CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA RESOLUTION NO. 2013-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA, ALASKA, APPROVING SUBMITTAL AND EXECUTION OF A SOUTHEAST ALASKA CHINOOK SALMON MITIGATION INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT FOR UP TO \$250,000 FOR FISH WASTE DISPOSAL

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska is providing one-time targeted grant funding through the Southeast Alaska Chinook Salmon Mitigation Infrastructure Grants; and

WHEREAS, City and Borough of Sitka is eligible to apply for this funding to enable the Sitka Harbor System to more efficiently and cost effectively dispose of fish waste generated by sport fishers who are required by Alaska Department of Fish and Game to bring their salmon carcasses to the Sitka Harbor System, but the carcasses can no longer be dumped in the water at the fish cleaning floats due to serious marine mammal and bird attraction safety problems adversely impacting Sitka Airport; and

WHEREAS, Sitka has the largest small-boat harbor system in Alaska, and the Harbor Department has hired a private contractor to handle the large sport angler fish waste disposal for several years, but the average four-month cost of \$42,000 is prohibitively expensive, and a permanent solution is needed and there are no other viable carcass disposal options available; and

WHEREAS, if this grant is received, the Sitka Harbor Department could purchase a greatly needed powered barge of sufficient size and carrying capacity to provide a stable platform to collect fish waste and safely relocate it to open water well beyond the Airport at a much lower cost and greater safety and efficiency than is currently possible;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka that the City and Borough of Sitka supports this Chinook Salmon Mitigation Infrastructure Grant for fish waste disposal as its highest priority project request and agrees, subject to available Grant funding and selection by the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development (DCCED), to enter into a grant agreement with the State of Alaska, DCCED, for this Southeast Alaska Chinook Salmon Mitigation Infrastructure Grant;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka 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, Alaska on this 12th day of March, 2013.

Min. McConnell

Mim McConnell, Mayor

Attested by Colleen Ingman, MMC, Municipal Clerk