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RESOLUTION NO 2014-02

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING COMMUNITY FISHING ASSOCIATIONS AND MEANINGFUL COMMUNITY PROTECTIONS FOR KODIAK ISLAND RURAL FISHING COMMUNITIES IN THE GULF OF ALASKA TRAWL BYCATCH MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, healthy fisheries are the backbone of the economies and cultures of the rural coastal communities on Kodiak Island, including fishermen, support businesses and community residents;

WHEREAS, the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC), is currently considering a bycatch management program for the Gulf of Alaska groundfish trawl fisheries which includes a catch share or "rationalization" program; and

WHEREAS, a Gulf of Alaska trawl catch share program could provide additional bycatch reduction and benefit rural community residents dependent on the health of bycaught species of Chinook salmon, halibut and Tanner crab; and

WHEREAS, a Gulf of Alaska catch share program will define access to the resource for the foreseeable future and thus shape rural communities' opportunities to participate in GOA trawl fisheries; and

WHEREAS, past catch share programs have resulted in significant harm to Kodiak Island rural coastal communities in terms of vessel consolidation, loss of crew jobs, and loss of local access to fisheries; and

WHEREAS, a Gulf of Alaska trawl catch share program can be designed to mitigate negative impacts on Kodiak Island rural communities coastal communities' economies and fisheries by including substantial community protections; and

WHEREAS, direct allocations to fishing communities via Community Fishing Associations can help to ensure coastal fishing community economies remain intact under a catch share program by anchoring quota in the community, support new generations of fishermen and crew and amplify community benefits;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Port Lions requests the NPFMC include initial allocations to Community Fishing Associations as a component of the Gulf of Alaska trawl bycatch management/catch share program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Port Lions requests the NPFMC ensure that the Gulf of Alaska trawl bycatch management/catch share program includes adequate community protections to provide opportunity for access for the rural communities of Kodiak Island, provide opportunities for new entrants and maintain community benefits including crew jobs to adequately protect the vibrant coastal economies and cultures of Kodiak Islands fishing communities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY A DULY CONSTITUTED QUORUM OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT LIONS this ____ of April, 2014.

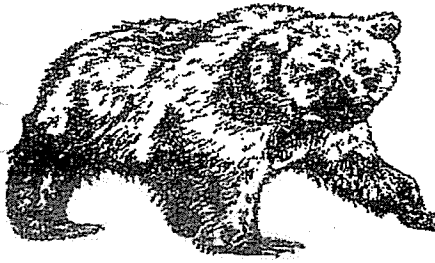
IN WITNESS THERETO:

ATTEST:

Mayor, City of Port Lions

City Clerk

*The City Council Revisited their Resolution
At Workshop on April 8, 2014 and with
No public objections will adopt on April 10, 2014
At their Regular Meeting April
Port Lions City Clerk*



Alutiiq Tribe of Old Harbor

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RESOLUTION # 14-005

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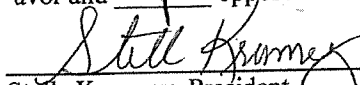
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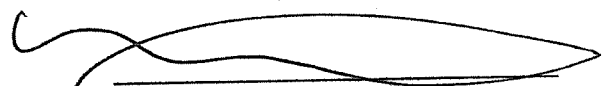
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PASSED AND APPROVED by a quorum of the Old Harbor Tribal Council **ADOPTED THIS** 8 **DAY**
OF April **MONTH 2014** at a regular meeting by the majority of the Old Harbor Tribal Council with 4 in
favor and 4 opposed.


Stella Krumrey, President
Old Harbor Tribal Council


Melissa Berns, Vice President
Old Harbor Tribal Council

Kodiak Archipelago Rural Regional Leadership Forum

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April 8, 2014

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

Dear Council Members:

The Kodiak Archipelago Rural Regional Leadership Forum (the Forum) is a consortium of about 36 community leaders from the off-road system maritime communities of the Kodiak Archipelago. Meeting since 2005, the Forum brings community leaders together to work on critical regional issues identified through our community planning processes. Forum leadership has become increasingly concerned over the very negative impacts of fisheries policies at both the state and federal level on our communities as documented by researchers such as Dr. Courtney Carothers at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. Our communities have relied on fisheries for well over 7,000 years, as determined through archaeological research and oral histories. Since implementation of both federal and state policies that limit access to fisheries we have observed our small, rural fishing fleets shrink from over 30 boats in a community, boats that supported networks of extended fishing families, to only one or two boats in a community. Kodiak's peoples have demonstrated amazing resiliency in the face of natural disasters and climate change over time and our villages continued to thrive into the 1970's. But once policies limiting our fishermen's ability to access fisheries came into play, policies that in our minds appear to favor big business over community health and well-being, our communities have been losing both their cultural ties to the fisheries and their economic resiliency. Though the Forum has remained quiet in the face of Council deliberations in the past, we find that we are no longer able to do so. It is time to stand up and say enough is enough.

Our Forum's understanding is that the Council is required to take into account impacts on communities in their deliberations. In accordance with our Forum stated fishery policy goals, we are urging the Council to not move forward with adoption of any policies regarding catch share programs designed to reduce by-catch in the Gulf of Alaska without full consideration of adopting policy mechanisms that ensure full access and protect our communities' ability to

A FORUM OF
COMMUNITY
LEADERS FROM THE
KODIAK
ARCHIPELAGO'S
SEVEN RURAL
COMMUNITIES
THAT INCLUDE:
AKHIOK
CHINIAK
KARLUK
LARSEN BAY
OLD HARBOR
OUZINKIE
PORT LIONS

engage in future economic development. We support the Council's goal of limiting by-catch. This has long been another concern for the Forum and we applaud the Council's work on this important issue. However, any strategies that the Council adopts in support of this goal must also be aligned with the goal of the economic and cultural health of our coastal communities. Given this, the Forum supports direct allocations to fishing communities via Community Fishing Associations. Such allocations can help ensure coastal fishing community economies are not further destroyed, and could perhaps assist in their rebuilding. Through anchoring quota in our communities, we can work together with other programs to support new generations of fishermen and crew. Also, any adopted Catch Share program must include adequate community protections to provide opportunities for new entrants, both boats and processors, and maintain community benefits such as crew shares

Working together as policy makers and community leaders, we must begin rebuilding our community fisheries economies and restoring our Alutiiq fisheries-based way of life. Enough is enough. It's time to think not only of efficient economic models, but also of the restoration of vibrant, coastal communities.

Quyanasinaq, many thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Roberta Townsend Vennel
Forum Facilitator