

Request for Proposals
By the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska
Fisheries Enhancement Fund

Request for Proposals for the disbursement of the available \$33,600 in the Fisheries Enhancement Fund, established by Ordinance 2006-38 and approved by voters in the regular election held October 3, 2006, will be received at the office of the Municipal Clerk, City Hall, City and Borough of Sitka, 100 Lincoln Street, Sitka, Alaska until Wednesday, June 1, 2011, 2:00 pm. Proposals received after the time fixed for receipt will not be considered.

The proposal should contain the following information:

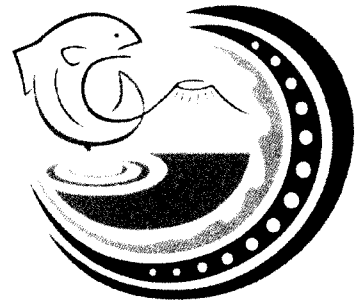
- History of the organization
- Current balance sheet
- Pro forma financial statements
- Dollars requested from funds
- Statement of what will be achieved with the funding
- Explanation of how this will enhance the fisheries within the City and Borough of Sitka

Questions may be directed to Jim Dinley, Administrator, 100 Lincoln St., Sitka, Alaska, 747-1808.

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May 16, 2011

Mr. Jim Dinley
City Administrator
City of Sitka
100 Lincoln Street
Sitka, AK 99835

Dear Mr. Dinley,

The attached proposal is for the City and Borough of Sitka Fisheries Enhancement Fund.

The Board of the Sitka Sound Science Center believes our organization, given our educational and scientific mission, along with our hatchery's contribution to the common stock fishery in Sitka Sound and Deep Inlet, is the ideal recipient for these Fisheries Enhancement Funds. The funds will be used for operations for the hatchery and hatchery personnel. Last year, the City and Borough provided the balance of the fund to our organization and with that funding we have carefully begun to increase the efficiency of the hatchery since we took it over from Sheldon Jackson College. This year we received our own salmon hatchery permit, improved rearing conditions and began to modernize equipment.

Sitka Sound Science Center promotes and supports science education and scientific research and as part of our mission we operate the hatchery. We have a strong partnership with the University of Alaska Fisheries Technology Training Program and the Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association. Our working hatchery serves as a training ground for people in fisheries enhancement, fish management and natural resource science sector. As we build our education and research programs this year we are working with a skeleton crew. This funding will allow us to increase our workforce which in turn will allow increased production of fish from our facility.

We have requested the full amount of the fund as we require these full funds for staffing. However, if there are multiple applicants for the fund we would of course accept whatever portion was available for our project.

Please feel free to call me if you have specific questions or concerns.

Thank you

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa Busch', written over a horizontal line.

Lisa Busch
Director

Application City and Borough of Sitka Fisheries Enhancement Fund

Sitka Sound Science Center

May 16, 2011

History of the Organization: Sitka Sound Science Center

The Sitka Sound Science Center is a non-profit 501c3 organization formed in 2007 when Sheldon Jackson College shut its doors. The Sitka Sound Science Center is dedicated to increasing understanding and awareness of terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems of the Gulf of Alaska through education and research. Our vision is to build on Sitka's legacy and potential as an educational and scientific community. We have five staff members year round and six additional summer employees. We own the 1929-era Sage building that at one time housed the Sheldon Jackson college science laboratories. Today we operate the Molly O. Ahlgren Aquarium and the Sheldon Jackson Salmon Hatchery. Our hatchery contributes to the Sitka Sound common stock fishery, the Deep Inlet chum fishery and towards training people in the UAS Fisheries Technology Training Program. Our facility has been accepted into the Rasmuson Foundation Predevelopment program to plan for upgrades and renovations. Our programs and operations are currently funded through a number of sources including individual donations, visitor fees, rental income, and cost recovery from an important partnership with the Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture.

Currently we are conducting marine mammal and fisheries research, funded by NOAA, and in partnership with Scripps Oceanographic Institute, the University of Alaska Southeast and the Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association. We have a MOU with the University of Alaska Southeast and will house the UAS marine mammal laboratory headed by Jan Straley. We partner with the UAS Fisheries Technology Training program to train coastal, rural residents in careers in fisheries enhancement, fisheries biology and the seafood industry. We are working with the National Marine Fisheries Service on an ocean acidification study and we are involved with a study on salmon energetics. We have recently begun a Scientist in Residency Fellowship funded by the National Science Foundation and private foundations that will bring scientists to the community for one month mini sabbaticals. We have a partnership with the University of Alaska Fisheries Technology Training Program to train students in aquaculture, fisheries and marine biology at our facility. We work with both the Sitka School District and Mt. Edgecumbe High School to deliver science enrichment opportunities such as the Scientists in the Schools program, throughout the year. We sponsored the Ocean Bowl High School team for both Mt. Edgecumbe and Sitka High School to encourage knowledge about the marine environment.

Community Support

Sitka Sound Science Center has a wide breadth of community support as represented by our donations for fish processors such as Silver Bay Seafoods and Sitka Sound Seafoods; private foundations including the Sitka Charitable Trust, the Boat Company and the Karsh Foundation, and individuals. Also our Board of

Directors represents a cross section of Sitka. Our board members are: Jim Seeland (chair, Fish Tech Training Program); Trish White (vice chair, owner, White's Pharmacy); Heather Woody (treasurer, Sitka Tribe of Alaska); Kitty LaBounty (secretary, UAS); Kristen Green (ADF&G); Bill Colthorp (NSRAA); Nancy LeClerc-Davidson (SEARHC); Bill Smoker (University of Alaska Fairbanks/ National Marine Fisheries Service).

