



Resolution Summary

2006 SWAMC Annual Membership Meeting

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06-09	in support of the formation of the Alaska Energy Research and Development Program, Energy Loan Fund, and an Alaska Renewable Portfolio Standard
06-10	in support of fully funding the Power Cost Equalization Program for the fiscal years 2006 and 2007, supplementing the National Low Income Heating Energy Assistance Program with additional state funds, and funding the Small Municipality Energy Assistance Program.
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06-14	Requesting the North Pacific Fishery Management Council's consideration of community concerns in the pending Gulf of Alaska Rationalization Program.
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Resolution 06 - 03

A resolution of the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference in support of the Community Dividend Program

- WHEREAS,** Alaska has accrued a vast amount of wealth due to its natural resources located throughout the State, including those in the Southwest region; and
- WHEREAS,** it is in the best interest of the State of Alaska to share a portion of this natural resource wealth with its communities in order to promote and enhance economic development; and
- WHEREAS,** the State of Alaska currently has over \$32 billion in the Alaska Permanent Fund and a budget surplus exceeding \$1 billion in this fiscal year; and
- WHEREAS,** the State of Alaska ceased all revenue share funding in 2003; and
- WHEREAS,** numerous other states share statewide revenues amongst their communities to provide local tax relief; and
- WHEREAS,** the elimination of revenue sharing had a significant negative impact on Southwest Alaska's villages, cities, and boroughs to provide essential services, thus creating further economic hardship; and
- WHEREAS,** the Community Dividend Program would provide Southwest Alaska communities with funding to develop essential infrastructure, offset exorbitant energy/fuel costs, reduce local taxes, grow the local economy, increase public safety, and help provide basic services and facilities for despaired communities,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference support the Legislature of the State of Alaska to enact the Community Dividend Program; and

Section 1. Encourages the Legislature and Governor to develop a long-term, sustainable community dividend by employing an endowment program, using Amerada Hess account earnings, oil revenue share, or a substitute management program to provide economic stability to Southwest Alaska's communities and to enhance public services and facilities in the region.

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Section 2. Encourages the Southwest Alaska Legislators to endorse the Community Dividend Program in order to enhance the economic prosperity and the quality of life of the Southwest communities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the members of Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference this Third day of February 2006.

Signed:



Glen Gardner
President

Attest:



Wanetta Ayers
Executive Director

Review by Board: February 1, 2006

Referral(s): Full Membership

Membership Meeting:

Motion to Adopt: Linda Freed

Second: Mayor Chris Napoli

Motion Passed

Ratified by Board: February 4, 2006



Resolution 06 - 04

A resolution of the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference in support of Administrative Boroughs

- WHEREAS,** many rural communities in Southwest Alaska do not possess the sufficient tax base to support local government activities; and
- WHEREAS,** unorganized regions of Southwest Alaska need a political impetus and a more efficacious means to receive financial incentives, organizational grants, and entitlements from the State; and
- WHEREAS,** the proposed administrative boroughs would empower rural communities and create more local governments in vast unorganized regions of the Southwest by electing local leaders and advocating for aid projects; and
- WHEREAS,** communities would gain increased influence and control over powers such as planning & zoning and education, as well as public safety, infrastructure, and economic development,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference support the Alaska State Legislature's efforts to organize more of rural Alaska into Administrative Boroughs; and

Section 1. Encourages Southwest communities to discuss and support the possible creation of new boroughs in order to provide more State financial assistance to local communities and unorganized regions; and

Section 2. Directs staff to work with the Southwest communities and the Southwest Alaska Legislative Delegation to provide increased local governance in the region.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the members of Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference this Third day of February 2006.

Signed:



Glen Gardner
President

Attest:



Wanetta Ayers
Executive Director

Review by Board: February 1, 2006

Referral(s): Full Membership

Membership Meeting:

Motion to Adopt: Linda Freed

Second: Mayor Chris Napoli

Motion Passed

Ratified by Board: February 4, 2006



Resolution 06 - 05

A resolution of the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference in support of Prohibition of Mixing Zones in Spawning Waters.

