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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

AR NO. 2000-379

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING
SENATOR STEVENS' MEASURE TO TEMPORARILY POSTPONE FISHERY
RESTRICTIONS UNTIL THE STELLER SEA LION BIOLOGICAL OPINION CAN BE
SCIENTIFICALLY REVIEWED, AND THE NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT
COUNCIL CAN PROPERLY REVIEW AND IMPLEMENT ANY FISHERY MANAGEMENT
MEASURES

WHEREAS, the November 30, 2000 Biological Opinion (BiOp) was prepared
without public input and without crucial independent scientific review; and

WHEREAS, after review of the BiOp by numerous scientists and fishery managers,
it was rejected and, in fact, the North Pacific Fishery Management Council rejected the
BiOp conclusions by a 10-1 vote; and

WHEREAS, the BiOp will significantly increase bycatch and erode the substantial
conservation measures the North Pacific Council has implemented over the past two
decades to conserve management of North Pacific fisheries; and

WHEREAS, the BiOp will also decrease safety for thousands of fishermen, and will
cost the Alaska and Pacific Northwest fishing community more than a half billion dollars
per year; and

WHEREAS, inevitably, the BiOp threatens the entire economy of the State of Alaska
because of the proportion of the State's economy that is fisheries related.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly resolves:

Section 1: That this body supports Senator Stevens' measure to temporarily
postpone fishery restrictions until the Steller Sea Lion Biological Opinion can be
independently scientifically reviewed and the North Pacific Council can properly review and
implement any fishery management measures.

Section 2: That this resolution is effective upon passage and approval

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 12 day of
December, 2000.

Chair

ATTEST:

Vickie Cantrell
Municipal Clerk

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