Fisheries, Seafood & Maritime Initiative (FSMI)

Towards a strong and sustainable FSM workforce in Alaska

Developed by:
Representatives of FSM industry sectors & community partners
Representatives of Alaska state agencies

Facilitated by:
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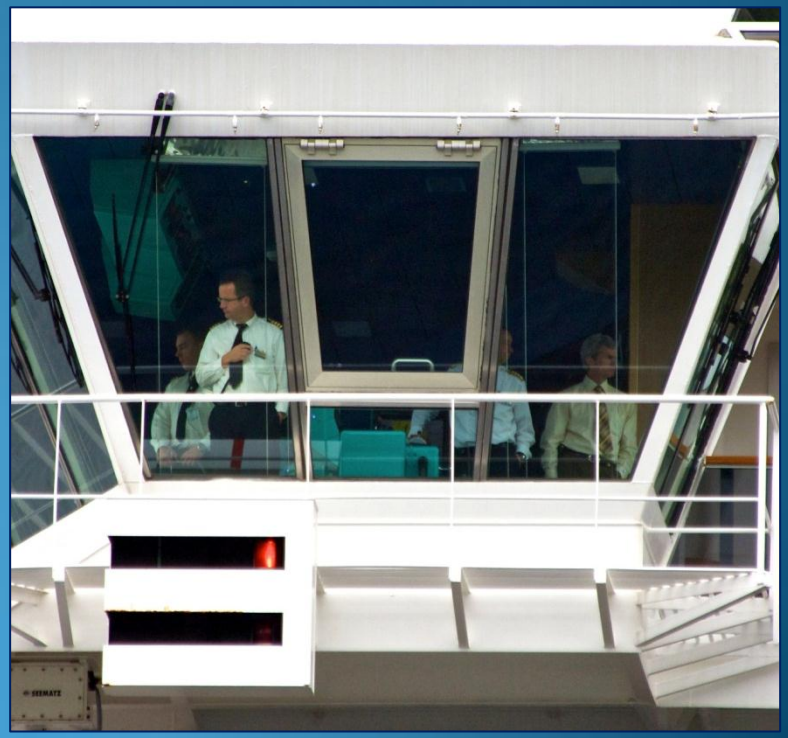
What are we doing?

- Statewide industry-led FSM Workforce Development (WFD) Plan
- Identify broad WFD strategies
- Specific strategies for highest priority occupations
- Similar to the oil/gas and health alliance models
- UA will be one of many responsible parties (e.g., education providers, state agencies) responding to the plan



Benefits?

- An educated and skilled workforce strengthens Alaska's economy statewide
- FSM Employers, Employees, and Self-employed businesses
- More career-level, higher-skilled, higher-paying FSM occupations to Alaskan residents
- Collaboration among industry, community partners, state agencies and education providers in Alaska

FY14 UA Budget Request

FSMI Request $396.8K in Operating Budget

- Alaska Young Fishermen's Summit
- Statewide Delivery: Certificate and AAS in Fisheries Technology
- Alaska Seafood Processors Leadership Institute
- Marine Technologies Training

Chinook Salmon Research Request $3.1M in Capital Budget