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Attachments: NFI COVID Sitrep #16 7 April 2020.eml; Catcher Tender Covid-19 Checklist.xlsx

Additional to the email below, see new information below:

2) **Critical Industries Workforce Plans:** The state recently updated its website to include clarification and instructions regarding Critical Industries Worker Mitigation Plans: <https://ready.alaska.gov/Covid19-WorkerMitigationPlan>

Instructions: <https://ready.alaska.gov/Covid19/Documents/CWPP/Instructions%20for%20Community-Workforce%20Protective%20Plans.pdf>

Vessel Template: [https://ready.alaska.gov/Covid19/Documents/CWPP//F-V%20\[%20VESSEL%20NAME%20\]%20COVID-19%20Protective%20Measures%20Plan%20\(Example\).pdf](https://ready.alaska.gov/Covid19/Documents/CWPP//F-V%20[%20VESSEL%20NAME%20]%20COVID-19%20Protective%20Measures%20Plan%20(Example).pdf)

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To: AFDF Membership

I am again sending a sampling of the most important recent COVID-19 information to help you navigate this pandemic.

1. **Catcher & Tender Vessel Procedures:** Dr. Ann Jarvis of www.DiscoveryHealthMD.com worked with fishing industry representatives on a comprehensive [procedures manual for catcher and tender vessels](#). This manual is being distributed to industry, communities, and the Alaska's Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The EOC is developing a baseline version of this manual which will be mandated by the state for all vessels. *Stay tuned for more information about this new state mandate about vessels.* Also attached is a set of checklists that are intended to accompany this manual.

2. **Alaska Manufacturers to Produce PPE:** The University of Alaska’s Manufacturing Extension Project (MEP) is working with manufacturers in Alaska who are interested in converting their production capacity to make personal protective equipment (PPE) for use in Alaska. MEP staff is helping to coordinate companies who need PPE and companies who can supply it. [Samantha Lewis](#) and [Alyssa Rodrigues](#) are the points of contact. Pass this information to your procurement departments and contact MEP if you have PPE needs. Also, feel free to pass this information on to others in the seafood industry or at the local level (healthcare clinics or municipalities).
3. **Alaska Small Community Requirements:** In [Health Mandate 12](#), which restricts intrastate travel to critical workforce or critical personal needs, the Governor also gave the authority to communities that meet the “Small Community” criteria to make additional health mandates/restrictions ([see Attachment B](#)). Since this time, the cities of [Cordova](#), [Craig](#) ([Harbor Quarantine Policy](#)), and [Wrangell](#) have either adopted additional restrictions/requirements, or are considering them. Remember to check with ports prior to arrival about port-specific requirements or restrictions related to COVID-19.
4. **UFA website & resources:** United Fishermen of Alaska (UFA) has created a section on its website with important updates and information. You can visit it at: <http://www.ufafish.org/>
5. **Alaska Small Business Development Center:** [Visit this website](#) for information about the [Small Business Administration \(SBA\) COVID-19 Disaster Assistance Loans](#), and an [overview of the CARES Act](#), and links to the [Payment Protection Program \(PPP\)](#) which provides loans to small businesses for up to \$10 million to cover payroll and other operating expenses. Up to 8 weeks of payroll and some other operating expenses may be forgiven if small businesses were harmed between Feb. 15 and June 30, 2020.
6. **Cloth Face Coverings:** The state adopted [Health Alert 10, Cloth Face Coverings](#), and the EOC specifically alerted the seafood industry of the following: “While the State of Alaska is developing further guidance regarding face masks, *please direct all of your crewmembers and plant workers in transit via passenger air (chartered or commercial) to wear a cloth face covering.* This face covering should be worn while transiting air terminals (to be temporarily removed for security screening), while on the plane, and any follow-on ground transportation until they reach their self-quarantine facility (bunkhouse, vessel or private lodging). This guidance is not a State Mandate yet, but air carriers may deny individuals from boarding without a face covering, and local authorities may not allow disembarking passengers to transit the community without one.
7. **Alaska’s Congressional Delegation Speaks to UFA:** listen to the [audio recording](#) of a question and answer session with the UFA Board of Directors and Senators Murkowski and Sullivan and Congressman Young.
8. **Alaska COVID relief – SB 241:** In the final version of this bill (SB 241), the Alaska Legislature did NOT include \$1,000 to each resident who qualified for a 2019 PFD. You can read the bill and attachments [here](#).
9. **Alaska Health Mandates and Health Alerts:** This is the main [webpage](#) for the State of Alaska’s health mandates and alerts. Any new information will be posted here.
10. **Crew Training Video:** This is a well-executed video, shot on a vessel: ***Coronavirus: How to Beat it.*** Here is the link: <https://vimeo.com/398986642> . This is a good tool for crew training. And its free!

11. **NFI COVID Sitrep #16** – attached email from National Fisheries Institute (NFI) with additional info, resources and tools for the seafood industry which is updated regularly.

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, or there will be pressure to restrict or shut down our industry, as we are already seeing in Bristol Bay. If anyone in our industry acts irresponsibly, it will negatively affect our entire industry.

Please also support the organizations that help support your companies both in times of crisis and every day of the year.

Good health to you.

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