

RESOLUTION 20-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH SUPPORTING THE NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT SUBMISSION OF A 2019 NFWF ELECTRONIC MONITORING AND REPORTING GRANT PROPOSAL PARTNERING WITH THE PENINSULA FISHERMEN'S COALITION AND SALTWATER INC.

WHEREAS, the use of electronic monitoring (EM) to replace human observers on fishing vessels is a priority for Aleutians East Borough (AEB) fishermen, and

WHEREAS, the AEB through the Natural Resources Department (NRD) partnered with the Peninsula Fishermen's Coalition (PFC) and Saltwater Inc. to apply for a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) electronic monitoring and reporting (EMR) grant in 2018, and

WHEREAS, the AEB 2018 NFWF EMR grant project is meeting project goals and project completion is scheduled for the end of 2019, and

WHEREAS, more work needs to be done in the development of EM systems on Western Gulf of Alaska (WGOA) trawl vessels and tender vessels aligning with shore-based observers, and

WHEREAS, the grant partners AEB, PFC and Saltwater Inc. are working closely with other NFWF EMR grantees in Alaska to prepare an application for an exempted fishing permit to allow this work to move forward, and

WHEREAS, the AEB wishes to continue this collaboration with PFC and Saltwater Inc. to move forward with the implementation of EM on WGOA trawl vessels and tender vessels, and

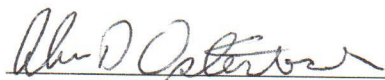
WHEREAS, the AEB municipal code section 3.02.240 allows the AEB to contract with vendors and contractors with highly specialized services without a competitive bid process, and

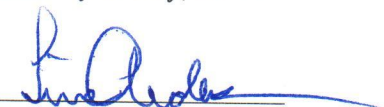
WHEREAS, the call for 2019 NFWF EMR grant project proposals is due July 15th.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Aleutians East Borough Assembly approves the submission by the NRD of a proposal for the 2019 NFWF EMR grant cycle, working with project partners PFC and Saltwater Inc., and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Assembly authorizes procurement of EM equipment and services of Saltwater Inc. as necessary with grant funds if awarded.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Aleutians East Borough on this 2nd day of July, 2019.


Alvin D. Osterback, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Tina Anderson, Clerk