Resolution 2007-1

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FISHING VESSEL SAFETY

Whereas, United Fishermen of Alaska’s mission is to promote and protect the common interests of Alaska’s commercial fishing industry, as a vital component of Alaska’s social and economic well being; and

Whereas, United Fishermen of Alaska supports the Commercial Fishing Industry Vessel Safety Advisory Committee, and the Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Act of 1988 by which the committee was established, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that in order to further improve the safety record of the Alaska fishing industry that UFA encourages its thirty six member organizations to:

1. Strongly urge all members and fishermen to ensure that the required Coast Guard safety gear is onboard, is properly maintained, and crew are all instructed in its proper usage, where applicable.
2. Participate in the Coast Guard dockside exam program and maintain a current decal, where applicable.
3. Ensure that all crew participate in regular hands-on emergency drills conducted by a certified drill instructor who is preferably a member of the crew, where applicable.
4. Ensure that new crew members be given a safety orientation addressing what to do in the event of emergencies and proper use of appropriate safety and survival equipment prior to getting underway.
5. Ensure that safety programs be regularly reviewed.

ADOPTED by the United Fishermen of Alaska Board of Directors on October 24, 2006.

IN WITNESS THERETO:

By: Joseph M. Childers, President

Attest: Mark D. Vinsel, UFA Executive Director

MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

Alaska Crab Coalition • Alaska Draggers Association • Alaska Independent Tendermen’s Association • Alaska Longline Fishermen’s Association

Alaska Shellfish Association • Alaska Trollers Association • Armstrong Keta • At-sea Processors Association • Bristol Bay Reserve

Cape Barnabas • Concerned Area “M” Fishermen • Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association • Cordova District Fishermen United

Crab Group of Independent Harvesters • Douglas Island Pink and Chum • Fishing Vessel Owners Association • Groundfish Forum

Kenai Peninsula Fishermen’s Association • Kodiak Regional Aquaculture Association • North Pacific Fisheries Association

Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association • Petersburg Vessel Owners Association • Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation

Purse Seine Vessel Owner Association • Seafood Producers Cooperative • Sitka Herring Association • Southeast Alaska Fisherman’s Alliance

Southeast Alaska Regional Dive Fisheries Association • Southeast Alaska Seiners Association • Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association

United Catcher Boats • United Cook Inlet Drift Association • United Salmon Association • United Southeast Alaska Gillnetters

Valdez Fisheries Development Association • Western Gulf of Alaska Fishermen