



RESOLUTION 2011 - 02

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHWEST ALASKA MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE IN SUPPORT OF INCREASING STATE PARTICIPATION IN THE PROMOTIONAL PROGRAMS OF THE ALASKA SEAFOOD MARKETING INSTITUTE

WHEREAS, the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute (ASMI) is a partnership between the State of Alaska and Alaska's seafood industry, with a mission of raising the value of the seafood harvest; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska, its citizens and communities benefit from a strong, sustained promotional effort for the Alaska Seafood brand that boosts the value of the products to the producers as well as boosting revenues to state and local governments;

WHEREAS, one of the top priorities of the citizens of Southwest Alaskan communities is economic development, including economic development of the renewable Alaska seafood resources; and

WHEREAS, statewide, Alaska's seafood industry contributes nearly \$100,000,000 in direct tax revenue to state and local governments; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska seafood industry employs 54,000 people in harvesting or processing, and provides more than 11,000 jobs for 9 months each year, including significant employment in Southwest Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the seafood harvests of the Southwest Alaska are the greatest regional contribution to the statewide seafood economy, the estimated economic output of which was valued at \$5.8 billion dollars in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Southwest Alaska region boasts vibrant commercial fisheries for key commercial species including salmon, Alaska pollock, sole, halibut, cod, and crab; and

WHEREAS, ASMI plays a key role in raising the economic value of the harvest, including raising the ex-vessel and first wholesale value of key commercial species in Alaska and boosting the value of seafood exports; and

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WHEREAS, competition from foreign farmed seafood significantly devalued wild Alaska salmon in the past and threatens to devalue other wild Alaska whitefish and shellfish species in the future unless brand value for wild and sustainable Alaska Seafood can be retained and increased; and

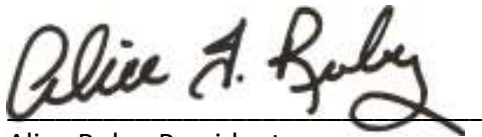
WHEREAS, Alaska seafood industry contributions to ASMI form the core of ASMI's budget, with industry assessment contributing an average of \$7,000,000 to \$8,000,000 per year to the ASMI budget, funds that are used to leverage federal dollars for promoting Alaska Seafood in the U.S., Japan, China and the European Union; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference supports increased financial match by the State of Alaska in the public-private partnership of the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute to support economic development.

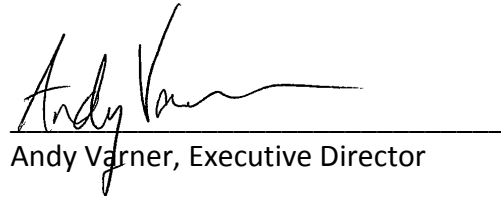
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Attest:



Alice Ruby, President



Andy Varner, Executive Director



RESOLUTION 2011 - 03

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING U.S. FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA) TO APPROVAL FOR GENETICALLY ENGINEERED (GE) SALMON, AND REQUIRED LABELING OF ANY GENETICALLY ENGINEERED SEAFOOD SOLD TO U.S. CONSUMERS

WHEREAS, AquaBounty Technologies, Inc. has submitted an application to the FDA for approval of the “AquAdvantage Salmon,” a genetically engineered Atlantic salmon for human consumption and marketing in the United States; and

WHEREAS, this is the first genetically engineered animal intended to be used as food in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the “AquAdvantage Salmon” was developed by cross-breeding a Pacific Chinook salmon growth hormone gene and an Ocean Pout antifreeze protein gene into fertilized eggs of wild Atlantic salmon. The fish that develop from these eggs have an enhanced growth rate compared to non-transgenic Atlantic salmon; and

WHEREAS, AquaBounty proposes fertilization and incubation to the eyed-egg stage on Prince Edward Island, Canada; shipment of the eyed-eggs to Panama; grow-out and processing of fish in Panama; and shipment of processed fish to the United State for retail sale. AquaBounty maintains the land-based rearing of the “AquAdvantage Salmon” will be safely contained with a minimum risk of escapement into the wild; and, in the event there is an escape, believes the geographical area of the salmon rearing is unfavorable to the survival of “AquAdvantage Salmon.” Alaskans are well aware that fish farming containment measures are not fail-safe. In addition, AquaBounty does not address the possibility of eyed-eggs making their way into the streams that run into the Northern Atlantic Ocean; and

