

BBNA to sponsor fisheries conference in Dillingham

The Bristol Bay Native Association, in conjunction with the University of Alaska Marine Advisory Program, is sponsoring the fifth Annual Bristol Bay Fisheries Conference at Dillingham April 20-22.

Theme of the speaker portion of the conference is "Farmed Salmon," focusing on Alaska legislation as well as market impacts on Bristol Bay's sockeye salmon.

Alaska Department of Fish & Game's district management plans along with the salmon forecasts will also be given.

Other presentations and discussions will include:

- Limited entry issues.
- High seas interceptions.
- Bristol Bay Salmon Enhancement Association, the assessment vote.
- Togiak herring and kelp.
- The new halibut and cod fishery.
- The pending vessel safety regulations.
- Other technical workshops including, vessel maintenance liability

and insurance, vessel electronics, financial planning, vessel loans and permits and set net leasing.

The conference also hosts a potluck assisted by the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute and various seafood companies.

This year the conference will set aside time Sunday morning for a gubernatorial candidate forum. The panel discussion is sponsored by the Bristol Bay Native Association and is an independent function.

Each year up to 300 Bristol Bay residents gather to discuss issues, attend business related technical workshops and generally become more informed to enhance their business decisions.

Those who want more information may contact Val Angasan or JoAnne Nelson at the Bristol Bay Native Association, 842-5257; or Paula Cullenberg at the University of Alaska, Marine Advisory Program, 842-1265 in Dillingham.

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