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

## Serial No. 1914

A Resolution Expressing Assembly Support for Negotiation of Pacific Salmon Treaty Issues by the Northern Boundary Stakeholders Group and Interim Management of Pacific Salmon Treaty Fisheries by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

WHEREAS, the Northern Boundary Stakeholders group is the appropriate forum to resolve Pacific Salmon Treaty issues such as the interpretation of Article III and the bilateral agreement on fisheries under the Treaty Annexes, and

WHEREAS, the Stakeholders are familiar with the intent and wording of the Treaty and understand the social and economic value of the fisheries to the City and Borough of Juneau and Southeast Alaska generally, and

WHEREAS, management of Southeast Alaska salmon fisheries is presently being conducted by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in a manner that is consistent with the language and intent of the Pacific Salmon Treaty, including Article III (Principles) and Chapter 7 (General Obligation), and

WHEREAS, this management provides for conservative, sustainable salmon fisheries for chinook, coho, sockeye, chum, and pink salmon, and

WHEREAS, these salmon species are of great social and economic importance to Juneau and to Southeast Alaska generally, and

WHEREAS, neither the Pacific Salmon Commission process nor the Northern Boundary Stakeholders negotiations have yet produced a bilateral fisheries agreement with Canada due to the failure of the Canadian Government to agree on the implementation of Article III of the Pacific Salmon Treaty;

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska:

- **Section 1.** The Assembly supports efforts by Northern Boundary Stakeholders to negotiate and resolve Pacific Salmon Treaty issues with their Canadian counterparts.
- **Section 2.** The United States and Canadian governments should maintain the stakeholder process in any government-to-government decisions affecting salmon allocations under the treaty.
- **Section 3.** Pending establishment of a bilateral fisheries agreement with Canada, the City and Borough of Juneau supports fisheries management in the affected area by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, including the terms specified in the Letter of Agreement on Chinook signed by the states of Washington and Oregon, and by the Northwest Tribes.
- **Section 4. Effective Date.** This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 12th day of January, 1998.

Dennis Egan, Mayor

Attest:

Marian I Miller Clerk