Enhancement

Southeast Alaska hatcheries contribute millions of pounds of fish to commercial, charter, sport, personal use and subsistence fisheries, resulting in the injection of hundreds of millions of dollars into the Sitka economy. The McDowell study (May 2010) demonstrates how important hatcheries are to our community and regional economy. The Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association is based in Sitka and it produces chum, sockeye, chinook and coho salmon. It operates Medevje, Hidden Falls and Sawmill Creek hatcheries as well as the Deer Lake coho rearing program on southeastern Baranof Island. NSRAA together with DIPAC and SSRAA contributed 47 million salmon to commercial fisheries in Southeast Alaska, plus another 400,000 chinook and coho to charter and other sport fisheries since 2001. McDowell estimates these associations contributed \$233 million to the Southeast economy.

Sitka Sound Science Center is a support organization for this important economic sector. Our nonprofit provides 9 million chum eggs to the Deep Inlet fishery and we have a permit to produce 1 million chums, 3 million pinks, and 250,000 coho that return to Crescent Bay, providing important local sport, commercial and charter opportunities in town. Our organization is training people to work in fisheries enhancement, fisheries biology and the seafood industry. We are also enhancing fisheries in the City of Borough of Sitka by our contribution to the common stock fishery.

Dollars Requested: Sitka Sound Science Center respectfully requests the balance of the fisheries enhancement fund \$33,600

Statement of what will be achieved with the funding: Fisheries Enhancement funding will enable Sitka Sound Science Center to continue the teaching hatchery operation by paying part of the cost of hatchery management and hatchery technician services.

Explanation of how this will enhance the fisheries within the City and Borough of Sitka: Sitka Sound Science Center is a fisheries enhancement tool in many ways. We:

- Train adults and students to become competent hatchery personnel to work at NSRAA and other hatcheries in the City and Borough of Sitka through on-the-job training and UAS Fisheries Technology class laboratories.
- Introduce K-12 students to fisheries enhancement, science and other marine related disciplines as options for their future careers by providing hands-on laboratories supporting science curriculum at all Sitka Schools,
- We enhance the quantity of fish stocks in Sitka Sound by releasing 250,000 coho, 1 million chum and 3 million pink that return to Crescent Bay.

- Support seine and gillnet commercial fisheries and subsistence fisheries by producing and supporting hatcheries that produce pink and chum salmon
- Support sport, guided sport and troll commercial fisheries by producing and supporting hatcheries that produce coho and chinook salmon,
- Support public appreciation and identification of other fisheries including halibut, rockfish, crab, and sea cucumber,
- We educate visitors and residents about the role of commercial, sport and subsistence fishing to Sitka's economy, lifestyle and culture,
- Provide internship opportunities for coastal, rural college students studying science to work in science education and hatchery operations during the summer,
- Provide summer employment opportunities for Sitka High School students to work in science education and hatchery operations.

Pro Forma and 2010 Balance Sheet Attached.

PRO FORMA FOR SSSC

FY	2011 (Budget)	2012	2013	2014	2015
Support					
Donation Income	60,000	65,000	70,000	75,000	75,000
Grant Income	58,000	65,000	75,000	85,000	85,000
Total Support	118,000	130,000	145,000	160,000	160,000
Revenue					
Contract Income	100,000	130,000	140,000	150,000	175,000
Summer Sales	2,000	10,000	11,000	12,000	13,000
Cost Recovery	55,000	55,000	55,000	55,000	55,000
Rental Income	11,690	15,000	16,000	20,000	25,000
Total Revenue	168,690	210,000	222,000	237,000	268,000
Total Support and Revenue	286,690	340,000	367,000	397,000	428,000
Personnel	186,000	192,510	199,248	206,222	213,439
Travel	5,300	5,486	5,677	5,876	6,082
Utilities and Maintenance	35,000	36,225	37,493	38,805	40,163
Supplies	31,000	32,085	33,208	34,370	35,573
Boat Repair and Maintenance	3,400	3,519	3,642	3,770	3,902
Other Expenses	41,990	43,460	44,981	46,555	48,184
Total Expenses	302,690	313,284	324,249	335,598	347,344
Excess Support/Revenue over Expenses	-16,000	26,716	42,751	61,402	80,656
Reserves	85,000	111,716	154,467	215,869	296,525

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Accrual Basis

Sitka Sound Science Center
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2010



	Dec 31, 10
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
ALPS Savings	36,191.08
PayPal	1,030.00
Petty Cash	123.07
SSSC Checking	78,260.83
Total Checking/Savings	115,604.98
Total Current Assets	115,604.98
Fixed Assets	
1500 - Sage Building	472,000.00
Total Fixed Assets	472,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>587,604.98</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
20000 - Accounts Payable	3,856.08
Total Accounts Payable	3,856.08
Other Current Liabilities	
2400 - Payroll Tax Liabilities	4,147.70
Total Other Current Liabilities	4,147.70
Total Current Liabilities	8,003.78
Long Term Liabilities	
2500 - Sage Building Loan	164,000.00
2600 - City of Sitka Sage Building	200,000.00
Total Long Term Liabilities	364,000.00
Total Liabilities	372,003.78
Equity	
3200 - Undesignated Funds	142,687.14
Net Income	72,914.06
Total Equity	215,601.20
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>587,604.98</u>


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