

# AVCP

ASSOCIATION OF VILLAGE COUNCIL PRESIDENTS  
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## RESOLUTION 09-03-01

**TITLE: In support of HB 117**

WHEREAS The Association of Village Council Presidents, Inc. (AVCP) is the recognized tribal organization and non-profit Alaska Native regional corporation for its fifty-six member indigenous Native villages within Western Alaska and supports the endeavors of its member villages; and

WHEREAS AVCP fully supports its member villages in all aspects of their self-determination, health and well-being; and

WHEREAS The Alaska Board of Fisheries process is a public process that affects the lives of people in various regions of Alaska; and

WHEREAS On many occasions where the Alaska Board of Fisheries meets to consider proposals that affect the people of the AVCP region, our people feel that they meet in far away locations making it economically impossible to attend the meeting in person; and

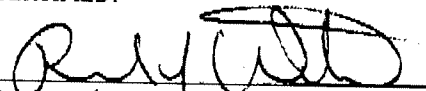
WHEREAS Especially during the recent times where the debilitating cost of energy has made it cost prohibitive to travel to various locations in Alaska to advocate or oppose various fisheries proposals; and


WHEREAS Meeting in various regions in Alaska would allow for more public testimony and allow the people to have better access to the Alaska Board of Fisheries which would result in better decisions made by the Board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AVCP Executive Board supports HB 117 sponsored by Representatives Edgemon, Thomas, Austerman, Joule, Herron, and Kerttula

ADOPTED by the Association of Village Council Presidents Executive Board at a meeting held in Bethel, Alaska, where a duly constituted quorum was present on this 25th day of March 2009.

CERTIFIED:

  
Raymond Watson, Chairman

  
Myron P. Naneng Sr., President