Governor Dunleavy issued Mandate 017, to enact protective measures for independent commercial fishing vessels operating within Alaskan waters and ports in order to prevent, slow, and otherwise disrupt the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19.

**Mandate 17 is effective April 24, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. and will be reevaluated by May 20, 2020.**

Mandate 17 establishes standardized protective measures to be followed by all catcher and tender vessels operating in Alaskan waters and ports that are not covered under a fleet-wide plan submitted by a company, association, or entity that represents a fleet of vessels.

Mandate 17 does not apply to skiffs operating from shore; protective measures for those vessels will be provided under separate guidance. However, these fishermen are currently required to comply with other COVID-19 mandates, such as Mandate 10 which states that: “All people arriving in Alaska, whether resident, worker or visitor, are required to self-quarantine for 14 days and monitor for illness.”

Several other mandates and health alerts are referenced in Mandate 17 and you can find links to them below. **It is important that independent vessel operators obtain and study Mandate 17 and all of its associated documents, to ensure that they are up to speed on each of the new requirements.**

**Questions about Mandate 17 should be directed to:** Tom Koloski thomas.koloski@alaska.gov (907)428-7022, or Jason Wiard jason.wiard@alaska.gov (907)465-5163.

It is likely that these mandates will continue to evolve as the COVID-19 pandemic runs its course. We encourage you to stay informed.

**LINKS**

**Governor Dunleavy’s Press Briefing on Mandate 17 Fishing Protective Plans, April 23, 2020**

- **Mandate 17** Protective Measures for Independent Fishing Vessels FAQ
- **Appendix 01** Alaska Protective Plan for Commercial Fishing Vessels
- **Appendix 02** Mandate 017 Acknowledgement Form
- **Mandate 10** Travel and Self-Quarantine FAQ
- **Mandate 11** - Social Distancing FAQ
- **Mandate 12** In-State Travel FAQ
- **All COVID-19 FAQs** – updated regularly
- **Health Alert 10** Face Masks **CDC Face Mask Guidance** (‘no sew’ ideas)
- All **Health Mandates** & **Health Alerts**

For the latest information on COVID-19, visit: covid19.alaska.gov

**United Fishermen of Alaska COVID-19 Resource Guide**