

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS and NOTICE OF ELECTION
for the
BB-RSDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Nomination Postmark Deadline: February 1, 2012
Voting Postmark Deadline: April 7, 2012

The Bristol Bay Regional Seafood Development Association is calling for nominations from Bristol Bay driftnet (S03T) permit holders to fill two expiring seats on its board of directors.

The elected volunteer board provides financial and policy guidance for the Association and oversees management of the BB-RSDA. The election process is conducted under the terms of the Association's bylaws.

Board Seats: Two board seats are expiring in 2012; each seat has a three year term. Nominees must run for a specific seat. This call for nominations pertains to the following seats:

- Seat B – Alaska resident Incumbent – Chris McDowell
- Seat E – non-Alaska resident Incumbent – Mike LaRussa

The full board consists of seven seats reserved for permit holders in participating gear groups, currently limited to driftnet permit holders (S03T). These seven seats are allocated according to residency; three seats for Alaska residents, two seats for non-residents and two at-large seats.

Call For Nominations: With this notice, the board is soliciting nominations for election to the board. Qualified permit holders may nominate themselves or be nominated by fellow permit holders. Eligible nominees are S03T interim-use and limited entry permit holders as of December 15, 2011 as determined by the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission.

Nomination Materials: The following materials must be submitted by mail (postmarked by February 1, 2012) and, if possible, by email as a Word document.

1. Candidate statement – Identify the seat being sought and a 350 word-maximum campaign statement
2. Contact information – Candidate name, address, phone, email and vessel name
3. Candidate photo - Not required in mailed packet if sent by email.
4. Petition of support – Signed by at least ten (10) S03T permit holders with their S03T permit numbers. Signatures collected by fax are acceptable.

Nominees, candidate statements, photos and contact information will appear on mailed ballots and on the BB-RSDA website. Incomplete nominations cannot be accepted. If a seat receives no nominations, the board will nominate at least one qualified permit holder for that seat.

A complete set of nomination materials (less the photo if it was emailed) must be mailed, **postmarked by February 1, 2012**, to:

Bristol Bay RSDA
1120 Huffman Road, Box 208
Anchorage, Alaska 99515

Please also email the campaign materials (statement, photo and contact information) to info@bbrsda.com

NEW: A short questionnaire will be emailed to each candidate in early February - to be returned to the BB-RSDA within two weeks. That questionnaire is intended to supplement candidate statements and give candidates an opportunity to express their thoughts on issues of interest to BB-RSDA members. Responses will be posted on the website and included in the ballot mailing.

Voting Procedures: Approximately mid-March 2012, ballots, candidate statements and questionnaire responses will be mailed to each eligible permit holder as determined by the AK-CFEC list of S03T interim-use and limited entry permits as of December 15, 2011. Any member (S03T permit holder) may vote for any candidate. Owners of multiple permits may vote each permit. Voting must be done by mail using the supplied ballots and envelopes.

The postmark deadline for returning the ballots is April 7, 2012. An independent accounting firm receives and counts the ballots. Final election results will be available by April 20, 2012. Election results will be posted on the BB-RSDA website at www.bbrsda.com

Please refer to BB-RSDA bylaws and relevant Alaska state law for additional information – or contact the BB-RSDA at 907-770-6339 or by email at info@bbrsda.com.