

CITY OF DILLINGHAM, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE DILLINGHAM CITY COUNCIL APPROVING THE CONTRIBUTION OF \$10,000.00 TO A FUND TO BE ADMINISTERED BY BBEDC FOR THE PURPOSE OF FACILITATING RESIDENT PARTICIPATION IN ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES MEETINGS IN 2012 AND 2013

WHEREAS, the Alaska Board of Fisheries will hold its Bristol Bay meeting in Naknek from December 4 through December 12, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Board of Fisheries will hold the Alaska Peninsula Area M meeting in Anchorage February 26 through March 3, 2013; and

WHEREAS, participation in the meetings by resident fishers has proven to be critical for assuring that our communities interests are heard and considered in the development of regulations; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to the sustainability of the commercial fishing industry because it is a critical economic activity for residents of Dillingham as well as all communities in the Bristol Bay region; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to assuring full participation by residents of Dillingham and neighboring communities; and

WHEREAS, the Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation (BBEDC) is soliciting contributions from organizations and communities in the Bristol Bay Region in order to establish a fund to support the cost of travel and other necessary expenses for participation by resident subsistence, sport and commercial fishers; and

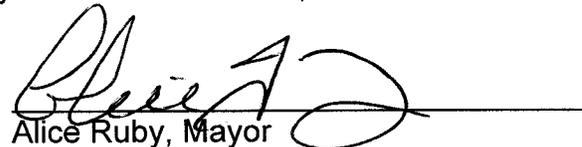
WHEREAS, the City desires to make a suitable contribution to the fund; and

WHEREAS, the City's fiscal year and budget cycle are such that the commitment can be made now and actual payments made from the FY 2013 budget;

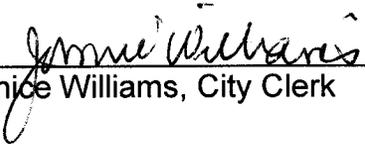
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dillingham City Council approves the contribution of a total of \$10,000.00 to the fund being coordinated by BBEDC to support participation of residents in the Bristol Bay and Alaska Peninsula Area M Board of Fisheries meetings.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Dillingham City Council on March 1, 2012

SEAL:


Alice Ruby, Mayor

ATTEST:



Janice Williams, City Clerk

Subject: A Resolution of the Dillingham City Council authorizing a \$10,000 donation to BBEDC for the Board of Fish and Alaska Peninsula Area M Fisheries meetings

Agenda of: March 1, 2012

City Council Action:

Manager: Recommend approval.

City Manager: 
Dan Forster

Route To:	Department / Individual	Initials	Remarks
X	Finance Director / Carol Shade		
X	City Clerk / Janice Williams		

Fiscal Note: Yes X No Funds Available: Yes X No

Other Attachment(s):

- Letter from BBEDC dated February 22, 2012

Summary Statement.

The purpose of the action memorandum is to approve a donation of \$10,000. The letter was presented to the City's Finance and Budget Committee on February 27, 2012. It was the Finance and Budget Committee's recommendation that the City Council authorize a donation that would come from the City's FY2013 budget.

Discussion:

*This is a regional effort to protect the fisheries
Noted the potential economic impacts could be to a regional hub such as Dillingham*

City of Dillingham
Fiscal Note

Agenda Date: March 1, 2012

Request: Donate \$10,000.00 to BBEDC to support sending area fishermen to the Board of Fish and Alaska Peninsula Area M meetings.

ORIGINATOR: Carol Shade, Finance Director

FISCAL ACTION (TO BE COMPLETED BY FINANCE)		FISCAL IMPACT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
AMOUNT REQUESTED: <p style="text-align: right;">\$ 10,000.00</p>		FUNDING SOURCE <p style="text-align: center;">General Fund, Council</p>	
FROM ACCOUNT 01-01-615.599	Council Cont \$ 10,000.00	Project Contribution to BBEDC for Board of Fish and Alaska Peninsula Area M meetings	
TO ACCOUNT:	VERIFIED BY: Carol Shade	Date: 2/29/2012	

EXPENDITURES

OPERATING	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15
Personnel				
Fringe Benefits				
Council Contributions		10,000.00		
Major Equipment				
Land/Buildings				
Miscellaneous				
TOTAL OPERATING	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ -

CAPITAL				
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REVENUE				
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FUNDING

General Fund		\$ 10,000.00		
State/Federal Funds				
Other				
TOTAL FUNDING	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

POSITIONS

Full-Time				
Part-Time				
Temporary				

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

PREPARED BY: Carol Shade

March 1, 2012

DEPARTMENT: Finance Department

March 1, 2012

APPROVED BY: _____

Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation

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February 22, 201

Dear Stakeholders,

As you know the Alaska Board of Fish is having its Board of Fish meeting in Naknek December 4-12, 2012, 9 days and then the Alaska Peninsula Area M meeting in Anchorage February 26-March 3, 2013, 6 days. These meetings are very important to the people of Bristol Bay and the future of our fishermen and region.

I can tell you at the last Board of Fish meeting held in Anchorage, we all brought in about 35 Bristol Bay folks to testify and lobby the Alaska Board of Fish and they made a big difference in protecting the resource of Bristol Bay and its users. I want to thank you all for providing the funds to get these folks to the meetings; the people we brought to the meeting also want to thank you all.

A lot of the outside fishermen are pushing for bigger boats in Bristol Bay again as well as permit stacking, these actions would have a very negative effect on the fishermen of Bristol Bay. Currently outside fishermen catch more fish than local watershed residents, with bigger boats this would only help outside fishermen and may drive our watershed fishermen out of the fishery. This fishery should be managed so it would be economical for our watershed fishermen who help sustain our communities. It should not be managed for those who have the most capital.

As a former member of the Alaska Board of Fish, I can tell you that in-person testimony weighs far more heavily on the Board of Fish decisions than written comments. That is why it is vital that as many local residents as possible attend these meetings to testify and participate in the Board's committee process.

BBEDC is asking the Boroughs, BB's, tribes, cities and other groups of Bristol Bay to commit \$20,000.00 for these special meetings. This will allow us to get as many people to the meetings in Anchorage and Naknek, rent a war room with the equipment to produce testimony for the Board. We will also pay for airfare, hotel and a meal allowance for the people we ship to the meeting. BBEDC has committed \$75,000.00 to this cause and it's still not enough. Your fishermen need your help.

As we did the last time we will bring folks from as many Bristol Bay communities as possible, those that are subsistence users, sport fishermen as well as commercial fishermen. If any money is left over we will refund it back to the respective groups right away, as we did the last time we all did this.

Payment can be made to Bristol Bay Economic Corporation P.O. Box 1464, Dillingham Alaska 99576. Please state it's for the Alaska Board of Fish meetings. We would appreciate any funds that you can contribute to this cause.

Again, our fishermen need our help, let's all work together to make sure that our Bristol Bay folks are well represented at these very important meeting. If you have any questions please give me a call at 1-907-842-4370 or my cell 1-907-843-1642. Thank you.

Sincerely,



H. Robin Samuelsen Jr.
President/CEO

CC: All BB's, Boroughs, cities and Tribal Goverments