



A RESOLUTION OF THE ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING THE SAND POINT AND KING COVE BOARD OF FISHERIES PROPOSALS

WHEREAS, the King Cove and Sand Point fish and game Advisory Committees have submitted proposals to the Alaska Board of Fisheries regarding the pollock fishery in the Western Gulf of Alaska.

WHEREAS, the proposals ask for regulations that would;

1. Establish a state waters pollock fishery
2. Restrict pollock fishing inside state waters to vessels 58' or less.
3. Set the percentage that would be managed by the state at the historical average over the previous years plus 15%.

WHEREAS, current federal regulations allow the (large vessel) non-exempt AFA Bering Sea fleet to harvest up to 62% of the pollock in the Western Gulf.

WHEREAS, the majority of the pollock harvest in the Western Gulf of Alaska (and in the A and B seasons as much as 100%) over the past 10 years has been taken inside State waters.

WHEREAS, the small boat fleet (vessels 58' or less) are capable of harvesting all of the pollock within State waters.

WHEREAS, in recent seasons the large boat fleet has harvested pollock at twice the rate of the smaller vessels.

WHEREAS, a slower paced fishery would mitigate some Steller sea lion concerns.

WHEREAS, the regulations proposed by the advisory committees would improve access to the pollock resource for all local communities in the Gulf of Alaska.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Aleutians East Borough supports the proposals of the King Cove and Sand Point Advisory Committees.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH ASSEMBLY on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2006.

By:

Stanley Mack, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tina Anderson, Clerk