

1 CITY OF HOMER
2 HOMER, ALASKA

3 Mayor/Aderhold

4 RESOLUTION 22-092

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6 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA
7 ENCOURAGING THE NORTH PACIFIC FISHERIES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
8 TO IMMEDIATELY ADOPT FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MITIGATION
9 MEASURES TO FACILITATE THE RESTORATION OF THE DIRECTED BERING
10 SEA CRAB FISHERIES.

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12 WHEREAS, The directed fishery for Bering Sea red king crab has had two successive seasons of
13 commercial closure for stock conservation; and

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15 WHEREAS, The directed fishery for other Bering Sea crab is now closed for the 2022/2023
16 season for stock conservation; and

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18 WHEREAS, Fishery closures are the ultimate tool for stock recovery and habitat restoration;
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21 WHEREAS, The essential fish habitat of the Bering Sea crab stocks is exactly limited to that
22 which is near, on, or in the sea floor; and

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24 WHEREAS, Sea floor habitat protection should be an important factor in charting a recovery
25 plan for the under-populated crab stocks; and

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27 WHEREAS, The National Marine Fisheries Service's 205 page "Discussion Paper" on essential
28 fish habitat effects (from gear interaction) concluded that there is **insufficient information** to base
29 mitigation recommendations for the crab fisheries in the Bering Sea; and

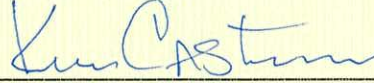
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31 WHEREAS, Faced with a prolonged, perhaps generational, future of rebuilding the stocks to
32 allow for the return to sustainable commercial crabbing, all mitigations, no matter how slight, should
33 be considered; and

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35 WHEREAS, The directed fishery participants should not be the only gear type to bear the
36 burden of conservation sacrifice.

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38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the city council of Homer, Alaska hereby encourages
39 the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council to immediately adopt a fishery conservation and
40 mitigation plan, including restrictions and mitigating measures for other fishery gear types, to
41 facilitate the restoration of the directed Bering Sea crab fisheries.

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43 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 28th day of November, 2022.
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CITY OF HOMER



KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

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MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

Fiscal Note: N/A

