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**To:** Erin Reinders, City Manager, JR Pierson, Asst. Manager, Mayor Tutikoff, & Unalaska City Council Members

**Subject:** Fishery activities during the past week.

### **May Activities**

Last week was kind of slow after a lot of meeting on Monday and Tuesday that I reported on last week last week. Thursday morning the Bering Sea Fisheries Research Foundation (BSFRF) held there May meeting they covered a host of issues including a NPFMC Crab Plan Team Meeting update for the Board of Directors the was update on the potential impacts of NOAA not doing the crab surveys which we found out later in the week that was going to be the case. The Crab Plan Team and ADFG seemed in favor of using the 2019 survey data and catch information from this year's harvest if it could be incorporated in to the 2019 survey data. The board also was updated on the upcoming tagging study for Bristol Bay Red King Crab the FV Provider has been awarded the charter. The BSFRF will be in involved with the sail drones charter this fall to hopefully gather the data from the crab tagged by the FV Provider.

The board discussed and was supportive to start planning on having and Opilio Tanner (Snow Crab) workshop with crab harvesters, processors, ADFG, and NOAA involved in the workshop. The focus would be on the harvester models used on stock assessments, and the impacts of lowering the harvest size limit from 4 inches to 3.75inches. The planning committee will be appointed and it hopefully the workshop will be held in the fall. The Board was notified that the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute (ASMI) completed this year's Crab fisheries Certified Seafood Collaborative Certificate.

Late on Friday I was alerted by Scott Goodman Executive Director of the BSFRF that Bob Foy of NOAA he is the Director of NOAA Alaska Science Center he had announced that all five major Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea Aleutian Island surveys would not be done due to issues with the Covid-19 virus. On Saturday I with Mr. Foy the Director of the NOAA Alaska Science Center he is a longtime friend from his years running the Kodiak NOAA facility. He stated that they would provide data from last year's surveys, observer information, and this year's harvest data. Then it would be up to North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC) to determine what to do with the data available and how to set quota allocations for 2021 season in December. We will have more information in late June after the Groundfish Science Team meets.

Regards

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