Southeast Conference

Resolution 16-05

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ENERGY POLICY MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2015
RECOGNIZING HYDROPOWER AS A RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE

WHEREAS, Southeast Alaska has a vast, abundant, and untapped hydroelectric resource potential that can and will create Southeast Alaska jobs, lessen our dependence on fossil fuels, lower power costs and reduce green-house gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Legislature in 2009 passed CSHJR 25 Urging the United States Congress to classify hydroelectric power as a renewable and alternative energy source; and

WHEREAS, Senator Lisa Murkowski of Alaska and Senator Maria Cantwell of Washington have introduced and passed from the US Senate Energy and Resources Committee a bipartisan energy bill titled, Energy Policy Modernization Act of 2015; and

WHEREAS, in the Energy Policy Modernization Act of 2015 under Title III-Supply Part 1-Renewables, Section 3001: Hydropower is a renewable resource for purposes of all Federal programs and is an essential source of energy in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Energy Policy Modernization Act of 2015 has additional beneficial hydropower sections under sections 3002, 3003, and 3004 that assist in the development of Southeast Alaska hydropower resources; and

WHEREAS, Southeast Conference is the voice of Alaska communities and businesses promoting the sound and responsible development of resources, job creation and economic development for our Southeast Alaska; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Southeast Conference supports the Hydropower sections of the Energy Policy and Modernization Act of 2015 and shall write a letter of support to Alaska’s Congressional delegation thanking Senator Murkowski on her bill leadership and requesting our Congressional delegation to pass the Energy Policy Modernization Act of 2015.

ADOPTED BY THE SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2015 AND IS DUE TO SUNSET ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2016.

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