- WHEREAS,** allowing mixing zones in rivers, lakes and streams where the migration, spawning and rearing of anadromous fish occurs is inconsistent with the state's constitutional mandate for sustained yield fisheries management; and
- WHEREAS,** Alaska's subsistence fisheries and world renowned seafood industry may be threatened by pollutants and poor water quality standards caused by mixing zones; and
- WHEREAS,** Alaska's fishing industry and fish stocks have continuously met certified international and environmental standards, thus enhancing the marketability of the product; and
- WHEREAS,** a great deal of time, money, and effort has been invested in revitalizing Alaska's seafood industry; and
- WHEREAS,** compromising the quality of Alaska's fishing industry would jeopardize the livelihoods of many Alaskans, put the futures of many Southwest coastal communities at risk, and wreak economic havoc for the entire State,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference support the Legislation Prohibiting Mixing Zones in Freshwater Spawning Areas; and

Section 1. Requests a thorough assessment of the current monitoring, auditing, and regulating policies of mixed zone permits to assure the highest quality standards of anadromous waters; and

Section 2. Applauds the Legislature's decision to protest the Department of Environmental Conservation's proposal to allow for pollution mixing zones in spawning areas; and

Section 3. Encourages Southwest fishermen, communities, businesses, and organizations to support the prohibition of mixing zones in freshwater spawning areas, except for community wastewater systems that should be reviewed on a case by case basis; and

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Signed:



Glen Gardner
President

Attest:



Wanetta Ayers
Executive Director

Review by Board: February 1, 2006

Referral(s): Fisheries Committee
Infrastructure Committee

Report from Fisheries Committee: Do Pass as amended

Report from Infrastructure Committee: Do Pass as amended

Membership Meeting:

Motion to Adopt: Linda Freed

Second: Mayor Chris Napoli

Motion Passed

Ratified by Board: February 4, 2006



Resolution 06-06

A resolution of the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference supporting advancement of projects listed in the Southwest Alaska Transportation Plan and the alignment of these projects with Southwest Region projects included in the 2006-2008 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program

- WHEREAS,** the communities of Southwest Alaska need a sustainable public infrastructure sufficient to accommodate economic development and provide for an enhanced quality of life; and
- WHEREAS,** the communities in Southwest Alaska support all efforts to accelerate the development of an integrated transportation infrastructure that expedites the movement of people and goods to, through, and out of Southwest Alaska thereby enhancing economic competitiveness; and
- WHEREAS,** an effective transportation system is an essential component of fully realizing the economic value of Southwest fisheries resources, placing great importance on an efficient seafood supply chain to be included in the Southwest Alaska Transportation Plan; and
- WHEREAS,** the development of transportation projects in the Southwest Alaska Transportation Plan has been continuously delayed over the years, causing these projects to fall behind schedule, and the misalignment of projects listed in the Southwest Plan with those listed for the region in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program; and
- WHEREAS,** the communities in Southwest Alaska support prioritized projects in the Southwest Alaska Transportation Plan, an approved component of the Alaska Statewide Transportation Plan, and request the preservation of their prioritized projects and the alignment of these projects with the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program; and
- WHEREAS,** several factors at the state and federal levels have affected surface transportation funding for projects throughout Alaska, thus making it discouraging for many Southwest communities to receive aid for imperative transportation projects,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference advocate for accurate representation of projects listed in the Southwest Alaska Transportation Plan and support the development of an updated Statewide Transportation Improvement Program that better aligns regional project lists with priorities set by communities in Southwest Alaska in the Southwest Transportation Plan; and

Section 1. Directs SWAMC staff to work with DOT, the Alaska State Legislature, and the Alaska Congressional Delegation to get the Southwest Alaska Transportation Plan on target, resolve the transportation funding shortfall, and update the SWTP in the context of the seafood supply chain.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the members of Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference this Third day of February 2006.

Signed:



Glen Gardner
President

Attest:



Wanetta Ayers
Executive Director

Submitted by: Staff
Reviewed by Board: February 1, 2006
Referred to: Infrastructure Committee
Report from Infrastructure Committee: Do Pass
Membership Meeting:
Motion to Adopt: Linda Freed
Second: Mayor Chris Napoli
Motion Passed
Ratified by Board: February 4, 2006



Resolution 06 - 07

A resolution of the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference in support of the formation of a Renewable Energy Fund

