

Southeast Conference

RESOLUTION 13-04

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF THE INDUSTRY-LED KETCHIKAN MARINE INDUSTRY COUNCIL, SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF "LOCAL" INDUSTRY-LED MARINE INDUSTRY COUNCILS IN COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT SOUTHEAST ALASKA, AND SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF REGION AND/OR STATE-WIDE INDUSTRY-LED MARINE INDUSTRY COUNCILS

WHEREAS, Southeast Conference recognizes that "Southeast Alaska's Marine Industry Sector is one of the region's oldest and fastest growing sectors" (*Southeast Conference publication "Southeast by the Numbers"*), and

WHEREAS, Southeast Alaska's Marine Industry Sector includes a wide array of businesses engaged in marine transportation and logistics; shipbuilding, repair and related manufacturing; marine civil construction; port and harbor infrastructure; and a service and supply chain base that provides hundreds of specialized goods and professional services." (*Southeast Conference publication "Southeast by the Numbers"*), and

WHEREAS, Southeast Conference recognizes that "The maritime sector plays a critical role in supporting commercial and industrial activity throughout Alaska, the arctic, and the Pacific Northwest, and has significant room for growth in response to emerging opportunities such as arctic development, offshore oil and gas, mining, and expansion of Ketchikan's shipyard – the largest in the State." (*Southeast Conference publication "Southeast by the Numbers"*), and

WHEREAS, Southeast Conference has identified that "Between 2006 and 2011, some of the businesses that make up the region's Maritime Sector– those in ship and boat building and repair – increased their workforce by 181%, with a payroll of over \$8.4 million." (*Southeast Conference publication "Southeast by the Numbers"*), and

WHEREAS, the Ketchikan Marine Industry Council has identified that: "In the coming years, Alaska's maritime industry sector can play an increasingly important role in supporting and realizing key State and National strategic priorities, including offshore energy development, support for new heavy and light rare earth element mines, national defense, increased domestic manufacturing, arctic preparedness, and realizing renewable energy goals," (www.ketchikanmarineindustry.com) and

WHEREAS, Southeast Conference has identified that over the last year, the "Seafood, Commercial Fishing, or Marine" industries realized the third highest level of new private investment, by sector (estimated \$3.2 million to \$16 million), (*Southeast Alaska Private Investment Survey 2012*) and

WHEREAS, Southeast Conference has identified that between 2009 and 2010, total wages within the Alaska Ocean Products Sector grew by 18%, and average annual wages grew by 15%, (*Southeast Conference Measures Summary for Southeast Alaska CEDS*) and

WHEREAS, it is a stated goal of Southeast Conference to: "Enhance the efficiency and capacity of Alaska's Marine Technology and Trades Industry, which will support a wide array of existing and emerging economic activity dependent upon marine transportation" (*Objective 2.6., Southeast Conference FY2012 CEDS Update*), and

WHEREAS, the Ketchikan Marine Industry Council, an industry-led initiative, is actively leveraging private sector knowledge, skills, experience, and resources – in conjunction with complimentary government and philanthropic investment -- to pursue the following objectives, identified at www.ketchikanmarineindustry.com:

- Recognition of Ketchikan's maritime enterprise
- Increased market insight and access
- Improved maritime industry business climate, via industry-led advocacy and policy development
- Key maritime infrastructure needs are identified and prioritized for investment
- Increased access to business partners and customers
- New private sector investment

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- Increased access to investors
- Expanded maritime industry supply chain
- Increased access to skilled workforce
 1. Ketchikan-region workforce investment/improvement system
 2. Prevent workforce shortages by steering and supporting learning and training strategies
 3. New systems for connecting with skilled workers and fulfilling immediate needs

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by Southeast Conference as follows:

Section 1.

Southeast Conference supports the ongoing efforts of the industry-led Ketchikan Marine Industry Council.

Section 2.

Southeast Conference supports the concept of "scaling up" the efforts of the industry-led Ketchikan Marine Industry Council for application in region-wide and State-wide contexts (an industry-led Alaska Marine Industry Council),

Section 3.

Southeast Conference supports establishment of "local-level" marine industry councils throughout southeast Alaska.

ADOPTED BY THE SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2012

Witness:

Attest:



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