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In a resolution signed by 27 representatives of the United Fishermen of Alaska (UFA) demonstrated that a large majority of the Alaska fishing industry is in support of the FAO-Based Responsible Fisheries Management (RFM) Certification.

Signers of the resolution, include many salmon fishing associations in the state of Alaska:

Southeast Alaska Seiners
Cordova District Fishermen United
Kenai Peninsula Fishermens Association
Valdez Fisheries Development Association
Armstrong Keta, inc.
Douglas Island Pink and Chum, Inc.
Alaska Trollers Association
Petersburg Vessel Owners Association
Concerned Area M fishermen
United Southeast Alaska Gillnetters
United Cook Inlet Drift Association

[The resolution](#) - adopted by UFA says:

The United Fishermen of Alaska and all signatory fishing groups strongly support the State of Alaska's decision to withdraw the Alaska Department of Fish and Game from Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) certification.

The United Fishermen of Alaska and all signatory fishing groups strongly support the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institutes' decision to reject MSC 'clientship' for Alaska salmon certification.

The United Fishermen of Alaska and all signatory fishing groups believe that the Alaska brand of wild, natural and sustainable seafood as well as the Alaska Constitution requiring 'sustainability' and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game's internationally acclaimed management practices are all that is needed for Alaska's seafood retail and wholesale customers to understand that Alaska's seafood is 'sustainable'.

The United Fishermen of Alaska and all signatory fishing groups support the Responsible Fishery Management (RFM) certification as an objective, internationally recognized ISO Standard that is in the best interests of Alaska and its fisheries.

The United Fishermen of Alaska and all signatory fishing groups encourage the State of Alaska to continue to fund and support ASMI in its efforts to educate Alaska seafood customers regarding the constitutional and institutional sustainability of Alaska seafood management as well as the

need for objective internationally recognized 3rd party fishery certification.

For more information on RFM Certification and Alaska seafood sustainability, go to <http://sustainability.alaskaseafood.org/certification>

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