1 2 3 4	Presented by: Triem Presented: 2/27/2023 Drafted by: R. Palmer III		
5	RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA		
6	Serial No. 3023		
7 8 9 10	A Resolution of the City and Borough of Juneau Opposing the Wild Fish Conservancy Lawsuit and Protecting the Southeast Alaska Troll Fishery from Closure.		
11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19	Whereas, commercial fishing is a mainstay of Alaska's economy, the largest private sector employer in the state, and sustains year-round employment in the fishing, processing, and support sector industries in Southeast Alaska; and		
	Whereas, the troll fleet is the second largest fleet in Alaska, and trollers derive an estimated $44\%$ of their income from the Chinook catch; and		
	WHEREAS, commercial salmon trolling is a year-round contributor to Southeast Alaska economy and sustains year-round employment; and		
20 21 22	Whereas, there are approximately 581 fishing and seafood processing jobs in Juneau that represent approximately \$27.4M in wages, which includes commercial salmon trollers and processors that depend on Chinook salmon; and		
23 24 25	WHEREAS, the troll fleet, including fishing, processing, and all related multiplier effects, has a total annual economic impact of approximately \$85 million across Southeast Alaska; and		
26 27 28 29 30	Whereas, a lawsuit, <i>Wild Fish Conservancy v. Rumsey et al.</i> , in the Western District of Washington State Federal Court (No. C20-417-RAJ-MLP) challenges the National Marine Fisheries Service fishery management plan and seeks the closure of the Southeast troll fishery—except from May 1 through June 30—in an effort to provide more Chinook salmon to the endangered Southern Resident killer whales located in the Pacific Northwest; and,		
31 32	Whereas, many communities of Southeast will suffer severe economic hardship if the pending litigation results in the closure of the Southeast troll fishery.		
33 34 35	Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska:		

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36 37 38	<b>Section 1.</b> The City and Borough of Juneau urges the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to prioritize preparation of the necessary documents and processes to support prosecution of the Southeast winter and summer troll fisheries;		
39 40 41	<b>Section 2.</b> The City and Borough of Juneau supports the NMFS and Alaska Department of Fish and Game commitment to defend Southeast Alaska's hatchery system and troll fishery.		
42 43 44 45 46	<b>Section 3.</b> The City and Borough of Juneau urges all state and local governmental bodies to work with Alaska's congressional delegation to protect Southeast Alaska's economic, cultural, and social livelihood related to Chinook salmon while also protecting the Southern Resident killer whale population.		
47	Section 4. This resolution shall be effective immediately after its adoption.		
48 49 50	Adopted this day of	2023.	
51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64	Attest:	Beth A. Weldon, Mayor	
	Elizabeth J. McEwen, Municipal Clerk		

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