



CITY OF SAINT PAUL

ALASKA

RESOLUTION 24-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL TO SUPPORT EFFORTS TO IMPROVE COMPETITIVENESS AND RESILIENCE OF THE ALASKA SEAFOOD INDUSTRY

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul is the municipal government for the approximately 335 residents of Saint Paul Island, and;

WHEREAS, fishing is the primary source of economic activity on Saint Paul Island, yielding primarily opilio/snow crab and halibut, both of which are usually processed on the island, and;

WHEREAS, since 1995, Saint Paul Island has been one of the primary crab processing locations in the Bering Sea helping to generate on an annual basis hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of profits for the crab fishing industry, and corresponding sales and fish tax revenues for the State of Alaska and the Nation, and;

WHEREAS, efforts to improve global competitiveness of Alaska commercial seafood provide benefits to the entire seafood industry, including harvesters, processors, and support businesses, as well as communities such as Saint Paul and the State of Alaska, and;

WHEREAS, Alaska seafood is currently facing exceptional national and global challenges including trade issues, high supply/inventory, high costs/inflation, reduced consumer demand, and global competitors that are less regulated, less sustainable, and/or have lower operating costs than domestic seafood producers, and;

WHEREAS, these challenges affect the economic viability of fishermen, processors, and local communities such as Saint Paul that are dependent on fish landing taxes across the state of Alaska.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Council of the City of Saint Paul hereby supports proposals identified by the Pacific Seafood Processors Association (PSPA), see attached, requiring efforts by the Federal government to:

- Improve and expand existing agency functions that support US seafood;
- Integrate US seafood production into national food policy strategies and USDA programs designed to support domestic food production, and;
- Restore a balanced approach in international trade to support the export of U.S. seafood product.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL THIS 30TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2024 BY _ IN FAVOR _ OPPOSED AND _ ABSTAIN.

ATTEST:

Aubrey Wegeleben, City Clerk

Jacob N. Mercurief, Mayor