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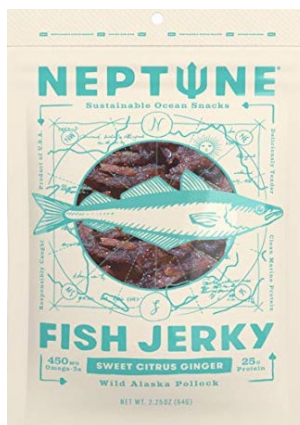
Winners of Alaska Symphony of Seafood Unveiled at Awards Ceremony

Wrangell, Alaska (February 28, 2022) – The Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation (AFDF) announced the winners of the Alaska Symphony of Seafood during the Awards Ceremony on Thursday, February 24th, in Juneau, where contestants, industry representatives, media and public attendees gathered to celebrate and toast the winners. This event was co-hosted by United Fishermen of Alaska (UFA).

The Symphony is an annual contest for new value-added products made from Alaska seafood. The goal of the Alaska Symphony of Seafood is to increase the value of Alaska’s seafood by encouraging product development which diversifies markets, utilizes more of the resources and reduces fish waste. This year, two new categories were added, Salmon and Whitefish, as well as a new award, **Bristol Bay Choice**, in cooperation with the Symphony’s major sponsor and partner, Bristol Bay Regional Seafood Development Association (BBRSDA).

This year’s first place winners in each category include:

- **RETAIL:** Echo Falls Wild Alaskan Smoked Salmon – Tapas Sliced – Mediterranean by [Ocean Beauty Seafoods](#)
- **FOODSERVICE:** Alaska Grown Ribbon Kelp by [Seagrove Kelp Company](#)
- **BEYOND THE PLATE:** Deep Blue Sea Bath Soak by [Waterbody](#)
- **SALMON:** Echo Falls Wild Alaskan Smoked Salmon – Tapas Sliced – Mediterranean by [Ocean Beauty Seafoods](#)
- **WHITEFISH:** Cracked Pepper, Wild Alaska Pollock Jerky – [Neptune Snacks](#)
- **BRISTOL BAY CHOICE:** Wild Caught Bristol Bay Sockeye Salmon – [Alaskan Leader Seafoods](#)





GRAND PRIZE, awarded to the product that received the highest overall score, went to **Deep Blue Sea Bath Soak** by [Waterbody](#).

The **PEOPLE'S CHOICE**, awarded to the product with the most votes from attendees at the two open house events was awarded to:

- **SEATTLE PEOPLE'S CHOICE:** **Wild Caught Alaska Black Cod in Japanese Miso Marinade** by [Alaskan Leader Seafoods](#)
- **JUNEAU PEOPLE'S CHOICE:** **Wild Caught Alaska Black Cod in Japanese Miso Marinade** by [Alaskan Leader Seafoods](#)

The first-place winners from each category and the Grand Prize winner will receive booth space at the distinguished Seafood Expo North America in March, entry into the national new products competition, Seafood Excellence Award, as well as airfare to and from the show provided by our sponsor, Alaska Air Cargo.

Julie Decker, executive director of AFD, explained a first for the Symphony. *"For the first time, we are especially proud to say that three of the Symphony's first place winners [are in the top ten finalists in the Seafood Excellence Awards](#), a national competition held by the Seafood Expo North America. This demonstrates that the Alaska seafood industry is a national leader in product innovation and that the Alaska Symphony of Seafood is an excellent path to a national stage."*



Representatives from BBRSDA present the Bristol Bay Choice to Alaskan Leader Seafoods.

"Considering the strong competitors this year, our team at Alaskan Leader Seafoods is humbled but elated to have won People's Choice in both Seattle and Juneau, as well as the inaugural Bristol Bay Choice! We are super excited to roll out these two new products in Boston. Thanks to Alaska Symphony of Seafood for launching us!" said Keith Singleton, President of Value-Added Division at Alaskan Leader Seafoods.

The Grand Prize winner, Angie Flickinger said, *"I am so honored and grateful for Waterbody to win this award. I am excited to be part of a growing movement toward developing products, markets and economic opportunities around regenerative kelp farming in Alaska."*

The Alaska Symphony of Seafood kicked off on November 17, 2021 in Seattle. The competition enlists chefs and industry experts to pick the best new seafood products each year. In Seattle, the judges tasted, deliberated, and scored all the products. Evaluation was based on the products' packaging and presentation, overall eating experience, price and potential for commercial success. First place winners were announced on November 18, 2021 during the Pacific Marine Expo. All

winners, including Grand Prize, were announced on Feb 24th in Juneau. Second and third places in each category included:

- **FOODSERVICE:**
 - 2nd Place – SEA LEGS Redi Shred Surimi Seafood by Trident Seafoods
 - 3rd Place – Nacho Cheese Dipper by Trident Seafoods
- **RETAIL:**
 - 2nd Place – Spicy Arrabiata by Foraged & Found LLC
 - 3rd Place – Alaskan BBQ Sauce by Barnacle Foods
- **BEYOND THE PLATE:**
 - 2nd Place – AlaSkin Dog Treats by AlaSkins
 - 3rd Place – Pure Catch Wild Alaska Salmon Oil by Trident Seafoods
- **SALMON:**
 - 2nd Place – Wild Caught Bristol Bay Sockeye Salmon by Alaskan Leaders Seafoods
 - 3rd Place – Ocean Beauty Brand Wild Alaska Cedar Wrapped Salmon – Citrus Dill by Ocean Beauty Seafoods
- **WHITEFISH:**
 - 2ND Place – Food Truck Inspired Appetizers: Dill Pickle by Trident Seafoods
 - 3rd Place – Wild Caught Alaska Black Cod in Japanese Miso Marinade by Alaskan Leader Seafoods

This years' panel of judges included: Monica George (Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute), Jessica Hathaway (National Fishermen), Tomi Marsh (Fishes and Dishes Cookbook), BT Thompson (Rogge), Susan Chesney (National Fisherman, retired), Lilani Dunn (Bristol Bay Regional Seafood Development Association), Chris Sannito (Alaska Sea Grant), Thomas Sheridan (Sheridan Consulting), Annie Thenell (Catering Consultant), and Cynthia Nims (Mon Appetit LLC).

Thank you, Sponsors!

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For more information about this annual event and a complete list of this year's winners and sponsors, go to: www.afdf.org/symphoy-of-seafood/.

About the Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation

Founded in 1978, AFDF is dedicated to identifying common opportunities in the Alaska seafood industry and developing efficient, sustainable outcomes that provide benefits to the economy, environment and communities. For more information, visit www.afdf.org. For more information about the Symphony, visit www.afdf.org/symphony-of-seafood/.