



RESOLUTION 18-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH ASSEMBLY IN SUPPORT OF NO CHANGES TO THE ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES 2017/2018 MEETING CYCLE AGENDA.

WHEREAS, the Aleutians East Borough communities rely on continued North & South Alaska Peninsula local salmon fishery harvests for our culture, economy and livelihood; and,

WHEREAS, most of Alaska salmon stocks are mixed and many regions of the State benefit from the Alaska Board of Fisheries' Mixed Stock Fishery/Sustainable Salmon policies, including Chignik fishermen, known interceptors of South Alaska Peninsula bound salmon; and

WHEREAS, the Board adopted new regulations in 2016 intending to limit sockeye harvest in the 'Dolgoi Island area', ADFG statistical areas 283-15 through 283-26 and 284-36 through 284-42, by imposing a 191,000 sockeye limit in the area that would trigger a fishing closure in statistical areas 284-37 through 284-39, and area 283-26; and

WHEREAS, the ADFG data in 2016 indicated that the 191,000 limit would have been reached only 4 of 10 years, had the policy been in place from 2006 to 2015; and

WHEREAS, the 191,000 sockeye limit and resulting fishing closures have occurred in both salmon seasons, 2016 & 2017, since the regulations have been in place; and

WHEREAS, the Board published 18 agenda change requests (ACRs) this month to be considered at the October 2017 Board Work Session, including ACR 12 submitted by the Chignik Regional Aquaculture Association ; and,

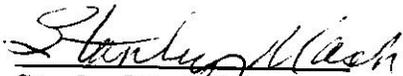
WHEREAS, if adopted, ACR 12 would further restrict sockeye harvest in the Dolgoi Island area; and

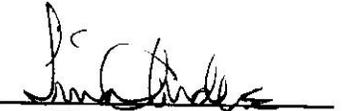
WHEREAS, the Dolgoi Island area is at the heart of the Aleutians East Borough South Alaska Peninsula salmon fishing area, between the fishing communities of King Cove and Sand Point; and

WHEREAS, ACR 12 does not meet the Board criteria for approving an agenda change request in 5 AAC 39.999.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Aleutians East Borough Assembly supports no changes to the Alaska Board of Fisheries 2017/2018 meeting cycle agenda; and

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Aleutians East Borough on this 22 day of September, 2017.


Stanley Mack, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Tina Anderson, Clerk