



## CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL

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To: Chair of the Senate Resource Committee Senator Cathy Geissel  
Members of the Resource Committee

Re: SJR 13 - Urging Co-management Plan For Sea Otters

On January 9, 2018 the Wrangell Borough Assembly passed a Resolution (01-18-1387) that urged Federal agencies to work with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, and the Alaska Native and non-Native leaders in the Southeast region, to establish strategies and plans for an ecological balance of shellfish resources and the reintroduced sea otter population of Southeast Alaska, including the shellfish enhancement programs.

The Resolution further urged State and Federal government managing authorities, in developing those management plans, to actively consider means of expanding and enhancing small business and broader economic opportunities for residents of Southeast Alaska and expanding the scope of allowable uses for sea otters taken for subsistence purposes

Finally, the Assembly supports the efforts of the Shellfish Preservation Alliance (SPA) and is requesting that the State and Federal government managing authorities find ways to revive the lost economies from the Southeast Alaska region due to the relocation and re-colonization of sea otters in southern Southeast Alaska.

Sincerely,

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encl: Resolution No. 01-18-1387