March 23, 2010

The Honorable Sean Parnell  
Governor State of Alaska  
P.O. Box 110001  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

FAX: 907-465-3532

Re: In Support of the University of Alaska’s Budget for the Marine Advisory Programs

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Senator Lyman Hoffman, Co-Chairman  
Senate Finance Committee  
State Capitol Room 518  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

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Senator Bert Stedman, Co-Chairman
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FAX: 907-465-3922

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House Finance Committee
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