

THE GREATER SITKA
chamber
OF COMMERCE

GREATER SITKA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION 2012-08

IN OPPOSITION OF THE EMISSIONS CONTROL AREA SET BY EPA

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors ("Board") of the Greater Sitka Chamber of Commerce has a responsibility to its members; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Sitka Chamber of Commerce's mission is to promote, support, and facilitate commerce and economic growth in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Emissions Control Area (ECA) will have a negative impact upon Sitkans and all Alaskans and our economy; and

WHEREAS, the ECA requires large vessels, such as marine cargo carriers and cruise lines to use difficult-to-obtain low-sulfur fuel while operating within 200 miles of the coastline, which includes Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Sitka Chamber of Commerce recognizes the substantial economic impact of cruise ship visitors to Sitka; and

WHEREAS, the economic impacts of cruise visitors are beneficial to our local community in the form of patronizing local businesses and sales tax revenues to help pay for local services; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Sitka Chamber of Commerce recognizes the need for the shipping of goods to Alaska; and

WHEREAS, most of the goods Alaskans consume and retail products sold by our businesses, as well as much of the equipment used by our resource development based industries all arrive via waterborne cargo vessels; and

WHEREAS, there has been no legitimate scientific justification that there will be any measurable environmental benefits of such extreme regulations; and

WHEREAS, there was no economic impact analyses conducted for Alaska relative to the ECA; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that moving to low sulfur fuel could result in 25 percent higher fuel costs for marine cargo carriers and cruise lines, which will ultimately be passed on to the end consumer; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Chamber does not support the Emissions Control Area; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Greater Sitka Chamber of Commerce does hereby support the State of Alaska's decision to file suit against the Environmental Protection Agency, Secretary of State, Department of Homeland Security, the US Coast Guard, and others to block federal agencies from extending the North American Emissions Control Area (ECA) to Alaska; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Greater Sitka Chamber of Commerce requests our Legislators to overturn this decision by the EPA; and

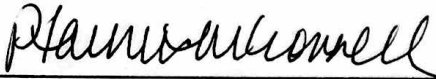
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be effective immediately; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the officers and agents of the Greater Sitka Chamber of Commerce be and are hereby authorized to take all action necessary to effect the foregoing resolution.

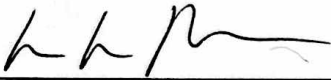
THE GREATER SITKA
chamber
OF COMMERCE

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Sitka Chamber of Commerce in accordance with its organic documents at a Meeting of the Sitka Chamber of Commerce held on August 21, 2012 and said resolution appears in the record of said Meeting as set forth above. Dated this 21 day of August, 2012.



Ptarmica McConnell, Treasurer



Jennifer Robinson, Executive Director