



Norwegian Commercial Club of Seattle

February 11th, 2016



Our most romantic meeting of the year

A LOVELY EVENING

If you missed our last meeting, you missed one of our most relaxing evenings in a while. With complimentary champagne at every table, Dove Bar chocolates a plenty and a performance by the Ballard High School Women's Choral, it was a great way for our members to celebrate Valentine's Day...or, if nothing else, remind those who forgot that it was just 3 days away.

Our next meeting rolls around on Thursday, February 25th
Our Speaker: Scott Atkinson, President of Jaeger Consulting

Scott is the Regional Sales Manager for Russia at Naust Marine and a longtime participant in Ballard-based marine business. He started his career working in Alaskan and West Coast fisheries at a young age, much later being involved in U.S. fisheries in Russian waters. He worked on Soviet trawlers working U.S. waters during the joint-venture days of the 1980s, later worked as an analyst of the USSR at the Center for Naval Analyses, and since the early 1990s has travelled very heavily to the Russian Far East in pursuit of varied marine business. He has a Master's Degree in International Relations from the University of Washington and a number of publications related to the former USSR and Russian Far East.

TOPIC: Scott's presentation provides an assessment of the Russian fishing industry at present, with core focus on the Russian Far East trawl fleet harvesting Pollock, based on lessons learned from three lengthy trips within the last year. By way of background, he provides an overview of the trawl fleet from the late USSR era up to present, noting changes that involved interactions with both Ballard and other Seattle-based firms. Then, coming up to present, he reviews present challenges that Russia faces as it prepares for likely major investment in new trawlers, and how Ballard (and other regional) firms might be involved.



- Happy Hour starts at 5:45pm
- Dinner at 6:30pm

DINNER: Medisterkaka, brown gravy, lingonberries, boiled potatoes, red cabbage, garden salad, dessert.

Members \$25 (if you pre-register)

\$30 for drop in members

\$30 for guests or non-paid members

\$10 for students (with valid ID)

Reservations are recommended. **Call the office by the Wednesday before the meeting and leave a message to guarantee your spot: (206) 783-1274**

Hope to see you there!

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