

**CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA
RESOLUTION 10-24-31**

**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 DISASTER AS FOLLOWS: 2024 PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND
PINK AND CHUM SALMON; AND TO ENCOURAGE THE SAME TO DECLARE A
CONDITION OF ECONOMIC DISASTER IN CORDOVA AS A RESULT**

WHEREAS, the average total common property harvest of Prince William Sound Pink Salmon for even-years without federal disaster determinations between 2010-2022, hereafter defined as “5-year average”, is 34.75 million Pink Salmon; and

WHEREAS, NOAA Fisheries examines 12-month revenue loss experienced the year of a fishery resource disaster compared to the previous 5-year average in which no disaster occurred, and considers positive determinations at a revenue loss threshold of greater than 80 percent; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Prince William Sound Pink Salmon total common property harvest of 5,066,411 fish was 85.4% less than the recent 5-year average total common property harvest of Pink Salmon, and the lowest harvest in the last 30 years; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Prince William Sound Purse Seine fishery harvest of 4,896,007 Pink Salmon was 85.3% less than the prior 5-year average harvest of 33.26 million fish; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Prince William Sound Drift Gillnet fishery harvest of 151,917 Pink Salmon was 89.6% less than the prior 5-year average harvest of 1,461,281 fish; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Prince William Sound Set Gillnet fishery harvest of 18,487 Pink Salmon was 43.6% less than the prior 5-year average harvest of 32,807 fish; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Prince William Sound Chum Salmon harvest of 1,160,586 fish was 57.1% less than the recent 5-year average harvest of 2.7 million Chum Salmon, and the lowest harvest in the last 5 years; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Prince William Sound Pink and Chum Salmon runs are among the lowest on record; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Prince William Sound Pink Salmon fisheries total ex-vessel value of \$4,290,856 across fisheries compared to the 5-year average ex-vessel value of \$44,841,922 represents a loss of 90.4% of average revenues, or more than \$40 million dollars; and

WHEREAS, multiple years of lower ex-vessel prices across Copper River and Prince William Sound fisheries, and lasting financial impacts from the Covid-19 pandemic compound and

continue to impact the fishing community significantly, further compounding economic hardship within the community.

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: 2024 Prince William Sound Pink and Chum Salmon.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 2nd DAY OF OCTOBER 2024.



David Allison, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk