

RESOLUTION 13-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING COMMENTS TO THE NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL REGARDING WESTERN GULF OF ALASKA GROUND FISH MANAGEMENT PROPOSALS.

WHEREAS, The North Pacific Fishery Management Council is moving forward with a Central Gulf of Alaska Trawl Catch Share Initiative as a way to reduce prohibited species catch; and,

WHEREAS, the Council will consider proposals during the CGOA discussion at their February 2013 meeting, including proposals relevant to the Western Gulf of Alaska fisheries; and,

WHEREAS, National Standards of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act require that federal fishery management decisions take into account the importance of fishery resources to fishing communities, in order to provide for the sustained participation of such communities and minimize adverse economic impacts on such communities; and

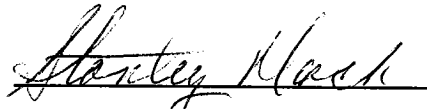
WHEREAS, the Aleutians East Borough strives to support healthy sustainable resources in the Central and Western Gulf of Alaska, while promoting a sustainable, vigorous economy within the Borough including competitive harvesting and processing sectors and support industries.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Aleutians East Borough Assembly supports the following goals for fisheries management programs in the Central and Western Gulf of Alaska:


1. Provide effective controls of prohibited species catch and provide for balanced and sustainable fisheries and quality seafood products.
2. Maintain or increase target fishery landings and revenues to the Borough and AEB communities.
3. Maintain or increase employment opportunities for vessel crews, processing workers, and support industries.

4. Provide increased opportunities for value-added processing.
5. Maintain entry level opportunities for fishermen.
6. Maintain opportunities for processors to enter the fishery.
7. Minimize adverse economic impacts of consolidation of the harvesting or processing sectors.
8. Encourage local participation on harvesting vessels and use of fishing privileges.
9. Maintain the economic strength and vitality of AEB communities.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Aleutians East Borough Assembly on this 10th day of January, 2013.


Stanley Mack, Mayor

ATTEST:


Tina Anderson, Clerk