

RESOLUTION 20-29

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH SUPPORTING A FULL APPLICATION TO THE NOAA SALTONSTALL-KENNEDY GRANT “OVERCOMING BARRIERS TO DEVELOP NEW AND UNDERUTILIZED FISHERIES: GROWING AND LIVE-TRANSPORTING WILD URCHINS”

WHEREAS, this is *no-match requirement* Federal Funding Opportunity that supports science or technology that promotes sustainable U.S. seafood production and harvesting; and

WHEREAS, the AEB in collaboration with Alaska Sea Grant and Aleut Community of St. Paul submitted a Letter of Intent on 7/29/2019 that was recommended for full proposal; and

WHEREAS, the NRD would like to serve as a co-Principal Investigator on a full proposal for two-year pilot project totaling \$149,725.96; and

WHEREAS, a full proposal would charter local vessels to collect wild urchin via manual dive collection and also test passive trapping using modified pots, undersized urchin would be consolidated and grow to market size, then sold using live transport via the golden king crab industry; and

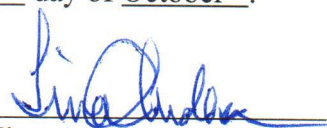
WHEREAS, this project supports the AEB Strategic Plan track “Diversification of Natural Resources” by exploring new and innovative mariculture industries; and

WHEREAS, anticipated results of this project could support developing a regulated fishery for urchin that could supplement existing fisheries in all of AEB communities that have harvestable urchin populations and are serviced by a barge route (e.g. Coastal Transportation).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Aleutians East Borough Assembly supports the NRD serving as a co-PI on a full proposal to the NOAA Saltonstall-Kennedy Grant.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Aleutians East Borough on this 10th day of October .


Alvin D. Osterback, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Tina Anderson, Clerk