



## RESOLUTION 22-40

### A RESOLUTION OF THE ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH SUPPORTING A PROPOSAL FOR THE PSMFC COD DISASTER MITIGATION RFP TO FUND THE CONTINUATION OF THE COD TAGGING PROJECT

**WHEREAS**, since 2020 the AEB has been collaborating with the Alaska Fisheries Science Center to investigate Western Gulf of Alaska (WGOA) cod population dynamics and preliminary results indicate there is an exchange of fish between the WGOA and Bering Sea which will have major implications for management, and

**WHEREAS**, in 2018 the Gulf of Alaska Pacific Cod fishery received a NOAA fishery resources disaster determination, and

**WHEREAS**, Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission has issued \$5.9M in research funds under the RFP *Research to Assess Gulf of Alaska Pacific Cod Stock Conditions in Response to Warm Water and other Variable Ocean Conditions*, and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough in collaboration with AFSC would like to submit a proposal to the RFP to continue the cod tagging project to include two additional years of field work, with an emphasis on analyzing results and incorporating them into the stock assessment, and

**WHEREAS**, the pre-proposal deadline is May 13, 2022 and the proposed project request is approximately \$1-1.5M for a three-year duration and will include the de minimis overhead rate to cover the costs of administering the grant in-house, and

**WHEREAS**, Pacific Cod fisheries are critically important to the AEB and its communities, and additional funding is required to continue this research and ensure results are incorporated into management.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Aleutians East Borough Assembly supports the submission of a full proposal to the PSMFC RFP to continue the cod tagging research, and

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the Aleutians East Borough on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022.

  
Alvin D. Osterback, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Beverly Rosete, Clerk