

RESOLUTION 27-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH ASSEMBLY AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL AND THE ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH FOR COLLECTING AND REMITTING TAXES ON NORTH REGION DESIGNATED BRISTOL BAY RED KING CRAB DELIVERED IN AKUTAN DURING THE 2026/2027 SEASON.

WHEREAS, the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Crab Rationalization Program regulations include a regional landing requirement under which a certain amount of crab, including Bristol Bay Red King Crab (BBRKC), must be landed in each of the “North” and “South” regions, as defined under the Program regulations in 50 CFR Part 680, and

WHEREAS, the lone major processor in the North Region, which is located on Saint Paul Island, has determined it is not economically feasible to process crab in Saint Paul this season, and

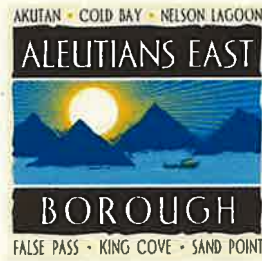
WHEREAS, the BBRKC total allowable catch has been determined by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council Scientific and Statistical Committee and announced by the Alaska Department of Fish & Game on October 6, 2026, for the BBRKC season that opens October 15, 2026, and”

WHEREAS, crab fishery stakeholders, including harvesters, processors and community representatives are currently working to develop a framework agreement and exemption contract to allow for exemption to BSAI crab regional delivery requirements, and

WHEREAS, a proposed 2026 Framework Agreement among the numerous parties will establish general terms and conditions under which an exemption contract may be executed for the purposes of changing Regional Landing Requirements and providing fair compensation for same, and

WHEREAS, the proposed Exemption Contract will enable the North Region Crab to be delivered to and processed in the Southern ports of Unalaska or Akutan, rather than Saint Paul, and make the BBRKC fishery possible, and

WHEREAS, the Aleutians East Borough is not currently a party to the Framework Agreement or the Exemption Contract but can enter into a separate agreement with the City of Saint Paul, and



WHEREAS, the Aleutian Pribilof Island Community Development Association serves as the City of Akutan's community representative for the Program, and will be a party to the Framework Agreement, and

WHEREAS, earlier this year, the City of Saint Paul and Aleutians East Borough entered into an agreement for the 2025/2026 crab season allowing the collection of sales tax by the Borough on North region Bering Sea Snow crab and remittance of those taxes to Saint Paul, and

WHEREAS, the proposed Memorandum of Agreement between the Aleutians East Borough and the City of Saint Paul would implement the intent of the proposed Exemption Contract, including having the Borough collect a 2% raw fish tax on North Region BBRKC that, combined with the City of Akutan tax of 1.5%, would equal what Saint Paul would have collected if the North Region Crab were landed and processed in Saint Paul, and remit those amounts to Saint Paul, and

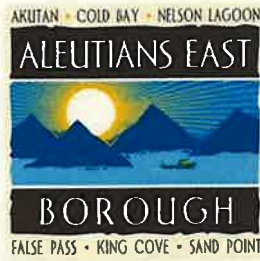
WHEREAS, by collecting for and remitting to Saint Paul taxes assessed on North Region Crab, the Borough does not "lose" any tax revenue that it would have received without the Exemption Contract and subsequent agreement, and

WHEREAS, implementing the intent of the Exemption Contract through a Memorandum of Agreement, will provide the City of Akutan and the Aleutians East Borough secondary economic benefits from delivery of North Region Crab to Akutan, including increased sales tax revenue resulting from the delivery and processing of additional pounds of BSAI crab in Akutan, and

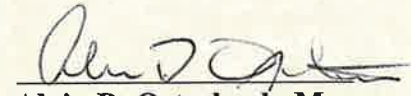
WHEREAS, the Exemption Contract and implementation of its Saint Paul compensation pursuant to the proposed Memorandum of Agreement will benefit harvesters, processors and all affected communities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Aleutians East Borough Assembly recognizes the validity of a proposed 2026 Framework Agreement and Exemption Contract to be approved by APICDA on behalf of the City of Akutan, and

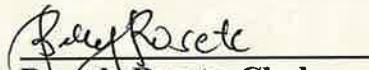
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Aleutians East Borough Assembly hereby authorizes the Mayor to negotiate and execute a Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Saint Paul and the Aleutians East Borough for collecting and remitting taxes on designated North Region Bristol Bay Red King Crab in Akutan in the 2026/2027 season.



PASSED AND APPROVED by the Aleutians East Borough Assembly on this 8th day of October, 2026.


Alvin D. Osterback, Mayor

ATTEST:


Beverly Rosete, Clerk

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