

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

RESOLUTION # 16-36

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA, OPPOSING LOCATION AND TIMING OF U.S. NAVY TRAINING EXERCISES THAT POSE RISKS TO FISHERIES, WILDLIFE, AND MARINE HABITATS IN THE GULF OF ALASKA

WHEREAS, the City of Valdez is the governing body with the full power and authority as recognized by the citizens of Valdez, to act for its members, and has responsibility to provide government for the good health and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Navy plans to conduct training activities utilizing explosives, live ordnance, and sonar in the Gulf of Alaska in 2017 that will have impacts on marine life and habitat vital to the interests of the City of Valdez and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, these trainings will impact the waters of the Gulf of Alaska by annually releasing up to approximately 352,000 pounds of expended materials including up to 10,500 pounds of hazardous materials including cyanide, chromium, lead, tungsten, nickel, cadmium, barium chromate, chlorides, phosphorus, titanium compounds, lead oxide, potassium perchlorate, lead chromate, ammonium perchlorate, fulminate of mercury, and lead azide into waters designated by NOAA as Essential Fish Habitat for a multitude of species that support the economic development in Alaskan coastal communities and harvest of wild Alaskan salmon and other fish for global markets; and

WHEREAS, the training area and vicinity is a highly productive region for many marine fish and shellfish populations and supports some of the most productive fisheries in the United States, and an important spawning area for many fishes, and the training is scheduled to take place during the summer season when many fish populations are migrating and spawning (at least 383 species belonging to 84 families of marine and anadromous fishes have been reported from the predominant ecosystems found in the training area); and

WHEREAS, the port of Valdez is reliant on the fish and wildlife resources in the Gulf of Alaska for their subsistence harvest and the livelihoods supported by commercial fishing; and

WHEREAS, the City of Valdez supports all cultural, traditional and subsistence activities historically and continually practiced by Native and non-Native peoples in the Gulf of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the City of Valdez finds no scientific information or traditional knowledge demonstrating that the U.S. Navy's training activities can take place without negatively affecting salmon, marine mammal, bird and other marine habitats.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA, that

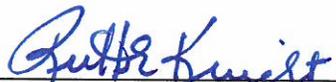
Section 1. The Valdez City Council hereby requests that the U.S. Navy refrain from using live ordnance or sonar in any Marine Protected Area, including NOAA Fisheries Marine Protected Areas, State Marine Protected Areas, and Habitat Areas of Particular Concern.

Section 2. The Valdez City Council hereby requests that the U.S. Navy relocate its training area to the far southeast corner of the current designated training area, off the Continental Shelf areas of the Gulf of Alaska, and away from seamounts.

Section 3. The Valdez City Council hereby requests the U.S. Navy to conduct its training exercises after the middle of September and before the Spring, so as not to impact migrating salmon and other species.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA, this 4th day of October, 2016.

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

  
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Ruth E. Knight, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Sheri L. Pierce, MMC, City Clerk



**CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA  
RESOLUTION 06-16-24**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA  
OPPOSING SITING AND TIMING OF U.S. NAVY TRAINING EXERCISES THAT  
POSE RISKS TO FISH AND FISHERIES IN THE GULF OF ALASKA**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Cordova is the governing body with the full power and authority as recognized by the citizens of Cordova, to act for its members, and has the responsibility to provide government for the good health and welfare of its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Navy has plans to conduct training activities utilizing explosives, live ordnance, and sonar in the Gulf of Alaska in 2017 that will have impacts on marine life and habitat vital to the interests of the City of Cordova and its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, these trainings will impact the waters of the Gulf of Alaska by annually releasing up to approximately 352,000 pounds of expended materials including up to 10,500 pounds of hazardous materials including cyanide, chromium, lead, tungsten, nickel, cadmium, barium chromate, chlorides, phosphorus, titanium compounds, lead oxide, potassium perchlorate, lead chromate, ammonium perchlorate, fulminate of mercury, and lead azide into waters designated by NOAA as Essential Fish Habitat for a multitude of species that support the economic development in Alaskan coastal communities and harvest of wild Alaskan salmon and other fish for global markets; and

**WHEREAS**, the training area and vicinity is a highly productive region for many marine fish and shellfish populations and supports some of the most productive fisheries in the United States, and an important spawning area for many fish, and the training is scheduled to take place during the summer season when many fish populations are migrating and spawning (at least 383 species belonging to 84 families of marine and anadromous fish have been reported from the predominant ecosystems found in the training area); and

