



CITY OF SAINT PAUL

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RESOLUTION 21-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL REDUCING CITY DOCKAGE AND WHARFAGE RATES FOR 2021-2022 BERING SEA SNOW CRAB FISHERY

WHEREAS, Trawl surveys conducted by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) in 2021, revealed dramatic declines in the biomasses of Bering Sea opilio snow crab, the nation's largest crab fishery; Bristol Bay red king crab (BBRKC); and Bering Sea District Tanner or bairdi crab, and;

WHEREAS, the Bering Sea 2021-2022 snow crab fishery total allowable catch (TAC) would be reduced from 45 million pounds to 5.6 million pounds. A dramatic 88% drop year to year – its lowest level in 40 years, and;

WHEREAS, all revenue streams flowing into Saint Paul Island will be severely impacted by the collapse of the crab stocks, and;

WHEREAS, it is important to maintain the crab rationalization program and the regional crab delivery structure intended by the program, and;

WHEREAS, Trident Seafoods and Central Bering Sea Fishermen's Association may experience operational losses during the execution of the Bering Sea 2021-2022 snow crab fishery, and;

WHEREAS, in order to ease the economic impacts of the dramatic declines in crab biomasses, protect the integrity of the crab rationalization program, and share in the burdens of the costs associated with pursuing a limited Bering Sea 2021-2022 snow crab fishery on Saint Paul Island, by reducing the costs and fees assessed for dockage and wharfage, and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Saint Paul hereby authorizes the City Administration to reduce the dockage and wharfage fees at all City docks for the Bering Sea 2021-2022 snow crab fishery by fifty percent (50%).

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL THIS 8TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2021 BY __ IN FAVOR __ OPPOSED AND __ ABSTAIN.

ATTEST:

Jacob N. Mercurief, Mayor

Monique Baker, City Clerk