

# City of Sand Point



## RESOLUTION 19-01

### **A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF SAND POINT IN SUPPORT OF CHANGING THE TRANSFERABILITY OF LIMITED ENTRY SALMON PERMITS BY ALLOWING AN ADDITIONAL NAME ON THE PERMIT**

**WHEREAS**, the number of limited entry salmon permits are leaving Alaska's rural communities at an alarming rate; and

**WHEREAS**, this trend is resulting in fewer economic opportunities and causing communities to shrink; and

**WHEREAS**, the out-migration of permits has escalated mainly due to the "graying of the fleet;" and

**WHEREAS**, the average age of a state fishing permit holder is 50 years: and

**WHEREAS**, one of the biggest obstacles new entrants wanting to pursue a career in fishing face is lack of capital and an established credit history to get started; and

**WHEREAS**, allowing an additional name to be listed would allow permit holders to mentor up- and-coming fishermen in the community and transition them into the fisheries; and

**WHEREAS**, allowing an additional name to be listed would eliminate the permit holder's fear of losing the permit; and

**WHEREAS**, allowing an additional name to be listed would allow a surviving spouse of a permit holder to maintain that permit in his/her name and provide the individual the opportunity to sell salmon with no other ownership; and

**WHEREAS**, given Alaska's current fiscal crisis, it's more important than ever to maintain and increase economic opportunities for individuals and families who are dependent on the fisheries.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Sand Point urges the Alaska Legislature to pass legislation redefining the transferability of limited entry salmon permits by allowing an additional name to be listed on permits to keep permits in rural communities.

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY A DULY CONSTITUTED QUORUM OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF SAND POINT ON THIS 8<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2019.**

**CITY OF SAND POINT**

  
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Glen Gardner Jr., Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Shannon Sommer, City Clerk