ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH

RESOLUTION 27-34

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH ASSEMBLY IN SUPPORT OF MOVING THE DATE OF THE ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES 2028/2029 CYCLE ALASKA PENINSULA/ALEUTIAN ISLANDS/CHIGNIK FINFISH MEETING

WHEREAS, the Alaska Board of Fisheries, as part of the October 28-29, 2026 Work Session agenda, approved tentative meeting dates and locations for the 2028/2029 meeting cycle, and

WHEREAS, the Board approved tentative Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Islands/Chignik meeting dates and location are set as January 10-17 2029 in Anchorage, and

WHEREAS, many local Aleutians East Borough fishermen participate in winter fisheries in January and holding the Alaska Peninsula Board meeting in January will not be feasible for many fishery stakeholders to attend who would otherwise participate in the meeting, and

WHEREAS, all previous Alaska Peninsula meetings have been held in the latter part of February, going back to 2016 when the Chignik meeting merged with the Alaska Peninsula meeting, and before that as far back as 2004, all held in February, and

WHEREAS, the Area M Seiners Association and Concerned Area M Fishermen submitted RC22 to propose swapping the Alaska Peninsula January meeting date with the Bristol Bay meeting date tentatively scheduled for December 6-10, 2028, and

WHEREAS, the Board Chair and Executive Director expressed interest in hearing from fishery stakeholders affected by a proposed meeting date swap, before making a decision on the matter.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Aleutians East Borough Assembly urges the Alaska Board of Fisheries to consider swapping the 2028/2029 meeting dates of the Bristol Bay finfish meeting with the Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Islands/Chignik finfish meeting, to facilitate improved public stakeholder participation.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Aleutians East Borough on this 12th day of November, 2026.

Alvin D. Osterback, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Beverly Rosete, Clerk

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