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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 262

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing a Fishery Industrial Technology
7 Center as part of the University of Alaska; and provid-
8 ing for an effective date."

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

10 * Section 1. FINDINGS. (a) The legislature finds that

11 (1) there are large fishery resources in the waters off Alaska,
12 primarily untapped by the industry of the state;

13 (2) these resources and the fishing industry are of vital impor-
14 tance to the state;

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

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

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

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

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

27 CHAPTER 12. FISHERY INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY CENTER.

28 Sec. 16.12.010. FISHERY INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY CENTER. There is
29 established a Fishery Industrial Technology Center as part of the

1 University of Alaska.

2 Sec. 16.12.020. DUTIES. The center shall create employment
3 opportunities in the state's fishing industry and other benefits to the
4 state by

5 (1) providing training opportunities to citizens of the
6 state on the most efficient and appropriate technologies for the har-
7 vesting, processing and conservation of the fishery resources of the
8 state;

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

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

14 (4) providing research and development activities to create
15 new technologies which will enhance the effectiveness of the industry,
16 and provide economic benefits to state citizens; and

17 (5) encouraging joint projects between industry and govern-
18 ment in order to use industrial experience and government programs to
19 enhance the productivity of the industry.

20 Sec. 16.12.030. FISHERY INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY POLICY COUNCIL.

21 (a) A Fishery Industrial Technology Policy Council is established to
22 provide program and planning guidance to the center. The policy council
23 shall be composed of members of the state's fishing and processing
24 industry.

25 (b) The policy council shall consist of 11 members appointed by
26 the president of the University of Alaska.

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

28 Sec. 16.12.040. LOCATION. (a) The principal activities of the
29 center shall be located in Kodiak, Alaska.

1 (b) The Board of Regents may authorize the establishment of other
2 offices of the center in other areas of the state as appropriate to its
3 activities.

4 Sec. 16.12.050. ANNUAL REPORT. The Board of Regents shall prepare
5 an annual report of the center's activities and submit a copy of the
6 report to the legislature at the beginning of each regular session.
7 The report shall include a description of the work conducted by the
8 center, the training sessions held and number of students trained, and
9 any other information which the Board of Regents determines should be
10 included to describe the work of the center.

11 Sec. 16.12.060. COOPERATION WITH OTHER AGENCIES. In the develop-
12 ment of its programs the center shall consult with

- 13 (1) the Department of Fish and Game;
- 14 (2) the Council on Science and Technology;
- 15 (3) the Alaska Renewable Resources Corporation;
- 16 (4) the division of economic development of the Department
17 of Commerce and Economic Development;
- 18 (5) the Department of Natural Resources;
- 19 (6) the Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation;
- 20 (7) the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute;
- 21 (8) the North Pacific Fishery Management Council; and
- 22 (9) the National Marine Fisheries Service.

23 Sec. 16.12.070. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter

- 24 (1) "center" means the Fishery Industrial Technology Center;
- 25 (2) "policy council" means the Fishery Industrial Technology
26 Policy Council.

27 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-
28 070(c).