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## For Immediate Release

**HMSHost Renews Food & Beverage Contract at Anchorage International Airport**  
*New restaurant created in partnership with Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation*



**BETHESDA, MD** – HMSHost Corporation, a world leader in travel dining and shopping, today announced a ten-year extension of its food and beverage concessions contract with Anchorage International Airport (ANC). HMSHost will continue to offer an exceptional lineup of local and national brands to ANC travelers, highlighted by the new **Norton Sound Seafood House**.

“HMSHost continues to deliver exceptional, well-designed dining options that enhance our food and beverage concessions program. This agreement will bring new venues to give visitors to Alaska the local flavor they eagerly anticipate and enjoy,” said Debbie Herrick, Properties Manager, Anchorage International Airport.

The **Norton Sound Seafood House** is a showcase of the fishery resources and the small-boat fishermen of remote Northwest Alaska communities. HMSHost is pleased to work in partnership with the Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation (NSEDC), a local, non-profit corporation, to develop this exciting, locally-themed seafood restaurant for ANC. NSEDC’s goals are to support local fisheries and provide economic development through education, employment, training and financial assistance to its 15 member communities.

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“NSEDC is very pleased to be a partner in this project for several reasons,” said Janis Ivanoff, NSEDC’s Chief Executive Officer. “The prime location will certainly result in increased exposure to our region’s high-quality seafood; this will let consumers passing through the airport experience the fishery resources that our region has depended on for thousands of years, improve the markets for our local small-boat fishermen, and ultimately to bring the fishermen’s and consumers’ best interests together in this niche operation in Alaska’s busiest airport.”

Locally-caught seafood will be the star of the **Norton Sound Seafood House** menu with items created by well-known television celebrity **Chef Al Levinsohn**. Selections include Chef Al’s Alaskan Crab Po Boy, Original Ale battered Halibut Po Boy, Original Ale battered Halibut and King Crab Cake Dinner. Scheduled to open in August, the restaurant will be located post-security on Concourse C, and will provide travelers a cozy, modern atmosphere with a full bar featuring locally-brewed beer, fine wines, and cocktails.

**Humpy’s Great Alaskan Alehouse**, a popular Anchorage pub that features a range of local draft beers and is famous for Alaskan Fish & Chips, is another new concept opening on Concourse B in July. HMSHost’s current ANC food and beverage options include **Starbucks Coffee, Chili’s Too, Quiznos, Legends, Café Del Mundo** and **Upper One Lounge**.

“We believe this new agreement expresses the airport’s confidence that we are making the traveler’s day better at Anchorage International Airport. We are also very pleased to support the local community in partnership with the Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation and are working with them to create a unique restaurant that truly gives ANC’s travelers a sense of place,” said Stephen Douglas, Vice President, Business Development, HMSHost.

About HMSHost

*HMSHost is a world leader in creating shopping and dining for travel venues. HMSHost operates in more than 100 airports around the globe, including the 20 busiest airports in North America. The Company has annual sales in excess of \$2.7 billion and employs more than 34,000 sales associates worldwide. HMSHost is a part of Autogrill Group, the world’s leading provider of food and beverage and retail services for people on the move. With over €5.8 billion expected sales in 2008, the Group operates in 43 countries and employs some 70,000 people. It manages over 5,300 stores in more than 1,200 locations worldwide. Visit [www.HMSHost.com](http://www.HMSHost.com) for more information and become a Fan of HMSHost on Facebook.*

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