



## FISHING VESSEL SAFETY FORUM



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This safety forum addresses issues affecting safety in the commercial fishing industry, as well as strategies for improving safety within the industry related to vessel losses and fatalities. It is intended to raise awareness by promoting an open discussion between the Safety Board and invited panelists drawn from the industry and government on the importance of safety in an occupation considered by many to be the most hazardous industry in the United States.

Seven panels will be presented during the two-day forum. Panelists will be questioned by a technical panel composed of an NTSB Board Member and staff from the Office of Marine Safety.

### For Additional Information

For more information, including the detailed agenda, speaker biographies, archived webcast, presentations, and other materials associated with this safety forum, see the NTSB's website at:

[http://www.nts.gov/events/forum\\_fishing\\_vessel\\_safety/forum\\_fishingvessel\\_safety.htm](http://www.nts.gov/events/forum_fishing_vessel_safety/forum_fishingvessel_safety.htm)

**Note:** presentations and a verbatim transcript of the forum will be available several weeks after the conclusion of the forum.

## Fishing Vessel Safety Forum

Schedule October 13 - 14, 2010

Start		Wednesday October 13, 2010	Start		Thursday October 14, 2010
	09:00 AM	Honorable Robert Sumwalt Chairman, Technical Review Panel Welcome and Opening Statement		<b>Panel 4</b>	<b>Resource Management Influences on Safety</b>
	<b>Panel 1</b>	<b>History of Safety Issues in Commercial Fishing Industry</b>		08:00 AM	Galen Tromble, <i>NMFS</i> Dr. Jennifer Lincoln, <i>NIOSH</i> Steve Hughes, <i>NRC</i> Commander Chris Woodley, <i>USCG</i> Paul Howard, <i>NEFMC</i> Vince O'Shea, <i>ASMFC</i> Geron Bruce, <i>ADF&amp;G</i>
		RADM Kevin Cook, <i>USCG</i> – Keynote Speaker Richard Hiscock, <i>CFIVSAC</i> , <i>Past member</i> Captain Eric Christensen, <i>USCG</i> Dr. Jennifer Lincoln, <i>NIOSH</i> Jerry Dzugan, <i>Chairman CFIVSAC</i> Marcel Ayeko, <i>TSB Canada</i>		<b>Panel 5</b>	<b>Lifesaving Equipment</b>
		<b>Lunch Break</b>			Scott Swanby, <i>PFDMA</i> Tom Thompson, <i>USMSA</i> Dr. Jennifer Lincoln, <i>NIOSH</i> Richard Hiscock, <i>CFIVSAC</i> , <i>Past member</i> Kurt Heinz, <i>USCG</i>
	<b>Panel 2</b>	<b>Vessel Related Safety Issues</b>			<b>Lunch Break</b>
		Joe Riva, <i>ABS</i> Tom Gruber, <i>ABS</i> Eric Blumhagen, <i>Jensen Maritime Consultants</i> Alan Davis, <i>American Seafoods</i> Craig Cross, <i>Aleutian Spray Fisheries</i> Troy Tirrell,, <i>SAMS</i> Dick Frenzel, <i>NAMS</i>		<b>Panel 6</b>	<b>Training</b>
	<b>Panel 3</b>	<b>Fishermen's Perspective on Safety Issues</b>			Leslie Hughes, <i>NPFVOA</i> Jerry Dzugan, <i>AMSEA</i> Gina Johansen, <i>Fish Safe BC</i> Rodney Avila, <i>New Bedford Consortium</i> John O'Leary, <i>Chesapeake Marine Training Inst.</i> Jack Kemerer, <i>USCG</i>
		Fred Mattera, <i>Point Club</i> Jimmy Ruhle, <i>CFA</i> Elliott Thomas, <i>Maine CFSC</i> Mark Vinsel, <i>UFA</i> Mickey Johnson, <i>Southern Shrimp Alliance</i> Tim Vincent, <i>NPFVOA</i>		<b>Panel 7</b>	<b>Fishermen's Perspective on Safety Issues</b>
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	05:00 PM	End of Day 1		04:45 PM	Honorable Robert Sumwalt Closing Remarks