

Resolution 2015-1 Regarding Conservation of the Pacific Walrus

WHEREAS, the Inuit Circumpolar Council was founded in 1977 to represent the interests of the Inuit of Greenland, Canada, Russia, and Alaska; and WHEREAS, the Alaska Eskimo Walrus Commission has expressed its deep concern to ICC about the threats posed to the Pacific Walrus and to Inuit nutrition and culture by climate change and ocean acidification; and

WHEREAS, environmental stewardship and food security are key elements of the ICC Kitigaaryuit Declaration adopted by ICC in July 2014;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Inuit Circumpolar Council strongly supports Alaska Eskimo Walrus Commission Resolution 2014-01 A Resolution Urging the United States Government and the State of Alaska to Take Immediate Action to Reduce Carbon Dioxide Emissions and Urging the US Fish and Wildlife Service to Revise its Approach to Pacific Walrus Conservation to recognize and respect the alaskan Inuit right to harvest of walrus for cultural and nutritional health.

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