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Island Seafoods of Kodiak Recognized for Workplace Safety

JUNEAU, Alaska—Labor and Workforce Development Commissioner Click Bishop approved Island Seafoods of Kodiak for the Alaska Occupational Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program award as a result of outstanding employee safety and health programs.

“Island Seafoods is committed to providing a safe working environment, through training, adherence to safety guidelines and regulations and by promoting a reward system for employee participation in and contribution to maintaining a safe work place,” General Manager John Whiddon said. “Island Seafoods and its parent company, Pacific Seafood Group, have worked to instill a ‘safety culture’ in the workplace that has resulted in a proactive approach to managing safety issues.”

Organizations that partner with AKOSH and achieve SHARP status are likely to experience fewer workplace accidents and reduced workers’ compensation insurance costs.

SHARP is a federal recognition program, administered by the Alaska Occupational Safety and Health Section in the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development’s Standards and Safety Division. Participating employers are excused from programmed AKOSH enforcement inspections during the recognition period. However, employee complaints, accident investigations or other significant incidents will result in enforcement action.

For more information on how a business can become a SHARP participant or to see a list of current participants, visit SHARP online at <http://labor.alaska.gov/lss/OSH-SHARP.htm>, or call SHARP Program Coordinator Jeff Kolean at 907-269-4953 or email Jeffrey.Kolean@Alaska.Gov.

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