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For: Fisheries Enhancement Fund RFP

# CHINOOK FUTURES COALITION, INC

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907-738-3362

May 25, 2018

Dear Members of the Sitka Assembly,

Chinook Futures has raised \$9,500 in local membership dues and is requesting consideration of a **matching amount of \$9,500 from the Fisheries Enhancement Fund**. Our legal expenses will be ongoing until the issue of the Pacific Salmon Treaty Chinook catch limit for Alaska is settled.

We appreciate your consideration of this request. Please see the attached organization history and financial statements. We are reacting and adapting on a daily basis to changes in the Pacific Salmon Treaty negotiation landscape. An unexpected and unanticipated need for an additional legislative liaison has arisen; one that will put Alaskan interest first and will work aggressively to recover lost Chinook salmon allocations. Chinook Futures is filling that gap, but it has put a strain on our financial resources. Any assistance that the City of Sitka could offer is most welcome and appreciated. Funds will be applied to the cost of the legislative liaison in Washington DC and to presentations, events, letters and resolutions advocating for restoration of a portion of Southeast Alaska's historic harvest share of Chinook.

For more information please contact Deborah Lyons, Chinook Futures Coalition Executive Director. 907-738-3362

Howard Pendell 

Howard Pendell, President Chinook Futures Board of Directors.

## CHINOOK FUTURES COALITION ORGANIZATION HISTORY

Chinook Futures Coalition, an organization formed in 2012, has reinvigorated its activities to respond to an unacceptable reduction in Chinook catch limits as a result of unfairly brokered Pacific Salmon Treaty negotiations.

Previously funded by the Aquaculture Associations, DIPAC, NSRAA and SSRAA, for a project concerning the status of Snake River Fall Chinook, Chinook Futures has taken the lead in a campaign to educate the public about the serious consequences of Alaska Department of Fish and Game management decisions and the loss of Chinook salmon quota as a result of current Treaty negotiations. Our goal is to prevent the further loss of any Treaty Chinook, and to push back against misuse of the Endangered Species Act. We seek to regain the 15% harvest share of Chinook lost to the State in 2009. Regaining Chinook lost under the Pacific Salmon Treaty benefits everyone that fishes for King salmon in Sitka and all the businesses that depend on them. Our mission is not allocative, that is the business of the Board of Fish. We are on a laser beam focus to stop the hemorrhage of king salmon from this community and Southeast as a whole.

Chinook Futures gave a presentation at the December 2017 Southeast Conference in Juneau that opened people's eyes to the dire predicament of the Southeast Alaska fishing economy. Region wide closures of recreational and commercial fisheries to protect weak returns of Southeast Alaska King salmon are having a chilling effect on economic activity. In 2017 ADF&G management decisions were made in error and cost Sitka over \$1.8 million. The 2018 All-gear Chinook catch limit will be the lowest since Statehood because of low ocean abundance and the current Treaty catch limit formula. The outlook is not good.

Chinook Futures sponsored two King Salmon Forums to allow members of organizations affected by these events to share experiences and perspectives. They were extremely well attended with over 160 people packing the Assembly Chambers at each event. Scott Kelley ADFG Commercial Fisheries Director attended the first Forum in December of 2017 and Lt. Governor Byron Mallot came to town on March 21, to visit the processors and to have a meeting with Coalition members. That evening his chief fisheries staff person Barbara Blake accompanied by Scott Kelley listened to two hours of presentations and testimony concerning King salmon management and the Pacific Salmon Treaty and impacts on our community.

