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VETOED 5-20-03; SUSTAINED-NO ACTION ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
TAKEN 6-10-03 AR NO. 2003-149

Submitted by: Assemblymember Tremaine
Prepared by: Department of Assembly
For reading: May 13, 2003

1 A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY REQUESTING THAT THE LEGISLATURE
2 AND THE GOVERNOR POSTPONE FINAL ACTION ON HB 191/SB 143 THIS SESSION AND SET FORTH A
3 PROCESS THAT ALLOWS ALL AFFECTED PARTIES TO MEET AND JOINTLY WORK THROUGH THE
4 PROBLEMS WITH THE EXISTING PROGRAM

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7 THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:

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9 WHEREAS, the ALASKA COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM provides a voice for all areas
10 of the State of Alaska by allowing citizens of Coastal Resource Service Areas to
11 comment on projects requiring Federal, State, or Local permits; and

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13 WHEREAS, HB 191/SB 143 proposes to remove the Coastal Policy Council as the
14 decision-making body for approval of district plans and grant the Department of
15 Natural Resources (DNR) sole authority to approve or disapprove local plans; and

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17 WHEREAS, this legislation limits local control by making the Department of
18 Environmental Conservation (DEC) statutes and regulations the "exclusive" enforceable
19 policies of the coastal program for the purposes governed by these authorities; and

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21 WHEREAS, this legislation proposes to curtail application of local policies by
22 removing activities authorized by DEC from a project subject to a consistency
23 review; and

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25 WHEREAS, this legislation would burden coastal districts by requiring revision
26 of their district plans within one year after DNR enacts regulations implementing
27 the changes to the coastal program.

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29 NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly resolves:

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31 Section 1. That we request the legislature and governor postpone final action on
32 HB 191/SB 143 this session and, instead, set forth a process that allows all
33 affected parties to meet and jointly work through the problems with the existing
34 program.

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36 Section 2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage and
37 approval.

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39 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 13th day of May, 2003

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43 Chair of the Assembly


44 ATTEST:

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MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

VETO MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 20, 2003
FROM: Mayor George P. Wuerch 
SUBJECT: Veto Of Assembly Resolution ("AR") No. 2003-149 Requesting That The Legislature And The Governor Postpone Final Action On HB 191/SB 143 This Session And Set Forth A Process That Allows All Affected Parties To Meet And Jointly Work Through The Problems With The Existing Program.

I hereby veto Assembly Resolution No. 2002-149 referenced above. The reasons for this veto are:

- The State Legislature already adopted the legislation the referenced resolution was seeking to oppose;
2. The changes made by the State legislation retain local control of plan preparation;
3. The changes made by the State legislation do nothing to reduce the Municipality's ability to continue issuing wetland fill permits;
4. The State legislative changes will streamline the permitting process; and
5. The final version of the State legislation will ensure the Municipality's coastal resources continue to be protected in the future as they are now.

filed 05/20/03 @ meeting