

**CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA
RESOLUTION 06-20-29**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA,
OPPOSING A REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY SPECIAL ACTION TO ALLOW
FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE FISH HARVEST IN THE LOWER COPPER RIVER USING
DIPNET AND ROD AND REEL**

WHEREAS, an emergency special action to allow dipnet subsistence fishing on the lower Copper River has been requested of the Federal Subsistence Board; and

WHEREAS, subsistence dipnet fishing within driving distance of Cordova could significantly impact the commercial fishery on the Copper River flats; and

WHEREAS, subsistence dipnet fishing on the lower Copper River would negatively impact ADF&G's capacity to accurately and effectively manage the commercial fishery for escapement needs and therefore, could negatively impact the commercial harvest; and

WHEREAS, the commercial drift gillnet fleet is integral to the economy in Cordova and detrimental effects on successful harvest of Copper River salmon in and around Cordova would significantly hamper Cordova's economy; and


WHEREAS, a twice weekly subsistence fishing opportunity regulated by ADF&G already exists in the Cordova area to allow harvest of Copper River sockeye and king salmon; and

WHEREAS, the Native Village of Eyak Tribal Council and the Cordova City Council would like time to consider this and jointly discuss the merits of such a change to subsistence fishing in our community before weighing in further to the Federal Subsistence Board.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, does hereby oppose this request for emergency special action to allow federal subsistence fish harvest in the lower copper river using dipnet and rod and reel

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 17th DAY OF JUNE 2020.




Clay R. Koplín, Mayor

ATTEST:


Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk