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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 1863

A Resolution Urging Congress to Repeal or Amend Legislation Prohibiting Commercial Fishing in Glacier Bay.

WHEREAS, commercial fishing in Glacier Bay is an important element in the Northern Southeast Alaska economy and last winter accounted for 44 percent of the tanner crab processed at Hoonah Cold Storage, and

WHEREAS, the cold storage has purchased salmon caught by local fishermen in the park for 20 years, and

WHEREAS, Glacier Bay crab is also processed at Point Adolphus Seafood in Gustavus and sent on small airlines serving that town, and

WHEREAS, as a result of recent environmental litigation, the National Park Service has proposed regulations which would prohibit commercial fishing in the wilderness waters of Glacier Bay Park, including the Beardslee Islands, upper Dundas Bay, Adams Inlet, Rendu Inlet, Hugh Miller Inlet, Charpentier Inlet and Scidmore Bay. Limited crabbing could continue in the Beardslee Islands for five to seven years as part of a research study, and

WHEREAS, the regulations propose that fishing in other park areas inside the bay would be phased out over a 15-year period. The outer coast, Icy Strait and Cross Sound would remain open indefinitely under joint management of the National Park Service and the state, and

WHEREAS, the National Park Service is accepting comments on the proposed regulations until October 15, and

WHEREAS, fishing, tourism, and resource conservation have coexisted for many years in Glacier Bay, and could do so for the foreseeable future, and

WHEREAS, a balanced and multiple-use approach to fisheries management should allow fishing at historical levels in Glacier Bay;

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

Section 1. Regulations Opposed. The Assembly opposes regulations which would prohibit commercial fishing in Glacier Bay National Park.

Section 2. Remedial Legislation. The Assembly urges the Congress to repeal or amend legislation prohibiting commercial fishing in Glacier Bay.

Section 3. Distribution. The Municipal Clerk shall distribute copies of this resolution to the congressional delegation.

Section 4. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 5th day of May, 1997.



Mayor

Attest:



Clerk