

CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA

RESOLUTION 88-87

A RESOLUTION OF THE HOMER CITY COUNCIL RE-AFFIRMING THEIR SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION PROVIDING FOR A MORE EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF THE FISHERIES BUSINESS TAX REVENUE REFUNDED BY THE STATE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.

WHEREAS, the Homer City Council passed Resolution 87-31 supporting Legislation providing for a more equitable distribution of the Fisheries Business Tax revenue refunded by the State to local governments; and

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 collected 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 depositing the entire tax directly into the Port & Harbor Enterprise Fund thereby directly assisting the local fisheries;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Homer City Council reaffirms their support and urges the Alaska State Legislature to introduce legislation amending AS 43.75.130 to provided a full fifty percent (50%) share of the fisheries business tax to be distributed to local governments located within boroughs, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Honorable Representatives Navarre and Swackhammer and Senator Paul A. Fischer.

Passed and Approved by the Homer City Council this 26th day of September, 1988.

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JOHN P. CALHOUN, MAYOR

ATTEST:


PATTI J. WHALIN, CITY CLERK