

Should this item be pulled from the consent agenda the following motion would be in order:

POSSIBLE MOTION

I MOVE TO approve Resolution 2010-17 supporting full utilization of fish waste by supporting a treatment facility for fish waste in the community on first and final reading.

Sponsor: Administrator

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA TO SHOW SUPPORT FOR AN APPLICABLE ENTITY TO PROCESS SITKA'S FISH WASTE AND REDUCE THE AMOUNT THAT IS DISCHARGED INTO SITKA WATERS.

WHEREAS, Seafood processors in the Sitka area produce an estimated 17 million pounds of fish waste annually that is currently being ground and discharged into Sitka waters; and

WHEREAS, The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation is concerned about the environmental impacts of the continuing discharge of fish waste to the waters in the Sitka area and the ability of some Sitka fish processors to be in compliance with an Alaska Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit issued under authority of the Federal Clean Water Act; and

WHEREAS, The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation promotes the use of seafood processing waste as a raw product and not as a waste material to be discharged.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska by this resolution supports the full utilization of fish waste in the near future by supporting a treatment facility of fish waste in the community.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska on this 27th day of July 2010.

Scott McAdams, Mayor

ATTEST:

Colleen Ingman, MMC
Municipal Clerk



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Tuesday, July 20, 2010

MEMORANDUM

To: Jim Dinley, Administrator

From: Garry White – Director – Sitka Economic Development Association (SEDA)

Subject: Resolution in support of an applicable entity to process Sitka’s fish waste.

Introduction

The intent of the attached resolution is to show City and Borough of Sitka (CBS) support for the secondary processing of the estimated 17 million pounds of fish waste annually in Sitka.

The Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA) met on July 13, 2010 and voted in favor of conducting more due diligence in regards to participating in the financing of a proposed fish waste plant in Sitka developed by a newly formed entity called Sitka Meal, Oil, and Gelatin LLC. AIDEA has asked whether the CBS’s supports secondary processing of fish waste in the community.

Background

In the fall of 2009, Sitka Sound Seafoods and Seafoods Producers Cooperative approached SEDA about helping with finding a solution regarding the disposal of fish waste in Sitka, specifically the two operations located in the Sitka harbor channel.

SEDA hosted and facilitated a meeting in December of 2009, bringing together all three major fish processing operators, along with Federal, State, Tribal and Local Agencies and other concerned citizens to discuss the issues and look for solutions.

The two main issues revolved around future compliance with the Clean Water Act in regards to continued disposal of fish waste into the ocean and the number of bird to aircraft collisions located at the Sitka airport.

The solution to the issue was to encourage secondary processing of fish waste in the future and work towards zero discharges going forward.

Several entities offered solution to the problem and the three major fish processors have been working with various entities to find an equitable solution.