# City and Borough of Sitka

# ANNUAL GRANTS FROM GENERAL FUND

# **SUMMARY SHEET**

Name of Organization: Sitka Sound Science Center
Alaska State Business License Number (if applicable): 920589
Name of Contact Person:
Phone: 907-747-8878 Email: mkosma@sitkascience.org
Mailing address: 834 Lincoln Street Sitka, AK 99835
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: \$3500 (fee for Centennial Building)
Match Dollars Committed: \$72,500 Percentage: 4.6%
Sources of Matched Dollars: Corporations, federal agencies, foundations, individuals and local businesses and participants
Brief Description of the Purpose of the Grant:  The purpose of this request is to receive a fee waiver for the
use of the Centennial Building for the four day symposium of Sitka WhaleFest.
J. Lisa Busch , do hereby certify that all information provided for this grant
application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.
Name:
Executive Director August 15, 2014

# City & Borough of Sitka Request for Harrigan Centennial Hall Fee Waiver From the Sitka Sound Science Center for Sitka Whalefest

Sitka WhaleFest (SWF) is a program of the Sitka Sound Science Center, a non profit dedicated to scientific education and science research in the Gulf of Alaska. SWF was created in 1997 to educate and generate awareness of the North Pacific marine environment, with a focus on Alaska. Sitka Whalefest celebrates marine wildlife through research, education and community events. WhaleFest brings world-renowned scientists to share their current research findings with local students, teachers, residents and visitors. Additionally, the event occurs in November as a way to bring visitors here during the traditional shoulder season to help encourage commerce. This is a request for a fee waiver (valued at \$3500) for the Centennial Building for the four day symposium.

#### Detailed project description:

Sitka Sound Science Center is respectfully applying for the Annual Grant for the Non profit organizations: Cultural and Educational Services category. We are requesting \$3,500, our anticipated costs, to cover the rental of Harrigan Centennial Hall. We will fully utilize Harrigan Centennial Hall over a four-day period, November 6th – November 9nd. Facility rental is one of the highest single line items in the Sitka WhaleFest annual budget. Fully funding this request would help alleviate our budget constraints while substantiating local governmental support – an essential component in securing other grant awards. Sitka WhaleFest accomplishes the goal of generating awareness of the marine environment through a variety of experiential mediums, including music, art, whale watching cruises, a science symposium, and other events. Additionally, it brings visitors to Sitka in November, a historically low commerce time of year. The 2014 WhaleFest will bring 9 world-renowned scientists to share their current research findings on North Pacific marine wildlife with local students, teachers, residents, and visitors from throughout the state, the country and internationally.

#### **Expected Outcomes:**

Sitka WhaleFest was created in part to increase commerce after the visitor season. The events brings people to our community from around the region and from outside of Alaska. The success of this project will be measured by the amount and the geographic distribution of individuals registered for the science symposium and each event. Our registration program, Cvent, allows for more in depth reports and tracking of the event and its attendees. In addition to a bump in commerce, the community of Sitka will benefit from Sitka WhaleFest in many ways. It provides a rare educational opportunity for our students and citizens. And it provides an opportunity for scientists to share information and ideas, as well as form relationships for future collaboration with the general public. Last year, over two hundred participants enjoyed the symposium over a four-day weekend in early November, while hundreds participated in other WhaleFest activities. In addition, the week prior to the weekend symposium, WhaleFest hosts a significant education component in the schools: The Scientists in the Schools is now a K-

12 program in the Sitka School District and Mt. Edgecumbe High School. During Sitka Whalefest scientists come in advance of the symposium to provide Sitka students with hands on activities that expose them to a variety of scientific careers and concepts. The program is carefully orchestrated by the Sitka Sound Science Center's education coordinators who works with teachers and administrators well in advance to assure the lessons meet state science standards and dovetail with the existing curriculum.

