

**CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA
RESOLUTION 08-20-31**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA,
ENCOURAGING THE STATE OF ALASKA AND THE US SECRETARY OF COMMERCE
TO DECLARE FISHERIES DISASTERS AS FOLLOWS: 2018 COPPER RIVER CHINOOK
AND SOCKEYE SALMON AND 2020 COPPER RIVER AND PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND
CHINOOK, SOCKEYE AND CHUM SALMON; AND TO ENCOURAGE THE SAME TO
DECLARE A CONDITION OF ECONOMIC DISASTER IN CORDOVA AS A RESULT**

WHEREAS, the 2018 Copper River Sockeye Salmon harvest of 44,400 fish was 97% less than the recent 10-year harvest average of 1.29 million Sockeye Salmon and the second lowest harvest in the last 100 years; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Copper River Sockeye and Chinook Salmon runs are among the lowest on record; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Copper River Drift Gillnet fishery harvest of 97,360 Sockeye Salmon was 91% lower than the prior 10-year average harvest of 1.13 million fish; and

WHEREAS, the Prince William Sound Drift Gillnet and Set Gillnet fleets saw a significant reduction in fishery hours and catch during the 2020 season in all fishery districts for sockeye and chum salmon compared to the prior 10-year average; and

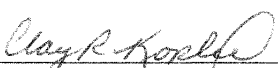
WHEREAS, financial impacts from the Covid-19 pandemic continue to impact the fishing community significantly and ex vessel prices were considerably lower in 2020 than in previous recent years, further compounding economic hardship within the community; and

WHEREAS, Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation has experienced significant difficulty in attaining adequate broodstock for Sockeye Salmon at Gulkana Hatchery in recent years and did not meet its aggregate sockeye/chum cost recovery goal for Prince William Sound hatcheries in 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska encourages the State of Alaska and the United States Secretary of Commerce to declare fisheries disasters based on the considerably low returns and harvests as follows: 2018 Copper River Chinook and Sockeye Salmon and 2020 Copper River and Prince William Sound Chinook, Sockeye and Chum Salmon.


PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 5th DAY OF AUGUST 2020.





Clay R. Koplin, Mayor

ATTEST:



Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk