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Catch the Action at Bellingham SeaFeast 2016

Bellingham's inaugural celebration of seafood and the fishing life features workshops, seafood and fun

Fri., Sept. 30 – Sat., Oct. 1, 2016

Seattle/Bellingham— Savor the seafood and fishing culture surrounding the Bellingham region at the inaugural [Bellingham SeaFeast 2016](#), the setting for seafood contests, sea rescue demonstrations, fishing workshops, sea shanties and fresh food fare from the surrounding bay and straits.

Bellingham SeaFeast 2016 is two full days of everything maritime in your own backyard. Experience the maritime world: learn to fillet a fish, mend a net, sing a sea shanty, and learn local fishing history, meet fishermen poets, taste fresh grilled salmon and watch a helicopter rescue in the bay.

“Fishing is fundamental to Pacific Northwest culture,” says Penny Dalton, the director of Washington Sea Grant, a Gold Sponsor for the event. “And it’s still vital to our economy. But many people living here have not had a chance to experience this lively and entertaining fishing tradition firsthand, and we are pleased to celebrate it through a two-day event with such a wide array of activities for every age.”

The celebration continues through Sat., October 1, 6pm. See the [full schedule here](#).

Events sponsored by Washington Sea Grant include:

Friday, September 30

FisherPoets-on-Bellingham Bay

Sea Shanty performances: Boundary Bay Brewery, Beer Garden, 4-7:30 p.m.

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Sea Shanty Sing-a-Long: Honey Moon Mead & Cider, 7:30-10:45 p.m.

Saturday, October 1

U.S. Coast Guard Sea Rescue by Helicopter Demonstration: Zuanich Point Park, 1 p.m.

- U.S.G.S. Station Bellingham

Your Seafood: Sustainability, Safety and Health: Squalicum Boathouse, 5:15–6 p.m.

- Andre Punt, Dean of School of Aquatic & Fisheries Sciences, University of Washington
- Pete Granger, Washington Sea Grant, Seafood Industry Specialist
- Amber Thundereagle –Seafood Buyer, Haggen Northwest Fresh
- Ned Currence, Nooksack Tribal Fisheries Biologist

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