

CITY OF ALEKNAGIK

Resolution: 11-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEKNAGIK REQUESTING THAT THE STATUTE 5 AAC 06.358 BE REMOVED FROM THE STATE OF ALASKA STATUTES

WHEREAS, the residents of Aleknagik, Alaska fish commercially in Bristol Bay with an estimated twenty-six (26) drift permits and estimated twenty-two (22) set net permits, and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska created a special harvest area in the Wood River (5-AAC 06.358) in about 1996 which was set up to allow fishers to harvest Sockeye Salmon that were bound for the Wood River Lakes system and allow more escapement up the Nushagak river when escapement goals were not met in that system, and

WHEREAS, the process for fishing in the Wood River is problematic for those with set netters who do not have large skiffs and mobile camps; and

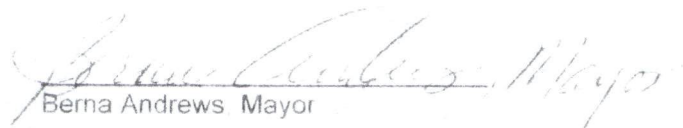
WHEREAS, the majority of the salmon that are caught in the Wood River are caught at the entrance to the district, by approximately six (6) set net operations and drift fishers who are willing to risk boat and gear to "fight" the line at the entrance to the special harvest area; and

WHEREAS, this is unfair to the set net operators who are not mobile and do not have the resources to transfer their operations repeatedly to the Wood River and unfair to the majority of drifters who do not choose to fight the "line" fishing,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Aleknagik by this resolution request Statute 5 AAC 06.358 be removed from the State of Alaska Statutes, due to the unfairness involved in the fishery. Attached are an ADFG Advisory Board Proposal and a supporting resolution from the Aleknagik Traditional Council

PASSED and APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the City Council of the City of Aleknagik, Alaska this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2011

SIGNED:

  
Berna Andrews Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Jeri Alakayak, City Clerk