

1 **CITY OF HOMER**  
2 **HOMER, ALASKA**

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4 **RESOLUTION 18-004**  
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6 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA,  
7 SUPPORTING THE REQUEST FOR AN ADJUDICATORY HEARING BY  
8 THE PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND REGIONAL CITIZENS' ADVISORY  
9 COUNCIL, PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND AQUACULTURE  
10 CORPORATION, AND THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ON THE ALASKA  
11 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION'S DECISION  
12 TO APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO THE VALDEZ MARINE TERMINAL  
13 OIL DISCHARGE PREVENTION AND CONTINGENCY PLAN.  
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15 WHEREAS, On October 23, 2017, the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation  
16 (ADEC) approved the Valdez Marine Terminal Contingency Plan (VMT C-Plan) that included  
17 changes to the Decision Matrix for determining whether to deploy protections for the Solomon  
18 Gulch Hatchery and Valdez Duck Flats during the early hours of an oil spill from the  
19 terminal. These changes make it much more difficult to trigger the deployment of boom to  
20 protect these areas early in a spill response; and  
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22 WHEREAS, The Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council (PWSRCAC),  
23 the City of Valdez, and Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation (PWSAC), have filed for  
24 an adjudicatory hearing to request that the ADEC Commissioner reinstate the former Decision  
25 Matrix into the plan or modify the new Decision Matrix to require the immediate deployment of  
26 protective measures to these environmentally sensitive areas in the event of a spill; and  
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28 WHEREAS, If the 2017 VMT C-Plan decision is not overturned or modified by the ADEC  
29 Commissioner during this adjudicatory hearing process, it is believed the commitment in the  
30 plan requiring the "immediate and rapid deployment of protective oil spill boom" for the  
31 Solomon Gulch hatchery and Valdez Duck Flats during an oil spill at the terminal has been  
32 removed; and  
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34 WHEREAS, This will put commercial, sport, and subsistence use fishing resources, and  
35 a highly productive biological area that provides habitat for a variety of waterfowl, small  
36 mammals, and marine mammals, at unnecessary risk of oil reaching these locations and  
37 causing both short and long-term damage; and  
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39 WHEREAS, While these changes impact the City of Valdez, they could set a precedence  
40 that, in time, will impact coastal communities throughout Alaska; and  
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42 WHEREAS, The desired outcome is the former Decision Matrix that has been in the plan  
43 for the last 20 years be retained, or the new Decision Matrix be modified to require the  
44 immediate deployment of protective measures to environmentally sensitive areas in the event  
45 of a spill.

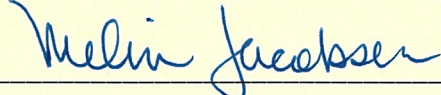
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47 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Homer, Alaska, supports the  
48 request for an Adjudicatory Hearing by the Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory  
49 Council, Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation, and the City of Valdez, on the Alaska  
50 Department of Environmental Conservation's Decision to Approve Amendments to the Valdez  
51 Marine Terminal Oil Discharge Prevention and Contingency Plan.

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53 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of Homer, Alaska, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January,  
54 2018.

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56 CITY OF HOMER

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59 DONNA ADERHOLD, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE  
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62 ATTEST:

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65 MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK  
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68 Fiscal Note: N/A

