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Request of the Mayor

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**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA**

**AR No. 2009-311**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING AN EXTENSION OF TIME FROM  
FEDERAL AGENCIES TO RESPOND TO THE PROPOSED  
DESIGNATION OF CRITICAL HABITAT FOR COOK INLET BELUGA  
WHALES.**

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Commerce, through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the National Marine Fisheries Service ("Federal Agencies"), proposes to designate critical habitat for the beluga whales under the Endangered Species Act, per Federal Register, Volume 74, No. 230, issued on December 2, 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Agencies set a deadline of close of business, February 1, 2010 to receive comments and information; and

**WHEREAS**, the listing takes into consideration not only physical and biological factors, but also economic, national security and other relevant impacts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipality of Anchorage, the gateway for 80% of all goods arriving in Alaska (through the Port of Anchorage and Anchorage International Airport), not only encompasses two significant military installations, but also transportation hubs (airports, port, railroad, highways), water and watersheds, sewer, and storm drain systems and facilities, all likely or certainly to be affected by the listing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipality of Anchorage works cooperatively and maintains close, ongoing relationships with Kenai Peninsula Borough and Matanuska-Susitna Borough involving the physical attributes of Cook Inlet, including rail, port, recreational, railroad, airports, highways, and, potentially, bridge facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, multi-departmental, agency, and political subdivision coordination is critical to presenting thorough and complete information for consideration by the Federal Agencies; now therefore,

**THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:**


**Section 1.** A recommendation to the Federal Agencies to extend the comment and information deadline of February 1, 2009 for not less than 60 days, to allow sufficient time for all stakeholders potentially affected by the listing to prepare and submit comments and information, is approved.

**Section 2.** This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage and approval by the Assembly.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2009.

  
Chair of the Assembly

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