

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. 18-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ,
ALASKA, SUPPORTING THE VALDEZ FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT
ASSOCIATION INC. SOLOMON GULCH HATCHERY PERMITTED
INCREASE OF 20 MILLION PINK SALMON EGGS

WHEREAS, the City of Valdez benefits greatly from Prince William Sound salmon fisheries enhancement programs through hatchery propagation; and

WHEREAS, both sport and commercial fisheries enhancement efforts of the Valdez Fisheries Development Association, provide sustainable direct economic and social benefit to the community of Valdez; and

WHEREAS, this benefit is realized through the creation of local seafood processing jobs, fisheries business tax, increased commerce through the Port of Valdez and seafood industry investment in our community; and

WHEREAS, the enhancement of the sport fishery by VFDA provides significant fishing opportunity for both Pink and Coho salmon creating the largest Pink salmon sport fishery in Alaska; and whose efforts greatly support the annual Valdez Silver Salmon Derby and the Valdez Women's Silver Salmon Derby, a Kids Pink Salmon Derby; and

WHEREAS, this sport fishing activity significantly increases summer tourism by bringing an estimated 15,000 visitors annually to sport fish in Valdez; further benefiting local commerce through the sale of sporting goods, boat rentals, custom processing, lodging and RV camping, fuel, harbor moorage, fishing charters and other purchases estimated to be \$6.6 million annually; and

WHEREAS, the sport fish enhancement program provided by VFDA is substantially funded through the sale of cost recovery pink salmon; and

WHEREAS, salmon hatchery programs like VFDA are permitted using a public process, employ strong scientific methodology and are built upon sound and sustainable fisheries policies intended to protect wild salmon populations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA, that

Section 1. The City of Valdez affirms its support for the Valdez Fisheries Development Association's salmon fishery enhancement programs.

Section 2. The City of Valdez supports the Alaska Dept. of Fish & Game's approval of VFDA's permitted increase of 20 million pink salmon eggs to be taken in 2018 at the Solomon Gulch Hatchery.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA, this 3rd day of July, 2018.

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Jeremy O'Neil, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sheri L. Pierce, MMC, City Clerk