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John E. Jensen  
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## A Short Biography

John E. Jensen is a life-long Alaskan, a retired commercial fisherman and owner of *Jensen's Boat Rentals* – a company specializing in self-guided, recreational boating adventures, in Petersburg, Alaska.

John's career in commercial fishing began in 1966; long-lining for halibut in the Gulf of Alaska, fishing for salmon in Southeast Alaska, and red king crab in the Bering Sea. Throughout his time at sea, he has participated as a crewman, and as vessel and permit owner, in numerous individual fisheries – species and gear types, covering all coastal regions of Alaska.

John has always been keenly interested in the management, regulation and sustainability practices for all Alaska fisheries. He is very dedicated to helping to preserve the resource, for all users, now and for future generations. He was appointed to the *Alaska Board of Fish* in 2001 by Governor Frank Murkowski and has been a member of the board for twenty years; reflecting that “...much has been learned about the making of *good* policy”.

In June 2018, he was appointed to the *North Pacific Fisheries Management Council* to fill one of five seats representing Alaska. He has recently been nominated to serve a second term 2021-24.

Locally, he has served on the Petersburg City Council, Planning & Zoning Commission, Thomas Bay Power Authority, and the Southeast Alaska Power Authority.

John is married, with two sons, and two grandchildren; all living in Southeast AK, and they are also invested in the commercial fishing industry of Alaska.