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ALASKA FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION HIRES NEW PROJECT MANAGER

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA -- Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation, Inc. is beginning a season of new development projects, and has hired T.J. Briggs as project manager. Briggs has a degree in management and international business from the University of Alaska, Fairbanks, and recently studied economics at the Nagoya Gakuin University in Nagoya, Japan. Previously, she was assistant to the plant manager at Alaska Pacific Seafoods in Kodiak, Alaska.

Briggs will be responsible for overseeing several projects at the Foundation including continuing efforts to improve flatfish processing and a study of more efficient surimi processing techniques.

"AFDF is trying to expand in a couple of new directions," said Mel Monsen, the Foundation's executive director. "We are seeking funding for a project to develop sea urchin aquaculture, and are planning some projects that will help processors do more value-added production on shore in Alaska. If we do get to do this project, T.J.'s experience will be even more beneficial."

Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation is a research and development firm organized by fishermen and processors to demonstrate new seafood harvesting and processing technology. Its funds come from industry contributions, from the Alaska Science and Technology Foundation, and from marine product import tariffs converted into industry grants through the National Marine Fisheries Service.

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