

POSSIBLE MOTION

I MOVE TO approve Resolution 2011-10 on first and final reading.

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2011-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SITKA IN SUPPORT OF ESTABLISHING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE SET-ASIDE FUNDING IN THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, PACIFIC OCEAN DIVISION, CIVIL WORKS PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) is the central agency for the development of water-related infrastructure throughout the Nation; and

WHEREAS, the ACOE, Pacific Ocean Division includes Alaska, Hawaii, and the Pacific Island Territories all of which have economies highly dependent upon port infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Congress suspended use of congressionally-directed spending and now only funds projects identified through a scoring system which favors urban ports; and

WHEREAS, the rural coastal communities of the Pacific Ocean Division do not have the population to compete with urban ports, yet are highly dependent on waterborne commerce; and

WHEREAS, there could be a mechanism within the Energy & Water appropriations bill to recognize the unique circumstances of coastal rural communities of the ACOE, Pacific Ocean Division; and

WHEREAS, projects in need of funding include breakwaters, wave barriers, dredging, mooring basins, and flood/erosion control; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka encourages Congress to amend the FY2012 Energy & Water appropriations bill and the FY2013 President's Budget Request to include an annual \$50M set-aside that the ACOE, Pacific Ocean Division can prioritize and spend on projects necessary to sustain water infrastructure in small coastal communities of the region.

Passed and approved by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka on this 26th day of April 2011.

Cheryl Westover, Mayor

ATTEST:

Colleen Ingman, MMC
Municipal Clerk

Colleen Ingman

From: Kim Elliot [aahpa@gci.net]
Sent: Thursday, April 07, 2011 3:34 PM
To: 'Adrian LeCornu'; 'Alvin Osterback'; Arlen Skaglestad; 'Arlo Hannigan'; 'Brian Hawkins'; 'Dale Muma'; 'Danny Clarion'; 'David Bash'; 'David Duffey/Clint Bean'; 'Diane Kinney'; 'Ed Barrett'; 'Erving Grass'; Glo DeBoer Wollen; 'Greg Meissner'; 'Greg Meissner'; 'Jean Barrett'; 'John Days'; 'John Stone'; 'Kari Anderson'; 'Kenny Lyles'; 'Kevin Lyon'; 'Marc VanDongen'; 'Marty Owen'; 'Matthew O'Boyle'; 'Olen Harris'; 'Peter Williams'; 'Phil Benner'; 'Richard Kochuten Sr.'; 'Robert McDermott'; 'Shane Ulery'; 'Stan Eliason'; 'Steve Corporon'; 'Steve Waller'; 'Sue Miller'; 'Tim Dillon'; William J. Sheffield
Cc: Charles Hackett
Subject: AAHPA Resolution 11-01
Attachments: AAHPA Resolution No. 2011-01.doc; Kodiak ACOE Resolution.doc; Resolution 11-01 Signed.pdf

Greetings: Please see below AAHPA President Steve Corporon's message. In addition to Steve's request, please also send copies of your approved resolutions to me at this email or the mailing address below.

Thank you.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Steve Corporon [<mailto:STEVEC1@city.ketchikan.ak.us>]
Sent: Thursday, April 07, 2011 2:42 PM
To: Kim Elliot
Subject: Re: AAHPA Resolution 11-01

Kim: Please forward to the membership.

All: During yesterday's AAHPA spring board meeting the board unanimously approved resolution 11-01, which encourages carving out funding for Pacific Ocean Division ACOE projects. It is hoped that if a policy such as this is implemented it will help mitigate the end of the earmark era.

I encourage you to attempt to have your local municipal governmental bodies approve similar resolutions. Attached is a copy of the signed AAHPA resolution, a Word version of the resolution to assist you in drafting a local resolution and a Word version of Kodiak's resolution which is a similar but condensed version of the original resolution.

If you have any questions regarding this initiative please don't hesitate to contact me. sc.

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CITY OF KODIAK
RESOLUTION NUMBER 2011-__

**A RESOLUTION OF THE KODIAK CITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF ESTABLISHING
WATER INFRASTRUCTURE SET-ASIDE FUNDING IN THE ARMY CORPS OF
ENGINEERS, PACIFIC OCEAN DIVISION, CIVIL WORKS PROGRAM.**

WHEREAS, the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) is the central agency for the development of water-related infrastructure throughout the Nation; and

WHEREAS, the ACOE, Pacific Ocean Division includes Alaska, Hawaii, and the Pacific Island Territories all of which have economies highly dependent upon port infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Congress suspended use of congressionally-directed spending and now only funds projects identified through a scoring system which favors urban ports; and

WHEREAS, the rural coastal communities of the Pacific Ocean Division do not have the population to compete with urban ports, yet are highly dependent on waterborne commerce; and

WHEREAS, there could be a mechanism within the Energy & Water appropriations bill to recognize the unique circumstances of coastal rural communities of the ACOE, Pacific Ocean Division; and

WHEREAS, projects in need of funding include breakwaters, wave barriers, dredging, mooring basins, and flood/erosion control; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Kodiak City Council encourages Congress to amend the FY2012 Energy & Water appropriations bill and the FY2013 President's Budget Request to include an annual \$50M set-aside that the ACOE, Pacific Ocean Division can prioritize and spend on projects necessary to sustain water infrastructure in small coastal communities of the region.

Passed and approved by the City Council, Kodiak, Alaska __ day of April 2011.

CITY OF KODIAK

Carolyn Floyd, Mayor

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

Alaska Association of Harbormasters and Port Administrators



RESOLUTION NO. 2011-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALASKA ASSOCIATION OF HARBORMASTERS AND PORT ADMINISTRATORS IN SUPPORT OF SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PACIFIC OCEAN DIVISION WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING LINE ITEM WITHIN THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS CIVIL WORKS CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM.

Whereas, the Alaska Association of Harbormasters and Port Administrators recognizes the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) has been the central governmental agency for the development of water-related infrastructure throughout the Nation and has established a comprehensive process to identify, evaluate, and fund projects related to navigation, safe harbor, flood control, erosion control, and water supply; and

Whereas, The Congress has recently decided to suspend the use of congressionally-directed spending within appropriations bills while it grapples with the Federal deficit; and

Whereas, Under the moratorium on congressionally-directed spending, only projects which are identified in the President's Budget Request are eligible for funding; and

Whereas, These projects are identified through a scoring system which favors the more developed ports of major urban areas and large-scale environmental restoration such as the Everglades Restoration Project; and

Whereas, The rural coastal communities of the Pacific Ocean Division do not have the population base to compete within a scoring system that provides a bias towards large cargo volumes and urban populations, yet these rural communities are more economically dependent on waterborne commerce in relation to the rest of their local and regional economies than the large urban areas, which have more diversified economies; and

Whereas, There needs to be some mechanism within the Energy & Water appropriations bill to recognize the unique circumstances of the rural communities within the Pacific Ocean Division; and

Whereas, The Pacific Ocean Division is comprised of the State of Alaska, the State of Hawaii, and the Pacific Island territories of the United States and the communities within this region are either located on islands or are in the coastal areas of Alaska which are not connected to the road system which means port activity is the dominant feature of their local and regional economies; and

Whereas, Projects in need of funding include breakwaters, wave barriers, dredging of navigation channels and mooring basins required as part of new harbor construction or harbor improvement projects, removal of barriers to navigation specifically authorized by law, flood control, water supply, and erosion control; and

Now therefore be it resolved that the Alaska Association of Harbormasters and Port Administrators encourages The Congress to amend the Fiscal Year 2012 Energy & Water appropriations bill and the Fiscal Year 2013 President's Budget Request to include a set-aside of \$50 million annually for use within the Pacific Ocean Division to develop and sustain water infrastructure in the small coastal communities of the region; and

Be it further resolved, that the Alaska Association of Harbormasters and Port Administrators requests the Army Corps of Engineers be charged with the responsibility of working with the States, territorial governments, and local communities to prioritize projects throughout the Pacific Ocean Division region and granted the discretion to investigate, evaluate, plan, and provide funding continuity for projects identified within its priority list.

Passed and approved by the Board of Directors of the Alaska Association of Harbormasters and Port Administrators on this 6th day of April 2011.



Steven R. Corporon, President

ATTEST:

Kim Elliot

Kim Elliot, Executive Secretary