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## **UNITED FISHERMEN OF ALASKA INDUCTS CONGRESSMAN DON YOUNG INTO THE ALASKA SEAFOOD HALL OF FAME**

At a Special Meeting, held on March 22, 2022, the United Fishermen of Alaska unanimously voted to induct Congressman Don Young into the Alaska Seafood Hall of Fame. The decision to induct the Congressman into the Hall of Fame was made in honor of his lifetime of service to the State of Alaska and for his contributions to sustaining and promoting Alaska's commercial fisheries.

"Congressman Young will be remembered as being a champion for the State of Alaska and for the commercial fishing industry in particular," said UFA President Matt Alward. During the Congressman's lengthy tenure in the House of Representatives, he was successful in introducing, shaping, and advocating for legislation that protected and elevated the Alaska Seafood Industry. While his accomplishments are too numerous to list individually, fisheries related highlights include co-authoring the Magnuson-Stevens Act, authoring the Young Fishermen's Development Act, working to bring fisheries disaster relief to Alaska fishermen in times of need, establishing a loan program for new entrants into the halibut fishery, working to continually increase the variety and volume of Wild Alaska Seafood used in USDA food programs across America, and implementing legislation and international treaties to protect Alaska fisheries from foreign threats.

For over 49 years, the Congressman represented Alaska in Washington, D.C., always willing to lend an ear, and never forgetting those that he served. "Congressman Young was a fierce advocate for Alaska fisheries. He was willing to listen to, learn from, and work for his constituents. His passion and dedication to service will be remembered across not only the commercial fishing industry, but all of Alaska," said UFA Executive Director, Tracy Welch. While it is impossible to summarize the body of work that Young put together over his time in Congress, it is safe to say that the fishing industry would be in a much different place than it is today had it not been for Don Young's support.

In honor of the Congressman's legacy and devotion to the Alaska Seafood Industry, UFA is proud to induct Don Young into the Alaska Seafood Hall of Fame.