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## **SEAGO HITS THE GROUND RUNNING**

*Southeast Alaska Guides Organization - Giving Charters One Voice*

Leaders of a new group in Alaska have formed to ensure that Charter, Lodging and all businesses that serve fishing tourists have a voice in fish resource regulations.

“Charter fishing is a large part of Alaska’s tourism budget and brings revenue and jobs to the state. For too long our interests have been afterthoughts as regulators decide how we all need to conserve the fish resources. SEAGO has formed to give our related business one voice and acquire a seat at the table when regulations are being discussed”, said Tom Ohaus, Acting Chair of SEAGO and co-owner of Angling Unlimited in Sitka.

SEAGO’s new Board of Directors includes Seth Bone of Sitka; Russell Thomas of Ketchikan; Stan Malcom of Petersburg; Mike Wallisch with businesses in Juneau and Sitka; Dennis Meier of Elfin Cove. The Board continues to grow.

The Board of Directors hired Henry Mitchell of Anchorage this month as the new Executive Director. Mr. Mitchell is a longtime Alaskan resident with vast experience in fish regulations at the state and Federal level.

For more in depth information about SEAGO visit the new website:

**[www.seagoalaska.org](http://www.seagoalaska.org)**

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