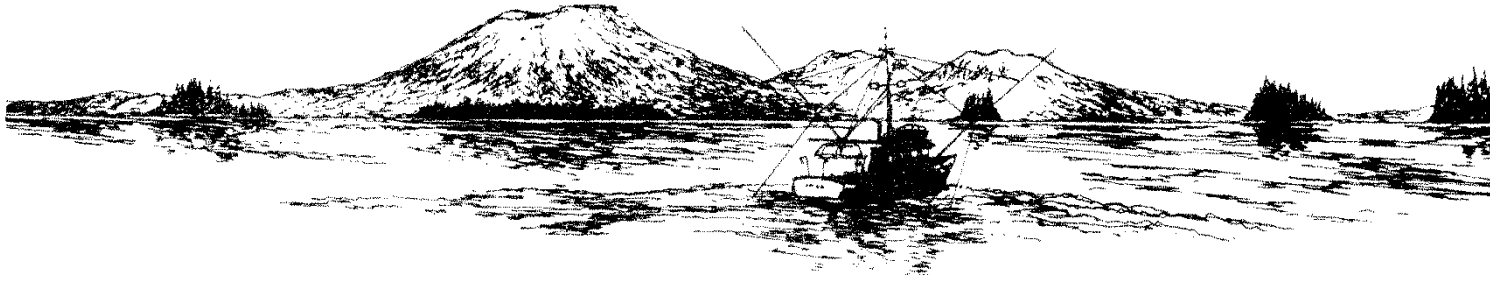


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RESOLUTION OF THE SITKA SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Resolution No. 2014-01

A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE PERMANENT FUNDING OF THE NUTRITIONAL ALASKA FOODS FOR SCHOOLS PROGRAM BY THE ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE.

The **Nutritional Alaska Foods for Schools** was funded as a pilot program in Fiscal Year 2013 and introduced by Representative Stoltze in 2012 from Wasilla. **Nutritional Alaska Foods for Schools** is administered in the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Division of Community and Rural Affairs gives every Alaska school the opportunity to purchase Alaska Grown produce and seafood while also helping to catalyze Alaska food production. In its initial years, **Nutritional Alaska Foods for Schools** provided a \$3 million dollar state-wide reimbursement fund for school districts to purchase healthy Alaska Grown produce and fish from Alaska waters. The Governor's proposed Fiscal Year 2015 budget allocates \$3 million for **Nutritional Alaskan Foods for Schools**.

The Sitka School District, one of the first school districts in the state to develop and implement a local "**Fish to Schools**" program and has seen the direct benefit of providing healthy, locally obtained fish for our students to have as a preferred choice in our school lunch program. To have the **Nutritional Alaskan Foods for Schools** funding be on a *multi-year basis* would help our community and school district to always offer healthy, nutritional sources of fish protein that are sustainable, locally available, reduce childhood obesity, support local fishermen and local jobs and connect our students with their food resources in a meaningful way. The Sitka School Board and the community of Sitka has seen this program work and believes that funding a program like the **Nutritional Alaskan Foods for Schools** on a *multi-year basis* is a good thing for all Alaskans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the **Sitka School Board** supports the Governor's budget item allocating \$3 million to the **Nutritional Alaska Foods for Schools** program. The **Sitka School Board** encourages the legislature to move even further during the upcoming legislative session to make this funding *multi-year*. This will ensure

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Alaska is on a path to food security and is producing, processing, selling, and consuming healthy, affordable, nutritional, and traditional food in the great state of Alaska.

Approved on _____

President, Sitka School Board

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