

City and Borough of Sitka  
ANNUAL GRANTS FROM GENERAL FUND  
SUMMARY SHEET

Name of Organization: Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association (ALFA)

Alaska State Business License Number (if applicable):

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Grant Category (check either annual or special emergency grant, and check type of services for annual grant):

- Annual Grant:
  - Human Services or
  - Cultural and Educational Services
  - Community Development
  - Special Emergency Grant

Dollars Requested: \$8,500.00


Match Dollars Committed: \$11,000.00

Percentage: 43%

Sources of Matched Dollars: Sitka Permanent Charitable Trust; ALFA

Brief Description of the Purpose of the Grant: Generate seafloor bathymetry maps that **serve the dual education purpose of:** 1) improving fishing efficiency and best fishing practices of the local fishing fleet; and 2) informing Sitka students and adult residents about the remarkable bathymetric relief and complexity of the continental shelf/slope off Baranof Island.

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I, , do hereby certify that all information provided for this grant application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Name: Linda Behnken

Title: Executive Director

Date: August 9, 2014

## City and Borough of Sitka: General Fund Grants for Non-Profit Organizations

### Detailed Project Description Overview:

The Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association (ALFA) respectfully requests funds from the **annual grant category of cultural and educational services**. Funds awarded to this project will allow ALFA to generate seafloor bathymetry maps that **serve the dual education purpose of:** 1) improving fishing efficiency and best fishing practices of the local fishing fleet; and 2) informing Sitka students and adult residents about the remarkable bathymetric relief and complexity of the continental shelf/slope off Baranof Island.

In 2009 ALFA launched a Fishery Conservation Network (FCN) that empowers stewardship innovation by engaging fishermen in research and collaboration. FCN members identify issues of mutual concern, then work together to develop tools and information networks to address the identified concerns. This project will support the successful work of ALFA's FCN by: 1) compiling fleet bycatch data, which ALFA has collected since 2009, with catch and bycatch data from the Gulf of Alaska hook and line surveys for halibut and sablefish; 2) augmenting the three dimensional bathymetric maps ALFA's FCN members have generated with additional NOAA multi-beam data for new areas, and 3) synthesizing this data into user friendly and visually effective Geographic Information System (GIS) maps. The synthesized bycatch and bathymetry maps will be provided to fishermen as an electronic interactive base layer compatible with on board navigation systems, allowing fishermen to avoid the seafloor structures, such as reefs and pinnacles, that support sensitive habitat and concentrate rockfish or other non-target species. In addition, bathymetry maps and visual representations of the species associated with different seafloor structures will be created to share with Sitka schools and Sitka science programs to visually engage students with the world beneath the seas off Sitka's coast.

Project funding will support purchase of necessary GIS software and partially support a nine month ALFA Sitka Service Fellow who will: 1) compile, analyze, and map the bycatch and habitat data; and 2) work with Sitka teachers to develop appropriate classroom materials. A qualified and enthusiastic candidate for this fellowship has been identified. Work will commence in September 2014 and be complete by June 1, 2015. Partial funding for this project was generously contributed in June by the Sitka Permanent Charitable Trust.

Because fisheries are a cornerstone of Sitka's economy, **this project will serve the Sitka community by** strengthening local fisheries, preventing fishery closures associated with bycatch overfishing, and safeguarding resource productivity. The project will educate fishermen, facilitate information sharing between fishermen and scientists, and support fishermen in sharing that information with Sitka students and other marine enthusiasts. The educational service supported by this project will build resilience in Sitka's fisheries and economy while contributing to the scientific excellence of Sitka's schools.



**Expected Outcomes:**

This project will begin in September 2014 and be completed by June 2015.

Outcome 1: Provide electronic and/or hard maps to FCN fishermen; provide training sessions on installing and maximizing effectiveness of bathymetry and bycatch maps; conduct extensive outreach to engage additional fishermen. (January through May)

Outcome 2: Work with Sitka School district science teachers to create age-appropriate teaching materials using the seafloor bathymetry maps and species associations identified through this project. Coordinate with schools to share materials and fishermen's unique perspectives on the marine environment (March-May)

Outcome 3: Create presentation materials for science forums and local displays. (April-May)

Project success measured by completing tasks identified above and achieving long-term outcomes:

- 1) Increased participation of local fishermen in the research, conservation and management initiatives that define the Fishery Conservation Network;
- 2) Sustained health and economic productivity of local fisheries;
- 3) Enhanced understanding and appreciation of Sitka's complex and diverse marine ecosystem.

