

CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA

RESOLUTION 88-9

A RESOLUTION OF THE HOMER CITY COUNCIL URGING THE STATE OF ALASKA TO RESUME FUNDING OF THE FISHERIES REHABILITATION, ENHANCEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AT A LEVEL THAT WILL ENSURE THE CONTINUATION AND EXPANSION OF THE FISH BY-PRODUCTS INDUSTRY.

WHEREAS, since 1979, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Fisheries Rehabilitation, Enhancement and Development (F.R.E.D.), has worked with Icicle Seafoods to develop an economical dry salmon ration for use in state fish hatcheries; and

WHEREAS, this joint venture has resulted in the successful development of the Alaska Dry Pellet (ADP) food which has been tested throughout the state and has proven to be equal to or better than imported diets; and

WHEREAS, Icicle Seafoods has not relied on state funding or other governmental grants in the construction and operation of its fish reduction plant in Seward and has subsidized the development of this valuable new industry; and

WHEREAS, this venture is a prime example of the investment of private funds to develop a new industry utilizing Alaskan Resources and creating a new source of revenue within the state; and

WHEREAS, the development of this new industry allows state hatcheries to purchase Alaska-made fish food rather than importing food from outside the state; and

WHEREAS, the development of this industry has made it possible to avoid costly disposal of fish by-products by recycling the waste at fish processing facilities, thus fully utilizing the state's fisheries resource; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kenneth Leon, Principal Biologist for F. R. E. D., was instrumental in the development of the ADP fish food; and

WHEREAS, funding reductions for the F.R.E.D. program have resulted in the elimination of Dr. Leon's position; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Leon's research and evaluation of existing programs are necessary for the continued success of F.R.E.D.;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOMER CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMER, ALASKA, that:

Section 1. The City of Homer strongly urges the state of Alaska to continue to fund the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Fisheries Rehabilitation, Enhancement and Development, at the level originally approved for Fiscal Year 1988 in order to assure the continuation of the principal biologist's position and thus provide the continuation and expansion of the fish by-products reduction industry within the state.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

DATED at Homer, Alaska this 8th day of February, 1988.

CITY OF HOMER

John P., Calhoun, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patti J. Whalin, City Clerk