



**RESOLUTION 19-27**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH ASSEMBLY IN SUPPORT OF A 58 FOOT LIMITATION IN THE FEDERAL WESTERN GULF OF ALASKA POLLOCK TRAWL FISHERY.**

**WHEREAS**, the local fishing fleet that homeport in Aleutians East Borough communities and employ captains and crew that live in the communities, is made up predominately of 58 foot limit seiners and smaller vessels that participate in local salmon fisheries, and

**WHEREAS**, many of these vessels have diversified by necessity to participate in other local fisheries over the years, including using trawl gear for pollock in the Western Gulf of Alaska, and

**WHEREAS**, the local 58 foot and under vessels that pioneered the local pollock trawl fishery could easily be eclipsed by larger vessels moving into the fishery, and

**WHEREAS**, the Aleutians East Borough wishes to advantage local vessels that employ local residents, contribute to local economies and deliver pollock to our local shore-based plants, and

**WHEREAS**, the North Pacific Fishery Management Council is considering the impacts of an option to limit pollock trawl vessels in the Western Gulf of Alaska fishery to 58 feet, and

**WHEREAS**, a 58 foot limit in the WGOA pollock trawl fishery would benefit the local vessels that have historically participated in this fishery, and

**WHEREAS**, also reducing trip limits and capping size of vessels are recognized beneficial to small boat fisheries.

**WHEREAS**, protections for our local vessels also protect jobs, families and local economies.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Aleutians East Borough Assembly supports an option currently under consideration by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council for a 58 foot vessel limitation in the Western Gulf of Alaska pollock trawl fishery, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Aleutians East Borough Assembly requests the North Pacific Council to also consider other options to protect the local WGOA trawl fleet, including an option to reduce the trip limit and an option to cap the over 58 foot vessel group to their historical average of the pollock harvest.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the Aleutians East Borough on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018.

  
Alvin D. Osterback, Mayor

ATTEST:   
Tina Anderson, Clerk