

**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 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.

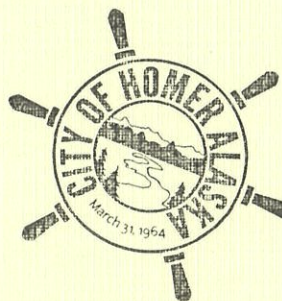
CITY OF HOMER

  
KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
RENEE KRAUSE, MMC, CITY CLERK

Fiscal Note: N/A





# MEMORANDUM

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## Resolution 24-098, Supporting 2026 and 2027 Upper Cook Inlet Finfish Regulatory Meetings in Soldotna

**Item Type:** Backup Memorandum  
**Prepared For:** Mayor Castner and City Council  
**Date:** September 5, 2024  
**From:** Bryan Hawkins, Port Director  
**Through:** Melissa Jacobsen, City Manager

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At the Port & Harbor Advisory Commission meeting on Wednesday, August 28, 2024, the Commission reviewed a proposal jointly prepared by the Kenai Peninsula Economic Development District, Kenai Peninsula Borough, City of Kenai, Kenai Chamber of Commerce, City of Soldotna, and Soldotna Chamber of Commerce.

The proposal, which will be submitted to the Board of Fisheries for their October meeting, encourages the Board to hold its 2026-2027 cycle of Upper Cook Inlet Finfish Regulatory Meetings in Soldotna.

After a brief discussion, the Commission passed the following motion:

"RECOMMEND THAT CITY COUNCIL PASS A RESOLUTION SHOWING SUPPORT FOR HOLDING THE 2026 AND 2027 COOK INLET FINFISH REGULATORY MEETINGS IN SOLDOTNA"

### RECOMMENDATION

Pass Resolution 24-098 supporting the proposal to hold 2026-2027 finfish meetings on the Kenai Peninsula.

### Attachment

Excerpt of Unapproved Minutes for Port & Harbor Advisory Commission Regular Meeting



- 6.A. Jeff Erickson – Spit Lease Information  
Homer Harbor Fuel Dock Presentation – Homerun Oil Co., Inc.

**7. STAFF & COUNCIL REPORT/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 7.A. Port & Harbor FY25 YTD
- 7.B. Port & Harbor Staff Report – July 2024
- 7.C. Homer Marine Trades Association (HMTA) Report

**8. PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

**9. PENDING BUSINESS**

- 9.A. Large Vessel Haul Out Facility  
Memorandum PHC-24-017 from Port Administrative Supervisor as backup

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

- 10.A. Alaska Board of Fisheries  
Memorandum PHC-24-018 from Port Administrative Supervisor as backup  
Joint Resolution JR2024-002 Supporting 2026-2027 Finfish Meeting on KP

Port Administrative Supervisor Woodruff noted that the Port and Harbor has received correspondence from the Kenai Economic Development District regarding a proposal in partnership with central Peninsula folks to request that the Board of Fish have the 2026 and 2027 Upper Cook Inlet Finfish Meetings in Soldotna. She acknowledged the joint resolution that was included in the supplemental packet.

SHAVELSON/VELSKO MOVED TO RECOMMEND THAT CITY COUNCIL PASS A RESOLUTION SHOWING SUPPORT FOR HOLDING THE 2026 AND 2027 COOK INLET FINFISH REGULATORY MEETINGS IN SOLDOTNA.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON-OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

**11. INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS**

- 11.A. August 2024 Port Operations Report  
July 2024 Statistics

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
CITY OF KACHEMAK  
CITY OF KENAI  
CITY OF HOMER  
CITY OF SELDOVIA  
CITY OF SEWARD  
CITY OF SOLDOTNA**

**JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2024-002**

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WHEREAS, Joint Resolution No. 2024-002 supports the efforts of 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;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH AND THE COUNCILS OF THE CITIES OF HOMER, KACHEMAK, KENAI, SEWARD, SELDOVIA, AND SOLDOTNA:**

**Section 1.** That the Kenai Peninsula Borough and the Cities of Homer, Kachemak, Kenai, Seward, Seldovia, and Soldotna, respectively, formally request that the 2026-2027 Upper Cook Inlet Finfish Regulatory Meetings be held in Soldotna, Alaska, and Rotated Thereafter Among the Three Primary Affected Boroughs (Anchorage, Mat-Su and Kenai Peninsula) to provide an opportunity for local stakeholders to attend and provide public testimony regarding the management of the salmon system.

**Section 2.** That this resolution takes effect immediately upon adoption by the City Councils of the Cities of Homer, Kachemak, Kenai, Seward, Seldovia, and Soldotna, and the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENAI, ALASKA, THIS XX<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF XXXX, 2024.

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Brian Gabriel Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

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Michelle M. Saner, MMC, City Clerk

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOLDOTNA, ALASKA, THIS XX<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF XXXX, 2024.

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Paul J. Whitney, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Johni Blankenship, MMC, City Clerk

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PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEWARD, ALASKA, THIS XX<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF XXXX, 2024.

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Sue McClure, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kris Peck, City Clerk

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMER, ALASKA, THIS 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF September, 2024.

ATTEST:

Renee Krause  
Renee Krause, MMC, City Clerk



Ken Castner  
Ken Castner, Mayor

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELDOVIA, ALASKA, THIS XX<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF XXXX, 2024.

ATTEST:

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Liz Diamant, City Clerk

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Jeremiah Campbell, Mayor

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KACHEMAK, ALASKA, THIS XX<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF XXXX, 2024.

ATTEST:

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Laurie Wallace, City Clerk

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Bill Fry, Mayor

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PASSED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH, ALASKA, THIS XX<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF XXXX, 2024.

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Brent Johnson, Assembly President

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Peter A. Micciche, KPB Mayor

ATTEST:

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Michele Turner, CMC, Borough Clerk