



RESOLUTION 23-37

RESOLUTION 23-37 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH KINGFISHER MARINE RESEARCH LLC FOR PACIFIC COD TAGGING RESEARCH IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$309,270.00

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 June 2022 the project team submitted a grant proposal to Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission to continue this work for an additional three years which was awarded in January 2023 for \$2,238,265, and

WHEREAS, the Borough entered into a contract with Kingfisher Marine Research LLC on April 5, 2022 to analyze and disseminate satellite tag data using a geolocation model developed by owner Dr. Julie Nielsen, and

WHEREAS, the award includes a \$309,270.00 allocation for a contract with Kingfisher Marine Research LLC to continue the geolocation modeling she has started in the 2021/2022 tagging years and provide assistance during the upcoming March 2023 field tagging cruise, and

WHEREAS, to expedite this project for the upcoming Pacific cod tagging field effort in March 2023, Natural Resources is requesting the mayor receive authorization to negotiate and execute a contract with Chordata LLC in an amount not to exceed \$309,270.00 using designated funds from the account PSMFC COD TAGGING, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Aleutians East Borough Assembly authorizes the Borough Mayor to Negotiate and Execute a Contract with Kingfisher Marine Services LLC for Pacific cod tagging research in an amount not to exceed \$309,270.00.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Aleutians East Borough on this ___ day of February 2023.

Alvin D. Osterback, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Beverly Rosete, Clerk