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**Special City Council Meeting
November 10, 2021 @ 7:00 pm
Cordova Center Community Rooms
Agenda**

A. Call to order

B. Roll call

Mayor Clay Koplin, Council members Tom Bailer, Cathy Sherman, Jeff Guard, Melina Meyer, Anne Schaefer, David Allison, and David Glasen

C. Approval of agenda..... (voice vote)

D. Disclosures of Conflicts of Interest and Ex Parte Communications

- conflicts as defined in 3.10.010 https://library.municode.com/ak/cordova/codes/code_of_ordinances should be declared, then Mayor rules on whether member should be recused, Council can overrule
- ex parte should be declared here, the content of the ex parte should be explained when the item comes before Council, ex parte does not recuse a member, it is required that ex parte is declared and explained

E. Communications by and petitions from visitors

1. Audience Comments regarding agenda items..... **(3 minutes per speaker)**

F. New Business

2. Resolution 11-21-41..... **(voice vote)(page 1)**

A Resolution of the Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska supporting certain proposals and opposing other proposals that will be considered by the Alaska Board of Fisheries at its meeting in Cordova November 30-December 6, 2021

G. Audience participation

H. Council comments

I. Executive Session

3. Collective Bargaining Agreement negotiations strategy, to be discussed in executive session because the subject is a matter the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the government

City Council is permitted to enter into an executive session if an explicit motion is made to do so calling out the subject to be discussed and if that subject falls into one of the 4 categories noted below. Therefore, even if specific agenda items are not listed under the Executive Session header on the agenda, any item on the agenda may trigger discussion on that item that is appropriate for or legally requires an executive session. In the event executive session is appropriate or required, Council may make a motion to enter executive session right during debate on that agenda item or could move to do so later in the meeting.

J. Adjournment

Executive Sessions per Cordova Municipal Code 3.14.030

- **subjects which may be considered are:** (1) matters the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the government; (2) subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person; provided that the person may request a public discussion; (3) matters which by law, municipal charter or code are required to be confidential; (4) matters involving consideration of governmental records that by law are not subject to public disclosure.
- **subjects may not be considered in the executive session except those mentioned in the motion calling for the executive session, unless they are auxiliary to the main question**
- **action may not be taken in an executive session except to give direction to an attorney or labor negotiator regarding the handling of a specific legal matter or pending labor negotiations**

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AGENDA ITEM 2
City Council Meeting Date: 11/10/2021
CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION FORM

FROM: Susan Bourgeois, City Clerk
DATE: 11/09/2021
ITEM: Resolution 11-21-41
NEXT STEP: Majority voice or roll call vote

ORDINANCE RESOLUTION
 MOTION INFORMATION

I. REQUEST OR ISSUE: Resolution commenting on BoF proposals ahead of the meetings in Cordova Nov 29-Dec 6, 2021.

II. RECOMMENDED ACTION / NEXT STEP: Council approval of the resolution.

III. FISCAL IMPACTS: Board of Fish actions to change or implement new fishery regulations will affect all facets of Cordova's economy, from business success, sales tax revenue, fish tax revenue, jobs, housing prices/values, etc.

IV. BACKGROUND INFORMATION: CDFU staff, Board members, Division representatives and Copper River Market Association Board members assisted with the formulation of this resolution; specifically, by offering the support and oppose opinions and reasons.

Full 2021-2022 Alaska Board of Fisheries proposal book is available here:
https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/regulations/regprocess/fisheriesboard/pdfs/2021-2022/proposals/proposal_book.pdf

V. LEGAL ISSUES: The Board's website is located here:
<https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.main>
The Board is defined in Statute here: [Alaska Statute 16.05.221](#)

VI. SUMMARY AND ALTERNATIVES: Council can approve the resolution or amend the resolution or choose not to approve the resolution.

**CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA
RESOLUTION 11-21-41**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA,
SUPPORTING CERTAIN PROPOSALS AND OPPOSING OTHER PROPOSALS THAT
WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES AT ITS
MEETING IN CORDOVA NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 6, 2021**

WHEREAS, Cordova's City Council recognizes the challenges facing the Alaska Board of Fisheries and understands the difficult deliberations that the Board will be undertaking this cycle as it meets with a goal to conserve and maintain the fishery resources of the state; and

WHEREAS, while the decisions made, and the regulations adopted by the Board will be far-reaching, they will be most consequential in Alaskan coastal cities such as Cordova where commercial fishing is the primary economic driver and the life-blood of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Copper River Flats Drift Gillnet fishery has seen a marked decline over the last several years which has significantly negatively affected the City of Cordova via lost revenue in lower raw fish taxes, in lower sales taxes due to less money spent locally on goods and services which trickles down to every facet of the economy here; and

WHEREAS, CDFU (Cordova District Fishermen United), a well-informed, industry leader has submitted many proposals to be considered at the Board of Fisheries meetings in Cordova; and

WHEREAS, CDFU's different divisions, CDFU's officers and staff members have spent many hours preparing proposals and also studying and considering the ramifications and impacts of other proposals that have been submitted; and

WHEREAS, Cordova's City Council represents the voters and citizens of Cordova and owes an allegiance to the processing plants that are well-established here, to the hatcheries in PWS that contribute immensely to the economy of the region, to the many commercial fishing businesses that are home-ported here and to the locally owned, ancillary businesses that support the fishing fleets; and

WHEREAS, proposals that the City of Cordova is inclined to support are ones that most importantly are beneficial to the salmon hatcheries and the commercial fishing industry while still respecting quantifiable science and are rooted in conservation of resources for future generations; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, relying on the expertise of CDFU and other industry professionals hereby declares to the Alaska Board of Fisheries its support of certain proposals and its opposition to other proposals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska does hereby support proposals: 1 (diversification into different fisheries would be beneficial for Cordova fishermen), 6-10, 14, 15, 19 (these seven proposals aim to responsibly regulate sport and personal use), 38-40 (these will protect the diminishing Coho returns in light of unprecedented pressure from sport fishermen), 61-67, 69-72 (these would increase winter fishing opportunities allowing for more economic diversification for the fleet, more crew member jobs; the City and support businesses in Cordova would thereby also benefit), 247, 248, 252 and 253; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska does hereby oppose proposals: 5, 18, 21 (commercial fleet has seen unprecedented closures therefore, the personal use fishery should not be allowed more area and time) 49-55 (these 7 proposals have no basis in science, hatcheries have been successful for over 40 years) and 75 .

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 10th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2021.

Clay R. Koplín, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk

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