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**ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE
RESOLUTION #2010-13**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE REQUESTING THAT THE
ALASKA BOARD OF FISH SCHEDULE THEIR MEETINGS TO BE HELD IN THE
IMPACTED REGION WHOSE ISSUES THEY ARE ADDRESSING**

WHEREAS, Alaska's commercial fisheries employ more people as harvesters and processors than any other industry in the state, and

WHEREAS, there are many communities who directly and indirectly rely on Alaska's fisheries for their livelihood, and

WHEREAS, there are many issues facing Alaska's fisheries including sustainable management policies; processing capacity, oil and gas development, mineral exploration, the high cost of energy, climate change, economic stress, and other issues, and

WHEREAS, many of the state's affected residents and business owners are facing very trying economic times and the added burden of expensive travel costs will hinder many from participating in future Board of Fish meetings regularly held in Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, meetings held in Anchorage may disenfranchise many Alaskan rural residents and business owners, while giving unfair advantage to outside interests who can afford to attend the Anchorage meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fish should meet in the region that it is making decisions about which directly and indirectly impact those living and working in that region.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Municipal League requests that the Alaska Board of Fish schedule their meetings to be held in the impacted region whose issues they are addressing.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska Municipal League urges the Governor and the Alaska Legislature to use their statutory powers to move the Board of Fish in this direction for the benefit of Alaska's fisheries and their stakeholders.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Alaska Municipal League on this 20th day of November, 2009.

Signed: 
Mayor Bert Cottle, President, Alaska Municipal League

Attest: 
Kathie Wasserman, Executive Director, Alaska Municipal League