



ALASKA FEDERATION OF NATIVES, INC.

2011 ANNUAL CONVENTION

RESOLUTION 11-04

TITLE: ALASKA COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS: The Alaska Federation of Natives supports programs that contribute to the economic, social and cultural well being of the residents of rural Alaska; and

WHEREAS: The Alaska Coastal Management Program (ACMP) has provided an important means to balance economic development and protection of coastal resources and uses for 34 years; and

WHEREAS: The ACMP has proven to be one of the most important tools to minimize impacts to subsistence uses and resources; and

WHEREAS: The ACMP has been an important instrument to minimize adverse impacts from development projects through the incorporation of local knowledge; and

WHEREAS: Through the federal Coastal Zone Management Act, the ACMP provided the State of Alaska and its coastal districts a unique opportunity to influence federal decisions; and

WHEREAS: The ACMP terminated on July 1, 2011, despite a consensus on most issues in legislation that would have extended the sunset date of the program; and

WHEREAS: Alaska is the only coastal state without a coastal management program; and

WHEREAS: Alaska has over a third of the entire tidal shoreline in the United States, two oceans and more federal land and waters than any other state; and

WHEREAS: Representatives of Alaska's coastal communities filed a ballot initiative application with the Lieutenant Governor on October 7, 2011 to reinstate the ACMP; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Delegates to the 2011 Annual Convention of the Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc. that the AFN supports reestablishment of the ACMP, either through a ballot initiative or legislation, that would establish a coastal policy board, bring back air and water quality issues into ACMP project consistency reviews, and allow meaningful participation by local coastal districts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to Governor Parnell and Alaska State legislators encouraging them to support reinstatement of the state's coastal management program.

SUBMITTED BY: AFN BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CONVENTION ACTION: PASSED

