

## RESOLUTION 25-48

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH SUPPORTING THE NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT A PILOT SATELLITE TAGGING STUDY OF SALMON IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$180,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE ASSOCIATED CONTRACTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$45,000.**

**WHEREAS**, salmon fisheries are critically important to the culture, health, and economic stability of AEB communities, and

**WHEREAS**, fishermen in the South Peninsula salmon fishery are deeply concerned over the continuous reductions made to fishing time and area, and

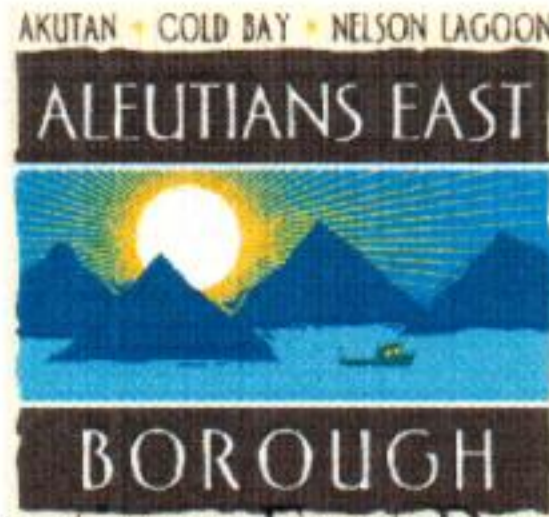
**WHEREAS**, there is significant pressure from stakeholders and policy makers to improve salmon management and find more ways for commercial fishermen to share in the burden of conservation by focusing on actions within control, and

**WHEREAS**, a potential conservation tool that could be investigated as an alternative to reduced fishing is an optimized non-retention program for salmon species of concern that meet minimum viability thresholds, and

**WHEREAS**, the NRD proposes a small pilot study that would satellite tag salmon during the 2025 June test fishery to investigate the long-term survival and behavior of non-retained salmon from seine vessels under realistic status-quo catch handling operations, and

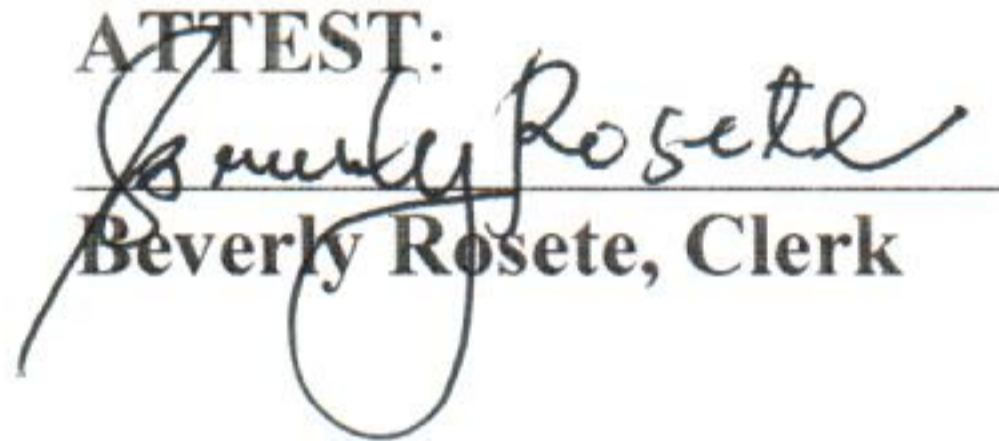
**WHEREAS**, the NRD has significant experience using satellite tags and has established partnerships with tagging experts, and recommends appropriating funds from the Fisheries Research account 21-503-8040 for the cost of tag supplies, travel and contractors to assist with analysis and finalizing a report prior to the 2026 Board of Fisheries meeting, and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Aleutians East Borough Assembly supports the NRD to conduct a pilot study in an amount not to exceed \$180,000 and authorizes the Mayor to negotiate and execute associated contracts in an amount not to exceed \$45,000 total, contingent on support from the local fishing fleet and ability to secure the necessary permitting.



**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the Aleutians East Borough on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025.

  
Alvin D. Osterback, Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
Beverly Rosete, Clerk