- WHEREAS,** Government entities that help finance rural utility systems typically focus on initial capital costs when deciding which types of energy systems to implement and the long-term costs associated with feeding these systems are left for the community to address, causing economic hardships at the community level and,
- WHEREAS,** The development of Renewable Energy may have slightly higher initial costs than traditional fuel-based energy systems but the long term costs are significantly less and thus much more affordable for local communities to maintain and,
- WHEREAS,** The fuel-based economy is at the mercy of an incredibly unpredictable world market and subject to price gauges and wide ranging price fluctuations when fuel supplies are threatened by natural or human forces and,
- WHEREAS,** The development of Alaska's Renewable Energy will provide a blanket to local communities that would insulate Alaska's citizens from such volatility and promote reliable and clean energy at predictable rates and,
- WHEREAS,** Having predictable energy rates is essential for any community to maintain a healthy economy and promote economic development and,
- WHEREAS,** The formation of the Alaska Renewable Energy Fund would be a means to address both the short and long term energy needs of the entire state of Alaska,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference support legislation to create the Alaska Renewable Energy Fund; and

Section 1. Directs SWAMC staff to support efforts to establish the Alaska Renewable Energy Fund; and

Section 2. Applauds the Legislature's decision to strive for the increased development of Alaska's Renewable Energy Resources.

Section 3. Encourages Southwest Alaska communities, businesses, and organizations to support the efforts underway to create the Alaska Renewable Energy Fund.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the members of Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference this Third day of February 2006.

Signed:



Glen Gardner
President

Attest:



Wanetta Ayers
Executive Director

Submitted by: Staff

Reviewed by Board: February 1, 2006

Referred to: Infrastructure Committee

Report from Infrastructure Committee: Do Pass

Membership Meeting:

Motion to Adopt: Linda Freed

Second: Mayor Chris Napoli

Motion Passed

Ratified by Board: February 4, 2006



RESOLUTION 06-08
A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHWEST ALASKA MUNICIPAL
CONFERENCE SUPPORTING HOUSE BILL 83, RETAINING THE
ALASKA SEISMIC HAZARDS SAFETY COMMISSION

WHEREAS, earthquakes and tsunamis continue to present hazards worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Alaska is located in one of the world's most active seismic zones; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska seismic hazards Safety Commission, composed of knowledgeable professionals, was created primarily to:

- (1) Recommend goals and priorities for seismic and tsunami hazard risk mitigation to the public and private sectors;
- (2) Recommend policies to the governor and the legislature, including needed research, mapping, and monitoring programs;
- (3) Offer advice on coordinating disaster preparedness and seismic and tsunami hazard risk mitigation activities of government at all levels, review the practices for recovery and reconstruction after a major earthquake or tsunami, and recommend improvements to mitigate losses from similar future events;
- (4) Gather, analyze, and disseminate information of general interest on seismic and tsunami hazard risk mitigation;
- (5) Establish and maintain necessary working relationships with other public and private agencies;
- (6) Review predictions and warnings issued by the federal government, research institutions, and other organizations and persons and suggest appropriate responses at the state and local levels; and
- (7) Review proposed seismic and tsunami hazard notifications and supporting information from state agencies, evaluate possible socioeconomic consequences, recommend that the governor issue formal seismic and tsunami hazard notifications when appropriate, and advise state and local agencies of appropriate responses.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference hereby support retention of the Alaska Seismic Hazards Safety Commission with the passage of House Bill 83.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the members of Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference this Third day of February 2006.

Signed:



Glen Gardner
President

Attest:



Wanetta Ayers
Executive Director

Submitted by: Staff
Reviewed by Board: February 1, 2006
Referred to: Infrastructure Committee
Report from Infrastructure Committee: Do Pass
Motion to Adopt: Linda Freed
Second: Mayor Chris Napoli
Motion Passed
Ratified by Board: February 4, 2006



Resolution 06 - 09

A resolution of the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference in support of the formation of the Alaska Energy Research and Development Program, Energy Loan Fund, and an Alaska Renewable Portfolio Standard

- WHEREAS,** The percentage of Alaskans that are currently facing daunting energy bills is at an alarmingly high rate and solutions are desperately needed in both the short and long-term, and
- WHEREAS,** State appropriations to subsistence programs such as PCE provide short term relief but offer communities no long term strategy for lessening their dependence on the volatile fuel-based energy systems that have manifested the need for subsistence funding and
- WHEREAS,** It is imperative that we develop new energy programs that enable us to make the most informed decisions about our future energy investments to ensure that we maximize the positive impact of every dollar spent and
- WHEREAS,** An energy loan fund would both assist and encourage energy providers to improve their current energy systems in accordance with the recommendations issued by the Alaska Energy Research and Development Program and the requirements implemented under the Renewable Portfolio Standard and
- WHEREAS,** Many Southwest Alaskan Communities are in a position to benefit greatly by the formation of an energy loan fund and RPS because they have completed extensive feasibility studies regarding local energy potential and are seeking funding sources for the implementation of new technologies in order to transform regional potential into viable and long lasting energy sources and
- WHEREAS,** Many other Southwest Alaskan Communities are still researching their local energy potential and would gain assistance in measuring these potentials by the Alaska Energy Research and Development Program, and