Members of the Coalition were invited to meet at the Office of the Governor. At that meeting ADF&G Commissioner Cotten and Lt. Governor Mallot welcomed the addition of Jack Ferguson, a respected and well-connected natural resource lobbyist hired by the Coalition. Other participants at the Governor luncheon were: Steve Reifentstahl NSRAA, Craig Shoemaker-SPC and Tim Ryan-Sitka Sound Seafoods, Eric Jordan, Tad Fujioka, Jim Moore-ATA VP, Carina Nichols-ALFA and Harvey Kitka. Jev Shelton a former Pacific Salmon Treaty Commissioner with concerns about the Transboundary Rivers Chapter of the Salmon Treaty agreement was also in attendance. On April 24<sup>th</sup>, the day after the meeting with the Lt. Governor, a letter of concern was sent to Senator Sullivan. The following week a teleconference of all of the Congressional Delegation fisheries staff, Office of the Governor staff, and CFC Executive Director Deborah Lyons took place. The group conferred with Mr. Ferguson on options for moving forward to push back on NMFS control of Pacific Salmon Treaty negotiations and rumors that the negotiating team was feeling pressured to give up even more Chinook. On May 7, Senator Murkowski staff invited Coalition members to a teleconference to articulate concerns and, as a result Senator Murkowski contacted the Office of the Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross (Commerce oversees the Treaty) with questions about issues within the Pacific Salmon Treaty. She reiterated her concern publicly during the Commerce budget committee hearing later that week.

On May 21<sup>st</sup> the ADF&G sponsored a Chinook Salmon Symposium in Sitka. Coincidentally news of the harvest reductions that the Alaska Treaty team had agreed to take had leaked out and Chinook Futures sponsored a rally and fundraiser that was covered in the press. Reductions in Chinook harvest are having a devastating affect on the economy of Sitka and the world at large is beginning to take note. Commissioner Sam Cotton was photographed observing the demonstration.

As a direct result of our work Senator Sullivan has now scheduled a hearing on the Pacific Salmon Treaty funding, date to be announced in June. The Sitka Chamber of Commerce and Sitka Economic Development Association have passed Resolution of Support, attached and our "Shrinking Salmon" Ad will be appearing in Southeast newspapers.

We intend to remain engaged if talks go government to government or if the Secretary of Commerce puts this Treaty Agreement under review. We also intend to submit requests for funding from the Aquaculture Associations this fall, as we have done in the past.

"Article II. Chinook Futures Coalition Purposes

1. To promote the availability of Chinook salmon in Southeast Alaska for harvest by commercial and recreational fishermen.
2. To promote and enhance the economic value of Chinook salmon harvested in Southeast Alaska to seafood consumers, visitors to the region and local communities.
3. To engage in activities directed at the improvement of business conditions for southeast Alaska businesses engaged in the harvest of Chinook salmon.
4. To conduct scientific and public policy research about Chinook salmon ecology and fishery management and provide information, outreach and education services to members and the public.
5. To seek, receive and maintain funds for the above purposes.
6. To pursue other appropriate action to promote the interests of its members to the extent consistent with the Alaska Non-profit Corporations Act and § 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code as amended, which allows for exemption from federal income taxes, and § 170(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, which allows for tax deductible contributions to the organization."

**Chinook Futures Coalition**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**As of May 25, 2018**

	<u>May 25, 18</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
1000 - Cash	
1010 - WF Gold Bus Checking	10,413.95
<b>Total 1000 - Cash</b>	<u>10,413.95</u>
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	10,413.95
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
12000 - Undeposited Funds	300.00
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<u>300.00</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>10,713.95</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>10,713.95</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Equity</b>	
32000 - Unrestricted Net Assets	25,419.86
Net Income	<u>-14,705.91</u>
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>10,713.95</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><u>10,713.95</u></u>

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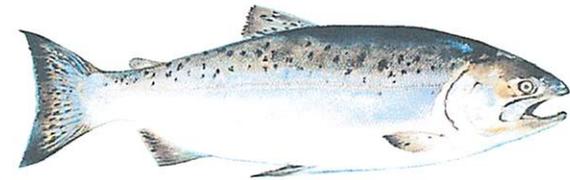
**Chinook Futures Coalition**  
**Profit & Loss**  
**January 1 through May 25, 2018**

