



## Press Release

### Some Crew Test Positive for COVID-19 on Northern Jaeger and American Triumph

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**BELLINGHAM, WA** – (*June 5, 2020*) American Seafoods reported today that 25 crew members on two different fishing vessels tested positive for COVID-19. The ships currently are at anchor in Bellingham Bay and are expected to depart for their home port of Seattle either this evening or tomorrow (Saturday) morning. Crew members testing positive have been placed in quarantine off the vessels.

While most of the crew on the two vessels, the Northern Jaeger and the American Triumph, tested negative, there were four positives on the Triumph and 21 on the Northern Jaeger. Each of the vessels has a crew of more than 110 individuals.

“We will make sure those crew members in quarantine receive proper medical attention, housing, meals, and other essential care, and help them stay in contact with their families,” said Mikel Durham, the company’s CEO.

She continued: “We have sought advice on how to improve our crew safety net. We have extended the quarantine before going to sea to 14 days, and we will require two negative PCR (nasal swab) tests before crew members can board or re-board a vessel. We continue to work with our public health partners to make appropriate adjustments to our protocols based on the growing body of knowledge about this virus.”

Before going to sea in mid-May, all crew members on both vessels were quarantined and tested. Only individuals testing negative were allowed aboard the vessels. American Seafoods incorporated guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), state and local health agencies, and other public health specialists to establish initial screening and testing protocols.

American Seafoods is closely coordinating with a variety of agencies in its response to COVID-19. Those include Whatcom County Health Department, Public Health—Seattle & King County, the CDC, U.S. Coast Guard, Whatcom County Unified Command, and the Ports of Seattle and Bellingham.

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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](http://www.americanseafoods.com)