#### Statement of Need:

It has been well documented that many U.S. citizens lack basic scientific understandings. When citizens better understand scientific findings they are able to better engage in policy decisions that impact their lives. In Sitka, so much of our economic, social, recreational and cultural lives depend on natural resources. Sitka Whalefest helps our community better understand basic scientific concepts and modern research findings. Sitka WhaleFest is a rare event that centers on science but also includes celebrating our marine environment through the arts, food, and fun. The cost of the Centennial Building rental is one of the largest line items in the Sitka Whalefest budget. The Centennial Building works well for the event because of its variety of smaller rooms for artisan and educational outreach booths. The Sitka WhaleFest event engages many volunteers to assist with registration, event development and organization. The funding from the City and Borough most definitely helps leverage other financial resources. Sitka Sound Science Center has applied for funds from the National Science Foundation, the Sitka Charitable Trust, Alaska Airlines, and works on sponsorships from local and regional businesses. Knowing that the City and Borough of Sitka supports this event is extremely important in raising other funds.

#### Organizational Capacity:

Sitka Sound Science Center was formed in 2007 and has built many locally relevant programs since then.

Our science education and research programs are funded from over 200 individual donors, private foundations and from state and federal agencies such as the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, NOAA, USDA, the National Science Foundation. We receive funds from private foundations such as the Rasmuson Foundation, the Murdock Trust, The Boat Company, Crossett, and others.

In November, Sitka Sound humpback whale watching is at its best and WhaleFest offers whale watching trips hosted by the scientists and the region's best naturalists. The festival includes singer and marine illustrator Don Sineti, a chanteyman from Mystic Seaport in New London, Connecticut; a marine art show by students in the Sitka School District; a marine themed market featuring local/regional artisans and non-profit organizations; a café hosted by Blatchley Middle School as a fundraiser for their music and art programs; a 10k run /5k walk with usually 40 participants; a typically filled to capacity maritime monthly grind; and a sold out banquet. Each year WhaleFest grows and expands. Approximately 100 out-of-town visitors attended the Sitka WhaleFest creating a positive economic impact exceeding \$122,880 and we have reason to believe 2014 will bring even more visitors to Sitka this fall. WhaleFest is truly a community event that touches thousands of Sitkans directly, not to mention those affected by the positive economic

impact. Historically, between 50 and 100 visitors register for SWF and hundreds of Sitkans. A conservative estimate of the economic impact of 100 visitors at \$256/person/day in local spending for four days totals \$102,400 in Sitka. Sales tax revenue at 5% totals \$5,120 annually. This year we are increasing our promotion for the event around the State so we are expecting a rise in participants.

- The events include:
- 1. Scientific Symposium
- 2. Scientists in the Schools (SSD and MEHS)
- 3. Whale Watching Cruise with Scientists
- 4. Art workshops
- 5. Low cost Family Concert
- 6. Banquet
- 7. Maritime Grind
- 8. WhaleFest Market and Café
- 9. Banquet with Keynote Speaker
- 10. 10k/5k/2 mile Fun Walk at Whale Park

SWF Revenue: Sitka Charitable Trust has funded the Scientists in the Schools (SIS) program this year with a \$23,000 grant. Also the USDA is funding the SIS program as well. The SWF Symposium is funded through individual donations, business sponsorship, local fundraising, and registration fees. The total operating budget is \$76,000.

Sitka Sound Science Center is well supported by the community. Our board meets monthly with good attendance and represents a wide breadth of the community. Jim Seeland(chair) UAS Fisheries Technology Program; Trish White(vice chair) Whites Inc., Nancy LeClerc Davidson Sitka Prevention and Alcohol Prevention Services; Kitty LaBounty(Secretary) UAS; Heather Woody, SEARHC;(treasurer) Justin Penny, Wells Fargo; Linda Waller, Sitka Sound Seafoods, and Rob Allen(retired businessman)

