



RESOLUTION 26-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH REQUESTING GOVERNOR DUNLEAVY SUPPORT A FISHERY DISASTER DECLARATION FOR ALASKA PENINSULA SOCKEYE SALMON FISHERIES.

WHEREAS, salmon is culturally and economically important to Aleutians East Borough communities and is critical for the survival of local commercial fishermen, and

WHEREAS, Sockeye salmon are the target species in the South Alaska Peninsula June fishery, as well as for North Alaska Peninsula fishermen, and

WHEREAS, the June 2025 Sockeye salmon harvest for the South Alaska Peninsula area was 78% below the previous 5-year average South Peninsula June Sockeye harvest, and

WHEREAS, the past 3 North Alaska Peninsula Sockeye salmon season harvests for 2023, 2024 and 2025 all have come in 60% below the previous 8-year 2015-2022 season average sockeye harvests, resulting in cumulative economic impacts and hardships for those fishermen, and

WHEREAS, the local fishermen organizations, the Area M Seiners Association and Concerned Area M Fishermen have asked the Aleutians East Borough for assistance and to request fishery disaster determinations, following the 2025 Sockeye salmon season, and

WHEREAS, the number of active Area M salmon fishing permits used during the 2025 season continued to decline and some local fishing businesses are at risk.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Aleutians East Borough Assembly requests Alaska Governor Dunleavy to consider a request to Secretary of Commerce Lutnick to determine a fishery disaster for the 2025 South Alaska Peninsula June Sockeye salmon season, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Aleutians East Borough Assembly requests Governor Dunleavy to consider a request to Secretary of Commerce Lutnick to determine a fishery disaster for the cumulative economic impact of the poor 2023, 2024 and 2025 North Peninsula Sockeye salmon seasons.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Aleutians East Borough Assembly on this 13th day of November 2025.


Alvin D. Osterback, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Beverly Rosette, Clerk