

RESOLUTION 19-63

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING A FULL PROPOSAL TO THE NOAA SOCIAL, BEHAVIORAL, AND ECONOMIC RESEARCH NEEDS IN AQUACULTURE – 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 May 1st 2019, and

WHEREAS, this grant focuses on supporting research to address critical gaps in social, behavioral, and economic knowledge as it relates to U.S. aquaculture and the communities impacted and served by it, 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, and equipment, and

WHEREAS, a grant proposal by the AEB would address the following program priority: analyses of aquaculture business models that involve collaborative or cooperative relationships with commercial fishing and/or conservation communities, and

WHEREAS, a proposal would be a highly collaborative effort between the AEB, 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 help mariculture in the region.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Aleutians East Borough Assembly supports the submission of a proposal to the 2019 NOAA FFO Social, Behavioral, and Economic Research Needs in Aquaculture.

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


Alvin D. Osterback, Mayor

ATTEST:


Tina Anderson, Clerk