



RESOLUTION 22-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH ASSEMBLY URGING THE NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL TO POSTPONE ACTION ON THE BSAI PACIFIC COD TRAWL CV PROGRAM UNTIL IN-PERSON MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL RESUME.

WHEREAS, the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC) has been moving forward with the BSAI Pacific Cod Trawl CV Cooperative Program, a fishery rationalization program, and

WHEREAS, this program will have potentially negative impacts on fishermen, processors and communities of the Aleutians East Borough, and

WHEREAS, both initial reviews of the program, in December 2020 and June 2021, occurred in 'virtual' web conference settings only, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and

WHEREAS, final action on the program is currently scheduled for October 2021, when the NPFMC may meet in-person but the Advisory Panel (AP) and Science and Statistical Committee (SSC) are not scheduled to meet in person, and

WHEREAS, local fishermen who will be impacted by the program have not yet had an opportunity during this process to meet in-person with NPFMC members and provide comments face-to-face, and

WHEREAS, a face-to-face hearing by the NPFMC, AP, SSC and the public is needed to fully consider all the potential harmful impacts of the program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Aleutians East Borough Assembly urges the North Pacific Fishery Management Council to postpone any action on the BSAI Pacific Cod Trawl CV Program until the Council, AP, SSC and public can meet in an in-person setting.

Approved and Adopted this 12th day of August 2021.

Alvin D. Osterback, Mayor

Tina Anderson, Clerk