

## **RESOLUTION 26-13**

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH SUPPORTING LOCAL AREA FISHERMEN PROPOSALS TO INCREASE THE SOUTH PENINSULA STATE-WATERS PACIFIC COD GUIDELINE HARVEST LEVEL AND ENHANCE SUSTAINABILITY.

WHEREAS, Pacific cod is one of the 3 most important fish species for local commercial fishermen and communities of the Aleutians East Borough, and

WHEREAS, State-waters Pacific cod fisheries provide important opportunity for the many small local fishing vessels of the Aleutians East Borough, and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Board of Fisheries will consider State-waters Pacific Cod proposals for the Alaska Peninsula, Aleutian Islands, Bering Sea and Chignik at their October 30-31, 2025 meeting, and

WHEREAS, Pacific cod proposals 1 through 8 are from local Fish & Game Advisory Committees and local fishermen proposing to increase the South Peninsula area Pacific cod guideline harvest level, and

WHEREAS, the South Peninsula Pacific cod fishery is especially important to local fishermen, communities and processors, and increasing the GHL will help keep the fishery viable, and

WHEREAS, Proposals 9 and 10 from the False Pass Advisory Committee attempt to better coordinate the South Peninsula and Dutch Harbor Subdistrict Pacific cod fisheries by closing waters near Unimak Island to enhance Pacific cod migration and aligning season start dates to provide more equal fishing opportunity and improved fishery sustainability.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Aleutians East Borough Assembly supports Alaska Board of Fisheries Proposals 1 through 8 that would increase the South Peninsula Pacific cod GHL, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** the Aleutians East Borough Assembly supports Proposals 9 and 10 that allow for better migration of Pacific cod and enhance opportunity for all Borough Fishermen.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Aleutians East Borough Assembly on this 11th day of September 2025.

Alvin D. Osterback, Mayor

ATTEST: Bewerk Rosete, Clerk