

Study focuses on mariculture

Salmon farming worldwide may result in serious price reductions for Alaska salmon going into premium quality markets, but pen-rearing in Alaska should have a relatively small effect on prices for wild salmon, according to a study by the University of Alaska-Fairbanks.

The study, conducted by Dr. Robert Logan and John Weddleton of the UAF School of Management, also said salmon farming would be profitable in Alaska and that development of a modest-sized pen-rearing industry would result in the creation of about 4,000 new jobs, according to the Alaska Mariculture Association.