

PRESS RELEASE

Bodega Bay Fisherman Festival Makes \$10,000 Donation to Local Bodega Bay Fisherman

Due to the closure of Crab Season the Bodega Bay Fisherman's Festival Executive Board unanimously approved a \$10,000 donation to the Spud Point Fishermen's Assistance Fund. This money comes out of the Bodega Bay Fisherman's Festival reserve account. The announcement was received with cheers and applause at the Fish Fest General Meeting. The Board hopes that all of you and the organizations that you belong to will do what you can to support our fisherman. **To Donate Now:** Go to: <http://sonomacountyparksfoundation.org/>

Click on the "Donate Now" button on the home page.

The "Donate Now" button will take you to a page where you can choose to designate the donation to the "Spud Point Fishermen Assistance Fund"

About Bodega Bay Fisherman's Festival:

The Bodega Bay Fisherman's Festival is a 501(c)(3) California nonprofit charitable organization and is 100% volunteer-run by local community. All proceeds from the Festival benefit Bodega Bay Area community services and in 2015 the Fisherman's Festival distributed \$66,000 to 22 local non-profits and local scholarships.

The Bodega Bay community will host its **43rd Annual Fisherman's Festival APRIL 9-10 2016**. The Festival is packed with events for people of all ages – craft booths, live music, good food, entertainment and more. A favorite attraction is the wine tasting booth featuring more than 25 Sonoma County wines and a beer booth with several local ales. Plus we have something for every palate from barbecued oysters, local fish 'n chips, clam chowder and a variety of food trucks. Live music and entertainers perform on the main stage all day Saturday and Sunday. Artisans and vendors from all over California and beyond offer a wide selection of arts and crafts.

The festival has its origin as a celebration of the start of the Salmon fishing season and the annual Blessing of the Fleet. Each year's theme is chosen by the Bodega Bay Fisherman's Marketing Association. At the Festival site itself you'll see a wooden boat challenge where participating teams build a vessel and compete in a boat race. Sunday morning will feature the Blessing of the Fishing Fleet when decorated boats parade out of the harbor to receive a blessing from local clergy.

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