City of Homer
Homer, Alaska

RESOLUTION 87-31

A RESOLUTION OF THE HOMER CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING LEGISLA-
TION PROVIDING FOR A MORE EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF THE
FISHERIES BUSINESS TAX REVENUE REFUNDED BY THE STATE TO
LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.

WHEREAS, Alaska Statutes 43.75.130(a)(2) provides that each city located
within a borough shall receive twenty-five percent of the tax revenue col-
lected in the City from taxes levied by the fisheries business tax; and

WHEREAS, cities provide virtually all the services to the fishery
processors located within their limits, i.e., water, sewer, police and fire
protection; and

WHEREAS, since the Borough is the recipient of the entire local tax if
the processor is located outside the city, it would seem fair that if the
processor is located within the city that the city should be the recipient of
the entire local tax; and

WHEREAS, the legislative intent of the tax was to reimburse local
governments supporting the fisheries. The City of Homer does this by deposit-
ing the entire tax directly into the Port and Harbor Enterprise Fund thereby
directly assisting the local fisheries; and

WHEREAS, Representative Mike Navarre has proposed legislation increasing
revenue to cities from twenty-five to fifty percent of the amount of tax
revenue collected in the city from taxes levied on the fisheries.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Homer City Council that Representa-
tive Navarre is strongly urged to introduce proposed legislation utilizing the
fifty percent/fifty percent scenario in an effort to provide a more equitable
distribution of the fisheries business tax revenue refunded by the State to
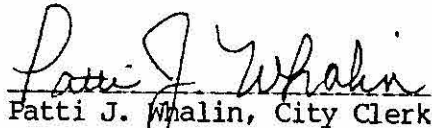local governments supporting local fisheries.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is authorized to share this
resolution with the other cities potentially affected by this legislation and
encourages the passage of this matter with legislators and the governor's
office.

DATED this 27th day of April, 1987 at Homer, Alaska.

CITY OF HOMER

John P. Calhoun, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patti J. Whalin, City Clerk