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Relating to the support of fisheries education, training, and research and encouraging collaborative efforts between the state, the University of Alaska, and other educational institutions to provide fisheries education programs.

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

WHEREAS Alaska's wealth lies in the human resources of the state as much as in its great natural fisheries resources; and

WHEREAS broad fisheries education programs can provide Alaskans with the knowledge and skills necessary to support their families and communities, foster the long-term sustainability of our seafood industry, and compete in a global economy; and

WHEREAS specialized vocational training programs for skills required by the fishing and seafood industries, such as training to become a roe technician or to maintain specialized seafood processing equipment, are not offered in the state; and

WHEREAS neither the University of Alaska nor any other institution in the United States offers a seafood business degree; and

WHEREAS new educational paradigms, which recognize the need for innovation,

must be supported not only in the harvesting and processing sector but in fisheries product development, marketing, research, and seafood business management; and

WHEREAS a wealth of information resides within the state's executive departments and agencies that deal with fisheries, including the Departments of Education and Early Development, Fish and Game, Community and Economic Development, Labor and Workforce Development, Revenue, and Environmental Conservation; and

WHEREAS many agencies located within these departments and agencies, such as the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute, develop and disseminate a vast amount of knowledge and information on the fishing and seafood industry; and

WHEREAS the University of Alaska system, working in collaboration with the state, has the potential to provide world-class fisheries and seafood education and training programs; and

WHEREAS the Joint Legislative Salmon Industry Task Force was formed to address the issues of the fishing and seafood industry;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature supports the recommendation from the Joint Legislative Salmon Industry Task Force to support and promote fisheries education, training, and research as a long-term solution for the fishing and seafood industry; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature supports the recommendation of the Joint Legislative Salmon Industry Task Force that the State of Alaska, the University of Alaska, and other vocational and technical education providers in Alaska collaborate to develop and provide fisheries education programs in Alaska.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Frank Murkowski, Governor of Alaska; the Honorable Mark Hamilton, President, University of Alaska; Fred Esposito, Director, Alaska Vocational Technical Center; and Cheryl Edenshaw, Executive Director, Alaska Technical Center.