COVID-19 Mandatory Quarantine and Independent Commercial Fishing and Tender Operations Protective Plans

UPDATED: May 16, 2020

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.

Amendments to Mandate 17 were announced on May 15th and are effective until further notice.

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

<u>Appendix 1</u> Rules for independent catcher and tender vessels; and, catcher-processing vessels that average 5,000 pounds or <u>less</u> of processed product per day (see <u>Mandate 10</u>, <u>App.1</u>).

<u>Appendix 2</u> Revised form acknowledging compliance with the mandate to be signed by vessel captains and shorebased site managers; a copy must be given to each tender or processor prior to the first sale.

Appendix 3 New rules for shorebased fishing operations (e.g. setnet and dive fisheries).

Several other mandates and health alerts are referenced in Mandate 17 and you can find links to them below. It is important that fishermen and tender operators obtain and study Mandate 17 and all of its associated documents, to ensure that they are informed and implementing the relevant requirements.

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

These mandates will continue to evolve as the COVID-19 pandemic runs its course. We encourage you to check the links below regularly.

LINKS

Governor Dunleavy's Press Briefing on Mandate 17 Fishing Protective Plans, May 15, 2020

Mandate 17 Protective Measures for Independent Fishing Vessels Letter Template for Crew Travel

Appendix 01 Alaska Protective Plan for Commercial Fishing Vessels ISSUED 4/23/20

Appendix 02 Mandate 017 Acknowledgement Form UPDATED 5/16/20

Appendix 03 Shorebased Fishing Operations NEW 5/16/20

Mandate 10 Travel and Self-Quarantine / Seafood Processing FAQ UPDATED 5/15/20 Travel Declaration Form

Mandate 18 Intrastate Travel ISSUED 5/11/20 - Supersedes Mandate 012 and Mandate 016-Att.M

Health Alert 10 Face Masks CDC Face Mask Guidance ('no sew' ideas)

All COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) – updated regularly

All Health Mandates / Health Alerts

Alaska Essential Services and Critical Workforce Infrastructure Order AMENDED 3/27/20

State of Alaska COVID-19 Updates

United Fishermen of Alaska COVID-19 Resource Guide / Alaska Marine Safety Education Association COVID-19 Page

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