

**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

City Manager

RESOLUTION 24-098

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2024-002 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH AND THE COUNCILS OF THE CITY OF HOMER, KACHEMAK, KENAI, SEWARD, SELDOVIA, AND SOLDOTNA, SUPPORTING THE KENAI PENINSULA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT'S REQUEST THAT THE 2026 AND 2027 COOK INLET FINFISH MEETINGS BE HELD IN SOLDOTNA, ALASKA TO PROVIDE RESOURCE STAKEHOLDERS WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE PRESENT AT PUBLIC DISCUSSIONS AFFECTING THE MANAGEMENT OF THEIR RESOURCES.

WHEREAS, The functions of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game Commissioner are to manage, protect, maintain, improve, and extend the fish, game, and aquatic plant resources of the state in the interest of the economy and general well-being of the state; and

WHEREAS, The Alaska State Legislature created the seven-member Fisheries Board in 1975 with the purpose of conservation and development of fisheries and wildlife resources; and,

WHEREAS, The regulatory authority must work alongside all stakeholders, including industry leaders and local, tribal, and borough organizations, to protect the Kenai Peninsula's natural resources, communicate regulatory needs, and receive critical stakeholder engagement to find best-suited options for the highest economic returns on investment revolving around the Upper Cook Inlet Salmon system; and

WHEREAS, The Kenai Peninsula waterways of the Kenai, Kasilof, and Susitna Rivers and Fish Creek are the entry points to significant sockeye salmon systems in Upper Cook Inlet; and,

WHEREAS, The Kenai River and its lakes are the primary sockeye salmon-producing systems in the Cook Inlet; and,

WHEREAS, Personal use salmon fisheries are essential to the people of the Kenai Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, Salmon sport fisheries are essential to the Kenai Peninsula economy; and

WHEREAS, Subsistence salmon fisheries are essential for all Kenai Peninsula communities; and

WHEREAS, All users of salmon are dependent on an abundance of salmon; and

WHEREAS, According to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, more than 1,300 drift and set gillnet limited entry fishing permits have been for the Upper Cook Inlet area, contributing about 10% of salmon permits issued statewide; and


WHEREAS, The Alaska Board of Fish Upper Cook Inlet Finfish Regulatory Meetings provide critical resource updates, including research presentations and staff reports, provide a platform for public testimony, create and or update industry regulations, deliberations from committee members to increase rates of salmon returns, and outline management plans; and

WHEREAS, Joint Resolution No. 2024-002 supports the efforts of the Kenai Economic Development District's request that the 2026 and 2027 Cook Inlet Finfish meetings be held in Soldotna, Alaska, to provide resource stakeholders with the opportunity to be present at Public Discussions Affecting the management of their resources.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Homer City Council adopts and hereby authorizes the Mayor to sign Joint Resolution 2024-002.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 9th day of September, 2024.

CITY OF HOMER


KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

ATTEST:


RENEE KRAUSE, MMC, CITY CLERK

Fiscal Note: N/A

