

**RESOLUTION 09-16-34  
CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA  
ENCOURAGING THE STATE OF ALASKA TO DECLARE A CONDITION OF ECONOMIC  
DISASTER IN CORDOVA AND REQUESTING THE UTILIZATION OF THE  
COMMERCIAL FISHING REVOLVING LOAN FUND (CFRLF) TO ASSIST THE AFFECTED  
FISHERMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES IMPACTED BY THE FISHERIES DISASTER**

**WHEREAS**, pink salmon are Alaska's highest volume salmon fishery; and

**WHEREAS**, there is substantial scientific concern that the warm temperatures in the Gulf of Alaska which raised surface temperatures 2 degrees Celsius has impacted this vital fishery; and

**WHEREAS**, the statewide harvest of 36 million pink salmon (aka humpies) is far less than the preseason forecast of 90 million and the prior year harvest of 190 million; and

**WHEREAS**, this is the worst salmon year in nearly 40 years; and

**WHEREAS**, hatcheries were delayed in meeting their cost recovery harvest, and fishermen in Prince William Sound experienced fewer than normal openers in 2016 and reduced area during those openers; and

**WHEREAS**, fishermen and their families in Cordova are in dire financial condition such that they are in fear for paying their bills and their mortgages; and

**WHEREAS**, the entire Prince William Sound Pink Salmon fishery has been severely impacted; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Alaska, the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development (DCCED) and the Division of Economic Development (DED) share the primary objective of a strong resident fleet; and

**WHEREAS**, the community of Cordova is political subdivision of the State of Alaska.


**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska encourages the State of Alaska to declare that a condition of economic disaster exists in Cordova, Alaska; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Commercial Fishing Revolving Loan Fund (CFRLF) has numerous tools and methods built into it to assist harvesters who may experience financial hardship as a result of poor fishery returns or other unexpected occurrences that may affect livelihoods, and we request DED utilize those tools to the fullest and provide the flexibility to weather the economic storm with the affected fishermen in order to help meet our goal of a strong resident fleet; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the State of Alaska is requested to use all available tools to assist the fisherman and their families that have been economically impacted by this fisheries disaster.

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 21<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2016**



  
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Clay R. Koplin, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk