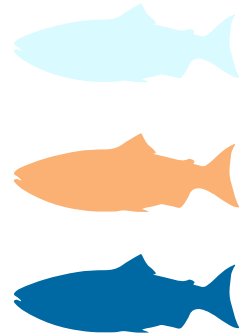



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Alaska **YOUNG
FISHERMEN'S
Summit**



Weaving a network of future fishing leaders

A symposium designed to provide information and opportunities for commercial fishermen early in their careers

December 6–9, 2021



Alaska Young Fishermen's Summit

The Alaska Young Fishermen's Summit series began in 2007. AYFS provides business, marketing, and policy skills training for young and new commercial fishermen taking the helm of Alaska's fishing industry. Coordinated by the Alaska Sea Grant Marine Advisory Program, AYFS has served over 500 participants from 60 Alaskan coastal communities.

Alaska Sea Grant is a training, research and outreach partnership between the University of Alaska Fairbanks and NOAA. For over 50 years, Alaska Sea Grant has been supporting healthy coastal resources, strong economies and vibrant communities via nine Marine Advisory agents who work and live in seven coastal communities, and administration in Fairbanks, Anchorage, and Juneau. Marine safety, fishing business management, and direct marketing information and workshops are available through our website alaskaseagrant.org or by contacting your local agent.



AYFS Keynote Speaker

Theresa Peterson

Theresa Peterson is an active fisherman and a 35-year resident of Kodiak, Alaska. Theresa has a diverse commercial fishing portfolio spanning over three decades: drifting, setnetting and seining for salmon, longlining for halibut and sablefish, and jigging for cod. Fishing is a family business for Theresa, her husband Charlie, and their three children. Theresa began her journey in commercial fishing in the 1980's when she came to Alaska to work in a processing plant for the summer. The beauty and opportunity in Alaska captured her heart and she soon found herself walking the docks to find a spot on a fishing boat. Little did she know



she was making a career choice that would lead her into a life of commercial fishing, eventually settling in Kodiak. Theresa enjoys living in a remote fishing community and finds the sense of camaraderie within the industry and the level of support fishermen provide to each other invaluable to succeed in the fishing business.

In addition to fishing, Theresa sees tremendous value in engaging in the fisheries policy arena to support the long-term health of the resource and the fishermen and communities that are dependent on that resource. Theresa works for the Alaska Marine Conservation Council (AMCC) as their Fisheries Policy Director and served on the Advisory Panel to the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC) for seven years prior to being appointed to serve on the Council from 2016 to 2019. She remains active and currently serves on the NPFMC Ecosystem Committee and the Community Engagement Committee.

Theresa sees her experience commercial fishing and living in a fishery-dependent coastal community as her greatest asset in fisheries management discussions. Theresa regularly participates in the fisheries discussions in Kodiak and statewide. She serves on the Kodiak Alaska Department of Fish and Game advisory committee, the Kodiak Regional Aquaculture Association, the Alaska Jig Association board, the Kodiak Island Chamber fisheries committee, and the Kodiak Area Marine Science Symposium steering committee. She also helped to spearhead Kodiak Jig Seafoods, a marketing initiative to increase the value to fishermen and awareness to consumers. In addition to networking in Alaska, Theresa collaborates on a national level with the Fishing Communities Coalition (FCC) and serves on the policy committee for the Marine Fish Conservation Network.

AGENDA

Monday, December 6, 2021

5:00 pm	<i>Drop-in time for tech questions – optional</i>
	INTRODUCTIONS AND KEYNOTE
6:00 pm	Welcome: Why are we here? <i>Gabe Dunham, Alaska Sea Grant Juneau</i> <i>Sunny Rice, Alaska Sea Grant Petersburg</i> <i>Julie Matweyou, Alaska Sea Grant Kodiak</i>
6:10 pm	Video address from Senator Lisa Murkowski
6:30 pm	Keynote address and Q & A <i>Theresa Peterson</i>
6:55 pm	Safety session – Julie Matweyou
7:10 pm	Small group session: Networking
7:45 pm	Reconvene, wrap-up, and next steps
8:00 pm	End for the day

