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## **RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA**

**Serial No. 2018**

### **A Resolution in Support of Private Nonprofit Hatcheries.**

WHEREAS, the Alaska salmon hatchery system was created to help save the state's depleted and depressed salmon fishery, and

WHEREAS, private nonprofit hatcheries have contributed substantially to fish production which generated more than \$700 million in ex-vessel value through 1999, and

WHEREAS, Juneau benefits from this economic activity through fishermen and process worker income, raw fish tag revenue, sport fish revenue and a growing charter industry, and

WHEREAS, private nonprofit hatcheries have demonstrated their technical competence to develop and sustain salmon production within strict fishery management, genetic and pathology standards, and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Salmon Cabinet Hatchery Policy Group has confirmed that Alaska's share of the world salmon market should be maintained and that reduction in either wild or hatchery salmon will likely be replaced by another producer, and

WHEREAS, a reduction in chum salmon production would have a serious negative impact to this region's economy, and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Board of Fish is considering three measures known as Proposals 358, 364, and 365 that would limit chum salmon production and cost recovery and would likely result in the closure of the hatcheries in this area, and

WHEREAS, the system of hatchery review through the Department of Fish & Game and the Regional Planning Team process has allowed salmon production to rebound to current levels, and

WHEREAS, processor investment in additional processing capacity has been restricted due to the uncertain situation surrounding southeast chum production, and

WHEREAS, current financial problems facing the salmon industry are common throughout Alaska and if hatcheries are to continue their economic contributions to local areas, a positive resolution of these issues must be obtained;

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

**Section 1.** That the City & Borough of Juneau recognizes the value of the private nonprofit hatchery program, values its contributions, applauds its technical abilities, and supports its continuing in the evolving Alaska salmon industry and for that reason recommends against adoption of Board Proposals 358, 364, and 365.

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

Adopted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2000.

  
Dennis Egan, Mayor

Attest:

  
Laurie J. Sica, Clerk