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This Resolution asks the National Park Service to take simple steps to mitigate the adverse consequences that fishing closures in Glacier Bay have had on the folks who once participated.

Beginning in 1999, the commercial fisheries in Glacier Bay have been either restricted or closed in Glacier Bay by the National Park Service. Commercial fishermen, their crewmembers and those who supported commercial fishing operations were among those paid compensation because of the closures. However, the payments, many of those who claimed or received compensation will continue to be economically affected in the long term by the closures, which will eventually forever prohibit commercial fishing in Glacier Bay.

In the meantime, the National Park Service will continue to procure goods and services to manage and administer the Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve. For example, the Park Service will continue to lease or purchase boats for various reasons including research, tours, maintenance or law enforcement. [This resolution](#) requests that the Park Service obtain these goods, materials or vessels that they need, use, purchase, or lease from those who have been negatively affected by commercial fishery closures and restrictions first, before any other person.