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## Resolution 2010-1

### A RESOLUTION OF THE UNITED FISHERMEN OF ALASKA SUPPORTING FUNDING THE DEFERRED MAINTENANCE PROJECTS AT THE STATE-OWNED SALMON HATCHERIES

WHEREAS, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game Division of Fisheries Rehabilitation, Enhancement, and Development was formed in the 1970's to develop policies, regulations, and hatchery practices to responsibly rebuild and utilize Alaska's renewable and sustainable salmon natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska currently owns 11 salmon enhancement hatcheries operated by regional and non-regional private non-profit aquaculture associations via professional services agreements at no cost to the state; and

WHEREAS, these state-owned salmon hatcheries are 30 to 40 years old and are need of significant deferred maintenance to address basic infrastructure problems beyond the normal annual maintenance provided by the private non-profit aquaculture associations at no cost to the state; and

WHEREAS, these diverse salmon enhancement programs contribute significantly to the Alaska common property fisheries (commercial, sport, subsistence, and personal use) in many areas of the state and are helping to sustain the Alaska salmon fisheries and domestic and international Alaska salmon markets; and

WHEREAS, salmon produced by the Alaska salmon enhancement program have fetched hundreds of millions of dollars in ex-vessel value and billions of dollars in total economic output; and

WHEREAS, the economic impact from the Alaska salmon enhancement program is significant and vital to the Alaska salmon industry in creating jobs and wealth within the rural and urban communities that would not otherwise be present;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the United Fishermen of Alaska support funding for the deferred maintenance projects at the state-owned salmon hatcheries throughout Alaska.

By UFA Board of Directors, September 29, 2010:

  
Arni Thomson, UFA President

  
Attest: Mark D. Vinsel, UFA Executive Director