

RESOLUTION 25-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH REQUESTING A FISHERY DISASTER DETERMINATION FOR THE 2024 SOUTH ALASKA PENINSULA COMMERCIAL PINK SALMON FISHERY.

WHEREAS, salmon fisheries are the foundation of communities in the Aleutians East Borough, King Cove, False Pass, Sand Point, Nelson Lagoon, Cold Bay and Akutan, and

WHEREAS, Borough fishermen and communities have been economically stressed in 2024 by the closure of some local seafood processing plants amid the current statewide seafood industry crisis, and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Pink Alaska Peninsula salmon fishery was one of the worst on record, and

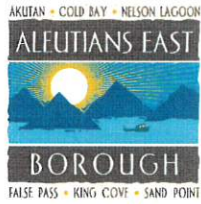
WHEREAS, the 2024 pink salmon harvest in the South Peninsula was 51.5% of the previous 5 even years average (2014, 2016, 2018, 2020, 2022) and just 12.4% of the previous 5 years (2019-2023) average, and

WHEREAS, Alaska Peninsula/Area M Pink salmon fishermen have suffered revenues losses in this fishery on top of other stressors this year, resulting in severe financial hardship, and

WHEREAS, the City of Sand Point has asked the Borough to support a request for a fishery disaster determination for the 2024 Alaska Peninsula salmon fishery, and


WHEREAS, Alaska State Representative Sarah Vance, Chair of the House Fisheries Committee, has requested a disaster determination for Pink salmon fisheries in the Gulf of Alaska, including the South Peninsula.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Aleutians East Borough Assembly requests the State of Alaska and the Secretary of Commerce to determine that a fishery disaster has occurred in the 2024 South Alaska Peninsula Pink salmon fishery resulting in severe economic harm for fishermen and communities of the Aleutians East Borough.



PASSED AND APPROVED by the Aleutians East Borough Assembly on this 14th day of October 2024.


Alvin D. Osterback, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Beverly Rosete, Clerk