

ASMI's Riutta Fixin' to Retire

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The Alaska

Seafood Marketing Institute is looking for a new executive director. Ray Riutta, who's been at the organization for 10 years, will be stepping down at the end of the year.

-- (ASMI 1 retire.)	12 sec	"Yeah, I'm going to retire ... this time, and actually
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Riutta

spent 38-years in the U.S. Coast Guard before taking the ASMI job, which he's held for 10 years.. He will retire to Redmond, Washington, which he says is conveniently close to family:

-- (ASMI 2 drive to.)	21 sec	"Grand kids are front and center ... go places I can
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Before he
leaves though, he says he's assisting in the vetting of applicants for the ASMI
board of directors to look at:

-- (ASMI 3 17 sec "I'm pulling together all the ... the board that decides
that.")

ASMI's
communications director, Tyson Fick, says Riutta's boots will tough to fill:

-- (ASMI 4 9 sec "Golly, he's sure going to be ... the state of Alaska
as a whole.")

Riutta says
ASMI hopes to make a selection in August, and have the new executive director
on the job in September to train with him during a two- or three-month
transition period.

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