

CITY OF HOMER  
HOMER, ALASKA

RESOLUTION 87- 26

REMOVED  
FROM  
AGENDA

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMER ENCOURAGING A STATE OF ALASKA POLICY WHICH SUPPORTS THE DEVELOPMENT OF A YEAR-ROUND MARICULTURE INDUSTRY IN THE KACHEMAK BAY AREA AND THROUGHOUT THE COASTAL WATERS OF THE STATE WHERE THE OPPORTUNITY EXISTS

WHEREAS, the growing markets for sea-farmed products, including shellfish and sea vegetables, offer the potential of developing a series of mariculture operations throughout much of coastal Alaska; and

WHEREAS, worldwide trends suggest that the existing shell fish and sea vegetables market opportunities will be filled by other countries and states if Alaska does not participate; and

WHEREAS, the unpolluted, sheltered waters of Kachemak Bay appear to provide ideal environmental conditions for mariculture activities; and

WHEREAS, mariculture represents one of the few opportunities for new, year-round jobs in the Homer area; and

WHEREAS, the needs of mariculture operators to purchase nets, feed and other supplies and low-technology equipment will result in new opportunities for local businesses; and

WHEREAS, year-round shipments of fresh seafood could help improve transportation rates to Homer; and

WHEREAS, new fishing opportunities could be created from the production of fish meal pellets and other food necessary in the raising of finfish; and

WHEREAS, the feasibility of mariculture in Alaska has been demonstrated by the successful culturing and sale of oysters, mussels and scallops by the National Marine Fisheries Service and Alaska Department of Fish and Game; and

WHEREAS, the development of a stable mariculture industry in Alaska is dependent upon a positive governmental attitude toward sea farming; and

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WHEREAS, the State government has no policy regarding mariculture development for profit, and offers the minimum support services necessary to serve existing shellfish operations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Homer City Council hereby encourages the State of Alaska to develop a state policy which supports the development of a stable, year-round mariculture industry.

DATED on this 13 day of April , 1987.

John P. Calhoun, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patti J. Whalin, City Clerk