

**A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly supporting additional funding for regulation and research in the Alaska Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve, Haines, Alaska.**

**WHEREAS**, the Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve (CBEP) was created to protect and sustain the Chilkat bald eagle and its salmon food source in perpetuity (AS 41.21.610(b)); and

**WHEREAS**, the Haines Borough recognizes the cultural and economic importance of Chilkat eagles and salmon; and

**WHEREAS**, the CBEP Advisory Council was established to: review and comment on public use and protection of Preserve resources (AS 42.21.616); to review and comment on regulations and stipulations established to protect purposes and values of the Preserve and to minimize adverse environmental impacts in the Preserve (AS 41.21.619); investigate the need for additional research (AS 41.21.620(a)); and assist the Department of Parks and Outdoor Recreation in developing and monitoring the CBEP Management Plan (AS 41.21.625(e)); and

**WHEREAS**, state statute requires the protection of anadromous salmon habitat inside the CBEP and the Management Plan specifically articulates this is to be accomplished by various prohibitions and protections including protecting riverbank vegetation to insure stream bank stability, and preventing sedimentation in rearing areas (Plan at 2-16); and

**WHEREAS**, the Haines Borough Assembly supports the January 10, 2013, Advisory Council vote in favor of seeking additional funds for regulation and research for the Alaska Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Haines Borough Assembly joins with the CBEP Advisory Council to advise the state of Alaska to provide adequate funding for:

- a) an enforcement officer to ensure compliance with the provisions of CBEP statutes, regulations and Management Plan,
- b) a wildlife biologist to continue the ongoing study of the integrity of preserve resources.
- c) a biologist to study the issues relating to the sustainability of wild salmon stock in Chilkat and Chilkoot Lakes

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to the chairs of the state of Alaska House and Senate Resources Committees; Senator Bert Stedman, Representative Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; and Ben Ellis, Director, Alaska State Parks.

Adopted by a duly-constituted quorum of the Haines Borough Assembly this 22nd day of January, 2013.

  
Stephanie Scott, Borough Mayor

Attest:

  
Michelle Webb, Deputy Clerk

