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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 2024

A Resolution Opposing Further Reductions in Southeast Alaska Fisheries Quotas in an Effort to Protect Snake River Salmon Runs.

WHEREAS, nine federal resource agencies responsible for federal actions in the Pacific Northwest affecting salmon and other species listed under the Endangered Species Act are cooperating in an informal organization known as the “Federal Caucus”, and

WHEREAS, a primary function of the Federal Caucus is to identify methods to restore threatened and endangered salmon runs in the Columbia River Basin, which have declined by 90% since 1975, and

WHEREAS, there is no significant dispute about the cause of this ecological disaster: it has been caused by the reckless construction of dams on the Columbia and Snake Rivers, and

WHEREAS, to date, the federal response to this disaster has been to limit commercial and sport salmon fishing in Southeast, so as to ensure that more Snake River fish survive to meet a pathetic death at the foot of a dam, and

WHEREAS, Alaskan fish harvesters are responsible for less than 1% of Snake River fall chinook mortality, and

WHEREAS, the cruel and pointless practice of lashing Alaskan fishermen to the Northwest power grid has since the 1970’s cut the Southeast Alaska commercial salmon catch in half while doing little or nothing to solve the Snake River salmon collapse, and

WHEREAS, the Federal Caucus is actively considering a further 75% reduction in Alaskan quotas, a gross violation of the “safe passage” intent of the 1999 multi-government agreement on abundance-based management under the Pacific Salmon Treaty, and

WHEREAS, it is time to abandon the bankrupt policy of managing dams by throwing more fish at them;

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

Section 1. The Assembly of the City and Borough of Juneau opposes efforts to protect Snake River salmon runs by further reducing Southeast Alaska fisheries quotas.

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

Adopted this 6th day of March, 2000.



Dennis Egan, Mayor

Attest:



Laurie J. Sica, Clerk