**WHEREAS**, the port of Cordova is often ranked in the top 15 U.S. ports for quantity of seafood landed and dollar value of seafood harvests (Fisheries of the U.S., NOAA), illustrating coastal Alaska's reliance on the fish and wildlife resources in the Gulf of Alaska for their subsistence harvest and the livelihoods supported by commercial fishing; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Cordova supports all cultural, traditional and subsistence activities historically and continually practiced by Native and non-Native peoples in the Gulf of Alaska.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska does hereby request that the U.S. Navy refrain from using live ordnance or sonar in any Marine Protected Area, including NOAA Fisheries Marine Protected Areas, State Marine Protected Areas and Habitat Areas of Particular Concern; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska hereby requests that the U.S. Navy relocate its training area to the far southeast corner of the current designated training area, off the Continental Shelf areas of the Gulf of Alaska, and away from seamounts; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska requests that the U.S. Navy conduct its training exercises after the middle of September and before the Spring, so as not to impact migrating salmon and other species.

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 22<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2016**



*Clay R. Koplin*  
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Clay Koplin, Mayor

ATTEST: *Susan Bourgeois*  
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Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk

**Municipality  
of  
Anchorage**



*P.O. Box 390  
Girdwood, Alaska 99587  
<http://www.muni.org/gbos>  
**Ethan Berkowitz, Mayor***

*GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Sam Daniel/Jerry Fox, Co-Chairs  
Tommy O'Malley, Robert Snitzer, Eryn Boone*

**Resolution 2016-13  
Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CHANGING EXISTING SITE AND SEASON  
OF U.S. NAVY TRAINING EXERCISES IN THE GULF OF ALASKA**

**WHEREAS**, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors is recognized as the Girdwood Community Council Ex-Officio, with the Girdwood Land Use Committee as the recognized one-person, one-vote representative body of the citizens of the Girdwood Valley; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Navy plans to conduct training activities utilizing explosives, live ordnance, and sonar in the Gulf of Alaska in 2017 that will have impacts on marine life and habitat of interest to residents of the Girdwood Valley; and

**WHEREAS**, these trainings will impact the waters of the Gulf of Alaska by annually releasing up to approximately 352,000 pounds of expended materials including up to 10,500 pounds of hazardous materials including cyanide, chromium, lead, tungsten, nickel, cadmium, barium chromate, chlorides, phosphorus, titanium compounds, lead oxide, potassium perchlorate, lead chromate, ammonium perchlorate, fulminate of mercury, and lead azide into waters designated by NOAA as Essential Fish Habitat for a multitude of species that support the economic development in Alaskan coastal communities and harvest of wild Alaskan salmon and other fish for global markets; and

**WHEREAS**, the training area and vicinity is a highly productive region for many marine fish and shellfish populations and supports some of the most productive fisheries in the United States, and an important spawning area for many fishes, and the training is scheduled to take place during the summer season when many fish populations are migrating and spawning (at least 383 species belonging to 84 families of marine and anadromous fishes have been reported from the predominant ecosystems found in the training area); and

**WHEREAS**, the residents of Girdwood are reliant on the fish and wildlife resources in the Gulf of Alaska for their subsistence harvest and the livelihoods supported by commercial fishing; and

**WHEREAS**, Girdwood supports all cultural, traditional and subsistence activities historically and continually practiced by Native and non-Native peoples in the Gulf of Alaska; and

**WHEREAS**, Girdwood finds no scientific information or traditional knowledge demonstrating that the U.S. Navy's training activities can take place without negatively affecting salmon, marine mammal, bird and other marine habitats; and

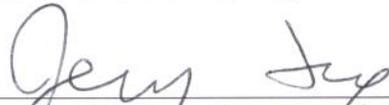
**WHEREAS**, the Girdwood Land Use Committee, which has heard presentations and public testimony regarding this matter on October 10, 2016 and on November 14, 2016, and has recommended this GBOS Resolution of Support by a vote of the public attending the Regular meeting of the Girdwood Land Use Committee on November 14, 2016 by a vote of 9 for and 0 against with 3 abstaining.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Girdwood Board of Supervisors does hereby request that the U.S. Navy refrain from using live ordnance or sonar in any Marine Protected Area, including NOAA Fisheries Marine Protected Areas, State Marine Protected Areas and Habitat Areas of Particular Concern;

