

Sponsored by: Assemblymember Gamble  
Adopted: 10/01/24

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 24-107**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY URGING THE ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES TO APPROVE AGENDA CHANGE REQUESTS ACR 2 AND ACR 3 WHICH WERE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED AND DESIGNATE THE SUSITNA RIVER DRAINAGE CHINOOK SALMON AND THE LITTLE SUSITNA RIVER COHO SALMON BOTH AS A STOCK OF YIELD CONCERN AND ADOPT REGULATORY ACTION PLANS TO REBUILD THE YIELD FOR BOTH STOCKS.

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WHEREAS, on August 23, 2024, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Fish and Wildlife Commission submitted an Agenda Change Request form to the Alaska Board of Fisheries (Attached to IM 24-188); and

WHEREAS, that request was to "Designate the Susitna River drainage Chinook Salmon as a Stock of Yield Concern and adopt a regulatory Action Plan to rebuild the yield from this salmon stock;" and

WHEREAS, the Request detailed the nature of the current problem with references to data and standards; and

WHEREAS, as pointed out in the Request form, "even with no sport harvest allowed in 2023 and 2024, not a single Chinook salmon spawning escapement goal was attained anywhere in the Susitna River drainage;" and

WHEREAS, it is clear there is a dire and urgent need for the State Board of Fisheries to address the issue; and

WHEREAS, the Agenda Change Request submitted by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Fish and Wildlife Commission has been

designated ACR 2 for the upcoming meeting of the Alaska Board of Fisheries; and

WHEREAS, on August 29, 2024, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Alaska Delegation, comprised of the House and Senate Members of the Alaska Legislature, submitted an Agenda Change Request form to the Alaska Board of Fisheries (Attached to IM No. 24-188); and

WHEREAS, that Request was to "Designate the Little Susitna River coho salmon - a Stock of Yield Concern and adopt a regulatory Action Plan to rebuild the yield from this important salmon stock, as measured by the sport coho salmon harvest within the Little Susitna River;" and

WHEREAS, the Request detailed the nature of the current problem with references to data and standards; and

WHEREAS, as pointed out in the Request form, "For the most recent 5-year period Little Susitna River sport coho salmon harvest has declined by over 85 percent compared to the 2000 - 2004" and "the preliminary harvest estimate of 1,095 coho salmon for 2023 was already the lowest sport Little Susitna River coho salmon harvest estimate on record since 1977!;" and

WHEREAS, it is clear there is a dire and urgent need for the Alaska Board of Fisheries to address the issue; and

WHEREAS, the Agenda Change Request submitted by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Alaska Delegation has been designated ACR 3 for the upcoming meeting of the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Assembly supports Agenda Change Requests ACR 2 and ACR 3 submitted by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Fish and Wildlife Commission and the Matanuska-Susitna Borough State Delegation and urges the Alaska State Board of Fisheries to grant both change requests.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assembly urges the Alaska Board of Fisheries to designate the Susitna River drainage Chinook Salmon and the Little Susitna River Coho Salmon both as a stock of yield concern and adopt regulatory action plans to rebuild the yield for both stocks.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 1 day of October, 2024.

  
EDNA DeVRIES, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

  
LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

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PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: Hale, Nowers, McKee, Gamble, Fonov, and Bernier