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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 1807

A Resolution Recognizing the Social and Economic Importance of the Alaska Commercial Salmon Fishing Industry and Opposing the "Fairness in Salmon Harvesting" (FISH) Initiative.

WHEREAS, the commercial fishing industry is comprised of thousands of small, family-run businesses, and

WHEREAS, the commercial fishing industry is the largest private sector employer and the second largest revenue producing industry in the State of Alaska, and

WHEREAS, the commercial seafood industry contributes an average of \$40 million annually in raw fish tax and the seafood processing industry pays an average of \$60 million annually in taxes and cash benefits to the State of Alaska and its communities, and

WHEREAS, the "Fairness in Salmon Harvesting" (FISH) Initiative threatens established and successful management practices which have resulted in record returns of salmon and jeopardizes the continued existence of salt-water and in-river commercial fisheries, and

WHEREAS, jobs in the seafood industry and support industries such as transportation, marine fuel, and retail could be at risk if this initiative passes, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the city and borough to maintain viable recreational and commercial fishing opportunities regulated by the Alaska Board of Fisheries;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

Section 1. That the Assembly of the City and Borough of Juneau acknowledges the social and economic importance of the Alaska commercial salmon fishing industry to our community and to the State of Alaska and opposes the passage of the FISH Initiative.

Section 2. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 4th day of March, 1996.



Mayor

Attest:



Clerk