Presented by: The Manager
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Drafted by: Fisheries Development Committee

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 1457

A RESOLUTION URGING THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO RELEASE THE SNETTISHAM HATCHERY KING SALMON SMELTS WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU.

WHEREAS, the commercial fishing, sport fishing, and tourism industries offer a substantial opportunity for diversified economic growth in the Juneau area, and

WHEREAS, the Assembly of the City and Borough of Juneau is highly supportive of existing fisheries-oriented businesses and is desirous of encouraging new fisheries business to establish in Juneau, and

WHEREAS, the maintenance of existing fisheries businesses and the attraction of new businesses is highly dependent upon the availability of healthy and consistent fisheries resources in the local area, and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game is developing plans to annually transfer 2.0 million rearing king salmon fingerling from the Snettisham Hatchery facility for release and return of adults to the remote Deep Cove area approximately 130 nautical miles from Juneau, and

WHEREAS, raw fish tax revenues that would otherwise be available to the City and Borough of Juneau will be lost by this transfer, and

WHEREAS, the United States/Canada Pacific Salmon Treaty public funds to be used for capitalization of the king salmon transfer project were appropriated to mitigate resource sacrifices by all user groups, and

WHEREAS, the Snettisham Hatchery facility was financed with state dollars and was located and designed to enhance Juneau area salmon stocks, and

WHEREAS, returns of salmon to the local area have been successfully enhanced by remote releases in the Juneau area, and

WHEREAS, the 1985 projections by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game of a harvestable king salmon surplus of 68,700 king

salmon from the Snettisham facility in 1990 have not been attained, and

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Juneau Fisheries Development Committee has reviewed this issue and recommends that this resolution be adopted;

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

1. That the Assembly of the City and Borough of Juneau respectfully requests the Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to cancel all plans for transfer of Snettisham Hatchery king salmon production to the Deep Cove area.

2. That the Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game is further urged to proceed with a salmon enhancement program, based on releases of Snettisham Hatchery king salmon smelts within the boundaries of the City and Borough of Juneau, that attains the 1985 goal of producing 68,700 adult king salmon for harvest by all Southeastern Alaska user groups.

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

Adopted this 16th day of July, 1990.

Mayor

Attest:

Clerk