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RESOLUTION #16-07

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LEGISLATION IMPROVING ALASKAN'S ACCESS TO ALASKA FISHERIES

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

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;

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;

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 skills;

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;

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

CERTIFICATION:

This resolution was duly considered and adopted at a meeting of the Larsen Bay Tribal Council in Larsen Bay, Alaska on MARCH 3, 2016 at which a quorum of Council members were in attendance.

For 6
Present 0

Against 0
Absent 0

Abstain 0