

Submitted by: Chair of the Assembly at the
Request of the Mayor
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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR No. 2010-11

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
REQUESTING A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING 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 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 of which may be affected by the listing; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage works cooperatively with the Kenai Peninsula Borough and the Matanuska-Susitna Borough on issues 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; and

WHEREAS, 50 CFR 424.16(c)(3) requires the Federal Agencies to promptly hold at least one public hearing if any person requests one within 45 days of publication of a proposed rule to designate critical habitat; and

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2 **WHEREAS**, Mayor Sullivan, on behalf of the Municipality of Anchorage,
3 requested a hearing be held in Anchorage by letter dated December 16,
4 2009; now therefore,

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6 **THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:**

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8 **Section 1.** The Assembly concurs with and joins in the Mayor's request, on
9 behalf of the Municipality, for a hearing to be held in Anchorage on the
10 proposed designation of critical habitat for the Cook Inlet beluga whales.

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

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16 **PASSED AND APPROVED** by the Anchorage Assembly this _____ day of
17 _____, 2010.

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21 Chair of the Assembly

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23 **ATTEST:**

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