

Presented by: The Manager
Introduced: 02/28/2011
Drafted by: J.W. Hartle

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 2562

A Resolution Expressing Assembly Support for the Extension of, and Amendments to, the Alaska Coastal Management Program.

WHEREAS, the City and Borough supports the preservation of a local government's ability to be responsive to unique circumstances, thereby following the mandate established in the Alaska Constitution "to provide for maximum local self government"; and

WHEREAS, since its inception in 1977, the Alaska Coastal Management Program (ACMP) has provided Alaska's coastal municipalities with a powerful tool to promote responsible development while protecting coastal resources; and

WHEREAS, a cornerstone of the ACMP has been the ability for municipalities organized as coastal districts to develop enforceable policies that address local circumstances and concerns; and

WHEREAS, changes to the ACMP statutes in 2003 and changes to the ACMP regulations in 2005, reduced the effectiveness of the ACMP, and diminished the role of coastal districts, including the inability to establish meaningful local enforceable policies, the removal of air and water quality from coordinated ACMP project reviews, and elimination of the Coastal Policy Council that facilitated public engagement in administrative and program decisions; and

WHEREAS, the ACMP will sunset on July 1, 2011, unless the Alaska State Legislature extends the program.

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

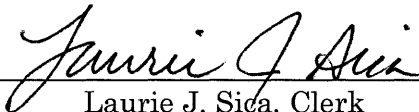
Section 1. That the City and Borough of Juneau supports legislation that extends the ACMP sunset date beyond July 1, 2011, establishes a coastal policy board, returns air and water quality issues to the ACMP consistency reviews, eliminates requirements for designation of subsistence use areas, and allows meaningful enforceable policies.

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

Adopted this 28th day of February, 2011.


Bruce Botelho, Mayor

Attest:


Laurie J. Sica, Clerk