

## **POSSIBLE MOTION**

**I MOVE TO** approve Resolution 2021-19 on first and final reading approving submittal and execution of Municipal Harbor Facility Grant application to the State of Alaska, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) in the amount of \$2,218,646 for the project entitled Fishermen's Work Float Replacement.




# City and Borough of Sitka

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*A Coast Guard City*

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Mayor Eisenbeisz and Assembly Members

**Thru:** John Leach, Municipal Administrator 

**From:** Stan Eliason, Harbormaster

**Date:** August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Subject:** ADOT&PF Municipal Harbor Facility Tier II Grant Application:  
Fishermen's Work Float Replacement

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### **Background**

Fisherman's Work Float was designed by Construction Engineering Services and Kennedy Engineering in 1987 and was constructed in 1988. The work float serves our valued commercial fishing industry. This facility served 469 commercial fishing vessels in 2020.

Fisherman's Work Float was evaluated as a part of the Harbor System Master Plan in late 2011. At this time, it was concluded that the overall condition of the facility was good. The useful life at that time was 10 years. The facility is now 33 years old.

Over the years the dock has had considerable work done to it. The dock has been re-decked, bull rails were replaced, and structural hardware was replaced. Currently fasteners are failing because of corrosion, fascia boards are nearly nonexistent because of rot, and floatation is failing. Deck boards are splitting because of age, and the span between stringers causes the deck boards to flex.

### **Analysis**

The Alaska Legislature established the State of Alaska Municipal Harbor Facility 50/50 Grant Program in 2006 to provide financial assistance up to \$5,000,000.00 per project for municipally owned harbor facilities. The grant program is funded on an annual basis at the discretion of the Governor and Legislature. Applications for the grant program are competitively scored on a weighted criterion. The 50/50 Grant Program is comprised of two Tiers: Tier 1 applications are for repair/replacement of formerly State-owned facilities. Tier II applications are for expansion, new construction, or repair/replacement of facilities whether formerly State-owned or not.

Fishermen's Work Float was never State-owned therefore this project would fall under a Tier II grant. The total estimated cost of the in-kind replacement is \$4,741,777. The State grant would cover 50% of the construction costs, not to exceed \$2,218,646.

Securing the Tier II grant funding for this project would allow the City and Borough to complete the required work with the State of Alaska cost sharing, thereby reducing the financial burden of the harbor system user.

### **Fiscal Note**

In our long-term fiscal model, it is anticipated to spend \$3,004,435 of the fund's working capital in FY24. As initial estimates are coming in well above this amount, securing grant funding is critical to completing this project, and should allow for the project to be completed using less working capital than previously anticipated. Should funding be approved for FY23, this project would be prioritized and a supplemental appropriation for the match would be presented.

### **Recommendation**

Approve Resolution 2021-19 and authorize the Municipal Administrator to submit an ADOT&PF Municipal Harbor Facility Tier II Grant for Fishermen's Work Float replacement and execute the grant if received.

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-19

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA APPROVING SUBMITTAL AND EXECUTION OF MUNICIPAL HARBOR FACILITY GRANT APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF ALASKA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES (DOT&PF) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,218,646 FOR THE PROJECT ENTITLED FISHERMEN'S WORK FLOAT REPLACEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Alaska, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities administers the Municipal Harbor Facility Grant program; and

**WHEREAS**, the City and Borough of Sitka owns and maintains Fishermen's Work Float which is eligible for the Municipal Harbor Facility Grant which, if awarded, will pay 50 percent of the eligible construction costs (\$2,218,646) of this project; and

**WHEREAS**, the City and Borough of Sitka will provide the required 50 percent in local matching funds for construction of the project per the Municipal Harbor Facility Grant program; and

**WHEREAS**, the City and borough of Sitka is capable of completing the projects within eighteen (18) months after award of any Municipal Harbor Facility Grant; and

**WHEREAS**, Fishermen's Work Float is critical to the City and Borough of Sitka.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka supports the project entitled Fishermen's Work Float Replacement, and agrees, subject to available Alaska Legislative funding and selection by DOT&PF, to enter into grant agreement with the State of Alaska, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities for Municipal Harbor Facility Grants.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Assembly that the Municipal Administrator is authorized to apply for the grant and to execute the grant if received.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021.

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Steven Eisenbeisz, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sara Peterson, MMC  
Municipal Clerk

1<sup>st</sup> and final reading 8/10/2021

Sponsor: Administrator