

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-14

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA (CBS) AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY FOR A REBUILDING AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE WITH SUSTAINABILITY AND EQUITY (RAISE) 2021 GRANT WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (USDOT) FOR \$6,464,800 WITH A 20% MATCH COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT HAULOUT INFRASTRUCTURE AT THE GARY PAXTON INDUSTRIAL PARK (GPIP)**

**WHEREAS**, Sitka's main private haulout facility serving Sitka's marine fleet is closing in spring 2022 leaving the community with no way to fully serve our critical commercial fishing and maritime fleet; and

**WHEREAS**, Sitka has the largest small boat harbor system and one of the biggest fishing fleets in the State and has long recognized the importance of the fishing and maritime industry to the community of Sitka; and

**WHEREAS**, The Alaska Department of Fish and Game records show more than 500 vessel permits in 2020 participating in 65 different fisheries and almost 1,200 permits to various individuals and 2019 records show that 398 fishermen landed 27.7 million pounds with estimated gross earnings of \$41.3 million; and

**WHEREAS**, the fishing industry is an important component in this community and furthermore, the capability to conduct repair and maintenance activity close to home and the fishing grounds enables vessel owners to be safer and more efficient; and

**WHEREAS**, the USDOT announced a RAISE 2021 grant opportunity and CBS is eligible for up to \$25 million per project; and

**WHEREAS**, the GPIP Board and CBS have been working on vessel haulout development plans since acquiring the old pulp mill site in 1999; and

**WHEREAS**, the CBS proposes a \$8,081,000 project to supplement the develop a haulout facility at the GPIP site with the capability of hauling out vessels up to 150 tons or more.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka to authorize the CBS Municipal Administrator to apply for a RAISE 2021 Grant with the U.S. Department of Transportation for \$6,464,800 with a 20% CBS match commitment of \$1,616,200 for a total project cost of \$8,081,000.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska on this 22nd day of June 2021.

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Thor Christianson, Deputy Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sara Peterson, MMC  
Municipal Clerk

1<sup>st</sup> and final reading 6/22/2021

Sponsor: Administrator