



# Alaska Maritime Workforce Development Plan

## February 2015 UPDATE

### Industry Advisory Committee (IAC) Steering Committee – Notes from February 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting

- The IAC met in February via teleconference to further discuss transitioning coordination of implementation efforts from the University of Alaska (UA) to the IAC. UA is willing to transfer \$25K in TVEP funds to the IAC provided industry matches these funds and comes up with an entity that can legally accept and administer the funds. Julie Decker presented a draft plan on how this might work using the Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation (AFDF). A Maritime Workforce Coordinator would be hired on a contractual basis for the remainder of the year to assist the IAC in facilitating implementation of the plan. The group discussed the idea and there were no objections to moving forward.
- The group also discussed the need to find a new IAC industry chair as Kris indicated she will step down as chair on Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> due to other obligations and the need for new leadership. She will remain active on the IAC.

### Additional Updates

- On Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>, the AFDF Board agreed to collect and manage funds for the coordinator position. We now need to collect matching funds from industry and hope to soon have a solicitation letter distributed to all IAC members. We encourage you to approach your own organization/business and others in your sector for donations so a coordinator can be hired.
- UA has also applied for a Tier I Rasmuson Foundation grant to develop career awareness videos.

### Presentations in Juneau

Thank you to members of the IAC (Julie Decker, Matt Alward, Doug Ward, Vince O’Shea, and Kris Norosz) who presented at the legislative hearings in Juneau. The first presentation was a Lunch and Learn session to over 50 people on February 16<sup>th</sup>. The next day they also presented to the House Fisheries Committee, chaired by Rep. Stutes, and the Senate Labor Committee, chaired by Sen. Costello. As a result of these meetings, several Legislators are interested in sponsoring a resolution supporting the plan. Thanks to everyone who attended. Here are resources from the presentations:

- [PowerPoint presentation](#) Thank you to Paula Cullenberg and her staff for preparing this presentation.
- View each presentation on Gavel Alaska: [Lunch and Learn](#), [House Fisheries Committee](#), and [Senate Labor & Commerce Committee](#).
- [Rep. Edgmon’s newsletter](#) includes comments from the Lunch and Learn.
- [Rep. Stutes talks fishing](#) on 360North and shares some of the message given to the House Fisheries Committee.

### Research Vessel Sikuliaq Arrives in Alaska



The Sikuliaq docked for the first time in Alaska after ending a journey that began 30 years ago. Learn more at:

- [www.sikuliaq.alaska.edu](http://www.sikuliaq.alaska.edu)
- [Alaska Business Monthly: The polar voyages of the research vessel Sikuliaq](#)
- [SitNews: Sikuliaq arriving in Alaska; First Stop Ketchikan](#)

### Update on Working Groups

Four working groups have formed and are active in implementing the Maritime Plan. Each working group includes participants from UA, industry and training centers. If you would like to participate in a working group, please contact the chairs. Their information along with updates, as they become available, can be found at:

- [Vessel Repair and Maintenance](#)
- [Refrigeration](#)
- [Vessel Engineering and Licensing](#)
- [Career Awareness](#)

### Recent Articles & Information

- [Homer News: HHS, KBC, marine trades partner to open doors to job opportunities](#)
- [Alaska Business: Seafood – Alaska’s Sustainable Bounty](#)
- [Marine Technology Class Series](#)

### Upcoming Events

- Alaska Business Education Compact (BEC) meeting on **February 24<sup>th</sup>** to review all workforce plans (mining, oil and gas, health, maritime) to identify commonalities and define strategies to collaborate on implementing the plans. Contact [Dave Rees](#), coordinator of BEC, for more information.
- Sikuliaq commemorative launch party in Seward on **March 7<sup>th</sup>**.
- PTA Convention presentation on Alaska’s Workforce Development Plans to build awareness is scheduled for **April 17<sup>th</sup>** in Anchorage.

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