	<u>Jan 1 - May 25, 18</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
43400 · Direct Public Support	
43450 · Individ, Business Contributions	650.00
<b>Total 43400 · Direct Public Support</b>	<u>650.00</u>
47200 · Program Income	
47230 · Membership Dues	8,880.00
<b>Total 47200 · Program Income</b>	<u>8,880.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	9,530.00
<b>Expense</b>	
62100 · Contract Services	
62140 · Legal Fees	15,000.00
62150 · Outside Contract Services	9,067.91
<b>Total 62100 · Contract Services</b>	<u>24,067.91</u>
65000 · Operations	
65020 · Postage, Mailing Service	168.00
<b>Total 65000 · Operations</b>	<u>168.00</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>24,235.91</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<u>-14,705.91</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>-14,705.91</u></u>

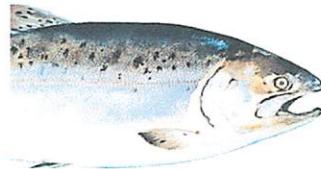
## ALASKA HAS LOST HARVEST SHARE OF SALMON AT EVERY NEGOTIATION

1979-1982 Historic Average Chinook Catch 333,655

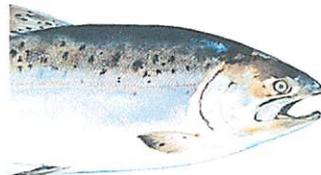
1985 -1995  
22% Reduction  
263,000



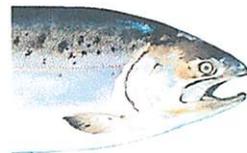
1996  
30%-35%-40%-45% reductions  
233,558 – 183,510



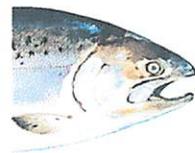
1999  
35%-40%-45% reductions  
217,876 – 183,510



2009  
49%-55%-63% reductions  
170,164 – 123,452



2018  
56.5%-61.5%-70.5%  
145,140 – 98,428



THE GREATER SITKA  
**Chamber**  
OF COMMERCE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS RESOLUTION 2018-01

IN SUPPORT OF THE PROTECTION OF THE COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors (“Board”) of the Greater Sitka Chamber of Commerce has a responsibility to its members; and

**WHEREAS**, the Greater Sitka Chamber of Commerce’s mission is to promote, support, and facilitate commerce and economic growth in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Greater Sitka Chamber of Commerce recognizes the substantial economic impact of the commercial fisheries to Sitka; and

**WHEREAS**, supports the Office of the Governor in efforts to strengthen the Pacific Salmon Treaty Commissioner and industry appointees to the PSC in their work to protect all salmon fisheries under the Pacific Salmon Treaty; and

**WHEREAS**, the Greater Sitka Chamber of Commerce supports regaining Chinook harvest share that is warranted to the State through the Chinook rebuilding program, with

**WHEREAS**, the 2018 State of Alaska Pacific Salmon Treaty Chinook catch limit being reduced by 55% from the State’s historic harvest share; and

**WHEREAS**, the Greater Sitka Chamber of Commerce supports a coordinated effort between the Offices of the Alaska Congressional Delegation and the Office of the Governor to work towards an interpretation of the Endangered Species Act that recognizes the minimal impact that the Alaskan Chinook fisheries have on salmon protected under the Endangered Species Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the Greater Sitka Chamber of Commerce believe current demands from National Marine Fisheries Service for Alaska to take additional reductions in harvest share unjustified; and

**WHEREAS**, supports the State of Alaska’s fisheries management authority, and supports the legislatively mandated Board of Fisheries process; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Chamber announces and affirms its support of stable members of the Greater Sitka Chamber of Commerce in order to protect commercial fisheries by advocating for stable regulatory regimes at state and federal levels and to retain access to resources, recommends the following:

