

RESOLUTION 25-21

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH REQUESTING A FISHERY DISASTER DETERMINATION FOR THE 2024 ALASKA PENINSULA COMMERCIAL SOCKEYE 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 Alaska Peninsula Sockeye salmon fishery was one of the worst on record, and

WHEREAS, Sockeye salmon harvests in the North and South Peninsula areas combined were the lowest in 10 years, and just 51.6% of the previous 5-years (2019-2023) average number of Sockeye salmon harvested, and

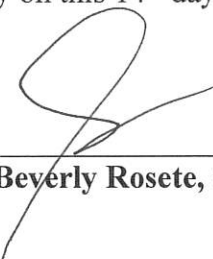
WHEREAS, Alaska Peninsula/Area M salmon fishermen of all gear groups – set gillnet, drift gillnet and seine gear - have suffered revenues losses in the Sockeye salmon fishery for the past 2 years, on top of other stressors this year, resulting in severe financial hardship, and

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.

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 Alaska Peninsula Sockeye 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