

**PETERSBURG BOROUGH, ALASKA  
RESOLUTION #2024-04**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10 (SCR 10),  
INTRODUCED DURING THE SECOND SESSION OF THE THIRTY-THIRD ALASKA  
LEGISLATURE, ESTABLISHING A JOINT LEGISLATIVE SEAFOOD INDUSTRY TASK FORCE  
WITH THE INCLUSION OF AN ELECTED LOCAL OFFICIAL FROM A COASTAL, FISHERIES-  
INTERDEPENDENT COMMUNITY**

**WHEREAS**, the seafood industry plays a critical role in Alaska's economy, culture, and livelihoods of its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, sustainable management, economic growth, and regulatory challenges are essential aspects of maintaining a thriving seafood industry; and

**WHEREAS**, SCR 10 proposes the creation of a Joint Legislative Seafood Industry Task Force to address these crucial issues; and

**WHEREAS**, the task force will bring together experts, stakeholders, and legislators to collaboratively explore solutions and strategies; and

**WHEREAS**, the task force will focus on promoting sustainable practices, supporting local fishermen, and ensuring the long-term viability of Alaska's seafood resources; and

**WHEREAS**, as currently written, SCR 10 proposes the task force shall be composed of seven members (two members of the Alaska Senate appointed by the Senate President, two members of the Alaska House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, two public members who are representatives of the United Fisherman of Alaska or the Pacific Seafood Processors Association, appointed jointly by the Senate President and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Fish & Game or the Commissioner's designee); and

**WHEREAS**, the Petersburg Borough Assembly recommends the inclusion of an elected local official from a coastal, fisheries-interdependent community be appointed to the task force, jointly by the Senate President and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, as the local government perspective and experience in developing and maintaining the infrastructure necessary for the operation of local fisheries, and responding to industry needs as they arise, is critical to the health of Alaska's seafood industry.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Petersburg Borough Assembly strongly supports the passage of SCR 10, amended to include appointment of an elected local official from a coastal, fisheries-interdependent community to the Joint Legislative Seafood Industry Task Force.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the Petersburg Borough Assembly on March 18, 2024.

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**Mark Jensen, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Rebecca A Regula, Deputy Borough Clerk**