WHEREAS, the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference urges the federal government to honor the Food and Drug Administration Amendments Act of 2007 provision (PL 110-85), requiring the FDA Commissioner to “consult with the Assistant Administrator of the National Marine Fisheries Service of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to produce a report on any environmental risks associated with genetically engineered seafood products, including the impact on wild fish stocks”; and

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WHEREAS, the development of “AquAdvantage Salmon” has been ongoing for approximately 15 years, yet the product has not been the subject of thorough scientific research and testing to ensure its consumption is safe in the long term; and

WHEREAS, many salmon consumers purchase the product for its widely recognized health benefits, and this lack of safe consumption testing could weaken consumer confidence in all salmon products and place downward pressure on salmon markets; and

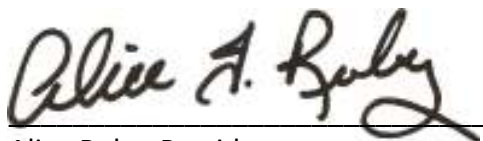
WHEREAS, Alaska’s wild seafood industry, which is extremely important to the regional and state economy, could be severely impacted by the sale of genetically engineered salmon if proper labeling is not required. Should the FDA approve AquaBounty’s application to market their product in the United States, it is critical that the product be mandated to be clearly labeled “Genetically Modified,” to allow consumers to make an informed choice. Alaska statutes require such labels be prominently displayed on the front of the package.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference does not support approval of genetically engineered salmon for sale in the United States.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference believes that if, despite strong environmental and human health concerns, the “Frankenfish” application is approved by the FDA, product labeling requirements should include the words “Genetically Modified” prominently displayed in a minimum font size and a contrasting color on the front of the package.

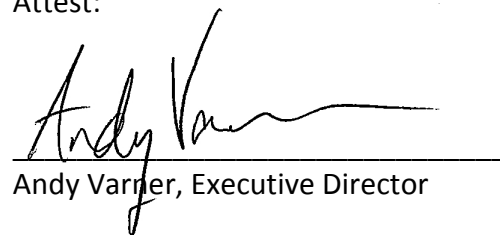
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Signed:



Alice Ruby, President

Attest:



Andy Varrner, Executive Director



RESOLUTION 2011 - 04

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHWEST ALASKA MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE IN SUPPORT OF
FULL FUNDING OF THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT
PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the nation faces unprecedented energy challenges, including escalating energy costs and overdependence on foreign oil; and

WHEREAS, investment in energy efficiency and renewable energy is critical to position America to be competitive in the global economy, enhance energy independence, build sustainable communities, and create local jobs; and

WHEREAS, the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (P.L. 110-140) established a new Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program at the U.S. Department of Energy, authorizing \$2 billion annually for five years in formula grants to cities, boroughs, states and tribes to develop and implement energy efficiency strategies; and

WHEREAS, the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act provided \$3.2 billion for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program to help communities decrease energy consumption, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and create jobs to implement the strategies; and

WHEREAS, the cities, boroughs, and tribes in Southwest Alaska who received formula grants are successfully utilizing their Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant funds; and

WHEREAS, Southwest Alaska recognizes that our dependence on foreign oil to generate our electricity, heat our homes and drive our vehicles results in extremely high energy costs, and has become a significant barrier to economic development; and

WHEREAS, Southwest Alaska continues and will continue to pursue energy efficiency and renewable energy programs and projects as a way to offset our dependence on foreign oil and reduce our energy costs;

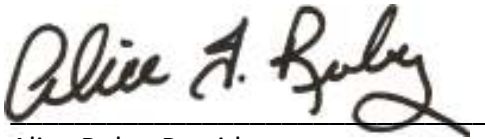
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference respectfully urges President Obama and Congress to fully fund the \$2 billion annual appropriation for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program in Fiscal Year 2012.

