

AGENDA

Meeting: International Commercial Fishing PFD Working Group
 Attendees: List of Attendees in Zoom Invitation
 Date: Wednesday, September 8, 2021
 Time: 11:00am-12:00pm EST
 Location: <https://bassett.zoom.us/j/96919919663?pwd=cGwvR21aNnJNY3dYSmwrQmVYVppZz09>

<i>Discussion Topic</i>	<i>Presenter</i>	<i>Time</i>
- <i>Welcome and Introductions</i>	Julie Sorensen	5 min
- <i>General Updates</i>	Jennifer Lincoln	5 min
- <i>Bristol Bay Reserve Efforts to Promote PFD Use in Alaska Drift Gillnet Fishery</i>	Alaska Bristol Bay Panel	20 min
- <i>Topics of Interest</i>	Open Discussion	25 min
- <i>Next Steps</i>	Julie Sorensen	5 min

Description

Review of Bristol Bay Reserve Efforts to Promote PFD Use in the Alaska Bristol Bay Drift Gillnet Sockeye Salmon Fishery

This discussion centers upon the Bristol Bay Reserve's (a member owned marine insurance pool) efforts to promote the wearing of PFDs among fishermen within the largest wild sockeye salmon fishery in the world. Panelists for the discussion include representatives from Bristol Bay Reserve and fishery participants. The panel will describe the fishery, the hazards within the fishery, and discuss the role of vessel insurance as a way to promote PFD use across a wide array of vessel operators and crew.

Panel Moderator:

Chris Woodley – Is the Executive Director of Groundfish Forum, a fishing industry trade association and



was a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Fishing Vessel Safety Advisory Committee from 2015- 2020. He is a retired U.S. Coast Guard Captain with two decades of experience in commercial fishing vessel safety.

Panelists:

Katie Enslow – Is the manager and CFO of Bristol Bay Reserve, a member owned marine insurance pool, and Purse Seine Vessel Owner’s Association (PSVOA), a non-profit marine trade association.

Jason Kohlhasse – Commercial Fishermen – Jason is a long time Bristol Bay Reserve Board member. Jason has owned and operated drift gillnet vessels in Bristol Bay, AK and larger vessels in Southeast Alaska for more than 20 years.

Darrin Manor – Commercial Fishermen – Darrin has owned and operated drift gillnet vessels in Bristol Bay, AK for more than 20 years. Darrin is a long-time Bristol Bay Reserve Board member. He also serves on Board of NPFVOA, which provides safety awareness and education to commercial fishing industry.

Background

International Commercial Fishing PFD Working Group

In 2018, researchers from around the world assembled in St. John’s, Newfoundland to attend IFISH5 [The International Fishing Industry Safety and Health Conference], the only international conference dedicated to fishing, aquaculture, and seafood processing occupational health and safety. The conference was organized by the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health, Memorial University and the Northeast Center (NEC) and offered participants from many backgrounds and disciplines an opportunity to attend keynote lectures, workshops, presentations, and poster sessions on commercial fishing safety research.

During the 2018 conference, the Northeast Center partnered with national and international commercial fishing safety researchers to organize a panel discussion entitled “Changing Commercial Fishing Personal Flotation Use Behavior: what can we learn from efforts to address the most important safety technology adoption challenge of our time?”. The panel was well attended and safety researchers who participated strongly advocated for keeping the conversation and collaboration going. The NEC agreed to organize an international work group of commercial fishing researchers interested in the topic of lifejacket use and since then the number of attendees has grown considerably. The group includes over 60 international researchers, safety trainers, and interested parties.

The group meets quarterly with a virtual platform, to build connections with other researchers, share resources, and further collaborations among individuals, organizations and countries seeking to increase PFD use in commercial fishing. Recordings of recent presentations may be found on the IFISH website: <https://ifishconference.ca/pfd-work-group/>

Anyone interested in learning more about this international group of commercial fishing safety researchers should contact rebecca.weil@bassett.org.

Next Meeting 2021

December 8, 2021