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## APICDA Announces New Director of Seafood Operations

*Grant Mirick has accepted a key executive management role leading all seafood operation efforts.*

**Anchorage, Alaska** – Aleutian Pribilof Island Community Development Association (APICDA) is pleased to announce that Grant Mirick has been hired to lead all of APICDA's seafood operations and assume responsibility for the overall success of quality, production and sales throughout our family of vertically integrated companies.

Grant has extensive experience in all aspects of the fishing industry in Alaska and Washington, in addition to a background in sales and value added product development in China, Japan and Thailand. He most recently served at Welmar Pacific as their Vice President of Operations. Grant is very comfortable working for an organization dedicated to community development; he spent 13 years at Kodiak Salmon Packers' facility in Larsen Bay, Alaska and was responsible for community outreach and joint projects for the village.

"Grant is going to be a good fit for APICDA. He has all the practical experience necessary in the industry to succeed in his new role and embraces our charitable purpose to strengthen the local economies of our member communities. Grant is well prepared to meet the challenges of this position that oversees APICDA's subsidiaries that include Cannon Fish Company, APICDA Vessels, Inc., Bering Pacific Seafoods and Atka Pride Seafoods," explained Larry Cotter, APICDA CEO.

APICDA's purpose is to develop stable local economies based upon the fishing industry in each of our communities. Stable economies provide employment opportunities for local residents, tax revenue for local governments, economic growth in the community and region, a higher standard of living and a reduction in social problems.

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APICDA is one of six Western Alaska Community Development Quota (CDQ) Corporations established in 1992. The CDQ program allocates a percentage of all Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands quotas for groundfish, halibut and crab to eligible CDQ Groups. APICDA and its subsidiary companies generate proceeds through the management of those quotas and uses proceeds to achieve its charitable purpose. APICDA's member communities are Akutan, Atka, False Pass, Nelson Lagoon, Nikolski and St. George.