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ALEUTIANS EAST



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RESOLUTION 15-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH ASSEMBLY IN SUPPORT OF THE OPTIMAL RESPONSE SYSTEM DEVELOPED BY THE ALEUTIAN ISLANDS RISK ASSESSMENT PROJECT, INCLUDING AKUTAN AS THE RESCUE TUG HOMEPORT.

WHEREAS, the Aleutian Islands is a challenging environment for marine vessels transiting the area with increased potential for oil spills and emergency response complications; and,

WHEREAS, the Aleutian Island Risk Assessment (AIRA) project was launched after the 2004 M/V Selendang Ayu grounding, to identify measures to reduce the risk of oil spills from large vessels operating in the region; and,

WHEREAS, a draft recommendation of the AIRA project team for an Optimal Response System for the Aleutian Islands was released for public review in July 2014 that provides for emergency towing contingencies, salvage program and oil spill response; and

WHEREAS, benefit-cost analysis shows that the estimated annual cost of the recommended response system is far less than the projected financial costs of not adopting a response system, including the costs of possible loss of fishing resources and jobs; and,

WHEREAS, the Aleutians East Borough community of Akutan is the closest port to Unimak Pass, the busiest transit point in the Aleutian Islands for large vessels.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Aleutians East Borough Assembly supports the Optimal Response System recommended by the AIRA project team with one exception: the AEB suggests Akutan should be the preferred homeport of the rescue tug.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Aleutians East Borough on this 10th day of September, 2014.


Stanley Mack, Mayor

ATTEST:


Tina Anderson, Clerk