



# COOK INLET FISHERMAN'S FUND

Non-profit Advocate for all Commercial Fishing Gear Types in Area H  
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To: Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly:

The Cook Inlet Fisherman's Fund is the oldest commercial fishing organization located within the Cook Inlet basin and represents over 390 active members. The membership is comprised of all user groups including but not limited to, Drift Gill Net, Set Gill Net, Seiners and Halibut Long Liners. This organization has been successfully representing not only commercial fishing interests within Cook Inlet, but also represents the interests of all families of the commercial fishing support industries. Our organization is the only such entity in Cook Inlet whose membership is made up of all users, united together for a common cause.

Our main goal and organizational mission is to create sustainable jobs and opportunities within the Cook Inlet region. We believe that these goals include the oil and gas industries. We believe that all phases of oil and gas exploration, development and production should go forward in an environmentally responsible manner that allows for the maximization of resource development while protecting the existing historical commercial fishing industry in Cook Inlet.

The Cook Inlet Fisherman's Fund supports oil and gas development in the Federal Outer Continental Shelf waters of Cook Inlet under the five points of the Tri Borough Resolution that include some additional conditions set forth by our organization:

1. No off-shore loading of tankers.
2. Specific plans to minimize and avoid commercial fishing gear conflicts with the exploration and development of Oil and Gas.
3. The oil and gas exploration companies shall have adequate spill prevention and response capabilities.
4. Identification of specific critical habitat areas as well as the means to protect them.
5. Provisions for local government revenue sharing.
6. That the commercial fishermen do not lose any fishing opportunities, time or any of their historical fishing grounds.

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