

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-30

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA IN
SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL NO. 184 RELATING TO INCREASING THE SHARE OF
FISHERIES BUSINESS TAX AND FISHERY RESOURCE LANDING TAX
TO MUNICIPALITIES**

WHEREAS, the City and borough of Sitka recognizes the majority of the public boat harbors in Alaska were constructed by the State during the 1960s and 1970s; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska during the past ten years has transferred ownership of most of these state owned harbors to local municipalities, many of which were at or near the end of their service life; and

WHEREAS, local municipalities are in need of additional funding to repair and in many cases replace these former state owned harbors; and

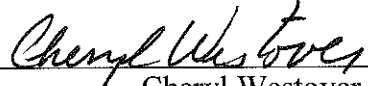
WHEREAS, these harbor facilities represent critical transportation links and are the transportation hubs for waterfront commerce and economic development in Alaskan coastal communities, especially for those directly supporting the commercial fishing industry; and

WHEREAS, under the current tax system, the state shares 50 percent of the revenues generated from the Fisheries Business Tax and the Fishery Resource Landing Tax with local municipalities where the fish are first landed and/or processed; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of House Bill No. 184, the local municipalities' share of the revenues generated from the Fisheries Business Tax and the Fishery Resource Landing Tax would increase to 75 percent, with the intent that the additional revenue would help maintain and improve harbor facilities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka fully supports House Bill No. 184 and urges this bill be enacted.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska on this 29th day of November, 2011.


Cheryl Westover, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Colleen Ingman, MMC, Municipal Clerk