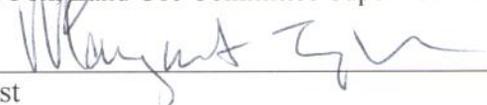
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Girdwood Board of Supervisors requests that the U.S. Navy relocate its training area to the far southeast corner of the current designated training area, off the Continental Shelf areas of the Gulf of Alaska, and away from seamounts; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Girdwood Board of Supervisors requests the U.S. Navy to conduct its training exercises after September 20 and before March 20 annually, so as not to impact migrating salmon and other species.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the Girdwood Board of Supervisors this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2016 by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

  
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Jerry Fox, Land Use Committee Supervisor for the GBOS

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Date

  
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**CITY OF HOMER  
HOMER, ALASKA**

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**RESOLUTION 16-081(A)**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA,  
OPPOSING SITING AND TIMING OF U.S. NAVY TRAINING  
EXERCISES THAT POSE RISKS TO FISH AND FISHERIES IN THE  
GULF OF ALASKA.

WHEREAS, The City of Homer is the governing body with the full power and authority as recognized by the citizens of Homer, to act for its members, and has responsibility to provide government for the good health and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, The City of Homer recognizes the value of naval practices in preparing our Navy for wartime activities; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Navy plans to conduct training activities utilizing explosives, live ordnance, and sonar in the Gulf of Alaska in 2017 that will have impacts on marine life and habitat vital to the interests of the City of Homer and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, These trainings will impact the waters of the Gulf of Alaska by annually releasing up to approximately 352,000 pounds of expended materials including up to 10,500 pounds of hazardous materials including cyanide, chromium, lead, tungsten, nickel, cadmium, barium chromate, chlorides, phosphorus, titanium compounds, lead oxide, potassium perchlorate, lead chromate, ammonium perchlorate, fulminate of mercury, and lead azide into waters designated by NOAA as Essential Fish Habitat for a multitude of species that support the economic development in Alaskan coastal communities and harvest of wild Alaskan salmon and other fish for global markets; and

WHEREAS, The training area and vicinity is a highly productive region for many marine fish and shellfish populations and supports some of the most productive fisheries in the United States, and an important spawning area for many fishes, and the training is scheduled to take place during the summer season when many fish populations are migrating and spawning (at least 383 species belonging to 84 families of marine and anadromous fishes have been reported from the predominant ecosystems found in the training area); and

WHEREAS, The port of Homer is reliant on the fish and wildlife resources in the Gulf of Alaska for their subsistence harvest and the livelihoods supported by commercial fishing; and

41 WHEREAS, The City of Homer supports all cultural, traditional and subsistence  
42 activities historically and continually practiced by Native and non-Native peoples in the Gulf  
43 of Alaska; and  
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45 WHEREAS, The City of Homer finds no scientific information or traditional knowledge  
46 demonstrating that the U.S. Navy's training activities can take place without negatively  
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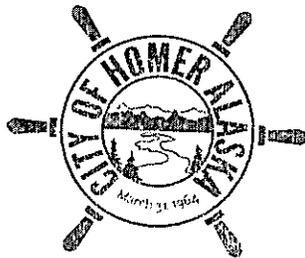
49 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska, does  
50 hereby request that the U.S. Navy refrain from using live ordnance or sonar in any Marine  
51 Protected Area, including NOAA Fisheries Marine Protected Areas, State Marine Protected  
52 Areas and Habitat Areas of Particular Concern.  
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54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the Homer, Alaska, hereby requests  
55 that the U.S. Navy relocate its training area to the far southeast corner of the current  
56 designated training area, off the Continental Shelf areas of the Gulf of Alaska, and away from  
57 seamounts.  
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59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska, requests the U.S.  
60 Navy to conduct its training exercises after the middle of September and before the spring, so  
61 as not to impact migrating salmon and other species.  
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63 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016.  
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*Mary E. Wythe*  
MARY E. WYTHE, MAYOR

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*Jo Johnson*  
JO JOHNSON, MMC, CITY CLERK

77 Fiscal Note: N/A

**CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-23**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA OPPOSING SITING AND TIMING OF U.S. NAVY TRAINING EXERCISES THAT POSE RISKS TO FISH AND FISHERIES IN THE GULF OF ALASKA**

