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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY SENATOR GARY STEVENS BY REQUEST OF THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE SALMON INDUSTRY TASK FORCE

REPRESENTATIVE Lynn

Introduced: 1/23/04

Referred: Health, Education and Social Services

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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