

SWAMC Gets Earful on Fisheries

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The Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference held its Annual Economic Summit and Membership Meeting on January 29th and 30th at the Hotel Captain Cook in Anchorage.

Kodiak City councilman Terry Haines was in attendance at the meeting's fish forum. KMXT's Erik Wander has more.

Haines said Doctor John Lynham of the University of Hawaii, Doctor Seth Macinko (Muh-SINK-oh) of the University of Rhode Island and Arne Fluglvog (Flugle-vog), Senator Lisa Murkowski's fisheries advisor, offered their perspectives and the federal government's position on rationalization programs at the meeting.

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sec. "Dr.
Lynham told us ... something that is killing you.")

Haines said it's important for Kodiak to develop a unified fisheries policy that addresses the concepts of catch shares and privatization in order to understand how they can best benefit Kodiak.

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sec. "We
need to start work ... important to us as a community.")

Haines said Fluglvog reported at the meeting that the Obama administration is in favor

of catch shares. But he said it is vital for fishing communities like Kodiak to share their experiences in helping shape a national policy.

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sec. "The
Obama administration loves ... as it goes forward.")

At
a joint Borough Assembly and City Council work session Tuesday evening, Borough Mayor Jerome Selby strongly agreed that Kodiak needs a community fishery policy statement as did several other Borough and City officials. I'm Erik Wander.

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