

I move to amend Resolution 25-072 Action Priority, Section J. Fishery Management as follows:

A. FISHERY MANAGEMENT

- Support collaboration between the State and Federal fisheries management to reduce bycatch.
- Maintain/increase funding and support for fish weirs **while exploring sonar capabilities to maintain monitoring during high water events** in the Borough, coho genetic sampling to improve salmon management, and invasive species suppression programs.
- Fully match Federal funds from license fees to maximize Federal dollars for fish and game.
- Maintain the conservation corridor for Northern-bound salmon **to adequately meet Northern Cook Inlet salmon escapement goals, while providing harvest opportunities throughout the season.**
- Ensure adequate ADF&G staffing to efficiently and effectively execute fishery-related programs.
- List **Support ADF&G designation of** Susitna king salmon, **Deshka coho salmon** and Little Susitna coho salmon **as stocks of yield concern at the appropriate stock of concern levels** and **help** develop corresponding management action plans **during 2026.**

I move to amend Resolution 25-072 Funding Priority Section 7. Fishery Protection as follows:

7. FISHERY PROTECTION - \$2,500,000 (HD 25-30) - In 2015, a strategic Research, Monitoring, and Evaluation Plan for Upper Cook Inlet was conducted, resulting in improved resource management through genetic stock analysis, economic impact studies, and **stabilized** ~~improved~~ funding of Northern District weirs/**sonar**. In ~~2025~~**2026**, the plan will be a decade old, ~~five~~ **six** years beyond its stated relevant time horizon. Since the last plan, there have been significant declines in salmon populations in the Borough. An update to this plan would provide a list of prioritized goals and strategies that support healthy salmon populations and habitat,

and an opportunity for public and agency engagement in guiding strategies for the future.

Additionally, this funding would be utilized to support ongoing work on the Borough's fish passage program, ~~secure more consistent~~ **provide stabilized** funding and operations of Northern District weirs / **testing of sonar augmentation** and genetic studies, execute pike suppression efforts, ~~resume operation of the Upper Cook Inlet commercial test net fishery~~, operate a Susitna River Sockeye Salmon mark/recapture abundance estimate, provide an update to the 'Economic Contributions of Sportfishing on the Cook Inlet Region in 2017' study, and ensure additional cataloging of local streams, rivers, and habitat essential for healthy fish and wildlife populations.

Quality fisheries management for Upper Cook Inlet should not only ~~prioritize the procurement of~~ **maintain adequate** funding for projects but should also ensure adequate staffing - **recurring seasonal staff hirings should be exempt from hiring-freeze delays** - to operate and execute the programs efficiently. In a region with such extensive and essential anadromous fish habitat surrounding a rapidly growing population center, and with declining salmon stocks, it is necessary for our region to continue monitoring and investing in tools, data, and information that support healthy local salmon populations and productive Northern Cook Inlet and Mat-Su fisheries.