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WHEREAS, The formation of the Alaska Energy and Resource Development Program, Energy Loan Fund, and Renewable Portfolio Standard would be steps taken today that would benefit Southwest Alaskans and citizens all across the state tomorrow and beyond,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference support legislation to create the Alaska Energy and Resource Development Program, Energy Loan Fund, and Renewable Portfolio Standard; and

Section 1. Directs SWAMC staff to support efforts to establish the Alaska Energy and Resource Development Program, Energy Loan Fund, and Renewable Portfolio Standard; and

Section 2. Applauds the Legislature's decision to strive for the increased diversification of Alaska's Energy Resources; and

Section 3. Encourages Southwest Alaskan communities, businesses, and organizations to support the efforts underway to create the Alaska Energy and Resource Development Program, Energy Loan Fund, and Renewable Portfolio Standard.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the members of Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference this Third day of February 2006.

Signed:



Glen Gardner
President

Attest:



Wanetta Ayers
Executive Director

Submitted by: Renewable Energy Alaska Project
Reviewed by Board: February 1, 2006
Referred to: Infrastructure Committee
Report from Infrastructure Committee: Do Pass
Membership Meeting:
Motion to Adopt: Linda Freed
Second: Mayor Chris Napoli
Motion Passed
Ratified by Board: February 4, 2006



Resolution 06 - 10

A resolution of the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference in support of fully funding the Power Cost Equalization Program for the fiscal years 2006 and 2007, supplementing the National Low Income Heating Energy Assistance Program with additional state funds, and funding the Small Municipality Energy Assistance Program.

WHEREAS, The incredibly high cost of fuel is a financial burden everyone in Alaska must bear, the most extreme hardships are felt by residents in small rural communities; and

WHEREAS, The Power Cost Equalization Program is intended to equalize the energy costs of rural and urban communities but has been compromised in its effectiveness due to critical under-funding of the program in recent years; and

WHEREAS, The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program assists low income families support their basic energy needs, however if the program funding levels do not increase concurrently with regional energy costs then the program will be forced into contraction and more citizens across the state will be receiving their energy bills accompanied by shut-off notices; and

WHEREAS, The Small Municipality Energy Assistance Program helps small cities and boroughs eliminate debt that has accrued as a result of ballooning fuel costs and avoid financial delinquencies that would significantly cripple their future economic growth; and

WHEREAS, In the past year there has been a dramatic shift in the world fuel market and while the negative implications of this shift have been wide-spread among the Alaskan people, the states treasury has benefited greatly. This has enabled the State of Alaska to provide additional assistance to its residents in order to help them through financially uncertain times. These collective efforts are proven and worthy means to distribute this much needed financial assistance to the people of Alaska.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference support legislation to fully fund the Power Cost Equalization Program for the fiscal years 2006 and 2007, supplement the national Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program with additional state funds, and fund the Small Municipality Energy Assistance Program.

Section 1. Directs SWAMC staff to support efforts to fully fund the Power Cost Equalization Program for the fiscal years 2006 and 2007, supplement the national Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program with additional state funds, and fund the Small Municipality Energy Assistance Program.

Section 2. Applauds the Legislature’s decision to strive for full funding of the Power Cost Equalization Program for the fiscal years 2006 and 2007, supplementing the national Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program with additional state funds, and funding the Small Municipality Energy Assistance Program.

Section 3. Encourages Southwest Alaskan communities, businesses, and organizations to support the efforts underway to fully fund the Power Cost Equalization Program for the fiscal years 2006 and 2007, supplement the national Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program with additional state funds, and fund the Small Municipality Energy Assistance Program.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the members of Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference this Third day of February 2006.

