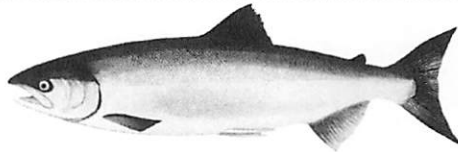


Should this item be pulled from the consent agenda the following motion is suggested:

POSSIBLE MOTION

I MOVE TO approve Resolution 2016-05 on first and final reading.

PACIFIC SALMON TREATY COALITION



1308 Sawmill Creek Road Sitka, Alaska 99835

Mayor Mim McConnell
City and Borough of Sitka
100 Lincoln Street
Sitka, AK 99835

January 19, 2016

RE: Resolution of support for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and the Southeast Alaska fisheries representatives serving in the U.S./Canada Pacific Salmon Commission process.

Dear Mayor McConnell and Assembly Members of the City and Borough of Sitka,

Attached is a Resolution of Support regarding the Pacific Salmon Treaty. The language of the Resolution is plain and speaks for itself.

This Resolution was developed by the Pacific Salmon Treaty Coalition, Inc., a 501 ©(6) Incorporated in March of 2015. From the PSTC Bylaws; "PSTC exists to protect Alaska's sport and commercial salmon fishermen from additional cuts to its treaty allocation within the Pacific Salmon Treaty (PST) process. The organization will educate and lobby respective regulatory agencies and political bodies to ensure Alaska's PST allocation is not further leveraged away for political purposes that serve interests outside of Alaska."

PSTC has begun a region-wide fundraising campaign to position Alaska for success in the 2018-renegotiation efforts and is planning a trip to Washington DC in late February to meet with Alaska's Congressional delegation. Adoption of this Resolution will highlight the importance of this issue to Southeast Alaska to critical decision makers. NSRAA, SSRAA, DIPAC and Trident have made meaningful financial contributions in support of our mission and additional donations have been pledged. The PSTC Board of Directors is composed of Recreational, Troll, Gillnet, Seine, and Aquaculture representatives currently serving as members of the industry panels.

Please place the attached Resolution on the next earliest meeting agenda and after adoption please send a signed copy via email to the distribution list provided, or email a signed copy to the Executive Director and it will be distributed by PSTC.

Yours Truly,
Deborah A. Lyons,
Executive Director Pacific Salmon Treaty Coalition, Inc.

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-05

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA, ALASKA SUPPORTING
THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME AND THE FISHERIES
REPRESENTATIVES SERVING ON THE US/CANADA SALMON COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, the recreational, commercial and subsistence fisheries of Southeast Alaska are critically important to the economic and personal well-being of our citizens and our communities; and

WHEREAS, the management of Southeastern Alaskan Chinook, Pink, Coho, and Sockeye fisheries, and the allowable salmon harvest and corresponding economic benefit or loss to the region, is dependent upon fishing regimes conducted by agreement with Canada, the States of Washington and Oregon and the Pacific Northwest Tribes under the Annexes of the Pacific Salmon Treaty; and

WHEREAS, the terms of the current Treaty Annexes are being renegotiated for a ten year period beginning in 2019 and the State of Alaska Department of Fish and Game and the Southeast Alaska recreational, commercial and subsistence fishery representatives serving on the Pacific Salmon Commission Panels are now working to develop the terms of the next ten year agreement in order to:

- Restore and continue commitments of financial support from the Federal Governments of the United States and Canada and the State of Alaska to the programs that support accurate and reliable data for management of the fisheries, assist with enhancement programs, and share the cost of managing the fisheries to meet the Treaty commitments.
- Resolve current deficiencies in the performance of the Pacific Salmon Commission Chinook Technical Committee (CTC) to eliminate the erratic and unreliable estimates of Chinook salmon abundance that cause difficulty setting bag limits and marketing the guided recreational fishery and undermines the ability of the processing sector to maximize the value of the commercial harvest.
- Secure greater access by Alaska fisheries to hatchery stocks produced by Federally-funded programs for the express purpose of mitigating lost harvest opportunities that were the result of diminished salmon populations that were the initial result of hydropower projects on the Columbia River.
- Work with the US Section of the Salmon Commission, the National Marine Fisheries Service and the US Department of State to assure fair treatment of the Alaska fisheries within the Commission process to prevent abuses in the application of the Endangered Species Act and to recognize the dependence of the rural Alaska communities upon the fisheries.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska, requests that the Governor's office of the State of Alaska, the Alaska State Legislature and the Alaska Congressional delegation recognize the critical need for support over the next three years for the Alaska representatives to the Pacific Salmon Commission and use all means available to provide assistance to help assure a successful outcome to the current negotiations in order to provide continued access to salmon stocks for our citizens after 2019.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska on this 9th day of February, 2016.

Mim McConnell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sara Peterson, CMC
Municipal Clerk

Distribution List for Municipal Resolution of Support for Pacific Salmon Treaty Negotiations

Please email the signed Resolution directly to these Congressional and State offices and copy PSTC, dlyons@gci.net. OR send a single signed Resolution to PSTC and we will follow up with distribution.

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This Resolution will also be copied to the Alaska State Legislature Fisheries Committee. We suggest a copy to the Southeast Legislators for your District. Questions? Please contact Deborah Lyons, Executive Director. 907-738-3362 or dlyons@gci.net