

# *35 years of Service to the Alaska Seafood Industry!*

## *Open House*

### *Kodiak Seafood and Marine Science Center*

*University of Alaska Fairbanks*

*Thursday, June 9, 2016 5:30 to 8:00 PM*

Please join us at an Open House at the Kodiak Seafood and Marine Science Center – celebrating 35 years of service to the fishing industry of Alaska. Applaud the past while exploring the applied research and workforce training vision for the future of the Kodiak Seafood and Marine Science Center.

#### **Why?**

Due to fiscal challenges, the University of Alaska is no longer able to support the facility costs of the Kodiak Seafood and Marine Science Center (formerly Fishery Industrial Technology Center – FITC). Yet UA is mandated by statute to provide training and research to support the fishing industry through FITC. Alaska Sea Grant, a University of Alaska/NOAA partnership program, engages in applied research, technical assistance and workforce training at KSMSC, but current capacity is limited and there is room for growth. Alaska Research Consortium is a new group considering a private-public partnership with industry, Kodiak community leaders and the University to develop an improved applied research and training business model. This model has the potential to be driven by industry needs and be financially sustainable.



***Join us to hear about the vision for the Kodiak Seafood and Marine Science Center, sponsored by the Alaska Research Consortium, Alaska Sea Grant and the University of Alaska.***

***5:30 pm, Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at KSMSC, across the bridge on Near Island.***

***Local seafood appetizers and no-host bar***

***Building tours at 6:30 pm***