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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE BILL NO. 397

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 consists of 11 members appointed by the  
26 president of the University of Alaska, including

27 (1) four members appointed from the seafood processing  
28 industry; the members appointed under this paragraph shall be owners or  
29 employees of firms which operate in the state and, insofar as possible,

1 shall represent diverse processing operations;

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

6 (3) three public members.

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

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

10 (b) The Board of Regents may authorize the establishment of other  
11 offices of the center in other areas of the state as appropriate to its  
12 activities.

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

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

22 (1) the Department of Fish and Game;

23 (2) the Council on Science and Technology;

24 (3) the Alaska Renewable Resources Corporation;

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

27 (5) the Department of Education;

28 (6) the Department of Natural Resources;

29 (7) the Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation;

1 (8) the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute;

2 (9) the North Pacific Fishery Management Council; and

3 (10) the National Marine Fisheries Service.

4 Sec. 16.12.070. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter

5 (1) "center" means the Fishery Industrial Technology Center;

6 (2) "policy council" means the Fishery Industrial Technology

7 Policy Council.

8 \* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-

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