



*Bering Sea Crab Fishermen's Tour*SM

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My name is David Lethin and I have been living in Alaska on and off for 28 years. As a fisherman I have been to just about every port in the state and sailed thousands of miles around coastal islands, peninsulas and the main land. What I have seen and experienced throughout those years cannot be captured in words.

I realized one day while offloading fish in Ketchikan what an amazing experience it could be if fishermen could share their lives and real life experiences with people while doing their jobs. That dream took another 10 years of planning and commitment to what is today, "Bering Sea Crab Fishermen's Tour".

Our king crab boat the *Aleutian Ballad* has been converted to carry leisure passengers. The renovation of the vessel took 8 months and 2.5 million dollars. An investment well spent. I wish you knew the thousands of people we have taken and their joy of seeing and living the Alaskan dream, if only for a brief moment with us. Their appreciation is genuine and their memories are life long.

Alaska tourism is way more than the dollars the state receives from people. Tourism has given us a life where we can share our stories and dreams with others so we don't forget where we came from. Tourism marketing programs are vital to the success of our business. ATIA's commitment to show case Alaska's state wide destinations to the world is a gift to them and to us.

We prefer to call tourists "people." We are no "tour guides" we are fishermen and want to thank you for all your support and efforts in building a dream come true for us! Please visit www.tripadvisor.com and type *Bering Sea Crab Fishermen's Tour*. Read these comments from people and know that they would never have had a chance to experience this if it were not for the *investment of the state tax dollars*.

Thank you for your support.

Captain David D. Lethin

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David D. Lethin".