

Presented by: Mayor Polley
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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 1208

A RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE OF ALASKA TO SUPPORT THE
DEVELOPMENT OF MARICULTURE INDUSTRY IN ALASKA.

WHEREAS, the growing markets for sea-farmed products offer the potential of developing a series of mariculture operations throughout much of Southeast Alaska, and

WHEREAS, worldwide trends suggest that the existing market opportunities for mariculture operations will be filled by other states and countries if Alaska does not participate, and

WHEREAS, the unpolluted and protein-rich waters of Southeast Alaska's bays and fjords are regarded as some of the best potential sites for mariculture in the United States, and

WHEREAS, mariculture represents one of the few opportunities for new, year-round jobs in many Southeast Alaska communities, and

WHEREAS, the need for mariculture operators to purchase supplies, such as nets, pens, feed, and low-technology equipment will result in new opportunities for Juneau businesses, and

WHEREAS, year-round shipments of fresh cultured seafood from many areas are likely to be routed through Juneau, which could help improve transportation rates and services between Juneau and neighboring communities, and

WHEREAS, new fishing opportunities could be created from the production of fish meal pellets and other food necessary for the raising of finfish, and

WHEREAS, the development of a stable mariculture industry in Alaska is dependent upon a positive attitude by state and local government toward sea farming, and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska has no policy regarding mariculture development, currently will not process


applications for finfish mariculture for profit, and offers the minimum support services necessary to serve existing shellfish operations;

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

That the Assembly urges the State of Alaska to support the development of a stable, year-round mariculture industry in Alaska.

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

Adopted this 5th day of January, 1987.



Mayor

Attest:



Clerk