#### Sitka Sound Science Center

Itemized List of Grants

#### FY2013

	Actual Funding
115 VISTA Support	1562.00
201 Hatchery Intern Program	11,754.00
220 Capital Campaign	68,745.00
230 ACF/MAC (NFF) 2013	13,000.00
240 Chum Genetic Contract	226,001.00
250 Encounters	21,192.00
300 Ice Bridge	17,685.00
350 Salmon Connection	101,342.00
400 CBSFA/ALFA	7,241.75
450 GOA Bioenergetics NOAA(p-d)	97,890.00
585 MCAF Summer	1,029.00
586 AMSF-Edgecumbe/Kruzof MDR	49,564.00
587 NOAA-TDCCC	20,628.00
590 NPRB	29,685.00
610 NOAA/Rockfish	7,734.00
620 Taking AME/NIFA	36,203.00
621 USDA-NIFA Grasp	48,087.00
640 NSF/SIRF YR2	59,471.00
641 NSF FSML	10,657.00
660 NOAA/BREP mmfgi	28,246.00
670 NPRB GOA Outreach	20,066.00
750 PSC (Pacific Salmon Comm)	106,661.00
850 Ricketts NPRB	8,856.00
875 CBS Cent Hall Grant	3,500.00
876 SWF Rasmuson	17,917.00
877 SWF SPCT	1,719.00
878 SPCT SIRF SWF	3,553.00
900 Crossett	16,444.00
910 SPCT	10,450.00
920 SPCT Seminar Series	2,316.00
990 USFS RAC	32,250.00

Financial Statements
Year Ended December 31, 2013

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# CHRISTINE E. HARRINGTON

Certified Public Accountant, LLC

329 Harbor Drive, Suite 210, P.O. Box 1328 Sitka, Alaska 99835 (907) 747-5500

To the Board of Directors of Sitka Sound Science Center

#### Independent Auditor's Report

#### Report on the Financial Statements

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Sitka Sound Science Center (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2013 and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, I express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

#### Opinion

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Sitka Sound Science Center as of December 31, 2013, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America

Ohristine E. Harrington Sitka, Alaska June 2, 2014

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

# December 31, 2013

# **ASSETS**

Current assets:		
Cash and cash eqivalents	\$	1,217,572
Accounts receivable, net	- 12	CAN THE MARK HE
Grants		78,742
Other		52,780
Prepaid expenses		10,659
Deposits		650
Total current assets	XII	1,360,403
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation		688,671
	\$	2,049,074
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$	58,169
Accrued payroll and related liabilities		22,608
Deferred revenue		567,611
Total current liabilities		648,388
Long-term debt, net of current portion	//	222,110
Total liabilities		870,498
Net Assets		
Unrestricted		883,537
Temporarily restricted		295,039
Total net assets	S <del>erie</del>	1,178,576
	\$	2,049,074

#### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

#### For the Year Ended December 31, 2013

Changes in unrestricted net assets from operating activities: SUPPORT:		
In-kind contributions	\$	3,000
Donations	4₹0	92,371
Special events	)-(	18,550
Total support		113,921
REVENUES		
Grants		672,875
Contract income		547,167
Cost recovery income		193,528
Rental income		37,351
Tuition and registration fees		75,998
Retail sales, net		1,690
Total revenues		1,528,609
Net assets released from restriction		-
Total revenues, support, and net assets released from restriction		1,642,530
EXPENSES:		
Program services		1,179,168
Supporting services		
General and administrative		315,491
Total expenses		1,494,659
Changes in unrestricted net assets from operating activities		147,871
Changes in unrestricted net assets from non-operating activities:		
Interest and unrealized gains (losses), net	-	60
Change in unrestricted net assets		147,931
Changes in temporarily restricted net assets		
Contributions		295,039
Net assets released from restriction	•	
Change in temporarily restricted net assets	-	295,039
Change in net assets		442,970
NET ASSETS, beginning of year		735,606
NET ASSETS, end of year	\$	1,178,576

# STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

# For the Year Ended December 31, 2013

CASH FLOWS PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Increase in net assets	\$	442,970
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets		
to cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation		8,204
(Increase) in current assets		
Accounts and grants receivable		(112,824)
Prepaid expenses		(10,659)
Increase in current liabilities		
Accounts payable		36,250
Accrued payroll and related liabilities		12,256
Deferred revenue		348,248
Net cash provided by operating activities	_	724,445
CASH FLOW USED BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES		122 2 101
Purchase of capital assets	-	(82,245)
Net cash used by investing activities		(82,245)
INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		642,200
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, Beginning of year	-	575,372
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, End of year	\$	1,217,572
Supplemental information		
In-kind	\$	3,000

