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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 1335

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE CITY AND BOROUGH'S POLICY CONCERNING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE CITY AND BOROUGH'S WETLAND SPECIAL AREA MANAGEMENT PLAN AND THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S ADVANCED IDENTIFICATION.

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Juneau has contributed over $200,000 for the generation of extensive wetlands evaluation data regarding natural functions, public preferences, and community needs, and

WHEREAS, the city and borough is using this data in an innovative wetlands management planning process which assigns comprehensive management classifications to each wetland in the special study area, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this effort is to provide a responsible wetlands management plan which preserves the highest value wetlands while allowing for necessary community growth which must be accommodated on wetlands due to a lack of practicable uplands alternatives, and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is considering the issuance of an Advanced Identification, which would designate each wetland as being either generally suitable or unsuitable for obtaining a dredge and fill permit, and

WHEREAS, a "suitable or unsuitable" designation gives no practicable guidance to the community on the accommodation of necessary development, but the release of such a document could create negative public reaction which could hinder the city and borough's ability to complete the Wetlands Special Area Management Plan;

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

1. That the City and Borough of Juneau notify the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency that an Advanced Identification public hearing should not be held until the

Environmental Protection Agency has received and carefully considered the City and Borough of Juneau's Wetland Special Area Management Plan.

2. That the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is urged to join the city and borough and other appropriate agencies to jointly complete the wetlands management plan, which could also be designated as an Advanced Identification of Juneau wetlands under the federal regulations.

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

Adopted this 19th day of September, 1988.

Mayor

Attest:

Clerk