



# UNITED FISHERMEN OF ALASKA

**RESOLUTION 2000-1**  
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Whereas the State of Alaska has done an exceptional job managing the region's salmon fisheries; and,

Whereas commercial and sport fishermen, subsistence harvesters and Southeast Alaskans from all walks of life share a common interest in assuring the long-term abundance of wild salmon; and,

Whereas the 1999 Pacific Salmon Treaty agreement between the governments of the United States and Canada constitutes a package of mutually contingent agreements and strategies for assuring the long term abundance and safe passage of Pacific Salmon stocks; and,

Whereas since 1981, the troll harvest in Southeast Alaska has been reduced to protect salmon from the Columbia and Snake Rivers; and,

Whereas since 1993, the king salmon harvest in Southeast Alaska has been further reduced specifically to protect ESA listed Snake River Fall chinook; and,

Whereas recent studies by NMFS determine that harvest reductions of 75% in all US marine salmon fisheries, coupled with unprecedented modifications of land use in Washington and Idaho will only minimally reduce the threat of extinction to Snake River fall chinook; and,

Whereas any further restrictions on chinook harvest would create an intolerable hardship on all Southeast Alaska's fishermen and communities; and,

Whereas scientific data indicates Southeast Alaska fisheries are responsible for no more than three-tenths of one percent of the human induced mortality of the threatened Snake River fall chinook; and,

Whereas scientific evidence reveals that the primary threat of extinction of Pacific salmon is the degradation of fresh water habitat; and,

Whereas scientists estimate up to 95% of the threatened Snake River Fall chinook occurs at dams on the Snake and Columbia Rivers; and,

Whereas the four lower Snake River Dams render useless some of the best remaining habitat in the Snake River Basin; and,

**1** NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the United Fishermen of Alaska opposes additional restrictions in Southeast Alaska for Snake River Salmon because further alteration of this region's fisheries will result in social and economic turmoil and produce no measurable savings of Snake River salmon.

ADPOTED by United Fishermen of Alaska Board of Directors on March 8, 2000.

IN Witness thereto:

By: Dale A. Kelley  
 Dale A. Kelley, UFA President

Attest: Kathy Hansen  
 Kathy Hansen, UFA Secretary/Treasurer

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