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United Fishermen of Alaska Announces New Officers and Executive Committee

United Fishermen of Alaska (UFA), the largest statewide commercial fishing industry trade association representing 35 member organizations, announces the re-election of **Mr. Jerry McCune** of Cordova District Fishermen United as President. Joining President McCune is **Mr. Matt Alward** of North Pacific Fisheries Association as Vice President, and **Ms. Megan O'Neil** of Petersburg Vessel Owners Association as a co-PR & Membership Chair.

The two new Executive Committee members join existing members **Mr. Duncan Fields** of Cape Barnabas, Inc. and **Mr. Bob Kehoe** of Purse Seine Vessel Owners Association (co-Administrative Chairs), **Mr. Gary Fandrei** of Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association (Enhancement Chair), **Mr. Chip Treinen** of Southeast Herring Conservation Alliance (Fish Farm & Environmental Chair), **Mr. Bruce Schactler** at-large from Kodiak (Marketing Chair), **Ms. Stephanie Madsen** of At-sea Processors Association (National chair), **Mr. Mark Gleason** of Alaska Bering Sea Crabbers (co-PR & Membership Chair), **Mr. Chad See** of Freezer Longline Coalition as Secretary & Treasurer, **Mr. Ian Pitzman** of United Cook Inlet Drift Association as the At-Large Executive Committee member, and **Mr. Steve Reifentuhl** of Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association as Subsistence Chair.

UFA is also currently soliciting nominations for at-large board members. UFA's four at-large board seats help represent the association's 400 individual and lifetime members on the UFA board.

" For several years UFA has been actively addressing the issue of the "graying of the fleet" by helping to groom young fishing men and women to take over key leadership roles when the current generation of leaders leaves the industry" said President McCune. "With the addition of Mr. Alward and Ms. O'Neil to the Executive Committee, UFA is one step closer to that goal. I look forward to working with the Executive Committee and Board as UFA President for another year. With all of the challenges facing Alaska's commercial fishing industry, it is now more important than ever that commercial fishermen and their families have a strong, unified voice to protect our businesses and our way of life."

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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