Benchmarks that indicate the project is proceeding in the right direction include: arrival and engagement of the ALFA Sitka Service Fellow; data secured from fishermen and stock assessment scientists by December 2014; GIS data base under construction by January 2015. Other benchmarks will be tied to each outcome listed above.

The primary purpose of the project is to support sustainable fisheries and build resilience in Sitka as a fishing community. This project serves that purpose through research and education that provides Sitka fishermen with the tools to improve fishing efficiency while controlling bycatch rates and minimizing habitat impacts. The project will also add a new dimension to Sitka students visualization of the ocean and their understanding of its complexity.

Fishermen face an increasingly complex regulatory environment that demands careful accounting of catch and bycatch (the catch of secondary or non-target species). Bycatch species of concern include rockfish and skates. Rockfish are longlived (up to 120 years for shortraker rockfish) and slow to reproduce, making them extremely vulnerable to overexploitation. Rockfish overfishing has closed target fisheries for other species off the west coast and threatened to close the halibut fishery off Alaska. Newly established annual catch limits for skates and other species have heightened the importance of controlling bycatch rates for other commonly encountered species. With this project, ALFA will compile and map fishery and survey data on catch, bycatch rates, and the seafloor bathymetry that concentrates species in a given area. By widely sharing this data, this project will ensure fishermen have the necessary tools to control bycatch rates, avoid overharvest and prevent fishery closures.

Sitka teachers will have the option of using outreach materials generated by this project on their own or inviting ALFA to present the information. The latter will open an avenue for Sitka fishermen to share their experiential understanding of the ocean with Sitka students both in the schools and through community science programs. Both will contribute to educational excellence in Sitka.

**Statement of Need:**

The focus of this project is on education: fostering education between fishermen, facilitating education between fishermen and scientists, and providing fishermen with the opportunity to enhance marine science education in Sitka. This education is fundamental to ALFA's FCN, which fosters mentoring and information sharing by synthesizing the expertise of fishermen with state of the art technology to create a powerful force for sustainable fisheries.

The McDowell Reports on Sitka's economy repeatedly identify commercial fishing as one of Sitka's two most important "economic drivers." Gross earnings for fishermen who live in Sitka surpassed \$40 million in 2010. Halibut and sablefish account for half of Sitka's total gross earning from fisheries; salmon accounts for an additional 40%. This project focuses on providing critical educational services and tools to Sitka fisheries to promote the long-term health of the resources and the long-term economic success of local fisheries. The 2011 McDowell Report also identifies seafood processing as "clearly the biggest contributor to job growth" in Sitka. Proactively addressing resource, management and conservation concerns while simultaneously providing Sitka fishermen with the tools to more efficiently and successfully harvest and deliver seafood supports local fishermen and local processors, addressing an important socioeconomic need of this community.

Funds provided to this project will leverage the significant investment in the FCN bathymetry mapping to date by ALFA, the Oak Foundation, and the Sitka Permanent Charitable Trust. Since 2009, ALFA has dedicated substantial time and resource to the seafloor bathymetry work, using foundation grant funding, membership money, and in-kind fleet time. ALFA has provided fishermen with stipends to offset the cost of bathymetric mapping equipment and software for their boats; ALFA hosts 2-4 mapping software workshops per year (for the past three years) to assist fishermen with collecting and using the bathymetry data; and ALFA has invested in office computer equipment with the processing capacity to compile the large bathymetric data sets members collect. Finally, ALFA will provide the Sitka Service Fellow with training, supervision, and office support for this project.

In June the Sitka Permanent Charitable Trust awarded \$5,000 to this project. These funds will be used to partially support the Sitka Service Fellow who will conduct the described work. This Sitka General Fund Grant will support the remaining stipend/board costs for the Sitka Fellow, GIS equipment/license costs, and supplies for developing educational and outreach materials. In sum, Sitka General Funds dedicated to this project will leverage years of investment in this FCN project by supporting the Sitka Service Fellow who will compile, synthesize and powerfully present this wealth of information.



### **Organizational Capacity**

ALFA is a Sitka-based non-profit association of independent commercial vessel owners and crewmembers who are committed to continuing the sustainable harvest of sablefish, halibut, and groundfish, while supporting healthy marine ecosystems and strong coastal communities. ALFA was founded in 1978 and has played a leadership role on marine conservation and management issues ever since. ALFA led the grassroots effort that culminated in 2003 with a ban on trawling off Southeast Alaska, with managers citing the importance of Southeast fisheries to community-based fishing fleets and the abundance of sensitive habitat in the Southeast Area. ALFA advocated successfully for small boat and community access provisions in the halibut/sablefish quota share program. ALFA has engaged in cooperative research with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, the National Marine Fisheries Service, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of Alaska, the Alaska Marine Conservation Council, the Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation, and multiple industry organizations. We collaborate with fishermen from around the region, the Nation, and the world. Since establishing the FCN in 2009, ALFA has received national recognition for our innovative approach to resource management and our lead role in promoting strong coastal fishing communities. Over the past six years, we have secured and successfully managed close to 1 million dollars in grant money.

