



Press Release

American Seafoods Responds to Positive COVID-19 Test in Crew Member

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SEATTLE, WA –(May 30, 2020) American Seafoods Company has reported that a crew member from one of its fishing vessels has tested positive for COVID-19. The crew member reported to the vessel medic while the vessel was in port and was promptly taken ashore to be evaluated. American Seafoods is closely monitoring the situation and providing support to the crew member.

“This crew member has our full support, and we are focused on getting them treatment,” said American Seafoods CEO Mikel Durham. According to Durham, 100% of crew members were screened and tested before they boarded a vessel. Pre-season tests were conducted through the University of Washington.

“American Seafoods is cooperating with the U.S. Coast Guard, the CDC, and state and local health departments to ensure the crew and communities in which we operate are alerted and getting any care required,” Durham said. “We undertook extensive planning and sought the best advice to prevent COVID-19 from entering our vessels.”

“The health and safety of our crew, employees, and the communities where we operate is always the top priority for us. Prior to sailing, all crew members were quarantined for a minimum of 5 days,” Durham continued. “They were screened for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and tested for COVID-19 antibodies and viral infection. Only if there were no signs that they were actively infected or contagious were they cleared to board their vessel.”

Each American Seafoods vessel has a plan to mitigate the impact of any potential illness and to ensure that on-board crew receive appropriate care in the event of infection. Each vessel is equipped with an isolation room and a supply of medical equipment that is appropriate for a COVID-19 response. This includes surgical and N95 masks, protective gowns and face shields or goggles, thermometers, pulse oximeters, and medication. Contracted medics are aboard each vessel to assist with COVID-19 monitoring and care. Additionally, telemedicine capabilities are in place so that on-board safety teams can receive real-time guidance and advice from onshore medical professionals, if needed.

The affected crew member was working aboard the AMERICAN DYNASTY which departed from Seattle on May 13, 2020.

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About American Seafoods – Based in Seattle, WA and Dutch Harbor, AK, American Seafoods maintains a fleet of six vessels that use leading-edge technology to fish for a variety of species in sustainably managed fisheries of the North Pacific Ocean and the Bering Sea. Regular equipment upgrades and pioneering fishing practices help improve efficiencies and minimize environmental impact. Crew aboard the vessels process, package, and quickly freeze every product while still at sea ensuring high quality for the consumer. Additional information on the company is available at www.americanseafoods.com