



CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

A COAST GUARD CITY

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Eisenbeisz and Assembly Members
Thru: John Leach, Municipal Administrator 
From: Brandon Calhoun, Harbormaster
Date: October 31, 2025
Subject: Supplemental Appropriation for Outboards

Background

The City of Sitka Harbor Department provides fish waste disposal service to local sport and subsistence fisherman. The goal of this service is to keep harbors clean and mitigate illegal feeding of marine mammals.

To provide this service, the Harbor Department uses their 32' Munson with twin outboards purchased new in Fiscal Year 2014. In Spring of 2025, the vessel was brought in for service after one outboard overheated. Upon inspection, both engines were found to have critical failures that are not repairable.

Analysis

During the summer of 2025, the Harbor Department utilized its 22' drop bow, as a temporary replacement. However, this vessel is not designed to safely haul heavy loads, particularly in inclement weather.

To restore safe and efficient fish waste disposal operations by spring/summer 2026, the department is requesting funding to repower the 32' Munson. The estimated cost for replacement twin outboards and installation is \$65,000.

Fiscal Note

Appropriations for fixed assets in the Harbor Fund will increase by \$65,000. Funding for the outboards will come from working capital. As of June 30, 2025, undesignated working capital in the Harbor Fund totaled \$4,392,344.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Assembly approve a supplemental appropriation to increase harbor department fixed assets by \$65,000 for replacement of twin outboards on the 32' Munson vessel.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2025-27
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL
APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026
(Replace Harbor Outboards for 32' Munson)

BE IT ENACTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska as follows:

1. **CLASSIFICATION.** This ordinance is not of a permanent nature and is not intended to be a part of the Sitka General Code of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska.

2. **SEVERABILITY.** If any provision of this ordinance or any application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance and application thereof to any person and circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

3. **PURPOSE.** The purpose of this ordinance is to make a supplemental operating appropriation for FY2024.

4. **ENACTMENT.** In accordance with Section 11.10 (a) of the Charter of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska, the Assembly hereby makes the following supplemental appropriation for the budget period beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

<u>FISCAL YEAR 2026 EXPENDITURE BUDGETS</u>
HARBOR FUND
Fund 240 – Fixed Assets: Increase appropriations in the amount \$65,000 to purchase replacement twin Outboard Engines.

Explanation:
This appropriation will be to replace the twin outboards on the 32' Munson, which were originally purchased in Fiscal Year 2014. This vessel is used for fish waste disposal operations by the Harbor Department. The funding for these fixed assets will come from Harbor Department working capital.

5. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall become effective on the day after the date of its passage.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska this 16th Day of December 2025.

ATTEST:

Steven Eisenbeisz, Mayor

Sara Peterson, MMC
Municipal Clerk

1st reading: 11/25/2025
2nd and final reading: 12/16/2025

Sponsor: Administrator