

**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

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RESOLUTION 24-108

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA,
REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
DESIGNATE BY PROCLAMATION THE AREA OF PRINCE WILLIAM
SOUND PINK SALMON FISHERY AND ANY OTHER APPLICABLE
SALMON FISHERIES AS AN AREA IMPACTED BY AN ECONOMIC
DISASTER IN 2024 AND SUPPORTING A RECOVERY PLAN FOR
AFFECTED FISHERMEN

WHEREAS, The commercial salmon fishing season in 2024 saw historically low returns
of salmon from Area M to Southeast Alaska, including Chignik, Kodiak, Lower Cook Inlet, and
Prince William Sound; and

WHEREAS, According to the Alaska Department of Fish & Game, the Prince William
Sound pink salmon harvest was 4.896 million fish which was 85.3% less than the prior 5-year
average harvest of 33.26 million fish and 15% of a 2024 total run forecast of 32.18 million fish;
and

WHEREAS, The Kodiak Management Area pink salmon forecast from ADF&G for 2024
was estimated as weak, at 8.8 million fish and the estimated harvest through September 5 was
7.1 million fish; and

WHEREAS, The Area M pink salmon forecast from ADF&G for 2024 was 5.3 million, with
1.6 million harvested; and

WHEREAS, Lower Cook Inlet Area pink salmon forecast from ADF&G for 2024 was
582,000, with 14,374 harvested; and

WHEREAS, Commercial fishing is a backbone of Alaska's economy and culture and is an
expensive endeavor with costs including boat payments, insurance, crew, moorage, groceries,
fuel, maintenance, supplies, and permit fees; and

WHEREAS, The price per pound for the fisherman has not increased relative to
operational expenses, and

WHEREAS, According to data from the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC)
and the Homer Harbor, Homer has 140 residents that have seine permits in either Prince
William Sound, Lower Cook Inlet, Kodiak, or Area M; and

WHEREAS, AS 44.33.285 authorizes the Governor, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, to designate by proclamation an area and other areas impacted by an economic disaster; and

WHEREAS, The City of Homer is a political subdivision of the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, An economic disaster declaration by the Governor would allow the legislature to appropriate funds for assistance grants and the governor may recommend in the Governor's budget that steps may be taken as provided ins AS 44.33.285-.310 to accelerate the recovery from this disaster.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the City Council of Homer, Alaska, respectfully requests that:

Section 1. Commissioner Julie Sande, Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, recommend to Governor Dunleavy to designate, by proclamation, the area of Prince William Sound and any other applicable area's pink salmon commercial fishery as an area impacted by an economic disaster.

Section 2. Governor Dunleavy designate by proclamation, as described in AS 44.33.285, the area of Prince William Sound pink salmon and any other area that is applicable commercial fishery as an area impacted by an economic disaster and that the State of Alaska implement a recovery plan that provides private assistance and takes other actions that benefit commercial fisheries participants and others that rely on this important fishery resource.

Section 3. The Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC) waive permit fees for the upcoming 2025 season for all impacted salmon permit owners.

Section 4. The Council also respectfully requests that the State of Alaska urge the Federal Department of Commerce and all other applicable federal agencies to render private and public assistance to all affected persons and entities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:

Section 5. A copy of this resolution will be provided to Commissioner Julie Sande, Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, and to the Office of Governor Mike Dunleavy.

Section 6. A copy of this resolution will be provided to State Senator Gary Stevens, State Representative Ben Carpenter, State Representative Justin Ruffridge, State Representative Louise Stutes, and State Representative Sarah Vance.

Section 7. This resolution is effective upon adoption.


PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 14th day of October, 2024.

CITY OF HOMER



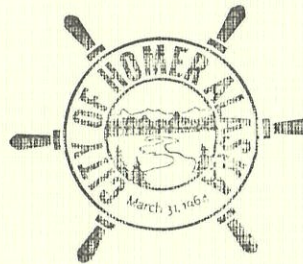
RACHEL LORD, MAYOR

ATTEST:



RENEE KRAUSE, MMC, CITY CLERK

Fiscal note: N/A



**CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA
RESOLUTION 10-24-31**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA,
ENCOURAGING THE STATE OF ALASKA AND THE US SECRETARY OF COMMERCE
TO DECLARE FISHERIES DISASTER AS FOLLOWS: 2024 PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND
PINK AND CHUM SALMON; AND TO ENCOURAGE THE SAME TO DECLARE A
CONDITION OF ECONOMIC DISASTER IN CORDOVA AS A RESULT**

WHEREAS, the average total common property harvest of Prince William Sound Pink Salmon for even-years without federal disaster determinations between 2010-2022, hereafter defined as “5-year average”, is 34.75 million Pink Salmon; and

WHEREAS, NOAA Fisheries examines 12-month revenue loss experienced the year of a fishery resource disaster compared to the previous 5-year average in which no disaster occurred, and considers positive determinations at a revenue loss threshold of greater than 80 percent; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Prince William Sound Pink Salmon total common property harvest of 5,066,411 fish was 85.4% less than the recent 5-year average total common property harvest of Pink Salmon, and the lowest harvest in the last 30 years; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Prince William Sound Purse Seine fishery harvest of 4,896,007 Pink Salmon was 85.3% less than the prior 5-year average harvest of 33.26 million fish; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Prince William Sound Drift Gillnet fishery harvest of 151,917 Pink Salmon was 89.6% less than the prior 5-year average harvest of 1,461,281 fish; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Prince William Sound Set Gillnet fishery harvest of 18,487 Pink Salmon was 43.6% less than the prior 5-year average harvest of 32,807 fish; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Prince William Sound Chum Salmon harvest of 1,160,586 fish was 57.1% less than the recent 5-year average harvest of 2.7 million Chum Salmon, and the lowest harvest in the last 5 years; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Prince William Sound Pink and Chum Salmon runs are among the lowest on record; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Prince William Sound Pink Salmon fisheries total ex-vessel value of \$4,290,856 across fisheries compared to the 5-year average ex-vessel value of \$44,841,922 represents a loss of 90.4% of average revenues, or more than \$40 million dollars; and

WHEREAS, multiple years of lower ex-vessel prices across Copper River and Prince William Sound fisheries, and lasting financial impacts from the Covid-19 pandemic compound and

continue to impact the fishing community significantly, further compounding economic hardship within the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska encourages the State of Alaska and the United States Secretary of Commerce to declare fisheries disasters based on the considerably low returns and harvests as follows: 2024 Prince William Sound Pink and Chum Salmon.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 2nd DAY OF OCTOBER 2024.



David Allison, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk