

**CITY OF CRAIG
RESOLUTION 14-07**

**SUPPORTING THE PRINCE OF WALES HATCHERY ASSOCIATION
PROPOSED PERMIT MODIFICATION**

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 the area's 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 production of coho and king salmon produced in excess of \$1.8 million of value to participants in the common property and sport fisheries.

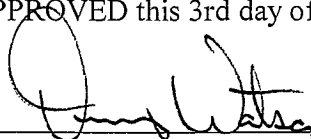
WHEREAS, POWHA, in an attempt to meet its debt service obligations, support its coho program, and increase its contribution to the common property fishery, proposes to amend its permit to add production of up to 20 million chum salmon released at Port Asumcion, starting with a 6 million smolt release; and,

WHEREAS, POWHA proposes to release two million coho smolts at Port Asumcion, reducing the volume of coho now released at the POWHA facility on the Klawock River; and,

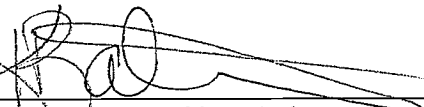
WHEREAS, the proposed permit modification is critically important to the financial well being and sustainability of POWHA, and the resulting benefits to the area's commercial and sport fisheries.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Craig City Council supports efforts by POWHA to amend its operation permit to include chum salmon release, and modify its coho release practice.

APPROVED this 3rd day of April, 2014.



Mayor Dennis Watson



Kassi Bateman, City Clerk

