



RESOLUTION 19-64

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING A FULL PROPOSAL TO THE NATIONAL SEA GRANT EXPLORING NEW AQUACULTURE OPPORTUNITIES 2019 FEDERAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITY.

WHEREAS, there is a NOAA National Sea Grant Federal Funding Opportunity for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Research Needs in Aquaculture due April 24th 2019, and

WHEREAS, this grant focuses on funding diverse, and at times, high-risk, developmental projects that will envision, explore and advance aquaculture opportunities where a minimal foundation currently exists, and

WHEREAS, the AEB is requesting Assembly support to submit a full proposal for \$100,000 in funding over a two-year period with 50% required match which would be met using staff, partner, and stakeholder time, equipment, and facilities, and

WHEREAS, a grant proposal by the AEB would address the following program priorities: initial development of integrated research, education, and outreach frameworks; information transfer activities; community engagement, and

WHEREAS, a proposal would be a highly collaborative effort between the AEB, Alaska Sea Grant, University of Alaska Southeast, Alaska Ocean Cluster, and stakeholders, and

WHEREAS, the Assembly has expressed strong interested in economic diversification, and exploring new industries that promote job creation and community stability, and

WHEREAS, this proposal supports the AEB Strategic Plan *Diversification of Natural Resources* track task: identifying potential grant opportunities that support kelp mariculture in the region.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Aleutians East Borough Assembly supports the submission of a proposal to the 2019 NOAA National Sea Grant Exploring New Aquaculture Opportunities Federal Funding Opportunity.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Aleutians East Borough on this 11th day of April 2019.

ATTEST:


Tina Anderson, Clerk


Alvin D. Osterback, Mayor