

RESOLUTION 12-13

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE CONTINUED
ISSUANCE OF J1 STUDENT VISAS TO WORKERS IN SEAFOOD PROCESSING FACILITIES**

WHEREAS, seafood processing facilities in Alaska rely on workers from other countries with J-1 student visas, to operate during the summer fishing season; and

WHEREAS, the U.S Department of State may issue an interim final regulation that would prevent the issuance of J-1 student visas to workers in seafood processing facilities this fishing season; and

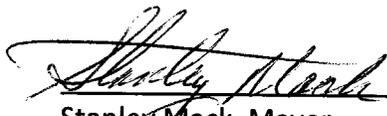
WHEREAS, this interim final regulation may become effective immediately without giving the public any opportunity to comment; and

WHEREAS, this regulation may become effective without allowing seafood processing facilities a reasonable amount of time to recruit and hire workers to replace those workers for the upcoming fishing season who have obtained, or plan to obtain, a J-1 student visa; and

WHEREAS, any failure to have a sufficient number of workers in a seafood processing facility would reduce the operating hours and production capacity of the facility, resulting in delivery limits being placed on fishermen and lost tax revenue to local communities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Aleutians East Borough expresses support for the continued issuance of J1 student visas to workers in seafood processing facilities and urges the U.S. Department of State not to issue a regulation preventing workers in seafood processing facilities from obtaining J-1 student visas.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Aleutians East Borough on this 21st day of March, 2012.


Stanley Mack, Mayor

ATTEST:


Tina Anderson, Clerk