



# CITY OF ADAK, ALASKA

## RESOLUTION NO. 2021-009

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL EXPRESSING ITS PREFERRED ALTERNATIVES REGARDING THE BERING SEA/ALEUTIAN ISLAND PACIFIC COD TRAWL CATCHER VESSEL COOPERATIVE PROGRAM REVIEW.**

**WHEREAS**, the City has been directly reliant on tax revenues generated by the landing and shore-based processing of various marine species throughout its 20 year history as a civilian community; and

**WHEREAS**, since Crab Rationalization, the primary species processed by the local shore-based plant has been Pacific Cod; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2013 the City directly invested in shore-based processing by acquiring, at auction, the processing equipment and entering in further transactions in order to attract shore-based plant operators; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has witnessed the struggles of each operator in securing sufficient quantities of Pacific Cod, further complicated by the timing of deliveries, thus impacting local infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, the community has experienced a significant turnover of plant operators since the city's incorporation in 2001 and though each plant operator has had its individual strengths and weaknesses, the uncertainty in the availability of resource in which it could process has hindered each operator; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council (NPFMC) attempted to provide an environment to allow for shore-side processing to occur in our immediate region, including Adak, by passing Amendment 113, subsequently overturned in 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the NPFMC is now preparing to take Final Action on the Bering Sea/Aleutian Island Pacific Cod Trawl Catcher Vessel Cooperative Program during its October 2021 meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the NPFMC, at its June 2021 meeting, selected a preferred preliminary alternative that objectively does not provide a sufficient resource to make shore-based processing viable long-term; and

**WHEREAS**, the NPFMC, in selecting its preferred preliminary alternative, although mandating local delivery, leaves too many elements that create more logistical problems and heavily rely on agreements which depend more on the goodwill of cooperatives to make the appropriate agreements; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2018-2019, reliance on the fleet required significant efforts in order to effectuate the delivery requirement, and in 2020 completely disregard in the absence of any regulation; and

**WHEREAS**, having sufficient access to the Federal waters Pacific Cod will allow for the necessary long-term viability and ability to maximize value in participating in the harvest and processing of State waters Pacific Cod, Halibut, Sablefish and Golden King Crab available in the region;

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**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the City Council requests the NPFMC select Option 6.2 under Element 6 instead of Option 6.1; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the City Council requests the NPFMC to set aside a percentage which would result in a long-term average of 5,000 metric tons, as identified in the analysis of Amendment 113; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the City Council requests the NPFMC create an Aleutian Islands reserve equal to the Aleutian Island shore plant allocation to ensure deliveries of the allocation can occur unimpeded; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the City Council commits to conducting an annual public process to ensure notification to the National Marine Fisheries Service, as contemplated under the Program, is conducted diligently, as it was performed during the years Amendment 113 was active.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by a duly constituted quorum of the City Council this 21st day of September, 2021.

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Mayor Thomas Spitler

ATTEST:

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Layton J. Lockett, City Manager