Board of Fish, Commissioner of ADFG, and Com Fish Director. We work on fish legislation, including efforts to increase state loan amounts as well as ADFG and ASMI budgets in Juneau. We have board seats on Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association and are involved in protecting salmon habitat. We worked on protecting commercial fishing families from those who are trying to use a ballot initiative to eliminate historical fisheries. We are working with our federal delegation to develop alternative safety compliance rules that will work for us and to get a permanent exemption from EPA vessel discharge rules. We are working on developing cost effective alternatives to human observers on both small boats and pot cod boats of all sizes. In 2014 we began our grant funded efforts to develop electronic monitoring systems for fixed gear cod boats, work that will continue into March of 2016. Please visit our webpage for more details of completed and ongoing projects.

NPFA is a leading fishing organization. NPFA has been on the United Fishermen of Alaska board and the Conference Board for the IPHC for decades. We work with coalitions of fishing groups (e.g. Halibut Coalition, Seafood Harvesters of America). We have had members serve as a Commissioner on the International Pacific Halibut Commission, AK Department of Fish and Game Commissioner, AK Maritime Workforce Development Industry Advisory committee, on the Anadromous Fish Commission, and on committees of the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council. We actively participate in the NPFMC meetings.

Locally, NPFA is often asked by the City of Homer and Kenai Peninsula Borough to assist in harbor planning, commenting on user fees, property management and capital projects that affect our harbor. NPFA sponsors and organizes informational forums, bringing guest speakers and politicians

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to the Homer area to share their views and answer questions on issues important to our coastal community.

Additionally, NPFA and the Scalzi Family founded the Scalzi Memorial Scholarship administered by the Homer Foundation. Many young adults in Homer have been awarded thousands of dollars to further their educations.

Please show your support and return \$200 for a voting membership. This will help ensure that fishermen in the lower Kenai Peninsula have a voice in issues affecting their livelihood and our community. Your input and ideas are needed and valued. We meet once a month except for during the summer fishing season, watch for meeting announcements. We provide a great deal of fishery information via email, so please include your email address on your membership form.

Fair winds,

Malcolm Milne, President
Ian Pitzman, Vice President
Steve Brown, Secretary
Matt Alward, Treasurer
Erik Velsko
Todd Hoppe
Revelle Russell
Jessie Nelson
Brad Marden

Please include me as a voting member of North Pacific Fisheries Association,
PO Box 796
Homer, AK 99603

Enclosed is my annual membership fee of \$200.00 good for the calendar year.

NAME _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email Address _____

Boat Name _____