CBJ REVIEW TASK FORCE – BASING FEDERAL NOAA FISHERIES AND OCEANOGRAPHIC FUNCTIONS IN ALASKA

CBJ Review Task Force Created.

There is created within the City and Borough of Juneau a Review Task Force on Federal National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries and Oceanographic functions in Alaska. The task force will be composed of at least five members appointed by the Mayor to serve for six months, unless extended by the Mayor.

Background.

The majority of the NOAA science infrastructure in support of Alaska fisheries, and ocean science mandates, remains based in Seattle. This includes primarily the Alaska Fisheries Science Center, and staff at the NOAA facilities in Seattle. A second major NOAA component is its Marine Operations Center – Pacific (MOP) which operates the NOAA research vessel fleet. Basing more of NOAA’s Alaska dedicated functions in Alaska would bring hundreds of additional jobs, and millions of dollars in payroll to Alaskan coastal communities.

Purpose.

The purpose of the task force in particular is:

- A review of past efforts on this matter;
- To collect new data and information; and
- Create an action plan for the Assembly.

The task force will prepare and submit a report on its findings to the Assembly for its consideration no later than August 29, 2014.

Meetings, Officers, Records, Quorum, and Staff Support.

The task force shall hold at least three meetings. All meetings shall be open to the public and advertised through the Municipal Clerk’s office.

The Mayor shall appoint the co-chairs.

The task force shall follow the procedures used by the Assembly and other CBJ boards and commissions for transaction of its business, as interpreted by the City Attorney as necessary. The task force shall keep a record of its meetings, transactions, findings,
determinations, and written public comments received, which shall be filed with the Municipal Clerk and be open to public inspection at reasonable times.

A majority of the task force appointees shall constitute a quorum for the transactions of business.

The City Manager will provide staff support and assistance to the task force as appropriate.

Dated: February 24, 2014

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Merrill Sanford
Mayor