Greetings all and share this information as you wish. This update is University of Alaska-wide.

* The Alaska Maritime Industry Advisory Committee held a day-long meeting on September 25th in Anchorage. It was a productive, enthusiastic meeting, punctuated by a significant jolt from an earthquake in the morning! Notes from the meeting are attached. The IAC recognized several ongoing initiatives around the state at AVTEC and UA with support and encouragement. They identified four major priorities for the next 12-18 months: Career Awareness, Vessel Maintenance and Repair, Refrigeration, and Vessel Engineer. Work groups around each of these priorities have been established and are starting to meet. If you would like to participate in these, please contact Meg King at mjking@mjkingandassociates.com.

* UA is requesting four FSMI increments in its Operating Budget for FY16 to be presented to the Board of Regents. The list (still draft) includes: faculty position at UAF in Ocean Acidification; faculty position at UAF (located in Kodiak) in Seafood Technology; faculty position in Fisheries (located in Juneau) shared with UAS and UAF; and program coordinator staff position for UAA Kodiak College’s Vessel and Maritime Industries Program. If the BOR approves these requests, they will be presented to the Governor in November and the Legislature in January.

* UA also gave Icicle Seafoods a donation proposal which included a number of FSMI related suggestions in response to Icicle’s desire to implement the Maritime Workforce Development Plan. We anticipate their response next month.

* The University of Alaska FSMI leadership group (Rick Caulfield, Bonnie Nygard, Gunnar Knapp, Paula Cullenberg, Mike Castellini, Fred Villa, Pete Pinney) are working toward developing an integrated FSMI set of proposals for TVEP and other funding opportunities. If you have a project or program that you would like to develop related to FSMI, please share this with your leadership group contact at your University for us to support. We are promoting these projects and programs using our core values and strategies: responsiveness, coordination, communication, adapt current programs, develop new programs when needed, research, strengthen industry partnerships, build agency and other trainer partnerships.

Other news:
* UAS Ketchikan was awarded a $6.6M Title III grant to transform the current technical center into the UAS Regional Maritime Technical Training Center over the next three years. See Bert Stedman » Blog Archive » UAS Ketchikan Awarded Maritime Grant
* LA Holmes has been hired as a new Maritime Workforce Development Coordinator for Kodiak College. Contact her at laholmes@uas.alaska.edu
* The Alaska Maritime Workforce Development Plan has been supported by resolutions from: Southeast Conference, Southwest Alaska Municipal League, United Fishermen of Alaska, UA Board of Regents, Alaska Workforce Investment Board, Western Alaska Community Development Association and others. Please consider local and regional opportunities to present the plan and contact Meg King for materials.
* The Douglas Island Pink and Chum Salmon Hatchery (known as DIPAC) funded a $1M endowment to support fisheries students at UAF. See Juneau hatchery funds $1 million endowment for fisheries students | SFOS News

Coming Up
* Maritime and Multi-Skilled Worker course is now being offered by UAS Ketchikan. See Maritime & Multi-Skilled Worker | University of Alaska Southeast
* November 9-19 Seafood Quality Control Training Program by Alaska Sea Grant delivered at the UAF Kodiak Seafood and Marine Science Center see Seafood Processing Quality Control Training | Marine Advisory Program | Alaska Sea Grant
*Ammonia Refrigeration* training, taught by UAA professor Dan Mielke, will be offered at the Kodiak Seafood and Marine Science Center the week of Dec 15th. See [Ammonia Refrigeration Training Class—Kodiak | Marine Advisory Program | Alaska Sea Grant](#).

* A new *Boat Electrical* online, asynchronous course targeting commercial fishermen but useful for all boaters has been developed by UAS and Alaska Sea Grant. See [Boat Electrical Course | Marine Advisory Program | Alaska Sea Grant](#).

Thanks everyone - please keep in touch and let me know if you have news to share.

Paula Cullenberg, FSMI co-chair