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REQUESTED BY: COUNCIL
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RESOLUTION NO. WR95-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WASILLA, ALASKA SUPPORTING NECESSARY MEASURES IN THE PROTECTION AND REBUILDING OF ALASKA'S KING SALMON STOCK.

WHEREAS, the City of Wasilla recognizes that closures of the king salmon fisheries in South-Central Alaska will cause enormous economic hardship on the local economies; and

WHEREAS, poor returns of the King Salmon correspond directly with recent expansion of the Kodiak and Chignik seine fisheries; and

WHEREAS, other probable interceptors of Susitna-bound fish include the Northern District setnet fishery, the growing sport fishery off of Deep Creek and the Western & Kustatan setnet fishery in the Central District; and

WHEREAS, by allowing the Northern District setnet fishery to open places an unfair burden of responsibility upon the sport fishing community;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wasilla City Council strongly urges that the Alaska Department of Fish & Game take whatever measures necessary to protect and rebuild the king salmon runs through restrictions:

1.   By taking the conservative approach and issue commercial openings when the strength of the king run is established; and

2.   By severely restricting or suspending the Northern District setnet fishery, the Deep Creek sport fishery, the Central District Eastside setnet fishery and the expanding Kodiak seine fishery until solid scientific information allowing these intercept fisheries to exist is established.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these restrictions be distributed equally amongst all who harvest these stocks including the sports fishery.
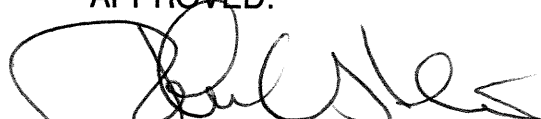
I certify that a resolution in substantially the above form was passed by a majority of those voting at a duly called and conducted meeting of the governing body of the City of Wasilla this ____13th____ day of ____March____, 1995.

ATTEST:

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RJORIE D. HARRIS, CMC
City Clerk

APPROVED:

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JOHN C. STEIN, Mayor

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