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

Serial No. 2743

### **A Resolution Supporting the Alaska Department of Fish and Game Fisheries Representatives Serving on the Pacific Salmon Commission.**

WHEREAS, the recreational, commercial and subsistence fisheries of Southeast Alaska are critically important to the economic and personal well-being of our citizens and communities; and

WHEREAS, the harvest of Chinook, pink, coho, and sockeye salmon in Southeast Alaska relies, in part, on the terms of fishing regimes negotiated between Canada, the states of Washington and Oregon, and the Pacific Northwest Tribes under the Annexes of the Pacific Salmon Treaty (Treaty); and

WHEREAS, the terms of the current Treaty Annexes are currently being renegotiated in anticipation of the next ten year agreement, slated to begin in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG) and the recreational, commercial and subsistence fishery representatives serving on the Pacific Salmon Commission (PSC) Northern and Transboundary River Panels are working to develop the terms of the 2019 agreement that:

- Restore and continue financial support from the United States, Canada, and the State of Alaska for programs to gather timely and accurate data on salmon stocks and fisheries subject to the Treaty; share the fishery management costs associated with the Treaty; and, assist with related enhancement programs; and
- Resolve current deficiencies in the performance of the PSC Chinook model, to eliminate erratic and unreliable estimates of Chinook salmon abundance that have led to unnecessarily low fishing quotas for all Southeast fishing sectors.
- Secure greater access for the Southeast fisheries to hatchery stocks produced by federally-funded programs, for the express purpose of mitigating lost harvest opportunities resulting from hydropower projects in the Columbia River Basin.
- Assure fair treatment of the Alaska fisheries within the PSC process and prevent abuses in the application of the Endangered Species Act.

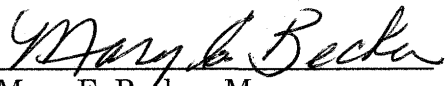
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

**Section 1.** The Assembly of the City and Borough of Juneau is requesting that the Alaska Governor's Office, the Alaska Legislature, and the Alaska Congressional delegation:


- Recognize the dependence of the Southeast Alaska communities upon the fisheries impacted by the PSC; and
- Recognize the critical need to support the Alaska representatives to the Pacific Salmon Commission; and
- Commit to use all means available to provide assistance and help assure a successful outcome to the current PSC negotiation in order to provide our citizens fair and reasonable access to coast-wide salmon stocks.

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

Adopted this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016.

  
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Mary E. Becker, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Laurie J. Sica, Municipal Clerk