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Resolution 2008-1

Supporting the University of Alaska's School of Fisheries and Ocean's Sciences (SFOS) 09 budget request for \$1 million of state funding to match available grant funding

Whereas, UFA strongly supports science-based management of our commercial fisheries;

Whereas, adequately trained fisheries managers and scientists are required to continue Alaska's sustainable harvests that supply wholesome and nutritious seafood products to the public and provide economic benefits and tax revenues to the State and Alaska communities.

Whereas, smart young Alaskans are deciding to leave Alaska after higher education at an alarming rate;

Whereas, the University of Alaska School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (UA SFOS) funding request will offer a new Alaska-based fisheries curriculum aimed to prepare fisheries graduates to meet the complex and demanding challenges of managing Alaska's fisheries to standards recognized by the world fishing community as excellent and sustainable;

Whereas, UA SFOS's funding request will employ 7 new faculty to train Alaskans in fields related to fisheries and fishery management; *and*

Whereas, the UA budget request of \$1 million will capture another \$1 million in grant funding from the Rasmuson Foundation; *now, therefore, be it*

Resolved, That the United Fishermen of Alaska strongly support University of Alaska's FY 2009 request of \$1 million for the School of Fisheries and Oceans Sciences.

By vote of the United Fishermen of Alaska Board of Directors, on February 22, 2008.

IN WITNESS THERETO:

By:  Joe Childers, UFA President

Attest:  Mark D. Vinsel, UFA Executive Director

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Alaska Crab Coalition • Alaska Druggers Association • Alaska Independent Tendermen's Association • Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association
Alaska Scallop Association • Alaska Shellfish Association • Alaska Trollers Association • Armstrong Keta • At-sea Processors Association • Bristol Bay Reserve
Cape Barnabas Inc. • Concerned Area "M" Fishermen • Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association • Cordova District Fishermen United
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