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**CORDOVA DISTRICT FISHERMEN UNITED
RESOLUTION 2010-01-20**

A RESOLUTION BY CORDOVA DISTRICT FISHERMEN UNITED IN SUPPORT OF THE BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE MARINE ADVISORY PROGRAM IN THE UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA'S DRAFT FY11 OPERATING BUDGET REQUEST TO THE GOVERNOR.

WHEREAS, the University of Alaska's Marine Advisory Program has served coastal Alaskans for over 40 years in the state's marine extension program; and

WHEREAS, in particular, Cordova's own Marine Advisory Program agent has provided extensive support to the commercial fishing industry on marine safety initiatives, fishing technology, fuel efficiency, fishing business management, sustainable fishing practices and economic development, and is a source of information and tools in these areas; and

WHEREAS, the Marine Advisory Program is focused on working towards keeping coastal communities economically strong by expanding educational opportunities, building workforce capacity and fostering community participation in the public process; and

WHEREAS, the presence of a Marine Advisory Program agent in Cordova has helped to foster a strong link between the local community and key University of Alaska resources; and

WHEREAS, Marine Advisory Program agents are located in 10 coastal communities around the State, however offices in Nome, Dillingham, Unalaska, Cordova, Petersburg and Kodiak do not have University funds to sustain them and could be closed due to lack of funding.

WHEREAS, Cordova's Marine Advisory Program agent provides a key service that is not filled by any other local organization.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Cordova District Fishermen United encourages Governor Parnell to support the budget request for the Marine Advisory positions that are currently in the University of Alaska's FY11 Operating Budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Cordova District Fishermen United encourages the Alaska State Legislature to support this funding request of \$641,000 to sustain these six Marine Advisory Program offices on a permanent basis.

Adopted by the CDFU Board of Directors on January 20, 2010.

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Rochelle van den Broek, Executive Director