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RESOLUTION 17-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH ASSEMBLY IN SUPPORT OF CONTINUED SALMON FISHERY MANAGEMENT BY THE STATE OF ALASKA IN STATE-WATERS AND IN THREE TRADITIONAL NET FISHING AREAS.

WHEREAS, the Aleutians East Borough communities rely on continued well-managed local salmon fisheries for our culture, economy and livelihood; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska has successfully and sustainably managed all State-waters salmon fisheries since Statehood; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska has also always managed salmon fishing in three 'traditional net fishing' areas, in Cook Inlet, Prince William Sound and the Alaska Peninsula, adjacent to but technically outside of the three-mile State-waters limit; and,

WHEREAS, salmon management of the three traditional net fishing areas was formally delegated to the State by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) through Amendment 12 of the North Pacific Salmon Fishery Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, a Ninth District Court of Appeals ruling on September 21, 2016 in UCIDA v NMFS questions the legality of Amendment 12 that delegates salmon management to the State of Alaska in the three areas; and

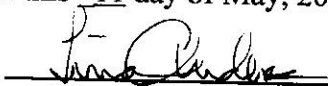
WHEREAS, the North Pacific Fishery Management Council has initiated a process designed to conform the management of salmon fishing in the three areas to federal law.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Aleutians East Borough Assembly supports continued salmon fishery management by the State of Alaska throughout State-waters as well as in the three traditional net fishing areas in Cook Inlet, Prince William Sound and the Alaska Peninsula; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Aleutians East Borough urges NMFS and the State of Alaska work towards a solution that allows continued State salmon management of the three traditional net fishing areas.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Aleutians East Borough on this 11 day of May, 2017.


Stanley Mack, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Tina Anderson, Clerk