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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

AR NO. 99- 138

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING THE
ADOPTION OF THE STATE OF ALASKA, DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME'S PLAN FOR
THE FISH LADDER AT CHESTER CREEK**

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage's fish ladder at Chester Creek and Westchester Lagoon is currently a non-functional fish ladder; and

WHEREAS, the railroad culverts at Chester Creek and the Alaska Railroad are an obstruction to the passage of fish; and

WHEREAS, no functional fish ladder can be constructed without first addressing the railroad culverts ;and

WHEREAS, there are three fish ladder proposals being offered by the following agencies- the United States Fish & Wildlife Service, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the State of Alaska, Department of Fish and Game; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality should support the fish ladder and resolution of the railroad culvert problems that are most favorable to the Municipality, its residents and the fish populations that reside or spawn in Chester Creek; and

WHEREAS, the State's plan bypasses the railroad culverts by constructing a flume from Westchester Lagoon's dike to and through the railroad bed in a large portal to a new all tide fish ladder on the inlet side of the railroad tracks; which is similar to those used on the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail; and

WHEREAS, the State's plan has a pedestrian and bicycle path through the portal with the fish flume allowing access to the Inlet side of the railroad tracks and provides access to the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail; and

WHEREAS, the State's plan provides for a handicapped-accessible aquarium-type viewing area which can accommodate tourist buses and provide an educational viewing opportunity for students and all residents of the Municipality; and

WHEREAS, the State's plan provides three additional salmon viewing areas- in the portal over the railing on the bike path, watching the salmon climb the fish ladder, and watching the salmon mill around in Chester Creek at the base as they make the transition from salt to fresh water; and

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5 WHEREAS, the State's plan provides for a small park on the inlet side of the railroad tracks
6 between Chester Creek and the Sewer Lift Station which allows panoramic views of the inlet and
7 surrounding mountain ranges and includes several amenities for picnics and provides a connection
8 to the Coastal Trail; and
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10 WHEREAS, the State's plan does not use the Municipality's Chester Creek Trust and the
11 Municipality retains \$430,000 and the State requires no appropriation from the Municipality; and
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13 WHEREAS, the State's plan will use Federal funds to correct problems and will use those
14 funds to secure more Federal funds to restore and enhance the Municipality's Chester Creek
15 Greenbelt and acquire more land; and
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17 WHEREAS, the State's plan requires no Municipal funds or obligations.
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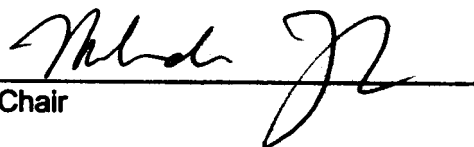
19 NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly resolves:
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21 *draft* Section 1: The Municipality supports the State of Alaska Department of Fish and Game's
22 plan for a new all-tide fish ladder and railroad culvert bypass at Westchester Lagoon and the Alaska
23 Railroad tracks.
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25 Section 2: The Municipality supports a request to Senator Stevens for a \$1.71 million
26 appropriation for the railroad culvert bypass and asks that the request be worded as to make that
27 appropriation eligible for \$3.4 million appropriation in "206" matching funds.
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29 Section 3: That the Municipality will request that the \$400,000 funding from the United
30 States Fish and Wildlife Service be converted to a funding request for restoration and enhancement
31 of Chester Creek and that the Federal appropriation eligible for \$860,000 in "206" matching funds
32 be used for acquisition of Greenbelt and wetlands for Chester Creek.
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34 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Municipal Assembly this ^{8th of June} ~~25th of May~~
35 1999.
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39 Vice Chair 

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**Municipality of Anchorage
MUNICIPAL CLERK'S OFFICE
AGENDA DOCUMENT CONTROL SHEET**

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| 1 | SUBJECT OF AGENDA DOCUMENT | | DATE PREPARED 5/25/99 |
| | A Resolution Supporting the Adoption of the State of Alaska, | | INDICATE DOCUMENTS ATTACHED AR |
| | Department of Fish and Games's Plan for the Fish Ladder at | | |
| | Chester Creek | | |
| 2 | DEPARTMENT NAME Assembly | DIRECTOR'S NAME George Wuerch | |
| 3 | THE PERSON THE DOCUMENT WAS ACTUALLY PREPARED BY | | HIS/HER PHONE NUMBER |
| 4 | COORDINATED WITH AND REVIEWED BY | INITIALS | DATE |
| | Mayor | | |
| | Municipal Clerk | | |
| | Municipal Attorney | | |
| | Employee Relations Director | | |
| | Municipal Manager | | |
| | Finance | | |
| | Community Development and Planning | | |
| | Property and Facility Management | | |
| | Management Information Systems | | |
| | Office of Management and Budget | | |
| | Purchasing | | |
| | Operations Manager | | |
| | Cultural and Recreational Services | | |
| | Fire | | |
| | Health and Human Services | | |
| | Police | | |
| | Public Works | | |
| | Transit | | |
| | Merrill Field (Airport) | | |
| | Municipal Light and Power | | |
| | Anchorage Water and Wastewater | | |
| | Port | | |
| | Solid Waste Services | | |
| 5 | SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS/COMMENTS | | |
| | ADDENDUM | | |
| | 7.C. RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION | | |
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| 6 | ASSEMBLY MEETING DATE 5/25/99 | 7 | PUBLIC HEARING DATE REQUESTED _____ |

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