QUALITY FROM THE KEEL UP!

Building a new vessel, or re-fitting an existing boat? Product quality must be considered from the start …not be treated as an after thought.

This true for a skiff in Quinhagak...

a top of the line gillnetter on the Copper River...

or a hi-tech freezer longliner for the Bering Sea
Opening Remarks

“A Fisherman’s Mind is His Most Important Tool”
- Bill Webber

“Quality is Your Responsibility”
- Hal Hockema
Quality really starts with a suitable vessel.

Stability, sea worthiness, good accommodations, and “ship shape” conditions are basic to a good operation.

You seldom see top quality fish coming off ill-designed, poorly maintained boats.
Working conditions will impact the quality of your fish, in addition to affecting the health and safety of you and your crew.

Enclosed work space - like on this longliner - is ideal...

*Note the well thought out arrangements, and work surfaces at proper height to minimize fatigue*
But there’s lots you can do on smaller boats too.

This compact cleaning trough on a direct market gillnetter is at proper height, and has tools and water supply conveniently located, making fish cleaning easy and efficient.
How fish are moved onto, around and off the vessel can have a huge impact on quality.

Bill Webber uses simple sluices built of inexpensive PVC pipe to gently move fish on his boat.

Carefully thought out handling on board preserves value. A little forethought can mean more $$$ in your pocket.
Surfaces

Rough, abrasive and sharp surfaces can physically damage fish.

Porous, cracked, unclean surfaces harbor bacteria that contaminate fish.

Use non-corroding, non-porous materials - stainless steel, aluminum, fiberglass, polyethylene, UHMW.

Top quality coatings for steel structure & machinery.
Cleaning & Sanitation

Make your life easier!
Think about clean-up & sanitation from the “get go”.

Just about any boat with an engine room can fit a compact hydraulic or clutch-driven pressure washer.

Skiff fishermen can fit everything they need - brush, detergent, sanitizer - in a 5 gallon bucket.

A complete, effective kit for only about $25!