CITY OF HOMER HOMER, ALASKA

RESOLUTION 99-16(A)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER. ALASKA IN STRONG OPPOSITION OF PROPOSAL #172. PROPOSAL #141 & PROPOSAL #179, UPPER COOK INLET SALMON MANAGEMENT PLAN PRESENTED AT THE BOARD OF FISHERIES MEETING IN SOLDOTNA AND SUPPORT THE HISTORICAL MANAGEMENT FOR COMMERCIAL PRIORITIES FROM JULY 1 TO AUGUST 15...

WHEREAS, the Homer City Council recognizes a historic Local Cook Inlet Drift Net Salmon Fleet operating out of the Homer Boat Harbor; and

WHEREAS, the Homer City Council recognizes the Local Cook Inlet Drift Net Salmon Fleet and its' associated support industries as a significant and vital entity in the social and economical health and well being of the community of Homer, Alaska and the surrounding region; and

WHEREAS, the Homer City Council passed and adopted Resolution 97-12 on February 24. 1997 in opposition of Proposal D-AAC21-363; and

WHEREAS, Proposal #172 presented to the Board of Fisheries in 1999 is identical to Proposal "D"-AAC21-363 which Homer City Council Resolution 97-12 opposed in 1997; and

WHEREAS, Proposal #141 would create practical results of unadaptive mandates that would allow spawning sockeye escapements far above MSY levels, cycling of sockeye systems, a loss of the economic viability of commercial fisheries, and ultimately a negative impact on the resources, and the social and economic health of the community of Homer and surrounding region; and

WHEREAS, Proposal #179 is merely the last of a long list of <u>ALLOCATIVE</u> proposals dating back to 1986 which attempt to restrict the drift fleet and if adopted will have a negative impact on the social and economical health of the community of Home. Alaska and the surrounding region; and

WHEREAS, if Proposals #172, #141 and #179 of the Upper Cook Inlet Salmon Management Plan are passed and implemented by the Alaska Board of Fisheries it will install severe social and economical hardship on the historic local Cook Inlet Drift Net Salmon Fleet and it's associated support industries, the community of Homer, Alaska and the surrounding region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska strongly opposes Proposals #172, #141 and #179 of the Upper Cook Inlet Salmon Management Plan as presented at the February 1999 meeting in Soldotna, Alaska; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this opposition be communicated directly to Governor Tony Knowles, the Alaska Board of Fisheries and that copies of this Resolution be sent to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game - Commissioner Frank Rue, Representative Gail Phillips. Senator John Torgerson, Representative Gary Davis, Kenai Peninsula Borough Mayor Mike Navarre & Assembly, the City of Soldotna, the City of Kenai, Ninilchik, and the City of Seldovia.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of Homer, Alaska this 22nd day of February. 1999.

CITY OF HOMER

ATTEST:

JACK CUSHING, MAYO

MARY L. CALHOUN, CMC/AAE, CITY CLERK

Fiscal note not required.