Signed:



Glen Gardner
President

Attest:


Wanetta Ayers
Executive Director

Submitted by: Renewable Energy Alaska Project
Reviewed by Board: February 1, 2006
Referred to: Infrastructure Committee
Report from Infrastructure Committee: Do Pass
Membership Meeting:
Motion to Adopt: Linda Freed
Second: Mayor Chris Napoli
Motion Passed

Ratified by Board: February 4, 2006



Resolution 06 -11

A resolution of the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference supporting the establishment of a State natural resource lease assistance special revenue fund

- WHEREAS,** municipalities bear certain costs related to new exploration and development activities on land made subject to extraction of valuable natural resources; and
- WHEREAS,** these expenses are burdensome and may include land application filing fees, licenses and license fees, lease fees, taxes, and other various charges; and
- WHEREAS,** a percentage of these costs paid to the State could be set aside in a separate special revenue fund as part of the larger State general fund; and
- WHEREAS,** the special revenue funds would be distributed to assist municipalities that incur start-up expenses associated with natural resource development; and
- WHEREAS,** the special revenue fund would aid certain rural municipalities of Southwest Alaska, and grant proceeds from the fund could be used for construction, maintenance, and operation of essential public facilities, and for municipal planning; and
- WHEREAS,** such a granting mechanism would help create sustainability for resource extraction activities and encourage further exploration and natural resource development, thereby creating economic development opportunities for Southwest Alaska communities,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference support the establishment of a State natural resource lease assistance special revenue fund; and

Section 1. Encourages the Alaska State Legislature, Governor, and Southwest Legislators to develop a natural resource assistance fund to help municipalities cope with start-up expenses and other costs associated with resource development on their lands.

Section 2. Encourages Southwest communities to support such a fund in order to spur economic development and create resource sustainability.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the members of Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference this Third day of February 2006.

Signed:



Glen Gardner
President

Attest:



Wanetta Ayers
Executive Director

Submitted by: Renewable Energy Alaska Project
Reviewed by Board: February 1, 2006
Referred to: Infrastructure Committee
Report from Infrastructure Committee: Do Pass
Membership Meeting:
Motion to Adopt: Linda Freed
Second: Mayor Chris Napoli
Motion Passed
Ratified by Board: February 4, 2006



Resolution 06 - 12

A resolution of the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference in support of sufficient funding to maintain an effective Alaska seafood marketing program through the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute

WHEREAS, the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute conducts generic commodity marketing and promotion for the Alaska Seafood brand, and

WHEREAS, increased competition from foreign farmed salmon significantly devalued wild Alaska salmon in the past fifteen years, and

WHEREAS, international efforts to farm king crab, halibut and other fish stock that will compete with wild Alaska seafood continue to grow and gain market share in the world seafood market, and

WHEREAS, though the efforts of the Alaska Congressional Delegation funding for the Alaska Fisheries Revitalization Strategy, supplemental funding for marketing and promoting Alaska Seafood has helped to stimulate consumption, raise awareness and develop new market opportunities for wild Alaska salmon and other seafood products, and

WHEREAS, a consistent, competitively-funded Alaska Seafood brand marketing program is needed to effectively position and promote all Alaska seafood products in both domestic and international markets, and

WHEREAS, short-term sources of federal funding, which were used to fund to elements of the Fisheries Revitalization Strategy and elements of ASMI's enhanced marketing program, are longer available.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference urge the Alaska State Legislature to provide sufficient funding for the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute to maintain an effective seafood marketing program on behalf of the harvesters, processors, and fishing communities of Alaska.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the members of Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference this Third day of February 2006.

Signed:



Glen Gardner
President

Attest:



Wanetta Ayers
Executive Director

Submitted by: Staff
Reviewed by Board: February 1, 2006
Referred to: Fisheries Committee
Report from Fisheries Committee: Do Pass
Membership Meeting:
Motion to Adopt: Linda Freed
Second: Mayor Chris Napoli
Motion Passed
Ratified by Board: February 4, 2006

Resolution 06 - 13

A resolution of the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference urging the State of Alaska to provide funding support for high quality education as required by the Alaska Constitution