**WHEREAS**, the City and Borough of Sitka is the governing body with the full power and authority as recognized by the citizens of Sitka, to act for its members, and has responsibility to provide government for the good health and welfare of its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Navy plans to conduct training activities utilizing explosives, live ordnance, and sonar in the Gulf of Alaska in 2017 that will have impacts on marine life and habitat vital to the interests of the City of Sitka and its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, these trainings will impact the waters of the Gulf of Alaska by annually releasing up to approximately 352,000 pounds of expended materials including up to 10,500 pounds of hazardous materials including cyanide, chromium, lead, tungsten, nickel, cadmium, barium chromate, chlorides, phosphorus, titanium compounds, lead oxide, potassium perchlorate, lead chromate, ammonium perchlorate, fulminate of mercury, and lead azide into waters designated by NOAA as Essential Fish Habitat for a multitude of species that support the economic development in Alaskan coastal communities and harvest of wild Alaskan salmon and other fish for global markets; and

**WHEREAS**, the training area and vicinity is a highly productive region for many marine fish and shellfish populations and supports some of the most productive fisheries in the United States, and an important spawning area for many fishes, and the training is scheduled to take place during the summer season when many fish populations are migrating and spawning (at least 383 species belonging to 84 families of marine and anadromous fishes have been reported from the predominant ecosystems found in the training area); and

**WHEREAS**, the port of Sitka is reliant on the fish and wildlife resources in the Gulf of Alaska for their subsistence harvest and the livelihoods supported by commercial fishing; and

**WHEREAS**, the City and Borough of Sitka supports all cultural, traditional and subsistence activities historically and continually practiced by Native and non-Native peoples in the Gulf of Alaska; and

**WHEREAS**, the City and Borough of Sitka finds no scientific information or traditional knowledge demonstrating that the U.S. Navy's training activities can take place without negatively affecting salmon, marine mammal, bird and other marine habitats.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka does hereby request that the U.S. Navy refrain from using live ordnance or sonar in any Marine

Protected Area, including NOAA Fisheries Marine Protected Areas, State Marine Protected Areas and Habitat Areas of Particular Concern;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka hereby requests that the U.S. Navy relocate its training area to the far southeast corner of the current designated training area, off the Continental Shelf areas of the Gulf of Alaska, and away from seamounts; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka requests the U.S. Navy to conduct its training exercises after the middle of September and before the Spring, so as not to impact migrating salmon and other species.

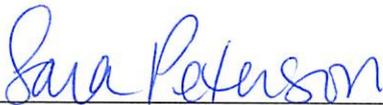
**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska, on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2016.



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Matthew Hunter, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Sara Peterson, CMC  
Municipal Clerk

1<sup>st</sup> and final reading 11/8/16

**City of Tenakee Springs  
RESOLUTION 2017-05**

In the Council  
December 29, 2016

Introduced by  
Steve Lewis

**A RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF TENAKEE SPRINGS, ALASKA  
OPPOSING SITING AND TIMING OF US. NAVY TRAINING EXERCISES  
THAT POSE RISKS TO FISH AND FISHERIES IN THE GULF OF ALASKA**

- WHEREAS,** the City of Tenakee Springs is the governing body with the full power and authority as recognized by the citizens of Tenakee Springs, to act for its members, and has responsibility to provide government for the good health and welfare of its citizens; and
- WHEREAS,** the U.S. Navy plans to conduct training activities utilizing explosives, live ordnance, and sonar in the Gulf of Alaska in 2017 that will have impacts on marine life and habitat vital to the interests of the City of Tenakee Springs and its citizens; and
- WHEREAS,** these trainings will impact the waters of the Gulf of Alaska by annually releasing up to approximately 352,000 pounds of expended materials including up to 10,500 pounds of hazardous materials including cyanide, chromium, lead, tungsten, nickel, cadmium, barium chromate, chlorides, phosphorus, titanium compounds, lead oxide, potassium perchlorate, lead chromate, ammonium perchlorate, fulminate of mercury, and lead azide into waters designated by NOAA as Essential Fish Habitat for a multitude of species that support the economic development in Alaskan coastal communities and harvest of wild Alaskan salmon and other fish for global markets; and
- WHEREAS,** the training area and vicinity is a highly productive region for many marine fish and shellfish populations and supports some of the most productive fisheries in the United States, and an important spawning area for many fishes, and the training is scheduled to take place during the summer season when many fish populations are migrating and spawning (at least 383 species belonging to 84 families of marine and anadromous fishes have been reported from the predominant ecosystems found in the training area); and
- WHEREAS,** Residents of Tenakee Springs depend on the fish and wildlife resources in the Gulf of Alaska for their subsistence harvest and the livelihoods supported by commercial fishing; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Tenakee Springs supports all cultural, traditional and subsistence activities historically and continually practiced by Native and non-Native peoples in the Gulf of Alaska; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Tenakee Springs finds no scientific information or traditional knowledge demonstrating that the U.S. Navy's training activities can take place without negatively affecting salmon, marine mammal, bird and other marine habitats.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Tenakee Springs, Alaska does hereby request that the U.S. Navy refrain from using live ordnance or sonar in any Marine Protected Area, including NOAA Fisheries Marine Protected Areas, State Marine Protected Areas and Habitat Areas of Particular Concern;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Tenakee Springs, Alaska hereby requests that the U.S. Navy relocate its training area to the far southeast corner of the current designated training area, off the Continental Shelf areas of the Gulf of Alaska, and away from seamounts; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Tenakee Springs, Alaska requests the U.S. Navy to conduct its training exercises after the middle of September and before the Spring, so as not to impact migrating salmon and other species.

