



**RESOLUTION 2011 - 13**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHWEST ALASKA MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE IN SUPPORT OF THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME'S REGULATORY DEFINITION OF STATE WATERS.**

**WHEREAS**, the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference (SWAMC) is a regional organization that strives to advocate for the needs of rural communities; and

**WHEREAS**, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is engaged in redefining the baseline and various offshore lines that determine state and federal jurisdiction in marine waters; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Alaska has had no opportunity to comment and there is no formal process to allow comment on these changes; and

**WHEREAS**, several of these adjustments may have adverse effects on state management of Alaska's fisheries ; and

**WHEREAS**, the state continues to recognize jurisdiction as established through state-federal negotiations and court findings under the equal footing doctrine and Submerged Lands Act (SLA).

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference requests a coordinated public outreach effort for the 2011 fishing year that clarifies what recent changes in the three nautical mile line represent; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference support the State of Alaska continuing to manage fisheries under the current regulatory definitions .

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by a duly constituted quorum of the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference Membership this 11 day of February, 2011.

Signed:

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alice A. Ruby".

Alice Ruby, President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andy Varner".

Andy Varner, Executive Director