- WHEREAS,** the State of Alaska Constitution requires that the state establish and maintain a system of public education, open to all children of the state, and
- WHEREAS,** SWAMC recommends the foundation formula be automatically adjusted annually to avoid losing education quality due to the impacts of inflation, and
- WHEREAS,** SWAMC urges the Governor and Legislature to fully fund the education funding formula and monitor the allocation of funds to promote equity in educational opportunities across the state taking cost differentials into consideration, and
- WHEREAS,** SWAMC supports timing of funding so that school districts know the amount of funding available prior to the deadline for submission of school budgets, whether by forward funding or early approval of school funding appropriations, and
- WHEREAS,** SWAMC supports funding of the priority based school construction and maintenance grant programs established by AS14.11.007-0219 equitably to all districts, and
- WHEREAS,** SWAMC strongly urges the Governor and Legislature to fully fund all current school debt reimbursement programs. Short funding of school debt reimbursement may put municipalities in default, conflict with bond ballot language, and adversely impact future bond propositions on both the local and state levels if voter trust is damaged, and
- WHEREAS,** SWAMC urges the state to authorized additional bonding for the 70/30 municipal school debt reimbursement in an amount adequate to meet existing school facilities needs and allow need and construction costs to determine the limit on the amount of bonding included in the program for any one school district, and

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WHEREAS, SWAMC urges the state to authorized additional bonding for the 70/30 municipal school debt reimbursement in an amount adequate to meet existing school facilities needs and allow need and construction costs to determine the limit on the amount of bonding included in the program for any one school district, and

WHEREAS, SWAMC opposes any effort by the sate to reduce school debt reimbursement through deduction of interest earned on school bond proceeds,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference that the State of Alaska is hereby requested to fund education at the level of state support required by the Alaska Constitution so that all residents of Alaska have access to high quality educational opportunities and to ensure that schools in Alaska are nurtured and guided at eth local level to meet high standards of performance, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State of Alaska Legislature and Governor are urged to adopt House Bill 173/Senate Bill 116 relating to school funding and adjusting the district cost factors.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the members of Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference this Third day of February 2006.

Signed:



Glen Gardner
President

Attest:



Wanetta Ayers
Executive Director

Submitted by: Staff

Reviewed by Board: February 1, 2006

Referred to: HEPS Committee

Report from HEPS Committee: Do Pass

Membership Meeting:

Motion to Adopt: Linda Freed

Second: Mayor Chris Napoli

Motion Passed

Ratified by Board: February 4, 2006



Resolution 06-15

A resolution of the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference (SWAMC) urging the State of Alaska to share revenue with all Alaskan communities

- WHEREAS,** Alaska's great wealth is generated by the natural resources of regions, communities and cities throughout the State, and
- WHEREAS,** it is in the interest of the State of Alaska to share a portion of this natural resource wealth with communities of the State in order to enhance and continue the positive economic growth throughout Alaska, and
- WHEREAS,** the State of Alaska currently has over \$32 billion in the Alaska Permanent Fund and a budget surplus exceeding \$1 billion in this fiscal year, and
- WHEREAS,** the State ceased to fund all revenue share programs in 2003, and
- WHEREAS,** the elimination of revenue sharing had a significant negative effect on the ability of Alaska's cities and boroughs to provide essential services with communities forced to reduce essential services and/or increase local taxes, fees and economic hardship, and
- WHEREAS,** restoration of a revenue sharing program would provide communities with funding to reduce local taxes, build infrastructure, grow the state economy, provide for increased quality of life and in some cases, provide for the survival of small communities,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference that:

1. The State of Alaska is urged to resume sharing revenue or a similar substitute program with communities for fiscal year 2007 in the amount of no less than \$75 million. Each community will receive a minimum payment of \$75,000. The balance, after payment of the minimum, will be allocated on a per capita basis. Distribution in cases where one or more communities lie within a borough would be allocated in proportion to the relative population of each community, including the borough.

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2. The Legislature and Governor, with collaboration from the Alaska Municipal League, should develop a revenue sharing program that is sustainable and meets the goal of sharing the revenue of the State. Examples of programs they could consider are:
 - a. "\$1 per barrel program." Under this plan, \$1 per barrel in revenues from annual oil production would be distributed through a revenue sharing program;
 - b. "An Endowment Program." Under this program, a portion of state revenues would be set aside in an endowment with the annual proceeds used for a revenue sharing program.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the members of Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference this Third day of February 2006.