#### Notes to Financial Statements

#### **DECEMBER 31, 2013**

#### NOTE 1. ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### A. Organization and Business Activity

The Sitka Sound Science Center (SSSC) was formed in 2007 as an Alaska not-for-profit dedicated to increasing understanding and awareness of terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems in the Gulf of Alaska through education and research. Building on Sitka's legacy as a research and educational community, the vision of the SSSC is to be an unexcelled resource and platform for conducting research and providing educational opportunities on issues that affect Gulf of Alaska ecosystems.

#### The SSSC values are:

- 1. Locally Relevant (community, buy-in, collaborate, partnership, legacy)
- 2. Hub (resource, neutral, non-controversial)
- 3. Support (respect, team, interconnected, family)
- 4. Economic Driver (impact, work force training and development)
- 5. Vision in Action (potential, inspired, fun )

The SSSC's revenues include grants and contracts for research, marine conservation, and education. In addition, the Center runs a hatchery which returns revenue from the harvesting of returning salmon which are over and above those needed to provide eggs for subsequent years' brood stock. The SSSC also houses an aquarium which is used for both education and as an attraction for residents and visitors to Sitka.

#### **B.** Basis of Presentation

The accounting records of the SSSC are maintained on an accrual basis of accounting under which revenues are recognized when earned and liabilities and expenses when incurred. Grant revenues are recorded as earned after allowable costs related to the grant have been incurred.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require the SSSC to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets. Unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets, and permanently restricted net assets.

*Unrestricted* net assets represent that portion of net assets of the SSSC that are neither permanently restricted nor temporarily restricted by donor-imposed stipulations.

Temporarily restricted net assets are that portion of net assets restricted by the donor, grantor or other outside parties whose restrictions either expire by the passage of time or can be fulfilled and removed by actions of the SSSC. Revenues associated with these resources are earned when the SSSC undertakes the necessary action or other restrictions are met.

#### Notes to Financial Statements

#### Note 1. - continued

When a donor restriction expires, that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

Permanently restricted net assets represent the portion of the net assets from contributions and grants whose use by the SSSC is limited by donor-imposed stipulations that neither expire by passage of time nor can be fulfilled or otherwise removed by actions of the SSSC. The SSSC has no permanently restricted net assets.

To ensure observance of limitations and restrictions placed on the use of resources available to the SSSC the accounts are maintained in accordance with the principles of fund accounting, whereby resources and related expenses are classified for accounting and reporting purposes into permanently restricted, temporarily restricted and unrestricted funds established according to their nature and purpose.

#### C. Revenue Recognition

Grants are either recorded as contributions or exchange transactions based on the criteria contained in the grant award.

Grant awards that are exchange transactions – Grants that qualify as exchange transactions are recorded as invoiced to the funding sources. Revenue is recognized in the accounting period when the related allowable expenses are incurred. Amounts received in excess of expenses are reflected as deferred revenue.

Grant awards that are contributions – Grants that qualify as contributions are reported at fair value and are unconditional transfers. Revenue is recognized in the period the funding is received or receivable.

Program income is recognized at the time the services are provided by the SSSC and represents income for specific charges related to program activities.

#### D. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### **Notes to Financial Statements**

#### Note 1. - continued

# E. Assets, Liabilities and Equity

#### 1. Cash and Cash Equivalents

The SSSC considers all cash on hand, checking and savings accounts with maturities of three months or less at date of acquisition to be cash and cash equivalents.

#### 2. Accounts Receivables

Accounts receivables are recorded on the accrual basis when the goods and services are billed and are considered delinquent or uncollectible on a case-by-case basis by management. The SSSC bases their allowance for doubtful accounts on historical collections rates. Amounts that are 90 days or more overdue are still active and collectible; therefore there is no allowance for doubtful accounts established. Receivables are charged off when all collection efforts have been exhausted.

#### 3. Prepaid expenses

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond December 31, year end, principally insurance, are recorded as prepaid expense.

