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Resolution NO. 17-10

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE STATE OF ALASKA LEGISLATION IMPROVING ALASKANS'
ACCESS TO ALASKA FISHERIES**

WHEREAS, limited entry commercial fisheries are the economic backbone of Alaska's coastal communities, from Southeast to Southwest; and

WHEREAS, Alaska Communities, fishermen, and fishing families depend on commercial fisheries as a uniquely viable economic opportunity in regions where other economic opportunities are limited; and

WHEREAS, out-migration of permits has hit rural Alaska communities the hardest, leading to fewer jobs, lost economic activity, and interrupting the transmission of specialized skills and knowledge which emerging fishermen learn from established members of their fleet; and


WHEREAS, prospective Alaska fishermen, especially from small communities, face significant barriers to entry and need additional options for accessing the credit and financing necessary to enter commercial fisheries; and

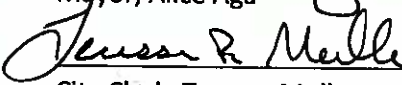
WHEREAS, regional fisheries trusts as demonstrated in other regions have great potential to help Alaska fishing communities generate economic opportunity, invest in local commercial fisheries, and ensure continuity of fishing culture; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the CITY OF LARSEN BAY strongly supports legislation, including HB 188, improving access to Alaska fisheries in order to stem the loss of Alaska fishing permits from coastal communities, help emerging fishermen access economic opportunity, and reinvigorate the cultural and economic vitality of fishing communities across Alaska.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CITY OF LARSEN BAY requests that the NPFMC consider a precautionary approach to mitigate impacts of federal ground fish fisheries to the Tanner crab stocks to address these uncertainties.

PASSED and APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the City of Larsen Bay this
10th day of May 2017.



Mayor, Alice Aga


City Clerk, Teresa Muller

5-11-17

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