

FACES OF BODEGA BAY

Dick Ogg Captain of the Karen Jeanne

Fisherman Dick Ogg's home is in Bodega Bay. It calms his soul and brings him peace. Born in Nagasaki Japan in 1953, Dick learned to fish during visits with his grandfather, a Ponca Indian, in Oklahoma. His family settled in Sonoma County, where as a teen, Dick grew up fishing and diving for abalone. He kept fishing, taught martial arts, and worked at Sonoma State University as an electrical engineer.

Dick and his wife Laurie came to live and work in Bodega Bay at the end of the 1990's. Drawn to the coastal waters, today he captain's the Karen Jeanne. He delivers his fresh catch to docks in Bodega Harbor.

Dick actively advocates for healthy wildlife, healthy ocean waters and the Fishing Community. His first-hand knowledge comes with 55 years on and in the

waters. He loves fishing and would never give it up for the world.

Dick's respectful leadership expands his role to keep the fishery alive. His gentle but firm influence extends to Sacramento and Washington DC, by serving on Federal and California State committees. He works closely on things like whale entanglements, restrictions affecting the catch, better health of the waters and its inhabitants, while earning a fair, sustainable catch sold at a reasonable profit.

His Stewardship energizes a traditional livelihood, to feed people with clean, fresh vitamin-rich protein. It makes sense, filling in the gaps between crab and salmon seasons with black cod and albacore. Lucky for Bodega Bay, a happy, calm man, Dick enjoys every day, good or bad, finding pleasure in each step along the way.

Thanks Dick for your firm hand and gentle smile! ■

