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Maritime Workforce Plan Identifies 23 Priority Occupations

JUNEAU, Alaska—A recent study found that Alaska ranks third in the nation in per capita maritime jobs. Representing 70,000 jobs in Alaska, the maritime industry includes seafood harvesters, processors, marine occupations, support jobs and research, enhancement and management.

Maritime industry groups, along with five state agencies – Labor and Workforce Development, Fish and Game, Transportation and Public Facilities, Education and Early Development, and Commerce, Community and Economic Development – and the University of Alaska, worked together for two years to develop a strategic plan to support this critical workforce.

The Alaska Maritime Workforce Development Plan, which identifies 23 priority occupations across four maritime sub-sectors, is now available. The plan includes strategies to create a seamless workforce development system to prepare Alaskans for these opportunities.

The plan can be downloaded or read online at Labor.Alaska.Gov/MaritimePlan.

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