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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH RESOLUTION 2011-019

A RESOLUTION URGING THE NORTH PACIFIC FISHERIES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL TO ADOPT MEASURES THAT REDUCE THE CHINOOK SALMON PROHIBITED SPECIES CATCH IN THE GULF OF ALASKA COMMERCIAL TRAWL FISHERIES

- WHEREAS, salmon bycatch measures have not yet been implemented in the Gulf of Alaska (GOA) groundfish fisheries; and
- WHEREAS, the Chinook salmon Prohibited Species Catch (PSC) in the GOA groundfish trawl fisheries during 2010 was over 54,000 fish and has reached unacceptable levels; and
- WHEREAS, a PSC limit of 15,000 fish is being considered under Component 1 in Alternative 2 of the Final Council Motion C-3(b) GOA Chinook Salmon Bycatch; and
- WHEREAS, the Chinook salmon is critically important to the Kenai, Kasilof, and Anchor River economies; and
- WHEREAS, the Chinook salmon is an integral part of the Cook Inlet eco-system; and
- WHEREAS, salmon of all varieties play a key role in the economy of the Kenai Peninsula Borough; and
- WHEREAS, sport fishing guides and charters, commercial set netters and drift fishers, and personal use and subsistence fishers all suffer adverse impacts from poor Chinook salmon stocks; and
- WHEREAS, many agencies and organizations are dedicated to the health and survival of the Chinook salmon, the official state fish of Alaska;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH;

- **SECTION 1.** That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly urges the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council to adopt and implement management measures to provide immediate incentives for the GOA Pollock fleet to reduce Chinook salmon PSC.
- **SECTION 2.** That this resolution requests that any measures adopted include the hard cap limit of 15,000 fish per year.

SECTION 3. That copies of this Resolution be provided to Governor Sean Parnell and all members of the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council.

SECTION 4. That this Resolution takes effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 1ST DAY OF MARCH, 2011.

Gary Knopp, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Khni Blankenship, Borough Clerk



Yes:Haggerty, Johnson, McClure, Pierce, Smalley, Smith, Tauriainen, KnoppNo:NoneAbsent:Murphy

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