

**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

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RESOLUTION 22-024

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA, IN SUPPORT OF STATE OF ALASKA HOUSE BILL 54 ESTABLISHING THE ALASKA INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME.

WHEREAS, Alaska House Bill (HB) 54 would establish the Alaska Invasive Species Council in the Department of Fish and Game to facilitate efforts by the Department of Fish and Game, Department of Natural Resources, Department of Environmental Conservation, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, and other natural resource-related governmental entities operating in the state to manage invasive species; and

WHEREAS, The Alaska Invasive Species Council would facilitate cooperation between state, federal, tribal, and local and nongovernmental organizations; assist in coordination of activities to manage invasive species, including those undertaken by local governments and nongovernmental organizations; and recommend coordinated interagency strategies and policies related to management of invasive species; and

WHEREAS, Members of the Council would include a member or representative of the Alaska Municipal League; and

WHEREAS, HB 54 includes establishing an invasive species response fund as an account in the general fund and the Department of Fish and Game would be authorized to use money appropriated to the fund to manage invasive species without further appropriation; and

WHEREAS, HB 54 defines “invasive species” as a non-native species the introduction of which causes or is likely to cause economic harm, environmental harm, or harm to human health; and “manage invasive species” as taking actions to prevent or minimize harmful impacts of invasive species on the economy, the environment, public health, infrastructure, and cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, All other west coast states and British Columbia have established statewide invasive species coordinating councils that focus on preventing and responding to the spread of invasive species; and

WHEREAS, Homer based organizations including Homer Soil and Water Conservation District and Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve monitor for and provide education regarding terrestrial and aquatic invasive species; and

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44 WHEREAS, Invasive species infestations occur within the City of Homer, including on
45 City property and having resources to minimize the impact of invasive species would be
46 beneficial to Homer's residents; and

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48 WHEREAS, Marine invasive species in Alaska could have a detrimental impact on Homer
49 residents whose livelihoods depend on the sea.

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51 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer Alaska, supports HB
52 54 establishing the Alaska Invasive Species Council in the Department of Fish and Game.

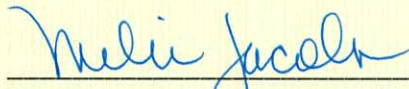
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54 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council on this 29th day of March, 2022.

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56 CITY OF HOMER

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60 KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

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66 MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

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68 Fiscal Note: N/A

