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Jerry Dzugan
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Via email: director@amsea.org

RE: Continued support for ergonomic training in fisheries.

Dear Jerry,

United Fishermen of Alaska (UFA) is the statewide commercial fishing trade association, representing 35 commercial fishing organizations participating in fisheries throughout the state and its offshore federal waters. UFA is pleased to continue to support AMSEA's efforts for ergonomic training in fisheries.

The seafood industry is Alaska's largest private sector employer, creating over 63,000 jobs in the state. Fishermen and processors work in rough weather, around heavy equipment, and often have responsibilities that are subject to repetitive motion. As a result, almost 40% of all fishing injuries are ergonomic issues. UFA supports AMSEA's efforts to reduce the rate of injuries in the seafood industry.

Thank you for your continued attention to this important health and safety issue for the seafood industry. Please feel free to contact us if you need additional support.

Sincerely,

Julianne Curry
Executive Director

MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

Alaska Bering Sea Crabbers • Alaska Independent Fishermen's Marketing Association
Alaska Independent Tendermen's Association • Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association • Alaska Scallop Association • Alaska Trollers Association
Alaska Whitefish Trawlers Association • Armstrong Keta • At-sea Processors 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 • Golden King Crab Coalition • Groundfish Forum • Kenai Peninsula Fishermen's Association
Kodiak Regional Aquaculture Association • North Pacific Fisheries Association • Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture 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 Cook Inlet Drift Association • United Southeast Alaska Gillnetters • Valdez Fisheries Development Association