

# Post Film Talking Points and Discussion Questions



## **1. The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation has acknowledged that Alaska's Fish Consumption Rate is too low, but is dragging its feet in making changes.**

In 2011, the DEC recognized that there was a need to raise the Fish Consumption Rate to be more reflective of how much fish and seafood Alaskans actually eat. But in 2015, agency officials said that while they would continue to study the issue, they would not be implementing any policy changes for at least another three years. That's far too long when Alaska could administratively raise the FCR and proactively protect our water, seafood and communities today.

## **2. The data showing many Alaskans eat much more than 6.5 grams of seafood each day is already available.**

The policies protecting our valuable water and water-based resources should be based on science and statistics, not politics and pressure from industries. Data collected by ADF&G, SEARHC, and the Seldovia tribe, among others, show that in traditional coastal villages people consume roughly 250 grams of seafood every day.

## **3. If Oregon and Washington can win protections for their waters, so can we!**

Just last year Oregon raised its Fish Consumption Rate to 175 grams and amended its Acceptable Cancer Risk to 1 in a million. Due to EPA intervention, Washington is in the process of making the same updates. These protections were won by tribes and communities speaking out about the importance of clean water in their lives. In letting the DEC and EPA know that "We Eat Fish!" – and lots of it – we have the chance to do the same for Alaska.

### **Particularly with smaller venues, consider engaging the group in discussion:**

- Did you relate to the lifestyles and individuals featured in the film? Any in particular?
- Would you consider yourself reliant on Alaska's water? Would you consider yourself a steward of it?
- Are there reasons you find clean water important that weren't touched on?
- What images or ideas from the film were most powerful to you?

**Have paper and pens ready.** People will be most motivated to write a letter immediately after the movie, so it's good to be prepared to help people take action. And be sure to also circulate the petition or a sign in sheet. This helps us build a strong statewide network of clean water advocates.