Presented by: The Manager
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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 1348

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU URGING THE GOVERNOR TO INSTRUCT THE PACIFIC SALMON TREATY COMMISSION TO PLACE A HIGH PRIORITY ON INCREASING THE CHINOOK QUOTA FOR ALASKA THIS WINTER.

WHEREAS, during the summer of 1988, there was again a further increase in available chinook salmon (48 percent increase over the summer of 1987, which was a 51 percent increase over the previous year), and

WHEREAS, undue economic disruption has been suffered by the Southeast Alaska troll fleet with the traditional 169-day summer chinook season being reduced to 23 days in 1987 and to only 12 days in 1988, and

WHEREAS, access time to harvest other species of salmon, and hatchery chinook, has been lost due to high chinook availability, and

WHEREAS, other salmon net groups are also being held to restrictive quotas, and the Southeast Alaska economy as a whole is suffering economic loss due to unfair quotas established in the United States/Canada Pacific Salmon Treaty, and

WHEREAS, while the burdens of conservation were to be shared in order to rebuild stocks, the benefits of fish in excess of escapement needs were also to be shared, and

WHEREAS, Alaska and Canada are on a lidded quota to achieve rebuilding, while Washington and Oregon have tremendously increased their harvest of chinook salmon, and

WHEREAS, in light of the above facts there is no biological reason not to increase the Southeast Alaska chinook quota to achieve a fair sharing of these benefits;

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 requests Governor Cowper to instruct the Pacific Salmon Treaty Commission to continue to put a high priority on increasing the chinook quota for Alaska by a meaningful amount during the upcoming 1988-1989 "fair sharing" treaty negotiations.

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

Adopted this 9th day of January, 1989.

Mayor

Attest:

Clerk