

**CITY OF HOMER  
HOMER, ALASKA**

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**RESOLUTION 16-046**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA,  
OPPOSING THE PROPOSED UPDATE TO ANNEX B OF THE ALASKA  
FEDERAL/STATE PREPAREDNESS PLAN FOR RESPONSE TO OIL  
AND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE DISCHARGES/RELEASES (UNIFIED  
PLAN).

WHEREAS, The Unified Plan is a federal and state preparedness plan that guides pollution and spill cleanup in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Health of marine resources are critically important to Homer's coastal community economy which relies heavily on fishing, tourism, mariculture, and marine trades; and

WHEREAS, In the current Unified Plan, the City of Homer, as a stakeholder, is eligible to participate on the Regional Stakeholder Committee (RSC) with direct access to Unified Command and access to important information and decisions during a spill response; and

WHEREAS, The City of Homer is a member of a Regional Citizens Advisory Council (RCAC) and as such has been represented on the RSC in the Unified Plan for twenty-five years with direct access to Unified Command and the Incident Action Plan (IAP) and a clear process for providing local knowledge and information critical for protecting public interests; and

WHEREAS, An Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation's proposed update to Annex B of the Unified Plan eliminates the RSC and replaces it with two separate stakeholder groups, Tribal and Local Government Group and Affected Stakeholder Group (Groups), who will only communicate with Unified Command through the Responsible Party's Liaison Officer; and

WHEREAS, The proposed changes negatively impact the City of Homer's participation in protecting critical resources and compromises the region's overall response effectiveness to hazardous spills by:

- No longer guaranteeing direct access to the Unified Command. Communication only through the Responsible Party's Liaison Officer does not guarantee that community issues will be accurately communicated back to government officials within the Unified Command;

