

43 WHEREAS, Halibut play a key role in the economies throughout Alaska including
44 Homer, therefore overall stock health, biodiversity and catch limit cuts have and will continue
45 to have dramatic effects on our fisheries, businesses, economies and communities that
46 depend on the halibut resource; and

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48 WHEREAS, Every pound of halibut caught as bycatch in any region results in a direct
49 loss of yield and spawning biomass of the highly migratory North Pacific halibut resource;
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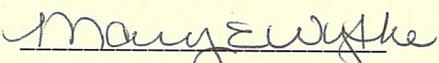
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52 WHEREAS, The Magnuson-Stevens Act requires under National Standard 9 that
53 bycatch be reduced; and

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55 WHEREAS, National Standard 8 requires councils provide for the sustained
56 participation of fishery dependent communities.

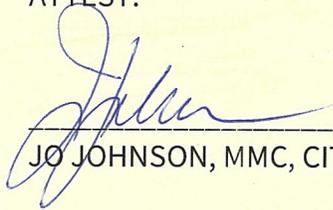
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58 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Homer City Council requests immediate
59 action by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council to reduce halibut bycatch in the
60 Bering Sea Aleutian Island fisheries by not less than 50%.

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62 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council on this 11th day of May, 2015.

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64 CITY OF HOMER

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68 MARY E. WYTHE, MAYOR

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70 ATTEST:

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74 JO JOHNSON, MMC, CITY CLERK

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76 Fiscal Note: N/A

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