

CITY OF KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. 19-2761

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KETCHIKAN, ALASKA
ENCOURAGING AUTOMATIC STATE OF ALASKA REGISTRATION
FOR VESSELS ACTIVE IN THE ALASKA COMMERCIAL FISHERIES
ENTRY COMMISSION (CFEC) DATABASE; AND ESTABLISHING AN
EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, the City of Ketchikan recognizes derelict vessels are a large and growing problem in all of our communities, resulting in increased costs to the public, environmental damage, and navigational hazards; and

WHEREAS, defining ownership and holding individuals responsible for their vessels have been identified as the top barriers to effective management to prevent derelict vessels; and

WHEREAS, in 2018 State of Alaska legislature passed Senate Bill 92, the Derelict Vessel Act; and

WHEREAS, in addition to substantially re-writing and updating AS30.30, the derelict vessel chapter of the state statute, SB92 addressed tracking vessel ownership through changes to ASOS.25; and

WHEREAS, these changes expanded vessel registration requirements in Alaska effective January 1, 2019 and, similar to Washington and other states, Alaska now requires federally documented vessels to also be registered with the State Department of Motor Vehicles ; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska did not inform the newly regulated community nor do any outreach of any kind in advance of this change; and

WHEREAS, active fishermen around the state were caught unaware, and raised the fact that their vessels are already in the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC) Database; and

WHEREAS, the intent of SB92 was to better track vessel ownership in Alaska regardless of its engagement in a fishery and across the life of the vessel which is best accomplished through state registration; and

WHEREAS, vessel registration should be simple, creating minimal added burden to help effectively address the problem of identifying vessel ownership; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Ketchikan, Alaska as follows:

Section 1. By this resolution recommends an update to Alaska state statute directing vessels active in the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC) Vessel Database be automatically issued Alaska vessel registration numbers, and that the CFEC and the Division of Motor Vehicles create a system for information sharing to this end.

Section 2. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the City Council for the City of Ketchikan on this 7th day of November, 2019.



Robert Sivertsen, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kim Stanker, City Clerk