

CITY OF UNALASKA
UNALASKA, ALASKA

RESOLUTION 2026-37

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF UNALASKA SUPPORTING SOUTHWEST ALASKA MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE JOINT RESOLUTION 2026-06-01 AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE JOINT RESOLUTION ON BEHALF OF THE CITY

WHEREAS, the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference (SWAMC) has requested that municipalities and federally recognized tribes in the region sign on to Joint Resolution 2026-06-01, calling for fact-based dialogue on the future of Alaska fisheries and coastal communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Unalaska is one of the nation's leading fishing ports and its economy, workforce, and community well-being are directly tied to the sustainability of Alaska's fisheries and the marine transportation, supply chain, and processing systems that support them; and

WHEREAS, SWAMC Joint Resolution 2026-06-01 highlights the critical economic contributions of Southwest Alaska communities, the importance of science-based fisheries management, and the need for policymakers to consider the economic, social, and cultural impacts of proposed fisheries policies; and

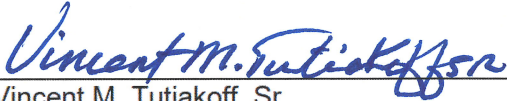
WHEREAS, the City of Unalaska shares these priorities and supports efforts to ensure that fisheries policy is informed by rigorous science, meaningful engagement with affected communities, and a clear understanding of the economic linkages that sustain Southwest Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it in the best interest of the community to join other Southwest Alaska municipalities and tribes in supporting SWAMC Joint Resolution 2026-06-01;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Unalaska hereby supports and adopts the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference Joint Resolution 2026-06-01, titled "A Resolution Calling for Fact-Based Dialogue on the Future of Alaska Fisheries and Coastal Communities."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to sign SWAMC Joint Resolution 2026-06-01 on behalf of the City of Unalaska.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Unalaska on this 23rd day of June, 2026.



Vincent M. Tutiakoff, Sr.
Mayor

ATTEST:



Estkarlen P. Magdaong, CMC
City Clerk



SOUTHWEST ALASKA MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-06-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE UNDERSIGNED MUNICIPALITIES AND FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBES OF SOUTHWEST ALASKA CALLING FOR FACT-BASED DIALOGUE ON THE FUTURE OF ALASKA FISHERIES AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES

WHEREAS, Southwest Alaska is one of the most important seafood-producing regions in the United States, home to four of the nation's top fishing ports and a seafood industry that contributes nearly 70 percent of Alaska's seafood processing output, supports thousands of jobs, and generates the majority of Alaska's shared fisheries tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, between 2015 and 2024, economic activity in Southwest Alaska communities generated approximately 75 percent of all shared fisheries tax revenues in Alaska, demonstrating the region's critical contribution to local governments and the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the economic health of Southwest Alaska is directly tied to the continued sustainability of Alaska's fisheries and the marine, fuel, and supply chain systems that leverage the economy of scale from our fisheries to serve our communities; and

WHEREAS, public debate regarding Alaska fisheries increasingly includes proposals that could significantly affect fishing families, seafood workers, processors, local governments, Alaska Native communities, and coastal economies, often without full consideration of the economic, social, and cultural consequences of such actions; and

WHEREAS, the long-term success of Alaska's fisheries depends upon management systems that continuously improve through rigorous scientific research, stock assessment, ecosystem monitoring, transparency, accountability, and meaningful engagement with the communities most directly affected by management decisions; and

WHEREAS, Southwest Alaska communities possess generations of local knowledge and practical experience that complement scientific research and contribute to effective stewardship of Alaska's marine resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the undersigned communities of Southwest Alaska reaffirm their support for fisheries management that is science-based, adaptive, transparent, accountable, inclusive, and committed to continuous improvement as environmental, economic, and social conditions evolve;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that management decisions should consider both biological sustainability and the economic and social impacts on fishing families, seafood workers,



processors, Alaska Native communities, local governments, and the broader statewide economy supported by Alaska fisheries; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that state and federal fisheries policies should recognize the inseparable relationship between healthy fish stocks and healthy fishing communities and should be developed in partnership with the communities whose economies, cultures, and futures depend upon sustainable fisheries; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Alaska's policymakers and management agencies should prioritize investments in fisheries research, stock assessment, climate and ecosystem science, seafood market development, workforce development, and transportation and infrastructure systems that support sustainable fisheries and resilient coastal communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the communities of Southwest Alaska call upon all candidates for public office, policymakers, advocacy organizations, and Alaskans to engage in informed, respectful, and fact-based dialogue regarding the future of Alaska fisheries and to carefully consider the impacts of proposed policies on the communities, workers, families, and businesses that depend upon continued access to sustainably managed fisheries resources; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that meaningful public discussion about Alaska fisheries should be grounded in science, informed by the experiences of fishing communities, and focused on solutions that sustain both marine resources and the people who depend upon them; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor of Alaska, members of the Alaska Legislature, Alaska's Congressional Delegation, the Alaska Board of Fisheries, the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, municipal governments, tribal organizations, and all candidates for statewide and federal office in Alaska.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of June, 2026.

