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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE BILL NO. 571

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 Fisheries Institute; and pro-  
7 viding for an effective date."

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

9 \* Section 1. AS 14.40 is amended by adding a new section to read:

10 Sec. 14.40.075. FISHERIES INSTITUTE. The university shall estab-  
11 lish and maintain a fisheries institute in accordance with AS 16.12.

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

13 CHAPTER 12. FISHERIES INSTITUTE.

14 Sec. 16.12.010. FISHERIES INSTITUTE. There is established a  
15 Fisheries Institute as part of the University of Alaska.

16 Sec. 16.12.020. DUTIES. The institute shall create employment  
17 opportunities in the state's fishing industry and other benefits to the  
18 state by

19 (1) providing training opportunities to citizens of the state  
20 on the most efficient and appropriate technologies for the harvesting,  
21 processing, and conservation of the fisheries resources of the state;

22 (2) providing information and technical assistance on the  
23 adaptation of existing and new technologies to the users of the fish-  
24 eries resources of the state;

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

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

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

4 Sec. 16.12.030. FISHERIES INSTITUTE POLICY COUNCIL. (a) A  
5 Fisheries Institute Policy Council is established to provide program  
6 and planning guidance to the institute. The policy council shall be  
7 composed of members of the state's fishing and processing industry.

8 (b) The policy council consists of 11 members appointed by the  
9 president of the University of Alaska, including

10 (1) four members appointed from the seafood processing  
11 industry; the members appointed under this paragraph shall include the  
12 owners of firms and employees not employed in management of firms which  
13 are in operation in the state and, insofar as possible, shall represent  
14 diverse processing operations;

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

19 (3) three public members.

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

21 (d) Each member of the policy council shall be a resident of the  
22 state.

23 Sec. 16.12.040. LOCATION. The Board of Regents may authorize the  
24 establishment of offices of the institute as appropriate to its  
25 activities.

26 Sec. 16.12.050. ANNUAL REPORT. The Board of Regents shall  
27 prepare an annual report of the institute's activities and submit a  
28 copy of the report to the legislature by the 20th day of each regular  
29 session. The report shall include a description of the work conducted

1 by the institute, the training sessions held and number of students  
2 trained, and any other information which the Board of Regents determines  
3 should be included to describe the work of the institute.

4 Sec. 16.12.060. COOPERATION WITH OTHER AGENCIES. In the develop-  
5 ment of its programs the institute shall consult with

6 (1) the Department of Fish and Game;  
7 (2) the Council on Science and Technology;  
8 (3) the Alaska Renewable Resources Corporation;  
9 (4) the division of economic development of the Department  
10 of Commerce and Economic Development;

- 11 (5) the Department of Natural Resources;  
12 (6) the Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation;  
13 (7) the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute;  
14 (8) the North Pacific Fishery Management Council;  
15 (9) the National Marine Fisheries Service;  
16 (10) the Department of Education; and  
17 (11) the Department of Labor.

18 Sec. 16.12.070. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter

- 19 (1) "institute" means the Fisheries Institute;  
20 (2) "policy council" means the Fisheries Institute Policy  
21 Council.

22 \* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-  
23 070(c).