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Fishermen Donate Catch for Hunger Relief

Anchorage—On Thursday, October 9th, members of the Alaska fishing industry will help prepare and serve a nutritious seafood luncheon, including Alaska pollock and cod, at Bean's Café shelter to 250 hungry men, women and children. The luncheon will be served from Noon to 1:00 p.m. The Bean's Café shelter is located at 1101 East 3rd Avenue in Anchorage.

APA will also provide an additional 200 seafood meals that Bean's Café will deliver to the Muldoon Boys & Girls Club, Safe Harbor, Loussac Manor and Crossroads, local Anchorage agencies providing social services for children, teens and families.

The seafood meals are part of the At-sea Processors Association's (APA's) *Community Catch* program. Through the *Community Catch* program, seven APA fishing companies donate one million seafood meals annually for hunger relief. APA's executive director, Trevor McCabe, said, "Today's lunch at Bean's Café represents the continuing commitment of APA's fishing companies to help end hunger in America by sharing the bountiful Alaska fish harvests. We also hope to highlight the pressing need for citizens to support local charities, such as Bean's Café, that face increasing demands for services."

The Bean's Café shelter is open 365 days a year and serves 500 meals each day to the hungry and the homeless. The Food Bank of Alaska, which supports Bean's Café and will be participating in Thursday's event, is affiliated with America's Second Harvest, the largest domestic hunger relief organization. APA's annual 250,000 lb. seafood donation is provided through America's Second Harvest, which presented APA's *Community Catch* program with the 2002 Special Recognition Award for APA's efforts to fight hunger in America.

The seven APA companies that founded the *Community Catch* program are Alaska Ocean Seafood; American Seafoods Company; Arctic Storm, Inc.; Glacier Fish Company; Highland Light Seafoods; Starbound Ltd. Partnership; and Trident Seafoods.

For further information about APA's Community Catch program, visit the At-sea Processors Association's website at www.atsea.org, or contact Jim Gilmore, APA's Director of Public Affairs, at (202) 661-3975 or by e-mail at jgilmore@atsea.org.



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