

**LAKE AND PENINSULA BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION 16-06**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LEGISLATION IMPROVING  
ALASKANS' ACCESS TO ALASKA FISHERIES**

**WHEREAS**, limited entry commercial fisheries are the economic backbone of all of Alaska's coastal communities, from Southeast to Southwest;

**WHEREAS**, the "graying of the fleet" — the increasing average age of Alaska's fishermen — is endangering the ability to pass on experience, knowledge, resources, culture, and value of fisheries to younger generations of Alaskans;

**WHEREAS**, the out-migration of Alaska fishing permits to nonresidents who do not live or invest in our coastal communities deprives those communities of economic activity;

**WHEREAS**, the lack of economic opportunity in Alaskan communities from the loss of local fishing permits contributes to extreme levels of unemployment, lack of local tax base, and high rates of alcohol and drug abuse and other social ills;

**WHEREAS**, the legislation to improve Alaskans' access to Alaska fisheries has been collaboratively worked on for the previous 16 months with stakeholders from across Alaska;

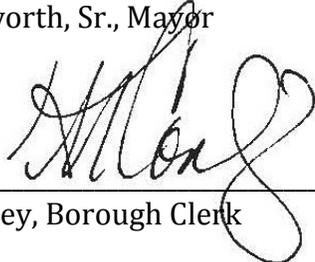
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Lake and Peninsula Borough supports the policies proposed by HB 366, which aims to improve Alaskans' access and opportunity in Alaska fisheries in order to stem the loss of Alaska fishing permits from coastal communities, provide young Alaskans better means of economic opportunity, and reinvigorate the cultural and economic vitality of fishing communities across Alaska.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by a duly constituted quorum of the Lake and Peninsula Borough Assembly on this 15th day of March 2016.



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Glen Alsworth, Sr., Mayor



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Kate Conley, Borough Clerk