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November 7th, 2015

Jerry Dzugan, Executive Director
Alaska Marine Safety Education Association
2924 Halibut Point Road
Sitka, AK 99835
Via email: director@amsea.org

RE: Support for Alaska Marine Safety Education Association Grant Funding.

Dear Jerry,

United Fishermen of Alaska (UFA) is the statewide commercial fishing trade association, representing 35 commercial fishing organizations participating in fisheries throughout the state and its offshore federal waters.

United Fishermen of Alaska supports AMSEA's application for \$100,000 from a NIOSH training program grant to support marine safety training for the seafood industry.

AMSEA's work has helped reduce the fatalities and injuries among Alaska's seafood industry. The U.S. Coast Guard recently reported that for the first time in known history, no one died on the job while commercial fishing in Alaska in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015. UFA supports AMSEA's efforts to reduce the rate of fishing fatalities and injuries through hands-on trainings throughout Alaska's fishing communities.

Thank you for your continued dedication to the safety of Alaska's seafood industry.

Sincerely,

Julianne Curry
Executive Director

MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

Alaska Bering Sea Crabbers • Alaska Independent Fishermen's Marketing Association
Alaska Independent Tendermen's Association • Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association • Alaska Scallop Association • Alaska Trollers Association
Alaska Whitefish Trawlers 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 • Douglas Island Pink and Chum
Freezer Longline Coalition • Golden King Crab Coalition • 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 • Southeast Alaska Herring Conservation Alliance • Southeast Alaska Fisherman's Alliance
Southeast Alaska Regional Dive Fisheries Association • Southeast Alaska Seiners • Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association
United Catcher Boats • United Cook Inlet Drift Association • United Southeast Alaska Gillnetters • Valdez Fisheries Development Association