## Seattle Fishermen's Memorial Stakeholder Survey

The Seattle Fishermen's Memorial was erected in 1988 at Seattle's Fishermen's Terminal. The Memorial has become a place of community solidarity commemorating departed commercial fishermen and women, and a site of remembrance and healing for those who lost a loved one at sea. The Memorial's plaque reads: "THE SEATTLE FISHERMEN'S MEMORIAL: Dedicated on October 8, 1988 as a tribute to the men, women, their families, and members of the fishing community who have suffered the loss of life at sea."

The Seattle Fishermen's Memorial Board strives to embody the Memorial's mission by supporting lost fishermen's families. The Board also provides and sponsors training for local fishermen to recognize and mitigate the dangers of the profession.

With this in mind, we are asking our constituent members for feedback regarding the nature and scope of benefits currently offered through the Seattle Fisherman's Memorial Board. We wish to ensure that the mission and purpose of the Seattle Fisherman's Memorial coincides with the consensus desires and intent of our stakeholders.

## The Seattle Fishermen's Memorial currently offers the following services and benefits:

- Helping loved ones through the grieving process
  - Since 1993 the Board has offered families of lost fishermen no cost grief counseling to help them through their loss.
- Easing financial burdens through scholarship programs.
  - Currently scholarship eligibility is limited to immediate family members of lost fishermen, or individuals who were financially dependent on them when they died. The fisherman must be on the Memorial or eligible for inclusion on it for family member eligibility.
- Maintaining the Seattle Fishermen's Memorial and adjacent spaces.
- Promoting fishing safety.
  - Promoting safety by reimbursing eligible vessel owners and crew members up to 50% of the cost for emergency response training. The program focuses on vessels with smaller crews.

## **Evaluation/reassessment of services and benefits offered:**

In providing services and benefits similar to those outlined above for nearly 30 years, and having the resources and support to do so, the Seattle Fishermen's Memorial is unique among United States fishermen's memorials. The Memorial's annual expenditures toward the benefits and services provided have generally coincided with annual income from fund raising. In order to preserve the sustainability of the Memorial's mission, the Memorial's Board of Directors has striven to maintain a balance between annual income and expenditures. Considering the



Memorial's historical mission as implemented and anticipating potentially evolving funding sources, the Board is soliciting feedback from the Memorial's stakeholders regarding the nature of services and benefits provided, and vision for the Memorial going forward.

The Memorial Board requests that you please participate in its survey, available by following this link: <u>Seattle Fishermen's Memorial Stakeholder Survey</u>.

This survey should take no more than 3-5 minutes. Thank you for taking the time to give us some feedback on the programs and we look forward to continued successes for our organization and community.

Thank you,

Seattle Fishermen's Memorial Board

