

## RESOLUTION 10-09

# Resolution Regarding the Allocation of Pacific Cod among Sectors in the Gulf of Alaska

A **RESOLUTION** of the Aleutians East Borough Assembly supporting the sustainability of local fishing communities and fishing opportunities for those who live in and/or contribute to the local economy and calling for the maximum allocation of Pacific Cod to sectors that deliver to local communities.

**WHEREAS**, Western Gulf of Alaska communities are highly dependent on the harvesting and processing of Pacific Cod.

**WHEREAS**, the fishing industry directly contributes approximately 86% of the revenues of the Aleutians East Borough;

**WHEREAS**, fishermen, processing companies, local businesses, air and transportation companies, communication businesses and the local governments that provide services all depend on income derived from commercial fishing of which Pacific cod is a significant contributor;

**WHEREAS**, Western Gulf communities have seen declines in population, jobs, school enrollment and local economic activity;

**WHEREAS**, fish delivered to local communities provides jobs for fishermen, processing workers and others in industry support businesses;

**WHEREAS**, fish caught and processed at sea give little or no opportunities for local fishermen or processing workers, produce no local tax revenue, and provide no support for local economies.

**WHEREAS**, dedication of a significant percentage of the Pacific Cod Total Allowable Catch to the at sea processing sectors, especially in the "A" season, is of great concern to the Borough and its small fishing communities.

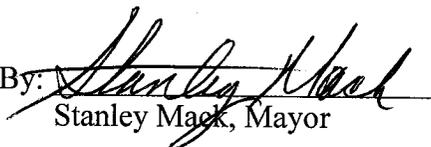
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Aleutians East Borough Assembly supports allocating as much Pacific Cod as possible to sectors that deliver to local communities, employ local residents, and support the economies of fishing communities.

**FURTHERMORE**, Should the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council (NPFMC) allow mothership operations, they should be limited to operations inside municipal boundaries, at no more than three locations in a calendar year and there should be a cap of the Total Allowable Catch.

**FURTHERMORE**, Should the NPFMC decide to allocate Pacific Cod strictly on the basis of historical catch, the AEB requests that as much of the harvester allocation as possible be made available in the "A" season and as much catcher processor allocation as possible be deferred to the "B" season.

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH** on the 4th day of December, 2009.

**IN WITNESS THERETO:**

By: 

Stanley Maek, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Tina Anderson, Clerk