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United Fishermen of Alaska is glad that the Bristol Bay anti-trust lawsuit is over. UFA Vice President Jeff Steele stated, "The suit has been harmful to Alaska, and has detracted from the real, present-day problems that fishermen and processors face together."

UFA also hopes there is not an appeal. "The plaintiffs had their day in court and further litigation will only harm our salmon industry", Steele said.

Many UFA members regret that the processors had to go through eight years of litigation and spend millions to prove their innocence. The processors are asking the court to recover their costs from a \$40 million settlement fund paid by defendant processors who settled their claims prior to the jury verdict. "We hope the judge fully reimburses their costs and that any remaining settlement funds can somehow be used to help the Alaska salmon industry", said UFA Board member, Rob Zuanich.

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