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A RESOLUTION
Concerning
UPPER COOK INLET SALMON RESEARCH PROJECTS

By
Alaska Board of Fisheries
February 11, 1998

WHEREAS, The sockeye and coho salmon of Upper Cook Inlet support subsistence, personal use, recreational, and commercial fisheries that are economically, socially, and culturally important; and

WHEREAS, it is important to ensure the health of these salmon populations to maintain sustained yields; and

WHEREAS, in order to maintain adequate sustained yields, salmon habitat must be kept intact and productive, wild stocks must be protected, genetic and biological diversity must be assured, and spawning escapements need to be met; and

WHEREAS, in 1997, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game received funding for a two year program to gather information and carry out activities to ensure the health of these important salmon populations; and

WHEREAS, the department began work in 1997 to gather information to protect salmon habitat, improve assessments of coho and sockeye escapements, determine the effects of hatchery produced salmon on escapement enumeration, and identify sockeye salmon stocks using genetic techniques; and

WHEREAS, During our February meeting, the department reported on the results of their 1997 field work, and the data played a critical role in our deliberations and actions; and

WHEREAS, the department presented its work plan for 1998; and

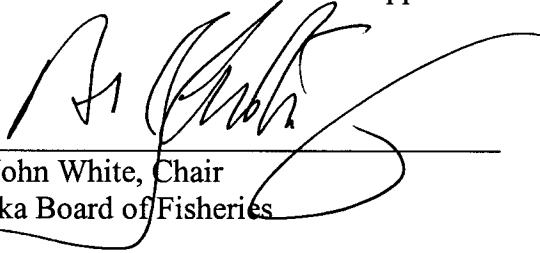
WHEREAS, we will be meeting early in 1999 to address Upper Cook Inlet salmon issues, we have strongly endorsed that work plan, as we believe the results will provide information critical to our deliberations.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED as follows:

We thank the Alaska State Legislature and the Governor for making the funds available to gather the information critical to ensuring the health of these important Upper Cook Inlet salmon resources and our deliberations; and

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We will be working with the department to develop interdivisional projects to continue to gather additional information needed to protect these salmon and ask the Legislature and the Governor to support future funding requests.



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