Join us in Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of ASOS!

The Alaska Symphony of Seafood (ASOS) is a competition for new commercial-ready products made from Alaska seafood in three categories. The ASOS was created by AFDF to encourage new product development from seafood harvested in Alaska.

The 2013 event will mark the 20th Anniversary of the ASOS, during which over 350 unique products have been entered by small, medium and large companies. This competition has encouraged millions of pounds of Alaska seafood to be sold as value-added products, maximizing the value of Alaska resources.

ECONOMIC FACT
In 2009, the seafood industry contributed $4.6 BILLION to Alaska’s economy.

The 2012 Grand Prize Winner was Tustumena Smokehouse from Soldotna with “Kylee’s Alaska Salmon Bacon”.

The 2012 First Place Winner for Food Service was awarded to American Pride Seafoods.

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The high cost of fuel is a challenge that affects the entire seafood industry. It not only factors into bottom line profits, but can also determine whether a fishing trip or an investment in product development can occur.

The Alaska seafood industry still has areas to be developed, but fuel costs need to be addressed in order to make some of these developments achievable. Because of the importance of this issue to future development and its commonality to the entire seafood industry, AFDF has determined to put a long term emphasis on addressing energy issues.

In regards to energy efficiency, AFDF is collaborating with the University of Alaska Sea Grant Marine Advisory Program and the Alaska Energy Authority in order to develop practical ways for the seafood industry to address high fuel costs, such as:

- Fishing Vessel Energy Audit Pilot Project
- Third-party testing of existing technologies which increase efficiency
- Identification and/or development of new technologies suitable for the industry

**DID YOU KNOW?**

In 1987, AFDF held its first seminar on fish oil, and in 2012 (25 years later) the OMEGA-3 industry will reach $2 Billion.


Approximately 2.75 billion pounds of fish waste is produced annually in Alaska. In 2009, AFDF produced a video documentary, which promotes the continued development of fish waste into high value nutraceuticals. This video and others can be viewed at www.afdf.org.

- Over 350 unique new products developed & entered into the Alaska Symphony of Seafood.
- Continued research into new product development from further utilization of fish waste incorporating economies of scale.
- Reducing energy costs through increased efficiency using audits, new technologies, & operational changes.
- Investigating alternative fuels such as biogas and biodiesel from fish waste and/or algae.
- MSC Certification of Pacific Cod Fishery. MSC Certification of Salmon Fishery - final year as client in 2012.
- Promotion of public benefits from the seafood industry.
- Reduction of halibut & salmon by-catch in the pollock fishery.
- Delineation of workforce development needs for the seafood industry & support sector (maritime) to guide a strategic plan for state & federal agencies.
- Advocacy on behalf of the seafood industry.
- Arctic developments - promotion of research and innovative policies needed for future new fisheries in U.S. Arctic waters.