ALFA is widely recognized in the State and across the nation as an organization that advocates successfully for community-based fisheries. ALFA helped launch the Alaska Sustainable Fisheries Trust ([www.thealaskatrust.org](http://www.thealaskatrust.org)) and the Community Fisheries Network ([www.communityfisheriesnetwork.org](http://www.communityfisheriesnetwork.org)), two organizations dedicated to increasing the long-term sustainability of community-based fisheries at the State and national level. ALFA staff members Linda Behnken and Dan Falvey have both been recognized by National Fishermen for their work promoting sustainable community based fishermen. ALFA also receives generous support from the Sitka fishermen and businesses. We have close to 200 fishermen members, with the majority living and fishing from Sitka. Our mission is to support access to sustainable fisheries while promoting healthy ecosystems and vibrant coastal communities. We believe the fishermen need the community and the community needs the fishermen.

ALFA has an outstanding and committed nine member board. Seven of our board members are Sitka residents; all board members fish out of Sitka in the spring/summer. Attendance of board members at board meetings and membership meetings is 90%, despite the "out of town" demands of fishing. **ALFA board members and officers are:**

Dick Curran, President

Jeff Farvour, Vice-President

Stephen Rhoads, Treasurer

Terry Perensovich, Secretary

Steve Fish

Norm Pillen

Frank Balovich

Richie Davis,

Phil Wyman

**Budget:**

ALFA seafloor mapping project		
Income		Status
	Sitka General Fund grant	\$8,500 requested
	Sitka Charitable Trust grant	\$5,000 received
	ALFA in-kind	\$6,000 pledged
	<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$19,500</b>
Expenses	Personnel	\$3,500
	Professional services	\$8,500
	Travel	\$1,000
	Software	\$3,000
	Outreach materials	\$2,500
	Supplies/other direct costs	\$1,000
	<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$19,500</b>

**Budget Narrative:** Personnel costs to plan, support and supervise this project are estimated at 100 hrs for ALFA staff @ \$35/hr. Support for professional services provided by the intern is \$8,500. Travel for intern to/from east coast is estimated at \$1,000. ESRI ArcGIS software and related support are estimated at \$3,000. Production of outreach and educational materials resulting from this project are estimated at \$2,500. Computer/office supplies and other direct costs for internet, phone and misc. are estimated at \$1,000. ALFA has received a grant from the Sitka Charitable Trust to partially fund this project and has pledged an additional \$6,000 for in-kind support. ALFA is requesting \$8,500 from the Sitka General Fund, Grants for Non-profits program to complete the necessary funding for the project.

**ALFA budget for current year:**

ALFA 2014 Budget		
Income		
	Grant income	\$179,603
	Deferred revenue	\$116,190
	Membership dues	\$45,000
	Product sales	\$2,500
	Fundraising	\$5,500
	<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$348,793</b>
Expenses	Personal services	\$69,500
	Direct support to target population	\$35,000
	professional services	\$172,000
	travel	\$30,000
	small equipment	\$1,500
	supplies/other direct costs	\$20,100
	<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$328,100</b>

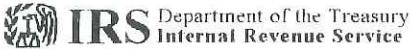
**ALFA statement of assets, revenues and expenditures for previous year (2013):**

ALFA 2013		
Current assets		
Cash		\$219,826
Accounts receivable		-
Grants receivable		\$25,439
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>\$245,265</b>
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable		\$4,031
Accrued payroll taxes		\$1,683
Deferred revenue		\$116,190
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>\$121,361</b>
Net Assets		
Unrestricted, undesignated		\$123,361
<b>Total net assets</b>		<b>\$123,361</b>

**ALFA list of grants received or pending for prior and current years:**

ALFA Grant History			
Year	Project	Amount	Grantor
2004-2006	Developing gear to harvest underutilized rockfish species.	\$117,000	Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation
2005	Validating rockfish identification in SE processing plants	\$12,000	National Marine Fisheries Service
2006	Sablefish volunteer logbooks	\$10,000	National Marine Fisheries Service
2009-2012	Fishery Conservation network	\$200,000	Oak Foundation
2010-2012	Electronic Monitoring	\$220,000	National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
2013-2105	Fishery Conservation network	\$210,000	Oak Foundation
2012-2014	Data logger as a low cost alternative to VMS	\$110,000	National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
2103-2014	Electronic monitoring	\$30,000	National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
2014-2016	Electronic monitoring	\$135,000	National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
2014	Bathymetric mapping	\$5,000	Sitka Charitable Trust
2014	Energy audit for fishing vessels	\$2,500	Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation





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Employer Identification Number: 01-0951115  
Person to Contact: TAX EXEMPT & GOVERNMENT ENTITY  
Toll Free Telephone Number: 1-877-829-5500

Dear Taxpayer:

This is in response to your June 06, 2014, request for information regarding your tax-exempt status.