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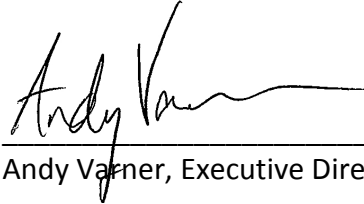
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Alice Ruby, President



Andy Varner, Executive Director



RESOLUTION 2011 - 05

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHWEST ALASKA MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE RECOGNIZING
AND SUPPORTING THE FORMATION OF AN ALASKA FOOD POLICY COUNCIL.**

WHEREAS, agriculture and fisheries are critically important industries to the State of Alaska, with fisheries having particular economic significance in the Southwest; and

WHEREAS, Alaskans spend \$2.6 billion annually on food, but in 2007 only 1.3% of this figure was spent on agricultural products from Alaska. \$2.5 billion of our "food dollars" are exported annually to the lower 48. Keeping a higher percentage of consumer spending in Alaska will help drive economic development in our agriculture industry; and

WHEREAS, Alaska's food supply is vulnerable and dependant on a food distribution system that has been disrupted in the past and is likely to be again in the future; and

WHEREAS, many Alaska families face hunger, and serious health problems, such as obesity and diabetes and lack access to affordable, fresh, nutritious food, especially for children; and

WHEREAS, increasing local food production and local consumption of Alaskan fish and farm products promotes Alaskans' health, increases food security, strengthens the local economy, encourages community development, and protects natural resources; and

WHEREAS, currently 20 other states in the US have established Food Policy Councils to address broad issues and policies around agriculture and natural resources, such as land use, economic development, and food systems planning to improve communities' capacity to meet their own food needs and encourage healthy eating.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference supports the establishment of an Alaska Food Policy Council to bring together the diverse array of food security, safety and access stakeholders in a coordinated effort to identify policies and environmental changes to build a strong, sustainable food system in Alaska; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference encourages the Alaska Food Policy Council to work collaboratively to enhance the access, availability, affordability and quality of food for all Alaskans; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference encourages the Alaska Food Policy Council to identify new or expanded economic opportunities for Alaskans through new food production, food processing, and food distribution businesses; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference encourages federal, state and local agencies to participate actively with the Alaska Food Policy Council to review existing or proposed programs, policies and regulations that affect the food system and recommend to policy makers means for improved coordination or implementation of programs, policies or regulations.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference Membership this 11th day of February, 2011.

Signed:

Attest:



Alice Ruby, President



Andy Varner, Executive Director



RESOLUTION 2011 - 06

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHWEST ALASKA MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE IN SUPPORT OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION'S CRITICAL PROGRAMS AND PRESENCE IN THE STATE OF ALASKA

WHEREAS, Alaska, and more so the United States in general, is still recovering from this nation's worst recession in the past 100 years; and

WHEREAS, Federal programs and investments have helped our economy get back to previous production levels, although there is still much work to be done; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Administration (EDA) has been a positive public sector contributor to enhance Alaska's economy in a variety of programs; and

WHEREAS, EDA is the only federal agency with the sole mission to assist in the creation of high quality private sector jobs and promote economic prosperity in America's distressed communities. By federal law, EDA projects require a substantial local match, and EDA investments must leverage additional private sector investments in distressed and underserved areas; and

WHEREAS, the EDA awards grants on a competitive basis and based on regional comprehensive economic development strategies developed by the national network of Economic Development Districts (SWAMC is one) and their local officials, private sector leaders and community representatives. In fact, EDA is one of the few federal agencies with no congressional project earmarks in recent appropriations bills; and

WHEREAS, EDA investments are targeted at public infrastructure - human, community and physical - required to support private sector business needs. These are economic development building blocks that the private sector will NOT build themselves, but instead expect communities to offer and possess; and

WHEREAS, the SWAMC region has greatly benefitted from EDA's past and recent funding assistance, including enhancements to the Bristol Bay Dock, the Kodiak Travel Lift, Harbor Improvements in St. Paul and Unalaska, Bulkhead Extension in Dillingham, and numerous other public works projects and planning grants for several organizations; and

