

City of Tenakee Springs

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RESOLUTION 2000-25

In the Council
March 23, 2000

Introduced by
Nick Olmsted

A RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF TENAKEE SPRINGS, ALASKA, SUPPORTING THE PARTIAL REMOVAL OF THE FOUR LOWER SNAKE RIVER DAMS

WHEREAS, the City of Tenakee Springs is known for its interest and concern for environmental and conservation issues that affect the citizens of our community, state, and nation, and

WHEREAS, hydropower dams on the Snake and Columbia Rivers are responsible for as much as 95% of the Snake River fall Chinook mortality, and

WHEREAS, scientific data shows Southeast Alaskan fisheries to be responsible for only 1/4 of 1% of the total mortality of the Snake River fall Chinook salmon stock, and

1 WHEREAS, since the 1970's Alaska trollers have reduced Chinook catches by over 50% and the Alaska troll season has been reduced from 160 to 11 days to conserve Snake River fall Chinook mortality, and

WHEREAS, some current federal proposals could result in drastic reductions of 50 to 75% of the Alaskan Chinook fishery, or possibly closing that fishery entirely in Southeast Alaska, and

WHEREAS, further restrictions on Alaska fishing would in no way compensate for inadequate protection of critical freshwater spawning and rearing habitat in the Columbia River Basin, and

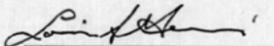
WHEREAS, the salmon populations of the Columbia and Snake Rivers are depleted and some are listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act, and

WHEREAS, there is a considerable reputable scientific community promoting the restoration of the rivers to a more natural state creating suitable habitat for spawning and rearing, and ensuring safe passage for smolt and returning adults;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Tenakee Springs, Alaska, hereby urges implementation of measures that address the root of the problems facing endangered salmon species, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we support removing portions of the Little Goose, Lower Monumental, Lower Granite, and Ice Harbor dams on the Snake River to provide ease of migration and restoration habitat for wild salmon of the Pacific Northwest coast.

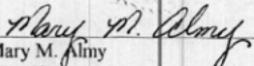
ADOPTED 6 Yes, 1 Absent THIS 23rd DAY OF March 2000



Louis S. Heins
City Council President
ex officio MAYOR

ATTEST:




Mary M. Olmy
City Clerk