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0.9in. Commercial fishermen continue to risk their lives and

livelihood as they labor to bring food to tables around the

world. Few occupations are as dangerous as that of a

commercial fishermen, and we at the National Institute for

Occupational Safety and Health place the safety of these

workers as a high priority. We call upon the readers of this

proceedings volume to join our efforts to support safety

training for commercial fishermen and the acquisition and use

of safety equipment, including personal flotation devices,

survival suits, and radio equipment, for all commercial fishing

vessels. While we may not be able to control the harsh

environment in which commercial fishing takes place, we

certainly can promote safer vessels and survival training for

workers in the commercial fishing industry. Fatal traumatic

injuries in commercial fishing have resulted in this industry

being one of the most hazardous in Alaska, the United States,

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(FAO) estimate that 7 of all worker fatalities worldwide occur in

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