

**CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA
RESOLUTION 2010-35**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF
SITKA, ALASKA, SUPPORTING LEGISLATION TO EXTEND AND RESTORE
THE ALASKA COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM TO ENABLE
EFFECTIVE COASTAL COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION**

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Sitka has participated in the Alaska Coastal Management Program (ACMP) since approval of its first Sitka Coastal Plan in 1981; and

WHEREAS, the “streamlined ACMP process” which began with House Bill 191 in 2003 forced the complete revision of all Alaska Coastal Management plans (Sitka’s revision was approved in 2007) and resulted in a greatly diminished role for coastal districts, including inability to establish meaningful local enforceable policies and removal of air and water quality from ACMP project reviews; and

WHEREAS, Sitka lost more than half of its 55 enforceable policies, the only portion of Sitka’s coastal plan with standing in the ACMP permit review process, and the remaining policies are limited and ineffective in coastal comments addressing local issues; and

WHEREAS, the ACMP will sunset July 1, 2011 and all Coastal Management funding and coordination will cease unless the Alaska State Legislature extends the program;

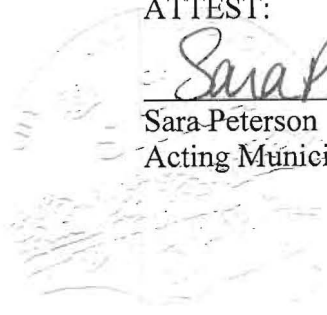
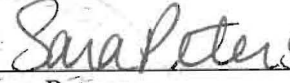
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City and Borough of Sitka Assembly supports legislation to extend the ACMP, eliminate the “DEC carve-out” and bring back air and water quality issues in the ACMP consistency review process, eliminate requirements for pre-designation of subsistence, habitat, or other areas subject to policies, and permit meaningful local participation in the ACMP through expanded enforceable policies addressing a wide range of coastal uses to permit City and Borough of Sitka and other coastal communities to better manage the coastal zone.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska, on this twenty-eighth day of December, 2010.



Cheryl Westover, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sara Peterson
Acting Municipal Clerk