

**PETERSBURG BOROUGH
RESOLUTION #2021-02**

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SENATE BILL NO. 60: AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SPORT FISHING HATCHERY FACILITIES ACCOUNT; ESTABLISHING THE SPORT FISHING FACILITY SURCHARGE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Petersburg Borough is home to Crystal Lake Salmon Hatchery, a State-owned hatchery that raises and releases Chinook and Coho salmon primarily for sport fish use; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska has contracted with Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association to manage Crystal Lake Salmon Hatchery since July 1, 2000 using funds from the Department of Fish & Game Sport Fish Division; and

WHEREAS, the legislation approving the funding to manage Crystal Lake Salmon Hatchery expires on June 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, from the Chinook and Coho salmon raised at Crystal Lake Salmon Hatchery, recent annual release goals are as follows:

600,000 Chinook salmon released in Blind Slough (Crystal Creek stock)
500,000 Chinook salmon released in Anita Bay (Andrew Creek stock)
100,000 Chinook salmon released at City Creek (Andrew Creek stock)
300,000 Chinook salmon released at Neets Bay (Chickamin River stock)
200,000 Chinook salmon released at Port St. Nick – POW (Chickamin River stock)
135,000 Coho salmon released in Blind Slough (Crystal Creek stock); and

WHEREAS, these salmon releases are relied upon for sport fishing by the residents and visitors of Petersburg, Wrangell, Ketchikan and Prince of Wales Island, supplying healthy food for locals and visitors and supporting a livelihood for tourist lodges and sport fishing charter businesses; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 60 has been introduced in the first session of the Thirty-Second Legislature which will establish a sport fishing hatchery facilities account within the State of Alaska Fish and Game fund, and a sport fishing facility surcharge; and

WHEREAS, money accrued from the sport fishing facility surcharge shall be allocated to ongoing maintenance and operation of the Department's sport fish hatchery facilities, including Crystal Lake Hatchery and DIPAC Chinook enhancement in the Juneau area.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Petersburg Borough Assembly hereby supports Senate Bill No. 60: An Act Establishing the Sport Fishing Hatchery Facilities Account; Establishing the Sport Fishing Facility Surcharge; and Providing for an Effective Date; and encourages passage of the legislation during the Thirty-Second Legislature.

Passed and approved by the Petersburg Borough Assembly, Petersburg, Alaska this 8th day of February 2021.

Attest:

Mark Jensen, Mayor

Debra K. Thompson, Borough Clerk