

New Gear for Crew Comfort

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For people who may have to cinch themselves down tight inside their gear, Grundens' line of Gage Weather Watch series waterproof and breathable gear allows perspiration to escape while keeping rain and mist out.

It goes without saying that safety, warmth, staying dry and personal comfort are necessities that commercial fishermen must have on the job, no matter the task or the season. And the companies that manufacture and sell critical outfitting equipment are indeed advancing the next generation of gear and listening to what customers want.

"I notice how technically-oriented commercial fishermen and women are and how knowledgeable they are about the product," says Bill Combs, Founder and CEO of Bogs Footwear in Portland, Oregon, a company that's been making warm, waterproof and comfortable footwear since 2002. "For example, you'd think an Alaskan fisherman would want a boot that is really warm and kind of bulky but it's actually the opposite. They want to be warm but they don't want bulk, and they want to feel more athletic."

When working long hours, moisture management and odor control are very important. "We have a technology we developed