

CITY OF KUPREANOF, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. 13-5

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KUPREANOF, ALASKA in Opposition to S.340 and HR740
"Southeast Alaska Native Land Entitlement Finalization and Jobs Protection Act."**

Whereas, S.340 and HR740, the Sealaska legislation, have been drafted under the pretext of finalizing land entitlements under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA), when in fact, those final land selections have already been made by Sealaska under the Alaska Land Transfer Acceleration Act, and;

Whereas, the Sealaska legislation would allow Sealaska Corporation ownership of some of the highest value, publicly-owned timberlands of the Tongass National Forest which have been developed through the investments of many millions of dollars of taxpayer funds, and;

Whereas, there has been no quantitative determination of the actual value of the developed public lands which are being privatized by the Sealaska legislation in exchange for Sealaska's existing ANCSA selections on file with the Bureau of Land Management, and;

Whereas, the Sealaska Timber Corporation land management practices are infamous in Southeast Alaska for unsustainable rates of timber harvest, imposing severe environmental and socioeconomic impacts to native communities, and;

Whereas, the Sealaska legislation perpetuates and rewards this taxpayer subsidized business plan which depends heavily upon round log export to the Orient, depriving rural Southeast communities of the maximum sustainable job opportunities through value added processing, imperiling future shareholder and stakeholder economic interests alike, and;

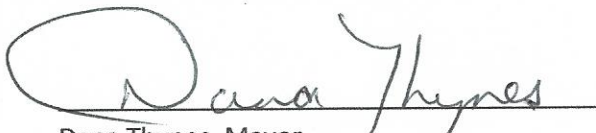
Whereas, the Sealaska legislation is tainted by the Alaska Federation of Natives including Sealaska Corporation, with donations of \$1.9 million dollars being crucial to the reelection of Senator Murkowski, who publicly thanked the Alaska Federation of Natives, stating, "I will never, never, forget what you have done."

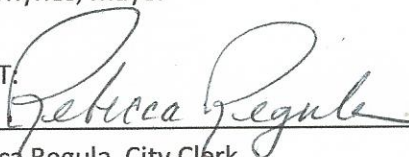
Now Therefore Be It Resolved, the City of Kupreanof steadfastly opposes S.340 and HR.740 as unnecessary legislation which privatizes and deregulates existing environmental protections on lands which belong to all present and future generations of Americans, and;

Be it Further Resolved, if passed, the Sealaska Legislation would be to the detriment of the residents of rural Southeast Alaska communities and their environment as well as all present and future generations of Americans as owners of the Tongass National Forest.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY A DULY CONSTITUTED QUORUM OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF KUPREANOF

THIS 4th DAY OF May, 2013.


Dana Thynes, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Rebecca Regula, City Clerk