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

5:00 pm	<i>Drop-in time networking – optional</i>
	THE BUSINESS OF FISHING
6:00 pm	Business of fishing <i>Lea Klingert, Commercial Fishing and Agriculture Bank</i> <i>Ryan Beason, CPA, Elgee-Rehfeld</i> <i>Susan Erickson, Petersburg-Wrangell Insurance</i>
7:15 pm	Safety session – Sunny Rice
7:30 pm	Business panel discussion and Q & A
8:00 pm	End for the day

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

5:00 pm	<i>Drop-in time for business questions/discussion – optional</i> <i>Kathy Hansen, Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance: Risk management and insurance</i> <i>Maddie Lightsey, Alaska Boats and Permits: Buying, owning and selling boats; quota and permits</i> <i>Sandee Holst, Alaska Division of Economic Development: Financing your operation</i>
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Wednesday, December 8, 2021 (cont.)

**MAKING YOUR VOICE HEARD IN FISHERIES
MANAGEMENT IN THE COVID ERA**

6:00 pm **Panel: Why a young fisherman should get involved**
Frances Leach, United Fishermen of Alaska
John Jensen, Board of Fish and North Pacific Fishery Management Council
Duncan Fields, Shoreside Consulting
Fritz Johnson, Bristol Bay fisherman, former Board of Fisheries member

6:40 pm **How you can get involved**
Glenn Haight, Alaska Department of Fish and Game
Diana Evans, North Pacific Fishery Management Council

7:00 pm **Safety Session** – *Jerry Dzugan, Alaska Marine Safety Education Association*

7:15 pm **Small group session: Crafting written and oral testimony**

7:45 pm **Reconvene, wrap-up and next steps**

8:00 pm **End for the day**

Thursday, December 9, 2021

5:00 pm *Drop-in time for discussion about current North Pacific Fishery Management Council and Board of Fisheries proposals – optional*

COMMERCIAL FISHING IN THE ERA OF CLIMATE CHANGE

6:00 pm **Current state of science on climate change and fisheries**
Curry Cunningham, UAF College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences

6:25 pm **Q & A on salmon and climate change**
Curry Cunningham, UAF College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences
Gary Freitag, Alaska Sea Grant Professor Emeritus;
Pacific Salmon Commission – Chinook Technical Committee

6:45 pm **Safety Session** – *Gabe Dunham*

7:00 pm **Panel: How do we fish sustainably**
Linda Behnken, Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association
Darius Kasprzak, F/V Marona, Alaska Jig Association
Cory Lescher, Alaska Bering Sea Crabbers

7:30 pm **Small group session: Sustaining your fishing operation**

7:50 pm **Evaluations**

8:00 pm **End of 2021 Alaska Young Fishermen's Summit**

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Thank you, Beverly Bradley



Beverly Bradley, Alaska Sea Grant's Marine Advisory Program Coordinator, retired on November 30 after more than 35 years of service to the University of Alaska, and 22 years with the Alaska Sea Grant Marine Advisory Program. Beverly has played a key organizing and support role for the Alaska Young Fishermen's Summit since its inception in 2007. The 2021 Alaska Young Fishermen's Summit is the last to involve Beverly's behind-the-scenes organization, communications, and planning support.

Over the years, and through many changes, Beverly has brought stability, her positive attitude and a strong work ethic to supporting the Marine Advisory Program and its outreach and education mission. Beverly has played a vital role in the programmatic activities and accomplishments of the Marine Advisory Program, contributing her ideas and expertise not only to the Alaska Young Fishermen's Summit, but to many other ongoing outreach efforts including the Alaska Seafood Processing Leadership Institute, the Western Alaska Interdisciplinary Science Conference, and the Kodiak Area Marine Science Symposium.

We are grateful for Beverly's service and contributions to Alaska Sea Grant, the Marine Advisory Program, and the Alaska Young Fishermen's Summit.

Thank you also to Alaska Sea Grant's Dawn Montano, Dave Partee, Anne Gore and Jared Jeffrey for all you do to help make AYFS happen.

