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**Subject:** Resolution 22-2019 Comments for BoF WrkSess 10/22/2019 & BoF-Kod Finfish Mtg 1/11/2020  
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Dear Ms. O'Conner-Brito and Mr. Haight,

Please present the attached Resolution #22-2019 from Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak, at upcoming Board of Fisheries meetings:

- \* Work Session, 10/22/2019
- \* Kodiak Finfish Meeting, 1/11/2020

The Resolution addresses Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak concerns about salmon management as well as affirmation of the upcoming BoF - Kodiak Finfish Meeting time and place.

Sincerely,  
- Tom -

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**SUN'AQ TRIBE OF KODIAK**  
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**RESOLUTION #22-2019**

**THE SUPPORT AND PRESERVATION OF THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME'S TRADITIONAL AND HISTORIC MANAGEMENT OF THE KODIAK SALMON FISHERY, AND MAINTAIN APPROVED LOCATION OF THE JANUARY 2020 BOARD OF FISHERIES MEETING IN KODIAK**

- WHEREAS,** Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak is a federally recognized Tribe comprised of Alutiiq people, headquartered within the City of Kodiak, Alaska; and,
- WHEREAS,** Sun'aq Tribal Council is the governing body for the Tribe; and,
- WHEREAS,** the Alutiiq people were the original stewards of the land and water resources in the Kodiak Archipelago and have developed rich cultures and enduring societies around their spiritual relationship to the waters, land and resources; and,
- WHEREAS,** the Alutiiq people been the users of salmon available in the Kodiak area for more than two thousand years or longer, based on archeological records; and,
- WHEREAS,** Ouzinkie, Port Lions, Larsen Bay, Karluk, Akhiok, Old Harbor and the Alutiiq people living in the City of Kodiak and throughout the Kodiak Island Borough are economically and culturally dependent on the Kodiak commercial salmon fishery; and,
- WHEREAS,** Kodiak's six Alutiiq rural communities as well as the City of Kodiak and Kodiak Island Borough are economically struggling due, in part, to dramatically reduced groundfish quotas and substantially lower exvessel prices, including reduced salmon prices; and,
- WHEREAS,** Kodiak's commercial salmon fishery is an historical fishery that developed from the earliest days of commercial salmon fishing in Alaska and has remained essentially the same fishery since the implementation of limited entry in 1973; and,
- WHEREAS,** the State of Alaska, acting through its agents on the Board of Fisheries and in the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, is constitutionally responsible for the sustainability of salmon fisheries for the common use of all people, and to manage these fisheries with the sustained yield principle without creating any exclusive right or special privilege and based on the historical scope and practices of the fishery; and,
- WHEREAS,** it is critical for residents of Kodiak's Alutiiq rural communities and the City of Kodiak to continue to have harvest opportunities throughout the Kodiak Management Area and to engage in Kodiak's historical commercial salmon harvest; and,

**WHEREAS,** testimony before the Alaska Board of Fisheries is important for both the Alaska board of Fisheries as well as for the residents of Kodiak's Alutiiq communities because Alutiiq community residents are frequently among those most heavily impacted by fisheries decisions, and yet rarely are provided the opportunity to speak with and be heard by those constitutionally mandated to represent them and to consider their livelihoods when making allocative decisions.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF SUN'AQ TRIBE OF KODIAK THAT:**

**SECTION 1:** Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak hereby requests the Alaska Board of Fisheries to support and maintain the Alaska Department of Fish and Game's traditional and historic management of Kodiak's salmon fisheries, which align with Alaska's Constitutional mandates of management within the sustained yield principle for the common use of all people.

**SECTION 2:** Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak hereby requests the Alaska Board of Fisheries to keep the January 2020 Alaska Board of Fisheries meeting in Kodiak to provide residents Kodiak's remote Alutiiq communities reasonable opportunity to testify before the Board of Fisheries

**SECTION 3:** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

**ADOPTED BY THE SUN'AQ TRIBE OF KODIAK**

The foregoing resolution was passed and approved by a duly convened meeting of the Sun'aq Tribal Council, at which the required voting quorum was present and voted:

6 YES, 0 NO, and 0 Abstaining, this 30th day of September, 2019.

Thomas Johnson, Jr.  
Thomas Johnson, Jr. Chairperson 09/30/2019  
Date

Heather Carlson  
Heather Carlson, Secretary/Treasurer 09/30/2019  
Date

[Signature]  
Attest 09/30/2019  
Date