

CITY & BOROUGH OF YAKUTAT, ALASKA

RESOLUTION 12-198

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF YAKUTAT ASSEMBLY
SUPPORTIING THE YAKUTAT REGIONAL AQUACULTURE ASSOCIATION, INC.
EFFORT TO IMPROVE AND ENHANCE THE YAKUTAT REGION'S SALMON AND
PROVIDE ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY OF YAKUTAT**

WHEREAS, Yakutat Regional Aquaculture Association, Inc. (YRAA) has met the State of Alaska statutory requirements and been recognized by the Commissioner of Fish and Game as an aquaculture association in the Yakutat area for salmon enhancement and rehabilitation purposes in accordance with the provisions of AS 16.10.375-470; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners recognition of YRAA entails the formation of the Yakutat Regional Planning Team (RPT) consisting of three members from YRAA and three members from the Department of Fish and Game appointed by the Commissioner to work together for planning and implementing projects in the Yakutat area; and

WHEREAS, Yakutat is facing the real possibility of the Hubbard Glacier causing a washout of the Situk River system which could devastate the historical local fishery; and


WHEREAS, enhancement has been shown to be beneficial in Southeast Alaska and Prince William Sound in economic benefits to the commercial fishermen, community benefits in increased jobs in fishing, processing and hatchery operations; and

WHEREAS, YRAA has a long-term goal of providing enhancement opportunities in order to provide a sufficient livelihood (\$50K - \$100K per permit) that locals can remain in Yakutat without moving or fishing in other regions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the City and Borough of Yakutat supports enhancement of the Yakutat region by the Yakutat Regional Aquaculture Association, Inc.


FURTHER RESOLVED, the City & Borough of Yakutat Mayor and City staff will cooperatively work with the Yakutat Regional Aquaculture Association, Inc. to pursue and accomplish these goals.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the Borough Assembly this 1 day of November, 2012



Cindy Bremner, Mayor

ATTEST:



Cathy Bremner, City Clerk

