

**Petersburg Borough  
RESOLUTION #2016-06**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE PETERSBURG BOROUGH SUPPORTING THE  
APPROPRIATE TREATMENT OF ALASKA'S SPORT AND COMMERCIAL SALMON  
INDUSTRIES THROUGH FAIR ALLOCATION OF PACIFIC SALMON STOCKS IN  
THE PACIFIC SALMON TREATY**

**WHEREAS**, the recreational, commercial and subsistence fisheries of Southeast Alaska are critically important to the economic and personal well-being of the Petersburg Borough and other Southeast communities; and

**WHEREAS**, in March 1985, the U.S. and Canada agreed to cooperate in the management, research and enhancement of Pacific salmon stocks of mutual concern by ratifying the Pacific Salmon Treaty; and

**WHEREAS**, the management of Southeast Alaska Chinook, Pink, Coho, and Sockeye fisheries, the allowable salmon harvest and corresponding economic benefit or loss to the region is dependent upon outside 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. 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 (PSC) Panels are now working to develop the terms of the next ten year agreement.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Petersburg Borough Assembly requests the U.S. and Canadian governments, the State of Alaska and the Pacific Salmon Commission:

- Restore and continue commitments of financial support for programs to gather timely and accurate data on salmon stocks and fisheries subject to the Treaty, share costs associated with the Treaty and assist with related enhancement programs.
- Resolve current deficiencies in the performance of the PSC Chinook model to eliminate erratic and unreliable estimates of Chinook salmon abundance that have led to unnecessarily low fishing quotas for all Southeast fishing sectors.
- Secure greater access by Alaska fisheries to hatchery stocks produced by federally-funded programs that are for the express purpose of mitigating lost harvest opportunities resulting from hydropower projects in the Columbia River Basin.
- Assure fair treatment of the Alaska fisheries within the PSC process and prevent abuses in the application of the Endangered Species Act.
- Recognize the dependence of Southeast Alaska communities upon the fisheries impacted by the PSC.

- Recognize the critical need to support the Alaska representatives to the PSC.
- Commit to use all means available to provide assistance and help assure a successful outcome to the current PSC negotiations in order to provide our citizens fair and reasonable access to coast-wide salmon stocks.

**PASSED** and **APPROVED** by the Borough Assembly of Petersburg, Alaska this 22nd day of February, 2016.

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Mark Jensen, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Debra K. Thompson, Borough Clerk