CITY OF GUSTAVUS, ALASKA
RESOLUTION 2010-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE GUSTAVUS CITY COUNCIL EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO ALLOWING AQUABOUNTY TO MARKET GENETICALLY-ENGINEERED SALMON.

WHEREAS, wild salmon are vitally important to subsistence, sport, and commercial fishermen in our community; and

WHEREAS, despite the best efforts of those who raise them, farmed salmon often escape; and

WHEREAS, the potential effects of escaped genetically-modified salmon on our wild salmon stocks include a potential to spread disease to wild stocks, to out-compete wild stocks, and even to interbreed with wild stocks; and

WHEREAS, any one or a combination of the potential effects noted above could be disastrous for the resource that has sustained many generations of Alaskans; and

WHEREAS, To the best of our knowledge, AquaBounty's salmon would be the first genetically-modified animal food product on the market, and if they are not labeled as genetically-modified, a wary public may avoid purchasing salmon altogether, harming our economy by diminishing the market for Alaska's wild salmon.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Gustavus City Council is opposed to allowing Aquabounty to market genetically-engineered salmon.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Gustavus City Council this 28th day of **October** 2010.

Jim Mackovjak, Mayor

Lou Cacioppo, Vice Mayor

Joe Lassiter, Council Member

Melanie Lesh, Council Member

Tim Sunday, Council Member

John Nixon, Council Member

Karen Taylor, Council Member

Attest: Kapryce Manchester, CMC
City Clerk