

RESOLUTION 13-06

A RESOLUTION BY THE ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH ASSEMBLY URGING GOVERNOR PARNELL TO REQUEST THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE TO DECLARE A FISHERY DISASTER IN NELSON LAGOON FOR 2010, 2011 AND 2012.

WHEREAS, the Aleutians East Borough works to facilitate community development and sustainable economies in all Borough communities including Akutan, Cold Bay, False Pass, King Cove, Nelson Lagoon and Sand Point; and,

WHEREAS, Nelson Lagoon, Alaska is a Borough community on the northern coast of the Alaska Peninsula with an economy based primarily on commercial sockeye salmon fishing; and

WHEREAS, federal guidelines state that annual fishing harvest declines between 35 and 80 percent may result in a federal disaster declaration; and

WHEREAS, based on ADF&G Fishery Management Report No. 12-11, Nelson lagoon sockeye harvest in 2010 and 2011 show a decline for both years of 65% compared to the previous five year average for each year; and

WHEREAS, the overall North Alaska Peninsula harvest for all salmon declined for 2011; and

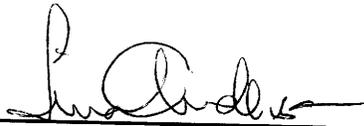
WHEREAS, both the Nelson Lagoon Sockeye harvest and the overall North Alaska Peninsula salmon harvest for the 2012 season are on track to be well below the 10 year average for each fishery.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Aleutians East Borough Assembly urges Governor Parnell to declare a fishery disaster for Nelson Lagoon, Alaska for the 2010, 2011 and 2012 fishing seasons; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be sent to the offices of Governor Parnell, Commissioner Cora Campbell, Commissioner Susan Bell, Rural Affairs Advisor John Moller, Senator Lisa Murkowski, Senator Mark Begich and Congressman Don Young.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Aleutians East Borough on this 28th day of August, 2012.


Stanley Mack, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Tina Anderson, Clerk