

RESOLUTION 2016-03
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF PORT LIONS SUPPORTING LEGISLATION IMPROVING ALASKANS
ACCESS TO ALASKA'S FISHERIES

WHEREAS, the City of Port Lions is an incorporated second class City recognized by the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Port Lions City Council is the governing body of the City of Port Lions, and

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

WHEREAS, the "graying of the fleet" — the increasing average age of Alaska's fishermen, is endangering the ability to pass on experience, knowledge, resources, culture, and value of fisheries to younger generations of Alaskans, and


WHEREAS, the out-migration of Alaska fishing permits to nonresidents who do not live or invest in our coastal communities deprives those communities of economic activity, and

WHEREAS, the lack of economic opportunity in Alaskan communities from the loss of local fishing permits contributes to extreme levels of unemployment, lack of local tax base, and high rates of alcohol and drug abuse and other social ills, and

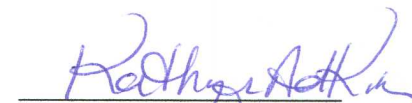
WHEREAS, the legislation to improve Alaskans' access to Alaska fisheries has been collaboratively worked on for the previous 14 months with stakeholders from across Alaska.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Port Lions, Alaska supports legislation improving Alaskans' access to Alaska fisheries to stem the loss of Alaska fishing permits from coastal communities, to provide young Alaskans better means of economic opportunity, and to reinvigorate the cultural and economic vitality of fishing communities across Alaska.

Passed and Approved by a duly Constituted Quorum of the City Council of the City of Port Lions this 10 day of March, 2016



Mayor, City of Port Lions



Attest, City Clerk