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Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association and Alaska Sustainable Fisheries Trust host Fall Virtual Fishermen's EXPO, free educational workshops for local commercial and subsistence fishermen of all gear types

The Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association (ALFA) and the Alaska Sustainable Fisheries Trust (ASFT) are hosting a Fall Fishermen's EXPO on November 9th to provide educational workshops and training to new and experienced local fishermen as well as others with interest in the fishing sector. **During this EXPO all the workshops and presentations will be offered virtually.**

Commercial and subsistence fishermen of all gear types will have the opportunity to attend free and interactive classes on permit and quota purchasing, gear recycling, [Energy Transitions Initiative Partnership Project](#) updates, PredictWind updates, marine mammal deterrents and proposed regulations, mental health and commercial fishing, harmful algae blooms and more. Presenters include Maddie Lightsey with Alaska Boats and Permits, Nick Olsen from PredictWind, Nicole Baker with Net Your Problem, Leann Fay with AMSEA, Kim Raum-Suryan with NOAA, Michael Lammert with the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, Julie Matweyou with Alaska Sea Grant, Steve Kibler with NOAA, Lange Solberg with Deckhand Electronic Logbook, and Lauren Mitchell on the Advisory Panel with NPFMC.

Attendees are welcome to participate in as many sessions as they are able. Raffle prizes are available for those that attend sessions.

Please reach out to Natalie Sattler at program.director@alfafish.org or 907-738-1286 with any questions. Visit alfafish.org for a full schedule of events and to register. All presentations will provide time for questions.

This series is part of a push by ALFA and ASFT to provide resources and educational opportunities for fishermen, especially those who are just starting out in the industry. "Thanks to the support of our sponsors and ALFA's membership, we are able to offer these workshops free and open to the public," says ALFA executive director Linda Behnken.

ALFA is an alliance of small-boat, commercial fishermen that support sustainable fisheries and thriving coastal communities by involving fishermen in research, advocacy and conservation initiatives.

ASFT is a non-profit dedicated to strengthening fishing communities and marine resources through research, education and economic opportunity.

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