

**CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA
RESOLUTION 06-18-17**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA,
SUPPORTING THE VALDEZ FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION INC.,
SOLOMON GULCH HATCHERY PERMITTED INCREASE OF 20 MILLION PINK
SALMON EGGS**

WHEREAS, the City of Cordova benefits greatly from Prince William Sound salmon fisheries enhancement programs through hatchery propagation; and

WHEREAS, both sport and commercial fisheries enhancement efforts of the Valdez Fisheries Development Association, provide sustainable direct economic and social benefit to the community of Cordova; and

WHEREAS, this benefit is realized through the creation of local seafood processing jobs, fisheries business tax, increased commerce and seafood industry investment in our community; and

WHEREAS, the enhancement of the sport fishery by VFDA provides significant fishing opportunity for coho salmon throughout eastern Prince William Sound; and

WHEREAS, this sport fishing activity significantly increases summer tourism by attracting visitors to Cordova to sport fish in eastern Prince William Sound; further benefiting local commerce through the sale of sporting goods, custom processing, lodging, fuel, harbor moorage, floatplane charters, fishing charters and other purchases, and

WHEREAS, the sport fish enhancement program provided by VFDA is substantially funded through the sale of cost recovery pink salmon; and

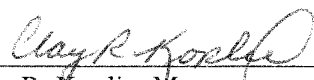
WHEREAS, salmon hatchery programs like the ones at VFDA are permitted using a public process, they employ strong scientific methodology and are built upon sound and sustainable fisheries policies intended to protect wild salmon populations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the City of Cordova affirms its support for the Valdez Fisheries Development Association salmon fishery enhancement programs, and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Cordova supports the Alaska Department of Fish & Game's approval of VFDA's permitted increase of 20 million pink salmon eggs at the Solomon Gulch Hatchery.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 27th DAY OF JUNE 2018.




Clay R. Koplín, Mayor

ATTEST:


Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk