



**CORDOVA DISTRICT FISHERMEN UNITED
RESOLUTION 2010-01-20A**

**A RESOLUTION by the CORDOVA DISTRICT FISHERMEN UNITED BOARD of
DIRECTORS IN OPPOSITION TO THE RELOCATION OF EXISTING OIL SPILL
RESPONSE EQUIPMENT TO SHEPARD POINT.**

WHEREAS, Cordova District Fishermen United is the home for the commercial fishing vessel response program used by Alyeska for responding to oil spills in Prince William Sound and the Copper River Delta;

WHEREAS, fishermen need to respond to oil spills rapidly to contain and clean up oil spills;

WHEREAS, access to the equipment needed to respond is critical to the ability of the fleet to assist in the clean up of oil spills;

WHEREAS, spill equipment is currently staged and available adjacent to the Cordova small boat harbor;

WHEREAS, there are significant avalanche hazards along the proposed road that can close the road to travel;

WHEREAS, the Shepard point area proposed for the Oil Spill response facility is located at and near avalanche hazards;

WHEREAS, the petitioner has not demonstrated the need for deep draft response vessels;

WHEREAS, the petitioner fails to show that alternative sites are not the least damaging, practical alternatives;

WHEREAS, travel times by boat to secure response equipment for a spill that affected the Copper River Flats and the Prince William Sound would be significantly increased by moving the spill response equipment to Shepard point;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Cordova District Fishermen United supports improvements to existing docks and service areas located in Cordova to improve Oil Spill Response capacity;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Cordova District Fishermen United opposes the relocation of existing oil spill response equipment to Shepard Point.

Adopted by the CDFU Board of Directors on January 20, 2010.

Signed:

Rochelle van den Broek, Executive Director