

**A Resolution Supporting and Providing Guidance  
for Local Elections of Fish and Game Advisory Committee Membership**

**WHEREAS**, local fish and game advisory committees are established under Alaska Statute 16.05.260 to be composed of persons well informed on the fish and game resources of the locality to provide recommendations to the Board of Game and Board of Fisheries on fish and game matters, and

**WHEREAS**, the Joint Board of Fisheries and Game has established 84 fish and game advisory committees around the state under 5 AAC 96.021, to be located around the state to allow an opportunity for all citizens of the state to participate in the fish and game regulatory system; and

**WHEREAS**, advisory committee membership consists of up to 15 members from single or multiple communities who are to be elected by each voting age resident of the area of committee jurisdiction under 5 AAC 97.005 who attends a committee election; and

**WHEREAS**, there are over 175 rural communities having designated seats on local fish and game advisory committees, that are required to be elected in order to represent their communities on fish and game advisory committees; and

**WHEREAS**, the elections for advisory committee membership does not align with the timing of other state and local elections in order for advisory committee membership to be placed on those ballots;

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Fish and Game, Boards Support does not administer the local elections for advisory committee members but works with local government, tribal and village councils to arrange the elections including preparing ballots and providing proper notice to the public for electing the community designated seats on advisory committees; and

**WHEREAS**, Department of Fish and Game, Boards Support Section needs assistance from the local government and tribal/village councils in remote communities for arranging consistent election procedures for community designated seats on fish and game advisory committees;

**WHEREAS**, fish and game resources are of critical importance to {name of community};

**WHEREAS**, the state's fish and game advisory committee provides an important avenue to voice local concerns about the management of fish and game resources for {name of community}'

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the local government and tribal/village council for the community of \_\_\_\_\_ agree the election for our local fish and game advisory committee representative/s will be held at: \_\_\_\_\_.

**BE IT FURTHERED RESOLVED THAT,** the local government and tribal/village council for the community of \_\_\_\_\_ agree the [local government or tribal council] will administer the election procedures, working in conjunctions with the Department of Fish and Game Boards Support Section.

**Effective date:** This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED: [DATE] \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNED/APPROVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_