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To: AFDF Members

May 25<sup>th</sup>: Important recent COVID-19 information to help you navigate this pandemic.

## **ECONOMICS**

1. **NEW – AK CARES Grants to Businesses and Non-Profits:** The State of Alaska anticipates opening a new grant program for both businesses and non-profits, on or after May 26<sup>th</sup>. More [info can be found here](#) about who is eligible to apply. Also, see this draft [FAQs](#).
2. **Guidance on PPP:** SBA has an [Interim Final Rulemaking on loan forgiveness for the SBA PPP loan program](#). This goes along with the Loan Forgiveness Application released previously.
3. **Looking for Crew in Alaska?** The Alaska Dept. of Labor’s Seafood Employment Office at the Anchorage Midtown Job Center can help you. See the attached information sheet. Or call 907-269-4746, or email [dol.seafood@alaska.gov](mailto:dol.seafood@alaska.gov).

## **HEALTH SAFETY**

1. **NEW - UFA webinar – Understanding Health Mandate 17:** UFA will be hosting a free webinar for commercial fishermen on ***Wednesday, May 27 at 10:00 a.m.*** The purpose of this webinar is to explain updates to Health Mandates 10 & 17 and to take some questions. Panelist include: Tom Koloski – Alaska Unified Command, Critical Infrastructure Branch; Jason Wiard – Environmental Health Officer from Division of Environmental Conservation DEH-Food Safety & Sanitation; Charles Pelton – Alaska Unified Command, Medical Services Branch, Public Health Group; John Moller – Commercial Fisheries Policy Advisor, Governor Dunleavy. [Registration is mandatory and can be done here.](#)
2. **Health Mandate 10 – Appendix 1 – Enhanced Protective Measures for Seafood**

**Processing Workers:** The State of Alaska revised Health Mandate 10, to include [Appendix 1 – Enhanced Protective Measures for Seafood Processing Workers](#), which strengthens the 14-day mandatory quarantine. Also, the 14-day mandatory quarantine for people traveling to Alaska in Mandate 10 was extended through June 2<sup>nd</sup> and will be revisited then. [Read the revised Mandate 10 here.](#)

3. **NEW - Health Mandate 17 – Appendix 3 – New Guidance for Set Netters & Skiffs:** This [new appendix 3](#) establishes new guidance for commercial fishing operations working from shore or in open skiffs or other means in which crew are not overnighing on the vessel.
  
4. **Health Mandate 17 – Appendix 2 – Revised:** The State of Alaska revised [Appendix 2 - Acknowledgement Form](#), which is required to be signed by fishermen, provided to seafood processors prior to selling fish, and copies carried onboard all fishing vessels this year. *Please be sure to print and sign the updated version of this form.*
  
5. **Helpful Industry Websites with COVID Info:**
  1. [United Fishermen of Alaska \(UFA\)](#)
  2. [Bristol Bay Regional Seafood Development Association \(BBRSDA\)](#) – including a [Bristol Bay Fishermen’s Handbook](#)
  3. [Alaska Fishermen’s Network](#)
  4. [Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation \(AFDF\)](#)
  
6. **National Fisheries Institute (NFI) Sitrep #50** (see attached email)

*Please remember, it is our industry’s responsibility to protect our workforce and the communities in which we work. Coastal communities are struggling with hard decisions about how to protect their residents and we need to all work together to demonstrate our industry’s willingness and ability to keep everyone safe.*

Good health to you.

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