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**CITY OF GUSTAVUS, ALASKA
RESOLUTION 2011-18**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GUSTAVUS OPPOSING THE MODIFICATION OF HALIBUT FISHING REGULATIONS BY THE INTERNATIONAL PACIFIC HALIBUT COMMISSION WITHOUT FIRST CONDUCTING A THOROUGH ECONOMIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT THAT ADDRESSES THE EFFECTS OF THE PROPOSED CHANGES ON SMALL RURAL ALASKAN COMMUNITIES.

WHEREAS, the sport halibut charter industry is an important part of the tourism industry in the City of Gustavus as sport fishing brings many visitors which support the local economy with tourism revenue and taxable earnings within our community, and

WHEREAS, reductions in the commercial halibut fishery also have had a negative impact on the livelihood of our citizens, and

WHEREAS, the recently imposed "37 inch rule" has resulted in numerous cancellations from clients of charter operators operating within the City of Gustavus, and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the reduction of revenue to the charter operators within the City will have a damaging effect on the economic infrastructure of Gustavus, including direct losses to bed and sales tax revenues and satellite businesses such as air taxis, grocery stores and other businesses dependant on a healthy fleet.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Gustavus City Council requests that the economic impacts to communities directly dependent on fishing as a source of sustainable revenues, are considered prior to any changes to charter and commercial fishing regulations and quotas.

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