

**CITY OF CRAIG
RESOLUTION 21-07**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SENATE BILL NO. 60: AN ACT ESTABLISHING
THE SPORT FISHING HATCHERY FACILITIES ACCOUNT AND ESTABLISHING
THE SPORT FISHING FACILITY SURCHARGE**

WHEREAS, the Crystal Lake Salmon Hatchery is a State-owned hatchery that raises and releases Chinook and Coho salmon primarily for sport fish use; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska has contracted with Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association to manage Crystal Lake Salmon Hatchery since July 1, 2000 using funds from the Department of Fish & Game Sport Fish Division; and

WHEREAS, the legislation approving the funding to manage Crystal Lake Salmon Hatchery expired on June 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, from the Chinook and Coho salmon raised at Crystal Lake Salmon Hatchery, recent annual release goals are as follows:
200,000 Chinook salmon released at Port St. Nicholas — POW (Chickamin River stock)
600,000 Chinook salmon released in Blind Slough (Crystal Creek stock)
500,000 Chinook salmon released in Anita Bay (Andrew Creek stock)
100,000 Chinook salmon released at City Creek (Andrew Creek stock)
300,000 Chinook salmon released at Neets Bay (Chickamin River stock)
135,000 Coho salmon released in Blind Slough (Crystal Creek stock); and

WHEREAS, these salmon releases are relied upon for sport fishing groups, supplying healthy food for residents and visitors and supporting a livelihood for all gear groups; and,

WHEREAS, the Port St. Nicholas chinook salmon release provides tangible benefits to fishing efforts in the Craig area; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Craig supports the Port St. Nicholas chinook salmon release program through the donation of land for salmon hatching and rearing, and through contributions to operating costs of the hatchery facility; and,

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 60, introduced in the first session of the Thirty-Second Legislature, would establish a sport fishing hatchery facilities account within the State of Alaska Fish and Game fund, and a sport fishing facility surcharge; and

WHEREAS, money accrued from the sport fishing facility surcharge shall be allocated to ongoing maintenance and operation of the Department's sport fish hatchery facilities, including Crystal Lake Hatchery.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Craig City Council hereby supports Senate Bill No. 60: An Act Establishing the Sport Fishing Hatchery Facilities Account, establishing the Sport Fishing Facility Surcharge, and encourages passage of the legislation during the Thirty-Second Legislature.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the city council this 4th day of March, 2021.


MAYOR TIM O'CONNOR


TRACEY JENSEN, CITY CLERK

