February 4, 2010

The Honorable Governor Sean Parnell
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, Alaska 99811-0001

Re: Marine Advisory Program Funding

Dear Governor Parnell:

The City of Petersburg City Council supports the Marine Advisory Program (MAP) budget request that is within the University of Alaska budget. The Marine Advisory Program office plays an important role in our community and we would be negatively impacted by the loss of this professional position.

The Marine Advisory Program connects community residents with people, knowledge and tools and the Petersburg MAP office has been a valuable part of our community over the 20-plus years it has existed. The city itself, our residents, and our visitors have all benefited from the access to University information and personnel the local office provides.

Please support permanent funding of this position.

Sincerely,

Al Dwyer, Mayor

cc: Alaska Sea Grant Marine Advisory Program (Anchorage and Petersburg)