

Action Date: June 25, 1981

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AN ACT

Making an appropriation to the University of Alaska for the Fishery Industrial Technology Center; and providing for an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

* Section 1. The sum of \$175,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the University of Alaska for the Fishery Industrial Technology Center.

*Sec. 2. The unexpended and unobligated portion of the appropriation made by this Act lapses into the general fund June 30, 1982.

*Sec. 3. This Act takes effect on the effective date of an Act entitled, "An Act establishing a Fishery Industrial Technology Center as part of the University of Alaska; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 044

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Establishing a Fishery Industrial Technology Center as part of the University of Alaska; and providing for an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

* Section 1. FINDINGS. The legislature finds that (1) there are large fishery resources in the waters off Alaska, primarily untapped by the industry of the state;

(2) these resources and the fishing industry are of vital importance to the state;

(3) one of the primary keys to the establishment of a state-based fishing industry is aggressive training coupled with strong research and development;

(4) Alaska has a responsibility to assist the industry in the development and wise use of fishery resources;

(5) the establishment of a technology training and research center under the University of Alaska is best able to aid the individuals and businesses in the development of fishery resources;

(6) the work of the center will provide significant employment benefits to the citizens of the state and will stimulate the development of the state's fishery resources.

*Sec. 2. AS 16 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

CHAPTER 12. FISHERY INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY CENTER

Sec. 16.12.010. FISHERY INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY CENTER.

There is established a Fishery Industrial Technology Center as part of the University of Alaska.

Sec. 16.12.020. DUTIES. The center shall create employment opportunities in the state's fishing industry and other benefits to the state by (1) providing training opportunities to citizens of the state on the most efficient and appropriate technologies for the harvesting, processing, and conservation of the fishery resources of the state;

(2) providing information and technical assistance on the adaptation of existing and new technologies to the users of the fishery resources of the state;

(3) providing research and development activities to adapt existing technologies to enhance the economic viability of the industry;

(4) providing research and development activities to create new technologies that will enhance the effectiveness of the industry, and provide economic benefits to state citizens; and (5) encouraging joint projects between industry and government in order to use industrial experience and government programs to enhance the productivity of the industry.

Sec. 16.12.030. FISHERY INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY POLICY COUNCIL. (a) A Fishery Industrial Technology Policy Council is established to provide program and planning guidance to the center. The policy council shall be composed of members of the state's fishing and processing industry.

(b) The policy council consists of seven members appointed by the president of the University of Alaska, including (1) two members appointed from the seafood processing industry; the members appointed under this paragraph shall be owners or employees of firms that are in operation in the state and, insofar as possible, shall represent diverse processing operations;

(2) two members who are commercial fishermen; the members appointed under this paragraph shall be actively engaged in commercial fishing in the state and, insofar as possible, shall represent fishing for diverse fisheries resources;

(3) three public members.

(c) A member of the policy council serves a term of two years.

(d) At least five members of the policy council shall be residents of the state.

Sec. 16.12.040. LOCATION. The principal activities of the center shall be located in Kodiak, Alaska.

Sec. 16.12.050. ANNUAL REPORT. The Board of Regents shall prepare an annual report of the center's activities and submit a copy of the report to the legislature by the 20th day of each regular session. The report shall include a description of the work conducted by the center, the training sessions held and number of students trained, and any other information that the Board of Regents determines should be included to describe the work of the center.

Sec. 16.12.060. COOPERATION WITH OTHER AGENCIES. In the development of its programs the center shall consult with (1) the Department of Fish and Game;

(2) the Council on Science and Technology;

(3) the Alaska Renewable Resources Corporation;

(4) the division of economic development of the Department of Commerce and Economic Development;

(5) the Department of Natural Resources;

(6) the Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation;

(7) the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute;

(8) the North Pacific Fishery Management Council;

(9) the National Marine Fisheries Service;

(10) the Department of Education; and (11) the Department of Labor.

Sec. 16.12.070. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter (1) "center" means the Fishery Industrial Technology Center;

(2) "policy council" means the Fishery Industrial Technology Policy Council.

*Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.070(c).