WHEREAS, EDA investments in Southwest Alaska for the past decade have amounted to over \$2.6 million in Non-Construction funding, \$43 million in Construction projects, nearly 3000 new jobs and 4000 jobs retained, and over \$225 million in private investment; and

WHEREAS, the funding levels of EDA and other economic and community development agencies (such as the Denali Commission, USDA Rural Development, and HUD's CDBG program) are under intense scrutiny and consideration in Congress; and

WHEREAS, at a time when our local governments, businesses and communities across the state and nation are struggling to overcome intensifying global competition, replace aging public infrastructure and gain access to business development capital, Congress should be focusing its efforts on increasing funding for EDA's core job creation programs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference supports the Economic Development Administration's critical programs and presence in the state of Alaska; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference urges Alaska's Congressional Delegation to keep EDA's baseline funding at its FY2010 levels *at a minimum*, with support to increase funding for the Federal government's only private sector job creation agency.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference Membership this 11th day of February, 2011.

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Attest:



Alice Ruby, President


Andy Varner, Executive Director



RESOLUTION 2011 - 07

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHWEST ALASKA MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE RECOGNIZING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF COASTAL PLANNING RELATING TO RESPONSIBLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORTING LEGISLATION THAT WILL CONTINUE THE ALASKA COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (ACMP)

WHEREAS, in 1988 SWAMC was organized due to a desire by municipal leaders to forge a partnership out of the common interests of the region encompassing the Aleutians East Borough, the Aleutians West Census Area, the Bristol Bay Borough, the Dillingham Census Area, the Kodiak Island Borough, and the Lake & Peninsula Borough; and

WHEREAS, SWAMC is a non-profit regional economic development organization for Southwest Alaska and an advocate for the needs of rural communities and the responsible development of the region's core economic sector - commercial seafood harvesting and processing; and

WHEREAS, SWAMC has six established coastal districts with coastal management plans that contain procedures and policies to guide responsible development activities within the coastal zone boundary; and

WHEREAS, the people of SWAMC want to provide for a voice in state and federal permitting decisions affecting economic development within their area; and

WHEREAS, the ACMP will sunset on July 1, 2011 unless the Alaska State Legislature extends the program; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that SWAMC recognizes the significance of coastal planning relating to responsible economic development and supports legislation that will continue the Alaska Coastal Management Program.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference Membership this 11th day of February, 2011.

Signed:

Alice Ruby, President

Attest:

Andy Varner, Executive Director



RESOLUTION 2011 - 08

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHWEST ALASKA MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE IN SUPPORT OF THE CONTINUATION OF THE ESSENTIAL AIR SERVICE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference (SWAMC) is a regional organization that strives to advocate for the needs of rural communities; and

WHEREAS, the Essential Air Service (EAS) program is critical to rural Alaskan communities, assuring air service to forty-four communities in Alaska that might not otherwise be guaranteed air service; and

WHEREAS, sixteen of the forty-four Alaskan communities in the EAS program are within the SWAMC region, including Adak, Nikolski, Atka, Akutan, Port Bailey, Port Williams, West Point, Uganik, Zachar Bay, Seal Bay, Olga Bay, Moser Bay, Kitoi Bay, Amook Bay, Alitak and Karluk; and

WHEREAS, the FAA Air Transportation Modernization and Safety Improvement Act, or S.223, is currently legislation before the 112th Congress of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Senator John McCain of Arizona has submitted an amendment S.AMDT.4 to S.223, to repeal the Essential Air Service Program; and

WHEREAS, the elimination of the Essential Air Service Program will have a devastating effect on rural Alaskan communities that depend on air transportation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference supports continuation of the Essential Air Service program that is critical to many rural communities in Alaska; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference requests the Alaska Congressional Delegation to support Alaska’s rural communities by preserving the EAS program as part of the FAA Air Transportation Modernization and Safety Improvement Act.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference Membership this 11 day of February, 2011.

