

Representative Louise Stutes, Chair
House Special Committee on Fisheries
Alaska State Legislature
120 4th Street, State Capitol, Room 3
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

RE: Support for HCR 10

Dear Representative Stutes,

March 26, 2015

I am writing to express my organization's support for HCR 10 – A Resolution Supporting the Alaska Maritime Workforce Development Industry Advisory Committee and further efforts to carry out the Alaska Maritime Workforce Development Plan.

Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation (AFDF) is a non-profit organization which was founded in 1978. The Board of Directors is composed of representatives of the maritime industry: 5 seafood harvesters, 5 seafood processors, and 3 support sector businesses. Over the years, AFDF has supported the industry in order to tackle problems which are larger than any one organization, region, or company.

Currently, AFDF is stepping into a role of support for the Industry Advisory Committee and has accepted a seed grant from the University of Alaska, is soliciting donations of additional private matching funds, and has issued an RFP for the new position of Maritime Workforce Coordinator.

AFDF is excited about his opportunity to support the broader maritime industry. HCR 10 represents the participation and leadership of the Legislature, which we welcome and appreciate.

Please contact me if you have any questions about AFDF's involvement in this effort.

Sincerely,



Julie Decker, Executive Director



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