#### 4. Property and Equipment

Furniture and equipment are recorded at cost. Depreciation is recorded on the straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the asset. Estimated useful lives range from three to ten years. Donated furniture and equipment are recorded at their fair market value at the date of donation. Purchases in excess of \$5,000 are recorded as fixed assets.

#### 5. Deferred Revenue

Deferred revenue represents amounts for which asset recognition criteria have been met but for which revenue recognition criteria have not been met.

#### 6. Donated Services and Materials

Donated materials are recorded at their fair value when received. Contributions of services are recognized if the services received require specialized skills, are provided by individuals possessing those skills and would need to be purchased if not provided by donation. The fair value of donated services is determined by the amount the SSSC would have to pay for those services if they were performed by a salaried or self-employed individual.

#### Notes to Financial Statements

#### Note 1. - continued

In 2013, the SSSC recorded the following donated materials: \$3,000 for a barrier reef net. There were no donated services which met the criteria for recognition.

#### NOTE 2. INCOME TAXES

The SSSC is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501c(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. It is the organizations practice to include penalties and interest (if any) associated with income taxes in income tax expense. The SSSC's Form 990 is open to audit from State or Federal taxing agencies. The tax years open for audit are 2010 to 2012.

#### NOTE 3. CASH

For the Statement of Cash Flows, the SSSC includes cash on deposit; cash on hand, money market accounts, certificates of deposits, (if any) and short-term investments with original maturities less than three months, (if any) to be cash equivalents.

At December 31, 2013 the book balance was \$1,217,572 and the bank balance was \$1,008,648. Of the bank balance, \$286,732 was insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the remaining balance of \$721,916 was uninsured.

#### NOTE 4. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLES

Accounts receivable at December 31, 2013 consists of the following:

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services University of Washington National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	\$	1,561 13,079 401
North Pacific Research Board		12,114
U.S. Department of Agriculture		22,377
National Science Foundation		7,660
University of California San Diego		8,803
U.S. Forest Service	No.	12,747
Total grants receivable	_	78,742
Prince William Sound Science Center		27,569
North Pacific Research Board		13,158
Silver Bay Seafoods		8,198
Other		3,855
Total other	=	52,780
Total receivables	\$_	131,522

#### Notes to Financial Statements

#### NOTE 4. - continued

Management has deemed all accounts fully collectible and no allowance has been established.

# NOTE 5. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment consists of the following as of December 31, 2013:

Land Buildings Equipment	\$	377,000 203,000 60,600
Less accumulated depreciation	,	640,600 ( 20,674) 619,926
Construction in progress		68,745
Property and equipment, net	\$	688,671

Depreciation expense was \$8,204 for the year ended December 31, 2013

Land and buildings with a cost of \$580,000 were pledged as collateral against long-term debt discussed in Note 7 below.

# NOTE 6. DEFERRED REVENUE

Deferred revenue at December 31, 2013 includes the following:

Rasmuson Foundation	\$	465,788
Alaska Longline Fishermens Association		41,428
CHARR		2,000
Sitka, Alaska Permanent Charitable Trust		22,311
State of Alaska		10,266
Other	<del></del>	25,818
Total deferred revenue	\$_	567,611

#### **Notes to Financial Statements**

#### NOTE 7. LONG-TERM DEBT

Long-term debt at the end of 2012 is a note with the State of Alaska, Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development in the amount of \$222,110 through the Fisheries Enhancement Loan Program. The loan is secured by future revenues and proceeds of sales of surplus fish and eggs on fish harvested by SSSC (cost recovery income) and land and buildings described above in Note 5. The SSSC is also required to maintain fire and extended coverage insurance in an amount equal to the original loan balance. The loan proceeds were used for fiscal year 2012 operating expenses.

The promissory note dated December 21, 2011 has a term of thirty years and an interest rate of 5%. Interest will not start to accrue until six years from the date of the loan. The loan will be repaid in equal annual installments, including interest, of \$16,500. Payments are due each January 1 starting in 2019 with the last payment due no later than January 1, 2041.

