

**CITY OF CRAIG
RESOLUTION 12-05**

**SUPPORTING THE PRINCE OF WALES HATCHERY
ASSOCIATION**

WHEREAS, the Prince of Wales Hatchery Association (POWHA) operates two hatchery facilities on Prince of Wales Island, with release sites at the Klawock River, Port St. Nicholas, and Coffman Cove; and,

WHEREAS, POWHA is a private, non-profit corporation whose board is made up of local volunteers; and,

WHEREAS, release of salmon from POWHA facilities leads to significant returns to area commercial, sport, charter, and subsistence users of coho and non-treaty king salmon; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Craig each year donates land, funding, and staff time in support of POWHA; and,

WHEREAS, POWHA receives financial, in-kind, volunteer, and other support from POW Island communities, fishing groups, and individuals; and,


WHEREAS, POWHA bears an uncommon amount of debt, which limits the organization's ability to produce fish more efficiently, and places an inordinate burden on POWHA's operating budget; and,

WHEREAS, POWHA's Klawock River facility, which is owned by the State of Alaska, has substantial capital needs that merit funding from the state; and,

WHEREAS, debt retirement and capital upgrades will allow POWHA to operate its programs from its own cost recovery revenues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Craig City Council encourages the State of Alaska to provide capital and debt retirement support to POWHA.

APPROVED this 16th day of February, 2012.



Mayor Dennis Watson





Vicki Hamilton, City Clerk