



CITY OF BETHEL

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Presented by: Council Member McComas

Date: February 13, 1996

Action: Passed

Votes: 6-Yes, 0-No

RESOLUTION #96-8

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BETHEL, ALASKA, RECOGNIZING THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE OF THE ALASKA COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING INDUSTRY AND OPPOSING THE F.I.S.H. INITIATIVE.

WHEREAS, the commercial fishing industry is comprised of thousands of small, family-run businesses; and

WHEREAS, the commercial fishing industry is the largest private sector employer and the second largest revenue producing industry in the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the commercial seafood industry contributes more than \$40 million annually in raw fish tax and the seafood processing industry pays over \$80 million annually in taxes and cash benefits to the State of Alaska and its communities; and

WHEREAS, the F.I.S.H. Initiative threatens established and successful management practices which have resulted in record returns of salmon and jeopardizes the continued existence of salt-water and in-river commercial fisheries; and,

WHEREAS, jobs in the seafood industry and support industries such as transportation, marine fuel, and retail could ultimately be at risk if this initiative passes; and,

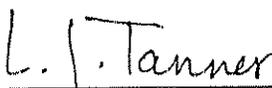
WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the State of Alaska to maintain viable recreational and commercial fishing opportunities regulated by the Alaska Board of Fisheries:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Bethel, Alaska, acknowledges the social and economic importance of the Alaska commercial salmon fishing industry to our community and to the State of Alaska and OPPOSES the passage of the F.I.S.H. initiative.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 13TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1996.


Ruth M. Richardson, Mayor

ATTEST:


L.J. Tanner, City Clerk