

**CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA
RESOLUTION 2010-03**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA SUPPORTING FUNDING FOR
THE SITKA SOUND SCIENCE CENTER**

WHEREAS, Sitka Sound Science Center, Inc. is an Alaska 501(c)3 non-profit corporation dedicated to increasing understanding and awareness of terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems of the Gulf of Alaska through education and research; and

WHEREAS, SSSC was organized in 2007 to continue the scientific educational, training and research traditions existing in Sitka; and

WHEREAS, SSSC uses hatchery cost recovery revenue, tourism donations, private contributions, fees for service, research contracts and grants to support employment of nine individuals in Sitka; and

WHEREAS, in 2008 and 2009 the City and Borough of Sitka provided financial support through its Community Grants and Fisheries Enhancement funding programs; and

WHEREAS, SSSC's SJ Hatchery Program Objectives are to

- Provide an education resource for conducting aquaculture technology training that supports the State of Alaska's and Sitka's commercial, charter, subsistence, and sport fisheries, and
- Engage the community by contributing fish, outreach, and volunteer opportunities, and

WHEREAS, in 2008, SSSC received a \$250,000 Alaska Legislative grant for phase-one of its three-phase hatchery training facility development project which was expended in September 2009; and

WHEREAS, that first phase stabilized the SJ Hatchery operation, the Ahlgren Aquarium and the Sage Building and established partnerships with NSRAA, Sitka and Mt Edgecumbe schools, UAS-Sitka, UAS-Ketchikan and UA-Fairbanks, NOAA, WhaleFest, AmeriCorps and others; and

WHEREAS, SSSC is seeking funding for the final two phases to develop a self-sustaining hatchery training facility.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska hereby supports the FY2011 application of the Sitka Sound Science Center for a \$500,000 Alaska Legislative grant.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska, on this 26th day of January, 2010.



Scott McAdams, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sara Peterson, Acting Municipal Clerk