

**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

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RESOLUTION 16-081(A)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA,
OPPOSING SITING AND TIMING OF U.S. NAVY TRAINING
EXERCISES THAT POSE RISKS TO FISH AND FISHERIES IN THE
GULF OF ALASKA.

WHEREAS, The City of Homer is the governing body with the full power and authority
as recognized by the citizens of Homer, to act for its members, and has responsibility to
provide government for the good health and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, The City of Homer recognizes the value of naval practices in preparing our
Navy for wartime activities; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Navy plans to conduct training activities utilizing explosives, live
ordnance, and sonar in the Gulf of Alaska in 2017 that will have impacts on marine life and
habitat vital to the interests of the City of Homer and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, These trainings will impact the waters of the Gulf of Alaska by annually
releasing up to approximately 352,000 pounds of expended materials including up to 10,500
pounds of hazardous materials including cyanide, chromium, lead, tungsten, nickel,
cadmium, barium chromate, chlorides, phosphorus, titanium compounds, lead oxide,
potassium perchlorate, lead chromate, ammonium perchlorate, fulminate of mercury, and
lead azide into waters designated by NOAA as Essential Fish Habitat for a multitude of species
that support the economic development in Alaskan coastal communities and harvest of wild
Alaskan salmon and other fish for global markets; and

WHEREAS, The training area and vicinity is a highly productive region for many marine
fish and shellfish populations and supports some of the most productive fisheries in the
United States, and an important spawning area for many fishes, and the training is scheduled
to take place during the summer season when many fish populations are migrating and
spawning (at least 383 species belonging to 84 families of marine and anadromous fishes
have been reported from the predominant ecosystems found in the training area); and

WHEREAS, The port of Homer is reliant on the fish and wildlife resources in the Gulf of
Alaska for their subsistence harvest and the livelihoods supported by commercial fishing; and

WHEREAS, The City of Homer supports all cultural, traditional and subsistence activities historically and continually practiced by Native and non-Native peoples in the Gulf of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, The City of Homer finds no scientific information or traditional knowledge demonstrating that the U.S. Navy's training activities can take place without negatively affecting salmon, marine mammal, bird and other marine habitats.

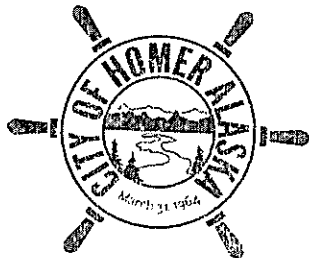
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska, does hereby request that the U.S. Navy refrain from using live ordnance or sonar in any Marine Protected Area, including NOAA Fisheries Marine Protected Areas, State Marine Protected Areas and Habitat Areas of Particular Concern.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the Homer, Alaska, hereby requests that the U.S. Navy relocate its training area to the far southeast corner of the current designated training area, off the Continental Shelf areas of the Gulf of Alaska, and away from seamounts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska, requests the U.S. Navy to conduct its training exercises after the middle of September and before the spring, so as not to impact migrating salmon and other species.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 8th day of August, 2016.

CITY OF HOMER



Mary E. Wythe
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ATTEST:

Jo Johnson
JO JOHNSON, MMC, CITY CLERK

Fiscal Note: N/A