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A resolution by the United Fishermen of Alaska to Support Efforts to Improve Energy Efficiency in the Seafood Industry

WHEREAS efforts to improve energy efficiency have benefits to the entire seafood industry; and

WHEREAS the State of Alaska has set a broad goal of 20% energy efficiency and conservation improvements by 2020; and

WHEREAS the Alaska Energy Authority initiated the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Working Group (EECWG) in 2010 with three goals — a total electricity savings of 15% of 2010 use levels by 2020, a total heat savings of 15% of 2010 use levels by 2020, and the promotion of modern, efficient, and sustainable transportation options; and

WHEREAS to meet the above goals by 2020, Alaska Energy Authority has developed a pilot program of energy audits on all commercial and public buildings and small industrial facilities; and

WHEREAS baseline end-use consumption data for Alaska fishing vessels is currently unknown; and

WHEREAS new technologies which may improve energy efficiency have not been tested and validated on fishing vessels, which increases the risk of adopting these new technologies and slows the adoption rate; and

WHEREAS any new technologies which are proven to improve energy efficiency of diesel engines would be broadly applicable to fishing vessels, seafood processing plants, the transportation sector, and municipal electrical generation plants; and


WHEREAS Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation and the University of Alaska Marine Advisory Program have sponsored symposiums and workshops on energy efficiency in the seafood industry; and

WHEREAS AFDF is working collaboratively with the University of Alaska Marine Advisory Program and the Alaska Energy Authority to develop accurate measurement techniques for fuel usage on vessels, evaluate new fuel saving technologies, determine baseline end-use energy consumption data for Alaska fishing vessels, conduct a three-year fishing vessel energy audit pilot project, and provide outreach to the seafood industry;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The United Fishermen of Alaska supports efforts to improve energy efficiency in the seafood industry.

By UFA Board of Directors, February 16, 2012:


Arni Thomson, UFA President


Attest: Mark D. Vinsel, Executive Director