

**LAKE AND PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 16-01**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN INDEPENDENT COMMERCIAL FISHERY ENTRY
COMMISSION DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, there is an ongoing attempt in the Alaska State Legislature to remove the Commercial Fishery Entry Commission's (CFEC'S) department status and to move it to division status under Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G); and

WHEREAS, the legislative audit of CFEC found that the commission should maintain its independence from Fish and Game to promote public trust in the program and to maintain a separation between the economic and biological management of fisheries; and

WHEREAS, there are no budget savings to be gained by the move; and

WHEREAS, the auditors found that the state could save \$1.2 million by reorganizing the commission while still maintaining its status as an independent agency; and

WHEREAS, the audit found that the most glaring deficiencies can be corrected without moving CFEC including:

- Hire an executive director to manage daily operations and facilitate an agency-wide restructuring;
- Prioritize the completion of an upgrade of the commission's licensing system;
- Properly manage a project to archive agency documents.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Lake and Peninsula Borough resolves that CFEC should retain its department status and maintain its independence from Fish and Game.

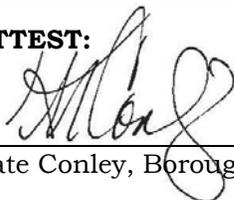
PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the Lake and Peninsula Borough Assembly this 26th day of January, 2016.

IN WITNESS THERETO:



Glen Alsworth Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:



Kate Conley, Borough Clerk