

**ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES**  
**Resolution on Certification Program for Onboard Observer**

*January 18, 2008*

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WHEREAS, Alaska began the observer program on commercial fishing vessels in Kodiak, and

WHEREAS, there are often not enough available certified observers, and

WHEREAS, the University of Alaska systems and Kodiak Community College have extensive marine fisheries and technology training programs,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alaska Board Fisheries urges the University of Alaska to work with the National Marine Fisheries Service to develop a community college certification program for observers on Kodiak Island,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as the program succeeds it should be expanded to the Bristol Bay, Cook Inlet and Southeast Alaska fisheries.

ADOPTED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2008



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Mel Morris, Chair  
Alaska Board of Fisheries