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Attest:

Alice Ruby, President

Andy Varner, Executive Director



RESOLUTION 2011 - 09

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHWEST ALASKA MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE SUPPORTING FULL FUNDING OF THE WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Alaska faces unprecedented energy challenges, including escalating energy costs and overdependence on foreign oil, especially in rural Alaska; and

WHEREAS, to help combat these high costs, the Alaska legislature created the Weatherization program to help make Alaska’s homes more energy efficient; and

WHEREAS, SWAMC recognizes that our dependence on foreign oil to generate our electricity, heat our homes and drive our vehicles results in extremely high energy costs, and has become a significant barrier to economic development; and

WHEREAS, the Weatherization program not only helps Alaskan residents save money through lower fuel bills, but also puts money back into the local and statewide economies by creating thousands of jobs, both direct and indirect, associated with the program; and

WHEREAS, the Weatherization program is successful in helping reduce residential energy costs and deserves a multi-year extension.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference respectfully urges Governor Parnell and the Alaska Legislature to continue fully funding the Weatherization Program in Fiscal Year 2012, extended indefinitely, to meet the needs of rural Alaskans.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference Membership this 11th day of February, 2011.

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Attest:

Alice Ruby, President

Andy Varner, Executive Director



RESOLUTION 2011 – 10

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHWEST ALASKA MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE
REQUESTING THE ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE FULLY FUND THE ENERGY REBATE PROGRAM
AND THE ALASKA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION PERFORM AN INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF
THE ENERGY REBATE PROGRAM AS IT RELATES TO RURAL ALASKA AND OFFER
RECOMMENDATIONS TO STRENGTHEN THE PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, Alaska faces unprecedented energy challenges, including escalating energy costs and overdependence on foreign oil, especially in rural Alaska; and

WHEREAS, to help combat these high costs, the Alaska legislature created the Home Energy Rebate program to help make Alaska's homes more energy efficient; and

WHEREAS, Southwest Alaska recognizes that our dependence on foreign oil to generate our electricity, heat our homes and drive our vehicles results in extremely high energy costs, and has become a significant barrier to economic development; and

WHEREAS, the Rebate program not only helps Alaska residents save money through lower fuel bills, but also puts money back into the local and statewide economies by creating at least 2500 jobs, with projections of up to 4000 jobs; and

WHEREAS, SWAMC recognizes that the Energy Rebate program is a beneficial program for Alaska's residents; however, the rural areas of Alaska – already paying some of the highest energy bills in the nation – may not always receive the full benefits of the program due to a variety of issues, including travel policies related to auditors/raters, relative costs of materials and contractors, availability of contractors, relatively short building seasons, rigid sailing and shipping schedules, and the higher price of air freight for large construction materials; and

WHEREAS, rural Alaska could benefit from its own set-aside funding stream that is separate from that of road system residents, so funds can be fully utilized for those off of the road system; and

WHEREAS, the 18-month turnaround time for rebate program reimbursements oftentimes is difficult to accomplish in rural Alaska.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference requests the Alaska State Legislature to fully fund the Energy Rebate Program to benefit all Alaskans ; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference requests the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation perform an independent review of the Energy Rebate Program as it relates to rural Alaska; and

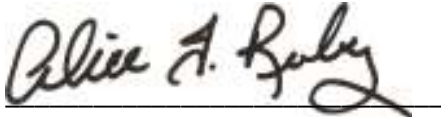
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that SWAMC requests AHFC and other interested parties form a task force to analyze the review of the Energy Rebate program in rural/remote Alaska, and offer recommendations to strengthen the program.

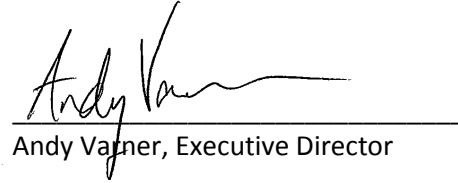
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RESOLUTION 2011 - 11

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHWEST ALASKA MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE URGING THE SUPPORT OF CONTINUED FUNDING FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY, ENERGY EFFICIENCY, AND EMERGING ENERGY TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS STATEWIDE.

