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RESOLUTION 2018-06

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING BALLOT MEASURE 1, THE STAND FOR SALMON
INITIATIVE**

- WHEREAS:** The Bristol Bay Native Association (BBNA) is an Alaska Native regional non-profit corporation and a Tribal Consortium which provides a variety of educational, social, economic and related services to the Native people of the Bristol Bay Region; and
- WHEREAS:** The watershed of the Bristol Bay Region, including the Chignik sub-region, supports the world's most prolific wild salmon runs, a revered renewable resource that has been harvested sustainably for millennia and is central to the cultural traditions of the diverse Alaska Native cultures of the region; and
- WHEREAS:** BBNA wishes to reaffirm its support for habitat protections that will ensure the sustainability of salmon of all species for generations to come and sustain our cultural, traditional, spiritual and economic well-being and way of life; and
- WHEREAS:** BBNA recognizes that economic and community development is needed in rural Alaska for our tribal members to thrive, but believes development must be balanced with habitat protections that limit and mitigate harmful impacts to salmon resources; and
- WHEREAS:** Although the 2018 inshore Bristol Bay sockeye salmon run of 62.3 million fish was the largest on record dating back to 1893, the Chignik fishery failed and elsewhere in Alaska 2018 was a poor year for salmon runs; and
- WHEREAS:** Governor Walker declared an economic disaster for the Chignik fishery on August 23, 2018 since current harvest rates are low enough to threaten the communities of Chignik, Chignik Lagoon, Chignik Lake, Perryville, and Ivanof Bay; and
- WHEREAS:** Alaska's Fish Habitat Permitting Law does not have strong or clear enough language to protect salmon spawning and rearing grounds; and
- WHEREAS:** The current law requires the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to approve proposals for projects in or near salmon streams unless the plans are "insufficient for the proper protection of fish and game." AS

16.05.871(d); and

WHEREAS: The law does not define the "proper protection of fish and game," and the resulting ambiguity has led to widely different interpretations by different state administrations; and

WHEREAS: The existing law does not provide for a public input process on permit applications; and

WHEREAS: Alaska's Board of Fisheries submitted a letter to the Alaska State Legislature in January of 2017 requesting that the habitat permitting law be updated, yet the Legislature has not acted; and

WHEREAS: Supporters of better salmon habitat protection have succeeded in getting a citizens' ballot initiative, "Stand for Salmon," on the November general election ballot as Ballot Measure 1; and

WHEREAS: Ballot Measure 1 would improve the existing state fish habitat permitting law by establishing clear standards for projects and permitting activities that have the potential to harm fish habitat, by defining the important characteristics of salmon habitats, by allowing ADF&G to apply the law to all habitat in Alaska that directly or indirectly supports salmon or other anadromous fish, by providing for a public process for permit applications, by requiring ADF&G to avoid or minimize adverse effects by mitigation measures and permit conditions, and by providing enforcement mechanisms once a permit has been issued;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Bristol Bay Native Association that the Bristol Bay Native Association supports Ballot Measure 1, the Stand for Salmon initiative, amending the State of Alaska fish habitat permitting law.


Fred T. Angasan, Chairman of the Board

CERTIFICATION:

I, the undersigned Secretary of the Bristol Bay Native Association, do hereby certify that the Board of Directors of the Bristol Bay Native Association passed the foregoing resolution at a duly called and noticed meeting on this 28th day of September 2018, and that a quorum was present.


Robert Heyano, Secretary

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Feedback Category: Fish and Game
Specific Topic: Ballot Measure 1
Position: Positive

Dear Lt. Mallot, I understand you'll be in Fairbanks this week taking testimony re: Ballot Measure 1. And I won't be able to attend the gathering due to having to be at work, but I'd like to go on record as being in FULL SUPPORT OF BALLOT MEASURE 1. Especially with this current administration, protections for our ecosystems are being revoked at what seems like lightning speed, in order to make way for land destruction and development. This CANNOT happen here!! Not only do I fully support Ballot Measure 1, I strongly oppose the Pebble Mine, opening of ANWR and ANY development that will endanger salmon, caribou, our wildlife, Bristol Bay, and the Northern Seas and North Slope. These are irreplaceable treasures, and it only takes one small "accident" to create a disaster that can last for untold decades. Pipelines have been developing leaks and ecological, water and wildlife devastation all across the lower 48 and you hear NOTHING about it! It's like a conspiracy to poison everything that is being swept under the rug! We live on the Ring of Fire, and theres no man-made holding pond or pipeline that can withstand Mother Nature's cycles! I'm asking you and Governor Walker to please support Ballot Measure 1, and in addition, stand strong with the Gwich'in in opposing the opening of ANWR and also oppose any forward movement that would allow the Pebble Project to go forward. Thank you so much for hearing my comments...

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