

**MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 09-24R**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA URGING THE ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES TO CHANGE REGULATIONS CLOSING COMMERCIAL SHRIMP FISHING IN THE UPPER TAIYA INLET.**

**WHEREAS**, the Municipality of Skagway has heard that the State of Alaska's Department of Fish and Game Board of Fisheries intends to open the Upper Taiya Inlet on October 1, 2009 to commercial shrimp fishing; and

**WHEREAS** many of the citizens of Skagway are just beginning to see the increase in the population of shrimp after a 3-year commercial shrimp closure in the Upper Taiya Inlet because of depleted stock; and

**WHEREAS**, the Upper Lynn Canal is a narrow, deep water fjord making natural restocking by the species challenging; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Alaska Department of Fish and Game have not completed any scientific studies to support the reopening to commercial shrimp activities in the Upper Taiya Inlet; and

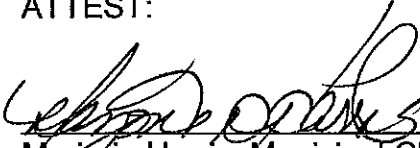
**WHEREAS**, the continued depletion of shrimp stock is detrimental to the subsistence and personal use residents of Skagway.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipality of Skagway urges the Alaska Board of Fisheries adopt regulations closing commercial shrimp harvesting in the Taiya Inlet until scientific research can be conducted ensuring stock levels are sufficient to support commercial shrimp harvesting activities in this area.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2009 by the Assembly of the Municipality of Skagway, Alaska.

  
Thomas D Cochran, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Marjorie Harris, Municipal Clerk

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