WHEREAS, the cost of most fossil fuels, particularly diesel and heating oil, has increased dramatically in recent years; and

WHEREAS, in Southwest Alaska increases in the cost of fossil fuels, including diesel and heating oil, have caused, and continue to cause, substantial economic hardships on residential, business, and governmental rate payers; and

WHEREAS, Southwest Alaska is dependent on foreign sources for the majority of its oil supply; and

WHEREAS, diesel and other fossil fuels are finite resources that contribute to growing worldwide concerns over society's carbon footprint and have negative environmental effects to ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, Alaskans, particularly those in rural parts of the state including Southwest Alaska, are dependent on diesel-fired electric generation with retail rates over \$1 kilowatt per hour and heating oil for home heating with prices as high as \$8 per gallon in some areas; and

WHEREAS, the State has established funds for supporting and enabling renewable energy and energy efficiency projects, as well as a new emerging technology fund; and

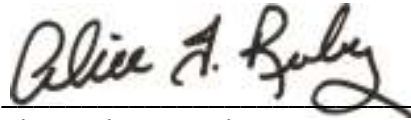
WHEREAS, the SWAMC communities have benefited from existing funding of renewable and energy efficiency projects and could see future benefits from new energy technologies.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference encourages our legislators to continue funding renewable energy, energy efficiency, and emerging technology projects that will help make our communities more sustainable.

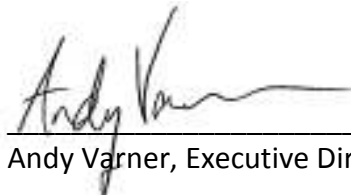
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RESOLUTION 2011 - 12

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHWEST ALASKA MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE SUPPORTING
LEGISLATION THAT WILL ALLOW THE USE OF THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND FOR BUILDING
RURAL FIBER-OPTIC INFRASTRUCTURE**

WHEREAS, in 1988 SWAMC was organized due to a desire by municipal leaders to forge a partnership out of the common interests of the region encompassing the Aleutians East Borough, the Aleutians West Census Area, the Bristol Bay Borough, the Dillingham Census Area, the Kodiak Island Borough, and the Lake & Peninsula Borough; and

WHEREAS, SWAMC is a non-profit regional economic development organization for Southwest Alaska and an advocate for the needs of rural communities and the responsible development of the region's core economic sector - commercial seafood harvesting and processing; and

WHEREAS, SWAMC communities have limited internet speed and broadband capability due to the lack of fiber-optic connections to the World Wide Web; and

WHEREAS, this limited access effects economic activity and other opportunities for rural Alaskans, that those with broadband enjoy; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Communication Commission Chairman Julius Genachowski has started an initiative to reducing regulatory barriers to spur broadband build out by transforming the Universal Service Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Universal Service Fund has over \$6.0 Billion dollars that is presently available for building out the fiber-optic infrastructure in rural America; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that SWAMC recognizes the significance of high speed internet with increased band width and its impact on economic development and supports legislation that will allow the use of the Universal Service Fund to build our rural fiber-optic system.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference Membership this 11th day of February, 2011.

Signed:

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Alice Ruby, President

Attest:

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Andy Varner, Executive Director



RESOLUTION 2011 - 13

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHWEST ALASKA MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE IN SUPPORT OF THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME'S REGULATORY DEFINITION OF STATE WATERS.

WHEREAS, the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference (SWAMC) is a regional organization that strives to advocate for the needs of rural communities; and

WHEREAS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is engaged in redefining the baseline and various offshore lines that determine state and federal jurisdiction in marine waters; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska has had no opportunity to comment and there is no formal process to allow comment on these changes; and

WHEREAS, several of these adjustments may have adverse effects on state management of Alaska's fisheries ; and

WHEREAS, the state continues to recognize jurisdiction as established through state-federal negotiations and court findings under the equal footing doctrine and Submerged Lands Act (SLA).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference requests a coordinated public outreach effort for the 2011 fishing year that clarifies what recent changes in the three nautical mile line represent; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference support the State of Alaska continuing to manage fisheries under the current regulatory definitions .

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference Membership this 11 day of February, 2011.

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Alice Ruby, President

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Andy Varner, Executive Director