

**DRAFT RESOLUTION # \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ICE SEAL COMMITTEE AND DELEGATING AUTHORITY FOR THE CO-MANAGEMENT OF ICE SEALS**

**WHEREAS,** [insert entity] is a [insert municipal government, regional non-profit tribal organization] that represents [insert number] federally recognized tribes in Alaska’s [insert regional name] region; and

**WHEREAS,** [insert entity] is governed by a [insert assembly, board of directors, or council]; and

**WHEREAS,** the business of [insert entity] is focused on promoting the best interests of Alaska Natives who live in the communities within its administrative boundaries; and

**WHEREAS,** bearded seals, ringed seals, spotted seals, and ribbon seals (“Ice Seals”) are essential to the cultural, nutritional, and spiritual well-being and way of life of the Alaska Native community members within administrative boundaries, and [insert entity] recognizes its responsibility and authority to exercise its rights to act as a steward of the Ice Seals and their habitat; and

**WHEREAS,** the Ice Seal Committee was formed through a provision of Section 119 of the US Marine Mammal Protection Act with the purposes to preserve and enhance the marine resources of Ice Seals including their habitat, to protect and enhance Alaska Native culture, traditions, and especially activities associated with subsistence uses of Ice Seals, and to undertake education, research, and co-management related to Ice Seals; and

**WHEREAS,** the Ice Seal Committee works to achieve its purposes in coordination with [insert entity]; and

**WHEREAS,** the Ice Seal Committee is comprised of members appointed by each of the following five regional entities with corresponding Tribal approval: North Slope Borough, Maniilaq Association, Kawerak, Inc., Association of Village Council Presidents, and Bristol Bay Native Association;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT,** the [insert entity] [insert assembly, board of directors, or council] hereby authorizes the Ice Seal Committee, and delegates to the Ice Seal Committee certain powers and authorities to act on behalf of [insert entity] for the purpose of co-management of Ice Seals.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT,** this Resolution shall remain in full force and effect until such time as the [insert entity] [insert assembly, board of directors, or council] withdraws its authorization of the Ice Seal Committee by resolution.

**ADOPTED** at a duly called meeting of the [insert entity] [insert assembly, board of directors, or council], in which a quorum was present, on this [ ] day of [ ], 2024 by a vote of [ ] yeas, [ ] nays, and [ ] abstaining.

**ATTEST:**

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President/Chair

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Secretary