Our records indicate that you were recognized as exempt under section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code in a determination letter issued in APRIL 2010.

Because you are not an organization described in section 170(c) of the Code, donors may not deduct contributions made to you. You should advise your contributors to that effect.

Please refer to our website [www.irs.gov/eo](http://www.irs.gov/eo) for information regarding filing requirements. Specifically, section 6033(j) of the Code provides that failure to file an annual information return for three consecutive years results in revocation of tax-exempt status as of the filing due date of the third return for organizations required to file. We will publish a list of organizations whose tax-exempt status was revoked under section 6033(j) of the Code on our website beginning in early 2011.

If you have any questions, please call us at the telephone number shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely yours,

Kim D. Bailey  
Operations Manager, AM Operations 3



Alaska Entity #: 120566

**State of Alaska**  
**Department of Commerce, Community, and**  
**Economic Development**  
**Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing**

**CERTIFICATE**  
**OF**  
**INCORPORATION**  
**Nonprofit Corporation**

THE UNDERSIGNED, as Commissioner of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development of the State of Alaska, hereby certifies that Articles of Incorporation duly signed and verified pursuant to the provisions of Alaska Statutes has been received in this office and have been found to conform to law.

ACCORDINGLY, the undersigned, as Commissioner of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, and by virtue of the authority vested in me by law, hereby issues this certificate to

**Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association**

and attaches hereto the original copy of the Articles of Incorporation for such certificate.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I execute this certificate and affix the Great Seal of the State of Alaska on **January 6, 2009**.

*Emil Notti*

Emil Notti  
Commissioner

**Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development**

Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing  
P.O. Box 110806, Juneau, Alaska 99811-0806

This is to certify that

**ALASKA LONGLINE FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION**

PO BOX 1229 SITKA AK 99835

owned by

ALASKA LONGLINE FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION

is licensed by the department to conduct business for the period

August 12, 2014 through December 31, 2015  
for the following line of business:

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This license shall not be taken as permission to do business in the state without having complied with the other requirements of the laws of the State or of the United States.

This license must be posted in a conspicuous place at the business location. It is not transferable or assignable.

Susan K. Bell  
Commissioner



City Assembly  
City General Fund Grants to Non-Profits  
Sitka Alaska 99835

August 11, 2014

Dear Members of the Assembly,

At Sitka High School, we are always looking for ways to integrate local science with our curriculum and to engage our students with local experts. The Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association's (ALFA) seafloor bathymetry project sounds like a great opportunity for that. There are several ways we could incorporate this information at SHS, including my Alaska Naturalist class when we study local fisheries; in particular, the halibut and rockfish units would be greatly enhanced by incorporating the bathymetry maps and the species association information. Linda has shared with me the bathymetric charts ALFA is creating and her ideas for developing teaching materials around the charts. I am excited to work with ALFA to develop appropriate materials from this data for my class. I believe the charts and the information fishermen can share with our school about seafloor structure and fish communities will add a new dimension and appreciation to my students understanding of the marine world.

I support this project and recommend the Sitka City Assembly provide funding.

Sincerely,



Kent Bovee

To: Sitka City Assembly Members  
Re: Sitka General Fund Grants to Non-Profits

August 11, 2014

Dear Members of the Board,

I am the director of the Sitka SEER School, and an advocate for place-based learning. We regularly invite local experts into our classroom to share their knowledge of Sitka's culture, art and natural history. Linda has shared with me the bathymetric charts the Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association (ALFA) is creating and her ideas for developing teaching materials around the charts. I am excited about the learning possibilities they offer and envision working with ALFA to create a marine science unit about the Sitka seafloor habitat and how those habitats influence fish communities. I believe the charts and the information fishermen can share with our school about seafloor structure and fish communities will add a new dimension and appreciation to my students understanding of the marine world, and I look forward to working with ALFA to develop appropriate teaching materials.

I support this project and encourage the City Assembly to provide funding.

Sincerely,

  
Heidi Horner Raffaele