

**Petersburg Borough, Petersburg, Alaska
RESOLUTION #2014-12**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A STATE-WIDE ASSESSMENT OF ALASKA'S MARITIME
INDUSTRIES AND DESIGNATION OF THE MARITIME INDUSTRY AS A
STATE OF ALASKA PRIORITY INDUSTRY**

WHEREAS, recent studies of the maritime industries as an independent sector in Southeast Alaska have determined that this sector's economic impact is substantial, generating 26% of work related income in the region, and

WHEREAS, the recently published Alaska Maritime Workforce Development Plan found that this sector is the largest private industry sector in the State, comprised of over 500 businesses employing over 70,000 maritime workers, and

WHEREAS, the American Marine Partnership recently released a study that found Alaska ranks #3 among all American states for domestic maritime industry economic impact related to Jones Act shipping, and

WHEREAS, the maritime sector cross-cuts and supports nearly every other industry sector in Alaska and shares occupational knowledge, skill and ability requirements with other strategically important sectors including construction, energy, mining and manufacturing; and

WHEREAS, over 4,000 fishing vessels participate in Alaska's fisheries, however, many of the vessels are over 40 years old and most not purpose-built for their respective fisheries. Nearly 3,000 of those fishing vessels need to be replaced with an estimated economic value of nearly \$15 billion, and

WHEREAS, in 2013 McDowell Group published a report which identified total Alaskan seafood industry section employment at 63,000 workers, with \$1.7 billion in direct labor income and \$4.6 billion in direct economic output, and

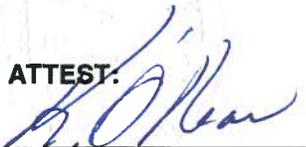
WHEREAS, modern shipbuilding and repair is an emerging, advanced manufacturing sector, which provides industrial manufacturing capacity to support many of Alaska's process industries. Ship building and repair is critical to establishing homeport capacity for new vessels required to support Alaska's marine transportation system, fisheries and resource development activities across the state.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOROUGH ASSEMBLY OF PETERSBURG, ALASKA, due to the maritime industry sector's substantial contribution to statewide employment, and the critical function it plays supporting other key industry sectors and resource development activities, the Petersburg Borough supports a State-wide analysis of the Maritime Industry's cumulative impacts to the State of Alaska's economy,

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Borough supports elevating the status of the maritime industry sector as a State of Alaska priority industry.

Passed and Approved by the Petersburg Borough Assembly on October 6, 2014.

ATTEST:


Kathy O'Rear, City Clerk


Mark Jensen, Mayor