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**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

Mayor/Venuti

RESOLUTION 20-047(A)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA,
SUPPORTING AN ADJUSTMENT TO THE 2020 HALIBUT CHARTER
FLEET REGULATIONS **IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 MANDATES.**

WHEREAS, Fishing for halibut aboard commercial charter boats is a vital seasonal economic activity that provides local employment and generates harbor fees and sales tax revenues for the City of Homer; and

WHEREAS, Charter fishing clients are often visitors to Homer that provide ancillary economic benefits through lodging, dining, and other retail purchases; and

WHEREAS, The COVID 19 pandemic has already caused a large number of cancelations and a slump in reservations for the 2020 charter season; and

WHEREAS, State of Alaska restrictions and mandates designed to slow the spread of the virus will reduce the maximum paying capacity aboard many of the charter vessels; and

WHEREAS, Given the reduced effort, and even with a relaxation of rules covering catch limits and fishing days, the charter fleet will not reach its 2020 quota; and

WHEREAS, the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council is holding an emergency meeting on May 15, 2020 to discuss making adjustments for the halibut charter regulations for the 2020 season.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Homer City Council supports a ~~modification~~ **liberalization** of halibut charter regulations involving fishing days and catch limits for the 2020 fishing season **in response to COVID-19 mandates.**

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 11th day of May, 2020.

CITY OF HOMER



KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

ATTEST:



MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

Fiscal note: N/A