

RESOLUTION 25-47

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH OPPOSING FINFISH FARMING IN THE STATE OF ALASKA.

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

WHEREAS, the farming of fish in the State of Alaska has been banned by statute since 1990, under AS Section 16.40.210: 'Finfish farming prohibited. A person may not grow or cultivate finfish in captivity or under positive control for commercial purposes.', and

WHEREAS, two bills introduced in the 34th Alaska Legislature at the request of the Governor, House Bill 111 and Senate Bill 108, would allow the farming of finfish, excluding salmon, in Alaska, and

WHEREAS, Alaska wild-caught seafood is iconic, and Alaskan fishermen including Aleutians East Borough fishermen benefit from the marketing of Alaska wild-caught seafood, and

WHEREAS, the establishment of finfish farming in Alaska could put the exemplary reputation of Alaska wild-caught seafood at risk, and

WHEREAS, the establishment of finfish farming in Alaska could introduce unknown contaminations to Alaska wild fish stocks, and

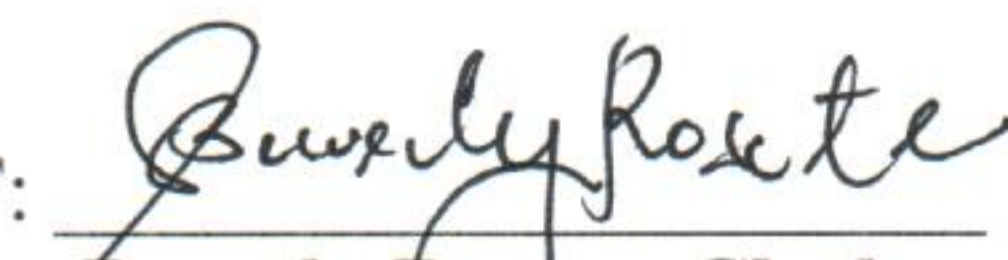
WHEREAS, the Aleutians East Borough is reliant on the harvest of wild fish stocks that could be at risk if finfish farming is allowed in Alaska.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Aleutians East Borough Assembly opposes the introduction of finfish farming in Alaska, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Aleutians East Borough Assembly urges the Alaska Legislature to not pass HB111 and/or SB108 and to maintain the prohibition of finfish farming in Alaska.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Aleutians East Borough Assembly on this 13th day of March 2025.


Alvin D. Osterback, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Beverly Rosete, Clerk