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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 2073

A Resolution Urging Merchants and Consumers to Support Southeast Alaska Salmon Products.

WHEREAS, The Alaska State Legislature banned the farming of finfish, including salmon, in 1990 for environmental and economic reasons, and

WHEREAS, over the past 10 years, the production of farmed salmon has risen steadily in Washington State, British Columbia, and around the world, and

WHEREAS, the increase in farmed salmon production has contributed to a decline in the price of wild Alaskan salmon products, resulting in severe economic harm to Southeast Alaska fishermen, and

WHEREAS, ocean net pens and other salmon farming techniques have led to a host of environmental concerns, including ocean-bottom pollution, the escape of farmed fish into the wild, and the spread of disease to wild stocks, and

WHEREAS, reliable evidence shows that farmed Atlantic salmon are escaping in Pacific ocean waters, and successfully spawning in British Columbian streams, and

WHEREAS, numerous Atlantic salmon have been caught in Southeast Alaskan waters, possibly jeopardizing the genetic integrity of the wild stock and creating a potential for disease transmission, and

WHEREAS, commercial, sport, guided sport and subsistence salmon fishing are all essential to the strength and diversity of the Juneau and Southeast Alaska economy, and

WHEREAS, wholesale and retail sale of locally harvested wild Alaskan salmon products helps support local and Southeast Alaska commercial fishermen, and

WHEREAS, these issues warrant the concern of all Juneau residents, and the resources of local, state, and federal government agencies, and

WHEREAS, some Juneau merchants are stocking farmed Atlantic salmon for sale in our community, and

WHEREAS, our community prospers most when we respect and support all local businesses, including fishermen and merchants, and

WHEREAS, our ecosystem thrives best when we respect and protect the health and genetic diversity of Pacific salmon;

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

Section 1. The City and Borough of Juneau hereby urges local merchants and consumers to avoid farmed salmon products in favor of wild Alaskan salmon products.

Section 2. The Clerk shall provide copies of this resolution to the Governor, state and federal legislative delegations, and local food stores.

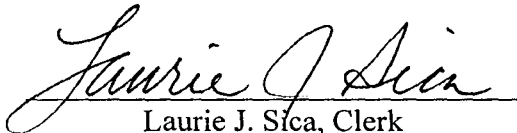
Section 3. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 5th day of February, 2001.



Sally Smith, Mayor

Attest:



Laurie J. Sica, Clerk