That the Alaska Department of Fish and Game Commissioner

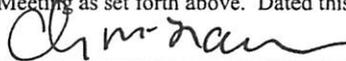
- Provide the highest level of communication possible through annual, or more frequent meetings between processors and fishermen to review how the management plans and action plans will be applied, and
- The ADF&G and public should work together to anticipate seasonal challenges and to develop a regionally coordinated response, and
- The ADF&G should develop and make available verifiable data in justification for emergency order actions taken in-season; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution shall be effective immediately; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the officers and agents of the Greater Sitka Chamber of Commerce be and are hereby authorized to take all action necessary to effect the foregoing resolution.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Sitka Chamber of Commerce in accordance with its organic documents at a Meeting of the Sitka Chamber of Commerce held on May 7, 2018 and said resolution appears in the record of said Meeting as set forth above. Dated this 7th day of May 2018.



Chris McGraw, President

## RESOLUTION 18-01

### **RESOLUTION OF THE SITKA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (SEDA) IN SUPPORT OF THE PROTECTION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES BY ADVOCATING FOR STABLE REGULATORY REGIMES AT STATE AND FEDERAL LEVELS, AND TO RETAIN ACCESS TO FISHERIES RESOURCES”**

**WHEREAS**, it is a top priority of SEDA’s 2016 Strategic Plan to development and support local seafood and fisheries sectors.

**WHEREAS**, public notices made by ADF&G for 2017 closures of spring and summer commercial fisheries were unexpected and made with little to no advance notice, and resulted in destabilization of the seafood business environment due to the unplanned loss of product to markets, disruption to processor production plans, and the lost opportunity to harvest Chinook stocks worth millions of dollars to Southeast fishermen and the communities that depend on them, and

**WHEREAS**, data justifying these decisions were not made available prior to or at the time of these management actions therefore industry could not appeal the basis of the decisions, and, because of the time involved, the possibility of reopening fisheries closed in error was delayed or precluded, and

**WHEREAS**, the 2017 Southeast Alaska catch limit of 209,000 Chinook established by the Pacific Salmon Commission process is only 51% of the State’s historic harvest share under a Chinook rebuilding program begun in 1985 and represents the loss of millions of dollars in revenue and benefits that have been reallocated to Canada, Washington and Oregon at the expense of the Southeast Alaska economy, and

**WHEREAS**, some of the management actions of 2017 were incorrectly justified as obligations under the International Pacific Salmon Treaty and circumvented the State of Alaska Board of Fisheries process, causing members of the Southeast seafood economy to question why the State of Alaska would interpret this international agreement in a manner that weakens the State’s regulatory authority.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** in order to protect commercial fisheries by advocating for stable regulatory regimes at state and federal levels and to retain access to resources, SEDA recommends the following:

That the Alaska Department of Fish and Game Commissioner

- provide the highest level of communication possible through annual, or more frequent meetings between processors and fishermen to review how the management plans and action plans will be applied, and
- that the department and public work together to anticipate seasonal challenges and to develop a regionally coordinated response, and
- that the ADFG develop and make available verifiable data in justification for emergency order actions taken in-season, and

Through the Office of the Governor, exhort the Treaty Commissioner and industry appointees to the Pacific Salmon Commission to work to regain Chinook harvest share that is warranted to the State through the Chinook rebuilding program, and,

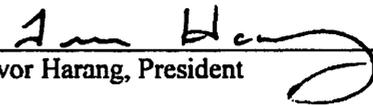
To zealously guard the State of Alaska's management authority, to maintain the legislatively-mandated Board of Fisheries process and return the day-to-day management of Southeast fisheries to the authority of the ADG&G.

**Sitka Economic Development Association (SEDA)**

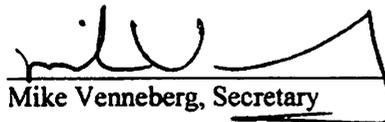
**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the SEDA Board, in accordance with its organic documents at a meeting of the Board of Directors held on March 1, 2018 and that said resolution appears in the record of said meeting as set forth above.

Dated 4/17 2018.

  
Trevor Harang, President

Attested by:

  
Mike Venneberg, Secretary