#### NOTE 8. CONTINGENCIES

Amounts received or receivable from granting agencies are subject to audit and adjustment. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected would become a liability of the SSSC. The amount, (if any) of expenses which may be disallowed by granting agencies cannot be determined, although the SSSC expects such amounts, (if any) to be immaterial.

#### NOTE 9. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Sitka Sound Science Center has evaluated subsequent events through the date of the Independent Auditor's Report, which is commensurate with the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

# Sitka Sound Science Center Operating, Hatchery, Whalefest Funds Combined FY2014 Approved Budget

# August 13, 2014

		FY2014 Combined Approved Budget
Revenue		O I Nasico
Grant Income		35,000
Contract Income		342,500
Donation Income		90,000
<b>Board Donations</b>		4,000
Sponsorships		2,000
Fees & Services		57,000
Board Fund Raising		30,000
Scholarship Received		1,500
Rental Income		32,497
Retail Sales		6,000
Indirect Cost Revenue		155,177
	<b>Total Revenue</b>	755,674
(e		
Expense		
Personnel		457,306
Travel		27,500
Facility		78,730
Supplies		64,230
Equipment		20,300
Advertising & Printing		14,500
Insurance		15,214
Fund Raising Expense		18,500
Legal, Accounting, & Other Professi	onal Services	36,900
Rent Expense		6,000
Scholarships Given		1,500
Taxes, Licenses, and Permits		11,370
Software Registration		2,500
Overhead Expense & Bank Charges		250
	Total Expenditures	754,800
	Not Income (Less)	974
	Net Income (Loss)	874

# Sitka Sound Science Center

# Itemized List of Grants

# FY2014

# Award/Anticipated Funding

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588 DEC Marine Debris	74,828.00
590 NPRB	40,431.00
591 UAF Recover Humpback Whales	106,069.00
621 USDA-NIFA Grasp	57,551.45
630 NSF Ataraq	99,936.00
640 NSF/SIRF YR3	58,040.00
641 NSF FSML	198,213.00
660 NOAA/BREP mmfgi	44,715.00
670 NPRB GOA Outreach	27,026.00
751 PSC Indian River	89,100.00
877 SWF SPCT	1,719.00
878 SPCT SIS	3,553.00
879 SPCT SWF Scientist Travel	19,380.00
920 SPCT Seminar Series	1,042.00
950 SOA Water	10,266.00

Alaska Business License #

920589

#### 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

# SITKA SOUND SCIENCE CENTER INC

834 LINCOLN ST #200 SITKA AK 99835

owned by

SITKA SOUND SCIENCE CENTER INC.

is licensed by the department to conduct business for the period

October 04, 2013 through December 31, 2015 for the following line of business:

54 - Professional, Scientific and Technical Services



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

ID# 31185

Date: JAN 1 9 2008

SITKA SOUND SCIENCE CENTER PO BOX 295 SITKA, AK 99835

Employer Identification Number: 26-1253086 DLN: 17053346036017 Contact Person: RONALD D BELL Contact Telephone Number: (877) 829-5500 Accounting Period Ending: December 31 Public Charity Status: 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) Form 990 Required: Yes Effective Date of Exemption: October 5, 2007 Contribution Deductibility: Advance Ruling Ending Date: December 31, 2011 Addendum Applies: No

Dear Applicant:

We are pleased to inform you that upon review of your application for tax exempt status we have determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to you are deductible under section 170 of the Code. You are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code. Because this letter could help resolve any questions regarding your exempt status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

Organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. During your advance ruling period, you will be treated as a public charity. Your advance ruling period begins with the effective date of your exemption and ends with advance ruling ending date shown in the heading of the letter.

Shortly before the end of your advance ruling period, we will send you Form 8734, Support Schedule for Advance Ruling Period. You will have 90 days after the end of your advance ruling period to return the completed form. We will then notify you, in writing, about your public charity status.

Please see enclosed Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, for some helpful information about your responsibilities as an exempt organization.

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Enclosures: Publication 4221-PC

Statute Extension

Sincerely,

Robert Choi

Director, Exempt Organizations

Rulings and Agreements