

## NATIVE VILLAGE OF PORT LIONS

### AMENDMENT ONE (1) TO: RESOLUTION NO. 2016-07R (Originally adopted by PLTTC on 2/4/2016 – Votes: 6 – 0 – 0)

#### AN AMENDED RESOLUTION OF THE NATIVE VILLAGE OF PORT LIONS TRADITIONAL TRIBAL COUNCIL SUPPORTING LEGISLATION IMPROVING ALASKANS' ACCESS TO ALASKA FISHERIES.

**WHEREAS,** the Native Village of Port Lions is a federally recognized Indian Tribe as defined in Section 3(c) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, as amended; and

**WHEREAS,** the Port Lions Traditional Tribal Council is the governing body of the Native Village of Port Lions; and

**WHEREAS,** the Native Village of Port Lions has consistently implemented and operated successful membership and community services since its formal inception in August, 1978; 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; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Native Village of Port Lions Traditional Tribal Council supports legislation, such as HB 366, 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 reinvigorate the cultural and economic vitality of fishing communities across Alaska.

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

We, the undersigned officers of the Port Lions Traditional Tribal Council, do hereby certify that the foregoing Amendment to Resolution No. 2016-07R was duly adopted on the Twenty Sixth day of February, 2016, with a quorum present and 4 votes for, 0 votes against, and 0 abstaining.

  
ELIZABETH PENNINGTON, PRESIDENT

  
JULIE KAISER, SECRETARY/TREASURER