Signed

Attest:

SOUTHWEST ALASKA MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE

Mayor Alice Ruby, President
Board of Directors
Bristol Bay Municipal Seat
City of Dillingham

Wanetta Ayers, Executive Director
Office: (907) 562-7380
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director@swamc.org



Agdaagux Tribe of King Cove:

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Aleutians East Borough:

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Alutiiq Tribe of Old Harbor :

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Bristol Bay Borough:

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Chignik Bay Tribal Council:

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Chignik Lake Village:

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City Chignik:

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City of Adak:

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City of Akhiok:

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City of Akutan:

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City of Aleknagik:

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City of Clark's Point:

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City of Cold Bay:

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City of Dillingham:

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City of Egegik:

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City of False Pass:

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City of King Cove:

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City of Larsen Bay:

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City of Unalaska:

Vincent M. Tutuakoy, Sr. Date: 6/24/2026

Curyung Tribal Council:

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Egegik Village:

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Ivanof Bay Tribe:

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Kaguyak Village:

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King Salmon Tribe:

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Kodiak Island Borough:

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Kokhanok Village:

_____ Date: _____

Lake & Peninsula Borough:

_____ Date: _____



Levelock Village:

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Manokotak Village:

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Naknek Native Village:

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Native Village of Afognak:

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Native Village of Akhiok:

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Native Village of Akutan:

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Native Village of Aleknagik:

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Native Village of Atka :

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Native Village of Chignik Lagoon:

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Native Village of Perryville:

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Native Village of Pilot Point :

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Native Village of Port Heiden:

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Native Village of Port Lions:

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Native Village of Unga:

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New Koliganek Village Council:

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New Stuyahok Village:

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Newhalen Village:

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Pauloff Harbor Village:

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Pedro Bay Village:

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Portage Creek Village:

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Qagan Tayagungin Tribe of Sand Point Village :

_____ Date: _____

Qawalangin Tribe of Unalaska:

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Saint George Island:

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Saint Paul Island:

_____ Date: _____

South Naknek Village:

_____ Date: _____

Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak:

_____ Date: _____

Tangirnaq Native Village:

_____ Date: _____

Traditional Village of Togiak:

_____ Date: _____

Twin Hills Village:

_____ Date: _____



Ugashik Village:

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Village of Clarks Point:

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Village of Iliamna:

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June 15, 2026

The Honorable Vince Tutiakoff, Sr.
PO Box 610
Unalaska, Alaska 99685

Dear Mayor ~~Tutiakoff~~:

We know everyone is headed into a busy summer fishing season. However, we can't let this moment pass without asking you to sign on to the enclosed resolution. Even if you are not a current municipal or tribal member of SWAMC, we are reaching out to ask everyone who is concerned about the future of fisheries-driven communities to sign on to this resolution.

While we are all occupied with fishing, the political season is roiling away. The very future of our communities and economy is being targeted in ways that endanger us all. We must speak out.

The SWAMC Board of Directors commissioned an update to the economic geography study titled [*Southwest Alaska's Economic Linkages to the State and Beyond*](#) to produce up-to-date insights on the importance of our region, the scope of our fisheries-driven economy, and our contributions to the state, the nation, and the global seafood supply chain that begins in Southwest Alaska.

Based on this study, previous work by SWAMC, and the current situation, we propose a joint resolution by the municipalities and tribes of our region to assert the facts in the study and call on candidates and policymakers to use science, sound management, and consultation with municipalities and tribes in Southwest Alaska to shape informed positions and policies.

Please join us by providing your acceptance of the resolution along with the signature of your presiding officer or other designated representative as soon as practicable.

Alternatively, you can submit your own resolution using your own language or using the enclosed resolution as your starting point. We are happy to provide our distribution list to ensure we are all reaching the same audience.

We seek a strong, unified voice as primary campaigning and political dialogue will continue apace while we are all busy with fishing and life in rural Alaska. We can't leave the playing field without trying to inform candidates, decisionmakers, and policymakers. We feel this is our best opportunity to do so. Please join us.

Respectfully,
SOUTHWEST ALASKA MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE



Alice Ruby, President
Board of Directors