

CITY OF CRAIG

RESOLUTION NO. 03-07

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING FINFISH FARMING IN THE EEZ OF ALASKA AND OPPOSING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CODE OF CONDUCT ON RESPONSIBLE AQUA-CULTURE DEVELOPMENT IN THE EEZ

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has passed the National Aqua-culture Act of 1980 to establish a national program "to support a greatly expanded domestic marine aqua-culture industry;" and

WHEREAS, the National Marine Fishery Service (NMFS) is developing "a code of conduct on responsible aqua-culture development in the United States Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) 3 to 200 miles off shore;" and

WHEREAS, the development of the code of conduct only loosely implies there should be concurrence between (NMFS) and the effected states and coastal communities and their regulations and prohibitions (such as the prohibition of finfish farming in Alaska); and

WHEREAS, the code of conduct will not require mandatory compliance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Craig opposes the development of the code of conduct, or any other mechanism that might allow finfish farming off Alaska's shores;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Craig urges the federal government and (NMFS) to develop regulations governing aqua-culture activities in the United States (EEZ) that shall require concurrence from adjacent states and coastal communities.

APPROVED March 20, 2003

Dennis Watson
Mayor Dennis Watson

ATTEST Vicki Hamilton
Vicki Hamilton, City Clerk

