



Friday, December 5, 2025

Dear Kodiak Seiner and Friends:

We hope this letter finds you settled into the holiday season with time to focus on family and friends. 2025 was a good year for Kodiak Salmon fishermen. It was the second largest pink salmon harvest on record, and we've finally seen our ex-vessel prices creeping up to similar levels as seen prior to 2023. Processors have already issued a price adjustment and are optimistic about the market going into the 2026 season.

KSA stayed busy in 2025 on a number of issues and events. At the spring statewide Board of Fisheries meeting, our group fought successfully for significant changes to Kodiak herring fishery that provides new fishing opportunity in the fall and winter for sac roe permit holders who may now harvest herring for food and bait. Contact KSA for information on these changes.

We also hosted the first ever used-gear-swap/BBQ at the Kodiak fairgrounds in May of this year. The gear swap was opened to KSA members one hour ahead of the general public and free hotdogs, chips and soda was provided. Due to positive feedback, KSA plans to make this an annual pre-season event, so start going through your gear shed now and get out all of that equipment that you've been tripping over for years that someone else might have a use for.

KSA members provided 2500lb of coho fillets to the local school lunch program, as well as the Kodiak senior center and Kodiak Head Start program. We also awarded 3 scholarships to high school graduates who will attend vocational school in the marine trades. This is a part of KSA's effort to encourage more young people to pursue professions that support our fleet.

The year before us presents multiple challenges for KSA and we value your feedback! First and foremost, the discussion of King Salmon protections is an ever-present conversation that will be happening at the spring Chignik and Peninsula meeting, and it is vitally important that KSA engage with the Board of Fish and the Department of Fish and Game to discuss potential solutions. The focus on King Salmon is taking control of management plans across the Gulf of Alaska, and we need to maintain vigilance and engagement with regulatory bodies to educate and work to prevent unnecessary and ineffective restrictions to the Kodiak salmon fishery.

Secondly, the Board of Fish (BOF) will deliberate on a proposal (from the Fairbanks advisory committee of all places) to reduce hatchery pink and chum production statewide by 25%. This would have a dramatic impact on our fishing opportunity at Kitoi and could threaten the viability of our hatchery program. Please write letters to the Board in support of our fishery, and, if possible, attend the spring BOF meeting and testify in person. We cannot afford to lose this much fish. If you need help writing a letter or working on testimony then please contact KSA.

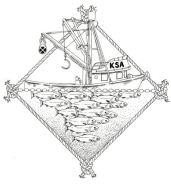
Another focal point for 2026 is the upcoming Kodiak Board of Fisheries meeting which will take place January 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, 2027. The proposal deadline is April 10<sup>th</sup>, and this the time to start thinking of changes you would like to see to our fishery that would benefit seiners and help to maintain sustainability in our management plan. Please reach out with any ideas to any of the board members, or at the next scheduled KSA meeting.

We value your membership and hope you consider renewing with us for the 2026 year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darren Platt". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Darren Platt  
KSA President



# KODIAK SEINERS ASSOCIATION

## 2026 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Dear SO1K Permit Holder,

Thank you for your interest in supporting the efforts of the Kodiak Seiners Association. There are four possible ways to sign up:

1. Submit this completed form with a check and mail to the address below
2. Pay online with a credit card: visit [www.kodiakseinersassociation.org](http://www.kodiakseinersassociation.org)
3. Email Matt at [kodiakseiners@gmail.com](mailto:kodiakseiners@gmail.com) with the word **invoice** in the subject to request one
4. Pay by phone by calling our treasurer Matt Alward at 907-299-2933

For any further information or a copy of KSA bylaws please contact [kodiakseiners@gmail.com](mailto:kodiakseiners@gmail.com). Annual membership fees are applied to the operating costs of KSA and are non-refundable. Please make checks payable to the Kodiak Seiners Association. If you wish to sign your crew up, please list their names separately and indicate that you are signing up your crew under the associate member level.

Sincerely, Your KSA Board

Darren Platt, Nate Rose, Matt Alward, Chris Johnson, Iver Holm, Clifton Ivanoff, Henry Dera, Tim Gossett

### Sustaining Membership

THIS MEMBERSHIP LEVEL IS FOR ANY PERMIT HOLDER WHO RECOGNIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF KSA AND WISHES TO CONTRIBUTE AT A HIGHER LEVEL. SUSTAINING MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE MEMBER ONLY UPDATES. A HEAVYWEIGHT KSA HOODIE. A HAT AND PENNANT FLAG.

**\$500**

### Active Membership

THIS IS THE BASIC MEMBERSHIP STATUS FOR FISHERMEN WHO OWN SO1K PERMITS AND STILL PARTICIPATE IN THE FISHERY. THIS MEMBERSHIP COMES WITH MEMBER ONLY FISHING UPDATES AND COMPLIMENTARY HAT

**\$250**

### Associate Membership

FOR ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO DOES NOT OWN A PERMIT BUT WISHES TO BE A PART OF THE KODIAK SEINING COMMUNITY. CREWMEMBERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF FISHERMEN ARE ALL WELCOME TO JOIN AS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER. THIS LEVEL RECEIVES A HAT.

**\$125**

### Shoreside Membership

THIS LOW-COST MEMBERSHIP IS FOR PERMIT HOLDERS WHO NO LONGER ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THE FISHERY BUT UNDERSTAND THAT THEY HAVE A VESTED INTEREST IN THE WELL BEING OF KODIAK'S SEINE FLEET.

**\$50**

### Business Membership

THIS MEMBERSHIP IS FOR ALL SUPPORT SERVICE INDUSTRY BUSINESSES WHO WANT TO SUPPORT KSA AND THEIR EFFORTS. THIS MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES MEMBER ONLY UPDATES. LOGO PLACEMENT ON MAILINGS AND RECOGNITION ON WEBSITE AND IN NEWSLETTERS.

**\$500**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: (owner, skipper, crew, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Vessel Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

- 1. Sustaining membership \$500
- 2. Active membership \$250
- 3. Associate membership \$125
- 4. Shoreside membership \$50
- 5. Business membership \$500

Amount \$ Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

What size sweatshirt?  
Sustaining membership status only  
 S. M. L. XL. XXL.  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_