**ADOPTED** 5 Yes, 2 Absent **THIS** 29<sup>th</sup> **DAY OF** December **2016**

  
John C. Wisenbaugh  
City Council President  
Ex officio MAYOR

**ATTEST:**

  
Mary Almy  
City Clerk

**CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA  
RESOLUTION 02-2017**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA  
OPPOSING SITING AND TIMING OF U.S. NAVY TRAINING EXERCISES THAT POSE  
RISKS TO FISH AND FISHERIES IN THE GULF OF ALASKA**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Whittier is the governing body with the full power and authority as recognized by the citizens of Whittier, to act for its members, and has responsibility to provide government for the good health and welfare of its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Navy plans to conduct training activities utilizing explosives, live ordnance, and sonar in the Gulf of Alaska in 2017 that will have impacts on marine life and habitat vital to the interests of the City of Whittier and its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, these trainings will impact the waters of the Gulf of Alaska by annually releasing up to approximately 352,000 pounds of expended materials including up to 10,500 pounds of hazardous materials including cyanide, chromium, lead, tungsten, nickel, cadmium, barium chromate, chlorides, phosphorus, titanium compounds, lead oxide, potassium perchlorate, lead chromate, ammonium perchlorate, fulminate of mercury, and lead azide into waters designated by NOAA as Essential Fish Habitat for a multitude of species that support the economic development in Alaskan coastal communities and harvest of wild Alaskan salmon and other fish for global markets; and

**WHEREAS**, the training area and vicinity is a highly productive region for many marine fish and shellfish populations and supports some of the most productive fisheries in the United States, and an important spawning area for many fishes, and the training is scheduled to take place during the summer season when many fish populations are migrating and spawning (at least 383 species belonging to 84 families of marine and anadromous fishes have been reported from the predominant ecosystems found in the training area); and

**WHEREAS**, the port of Whittier is reliant on the fish and wildlife resources in the Gulf of Alaska for their subsistence harvest and the livelihoods supported by commercial fishing; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Whittier supports all cultural, traditional and subsistence activities historically and continually practiced by Native and non-Native peoples in the Gulf of Alaska; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Whittier finds limited scientific information or traditional knowledge demonstrating that the U.S. Navy's training activities can take place without negatively affecting salmon, marine mammal, bird and other marine habitats.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Whittier, Alaska does hereby request that the U.S. Navy refrain from using live ordnance or sonar in any Marine

Protected Area, including NOAA Fisheries Marine Protected Areas, State Marine Protected Areas and Habitat Areas of Particular Concern;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Whittier, Alaska hereby requests that the U.S. Navy relocate its training area to the far southeast corner of the current designated training area, off the Continental Shelf areas of the Gulf of Alaska, and away from seamounts; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Whittier City Council supports a well-trained Navy and requests that the U.S. Navy conduct its training exercises after the middle of September and before the Spring, so as not to impact migrating salmon and other species.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by a duly constituted quorum of the Whittier City Council on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February 2017.

ATTEST:

  
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Jennifer Rogers  
City Clerk

  
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Daniel Blair  
Mayor

Ayes: 7  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 0  
Abstain: 0