Signed:



Glen Gardner
President

Attest:



Wanetta Ayers
Executive Director

Submitted by: Staff
Reviewed by Board: February 1, 2006
Referred to: Full Membership
Membership Meeting:
Motion to Adopt: Linda Freed
Second: Mayor Chris Napoli
Motion Passed
Ratified by Board: February 4, 2006



Resolution 06 - 16

A resolution of the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference requesting the North Pacific Fishery management Council's consideration of community concerns in the pending Gulf of Alaska rationalization program

- WHEREAS,** the harvesting and processing sectors of the Gulf coastal communities are substantially involved in and substantially dependent upon the Gulf of Alaska ground fish fisheries, and
- WHEREAS,** the Gulf coastal communities' economic and social health is inherently dependent on their sustained participation in all aspects of the Gulf groundfish fisheries, and
- WHEREAS,** the Gulf coastal communities are dependent on groundfish through investments in shore based processing facilities, support infrastructure, and catcher vessels as well as the economic base of the value of fish; and
- WHEREAS,** Substantial investments have been made in support of the in reliance upon the Gulf groundfish fishery, such as water system expansion and improvements to port and harbor expansion and improvements, and
- WHEREAS,** the North Pacific Fishery Management Council has developed a suite of fishery allocation alternatives for the Gulf of Alaska groundfish fisheries, and is working toward adoption of a preferred alternative for implementation, and
- WHEREAS,** Allocating exclusive harvesting and/or processing privileges promotes consolidation in the fishing fleet and the processing sector, which may improve efficiency, but also results in skippers, crew members and processing workers bearing the costs of consolidation without fully sharing in the related benefits; and
- WHEREAS,** while fishery rationalization may create opportunities and incentives to produce more and higher value products, it also changes the distribution of fishery revenues among participants by altering the balance of market power between fishermen and processors, with potentially disruptive effects on the communities in which they live; and

WHEREAS, by rewarding harvesting and/or processing privileges, fishery allocations make possible orderly harvesting and processing but also facilitate migration of landings to communities with infrastructure advantages (such as road system access) and create barriers to entry for later generations of fishery participants; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that the potential adverse affects of Gulf groundfish rationalization be identified and analyzed, and that program adjustments be made to mitigate the potential adverse effects of Gulf groundfish rationalization on Gulf coastal communities prior to implementation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the members of the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference that, should the North Pacific Fishery Management Council continue to develop a Gulf of Alaska groundfish fishery management plan, the following actions are hereby requested:

1. Complete the Council's review of the Bering Sea crab rationalization program to enable the public to evaluate and comment on the impacts of crab rationalization and to enable the Council to make appropriate adjustments to the Gulf rationalization program in response.
2. Thoroughly analyze each alternative being considered by the Council before eliminating any of the alternatives, to provide the public with the opportunity to compare the effects of the various alternative son harvesters (including skippers and crew members), processors processor groups, fishing support services, and Gulf fishing communities.
3. Include limits on harvesting consolidation through vessel use caps that apply without exemption, and that are calculated to sustain skipper and crew employment opportunities and compensation.
4. Develop and bring forward for consideration an additional alternative which includes no processing shares, linkages or privileges of any kind. Include measures to maintain a diverse, competitive processing market, by providing a substantial pool of groundfish privileges for each sector that can be harvested without penalty and are not subject to processor linkage or processor closed class delivery systems.
5. If processing privileges are included, limit consolidation of such privileges through processor and facility use caps.
6. Designate federal harvesting privileges by region to reflect landing patterns similar to those occurring prior to program adoption and requires that fish harvested under such privileges be landed in their designated region.
7. Include a reasonable groundfish allocation, which may be harvested and processed without holding any federal or state dedicated access privilege subject to restrictions that the State of Alaska may deem necessary to maintain the entry-level character of such allocation.

8. Include a community fisheries quota program that provides an opportunity for small Gulf coastal communities to enhance their residents' participation in the Gulf groundfish fishery, under the conditions that the allocation to such program does not disrupt other Gulf of Alaska fishery dependent communities by displacing their fishermen, is required to be harvested by residents of the eligible communities, and requires that harvests made under such program be delivered on shore within the region of their allocation.
9. Include a community purchase program that provides Gulf coastal communities with the opportunity to maintain participation by their residents in the Gulf groundfish fishery by acquiring harvesting privileges for use by their residents and such program includes reasonable limits on the amount of harvesting privileges that any single eligible community may hold.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the members of Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference this Third day of February 2006.

Signed:


Glen Gardner
President

Attest:


Wanetta Ayers
Executive Director

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Report from Fisheries Committee: Do Pass
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Motion to Adopt: Linda Freed
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Motion Passed
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