

## MAFAC Climate Ready Fisheries Panel - Speaker Bios

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### **Julie Bonney, Owner and Executive Director, Alaska Groundfish Data Bank**

Julie Bonney is the owner and Executive Director of Alaska Groundfish Data Bank, a consulting, research, management, and public relations firm specializing in commercial fisheries and related issues, especially related to Kodiak-based shoreside trawler and processor businesses. AGDB has been a leader in efforts to reduce bycatch in Gulf of Alaska trawl fisheries through cooperative research and has worked on many fishery management issues including catch shares, electronic monitoring and protected species. AGDB is also the Cooperative Manager for the five Rockfish Program shoreside fishing cooperatives. Julie served on MAFAC for six years.



### **Nicole Kimball, Vice President, Alaska Operations, Pacific Seafood Processors Association**

Ms. Kimball has 25 years of experience in Alaska fisheries management and policy and works for the Pacific Seafood Processors Association, a non-profit trade association comprised of motherships and shore-based seafood processors across Alaska. She worked as a fisheries analyst for the North Pacific Fishery Management Council for over 12 years, and then served as Federal Fisheries Coordinator for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, where she represented the state in regional, national, and international fisheries venues. Nicole received a BS in natural resource management at the University of Maine, and a master's in environmental policy and renewable resource management from Tufts University. Nicole currently serves on the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, the board of the Alaska SeaLife Center, the Maritime Works Leadership Council, the Alaska Sea Grant Advisory Committee, the North Pacific Research Board, and the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute's Communications Committee. Born in Ketchikan, she lives with her family in Anchorage.



### **Amy Peterson, Community Affairs, Liaison, Koniag**

In 1991, I began my adventure in Old Harbor, Alaska. I was born and raised by my parents Gwendolyn Deurmier and Robert Clough in South Dakota. My father Robert Clough and Stepmother Pamela Clough taught in both Old Harbor and Port

Lions in the 80-90's. I have two older brothers, 5 children and 7 grandchildren. I earned an Associate of Science Degree, with the focus on Certified Medical Assistant. I currently work for Kodiak, as the Community Affairs Liaison. My primary focus in this position is cross sharing information, between Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge, Kodiak Island Tribes, Corporations, and stakeholders. We have a family home in Old Harbor, and I split my time between Old Harbor and Kodiak. My true hobby is being a mother and a grandmother. I cherish my time spent with family and friends. My passions include picking berries, fishing, processing, canning, and cooking comfort and traditional foods for my family.



**Theresa Peterson, Fisheries Policy Director, Alaska Marine Conservation Council, Active Fisherman, and Long Time Kodiak Resident**

Theresa Peterson is an active fisherman and a long time resident of Kodiak, Alaska. Theresa has a diverse commercial fishing portfolio spanning over four decades: drifting, setnetting and seining for salmon, longlining for halibut and sablefish, and jigging for cod. Fishing is a family business for Theresa, her husband Charlie, and their three children. The family also participates in a variety of subsistence activities around the island and depends on the bounty of fish and wildlife available for food and sustenance. As an advocate for Alaskan fishermen, Theresa works for the Alaska Marine Conservation Council (AMCC) as their Fisheries Policy Director.