WHEREAS Dr. William W. Smoker has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1985 to 2009; and

WHEREAS Dr. Smoker has been prolific and successful as a teacher, shepherding nearly thirty students through the fisheries graduate program, with more students nearing graduation; and has fostered their intellectual, research and professional growth by co-authoring scientific papers with them; and

WHEREAS Dr. Smoker has produced a vast body of work, with particular emphasis on salmon aquaculture technology, biodiversity and oceanography; and is credited with more than forty-five peer-reviewed publications and more than sixty other reports and presentations; and whose expertise in salmon ecology is exemplified by his service on the board of the Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation and as a member of the scientific review group of the State of Washington Salmon Recovery Board; and

WHEREAS Dr. Smoker has been a valuable University servant, notably as Director of the Fisheries Division during two different times; and has provided his expertise to a variety of institutions and organizations at the University, State, national and international levels;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. William W. Smoker for his extensive contributions to both the State of Alaska and the University; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Alaska Fairbanks, in further recognition of the invaluable services rendered by Dr. Smoker and as evidence of the University’s desire that his identification with the University be maintained, hereby salutes the appointment of Dr. William W. Smoker as Professor of Fisheries, Emeritus; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be appropriately engrossed and signed by the Chancellor of the University of Alaska Fairbanks as further evidence of the esteem and respect in which he holds Dr. William W. Smoker, and conveyed to Dr. Smoker on this day of May 10, 2009.