

# Alaska Association of Harbormasters and Port Administrators



## RESOLUTION NO. 2011-02

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ALASKA ASSOCIATION OF HARBORMASTERS AND PORT ADMINISTRATORS IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL NO. 184 RELATING TO THE SHARING OF TAX REVENUES FROM THE FISHERIES BUSINESS TAX AND FISHERY RESOURCE LANDING TAX WITH MUNICIPALITIES.**

**Whereas,** the Alaska Association of Harbormasters and Port Administrators recognizes the majority of the public boat harbors in Alaska were constructed by the State during the 1960s and 1970s; and

**Whereas,** the State of Alaska during the past 10 years has transferred ownership of most of these State owned harbors, many of which were at or near the end of their service life at the time of transfer, to local municipalities; and

**Whereas,** local municipalities are in need of additional funding to repair and in many cases replace the components in these former State owned harbors; and

**Whereas,** these harbor facilities represent critical transportation links and are the transportation hubs for waterfront commerce and economic development in Alaskan coastal communities, especially for those directly supporting the commercial fishing industry; and

**Whereas,** under the current tax system, the State shares revenues generated from the fisheries business tax and the fishery resource landing tax with the local municipalities where the fish are first landed and/or processed with 50% of the funds provided to the local municipalities; and

**Whereas,** under the provisions of House Bill No. 184, the local municipalities' share of the revenues generated from the fisheries business tax and the fishery resource landing tax would increase to 75%, with the intent that the additional revenue would help maintain and improve the harbor facilities.

**Now therefore be it resolved** that the Membership of the Alaska Association of Harbormasters and Port Administrators supports House Bill No. 184 and urges passage by the Alaska Legislature and signature by the Governor.

Passed and approved by a duly constituted quorum of the Alaska Association of Harbormasters and Port Administrators on this 12 day of October, 2011.

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Steven R. Corporon, President

ATTEST:

*Kim Elliot*

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Kim Elliot, Executive Secretary