CITY OF DILLINGHAM, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE DILLINGHAM CITY COUNCIL DECLARING REMOVED HARBOR BOAT RAMP PLANKS AS SURPLUS MATERIALS

WHEREAS, the north ramp installed in the 1970's in the Dillingham boat harbor was determined by the Port Director to be unused; and

WHEREAS, the concrete slabs comprising the north boat ramp were removed for safety concerns due to erosion at the base of the ramp; and

WHEREAS, many Dillingham residents utilize the boat ramp at the Lake Aleknagik State Recreation Site (LASRS) for subsistence and recreational purposes, and

WHEREAS, low water conditions at Lake Aleknagik have created a maintenance need to extend the public boat launch, and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska, Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation (DPOR) note low water periods cause erosion and safety concerns, and

WHEREAS, DPOR has expressed interest in acquiring the surplus concrete boat ramp planks to augment the ramp at LASRS for improved safety conditions, and

WHEREAS, DMC 4.36.030 C states the City Manager may sell, trade, or exchange obsolete supplies, materials and equipment following adoption of a council resolution declaring items obsolete and/or surplus.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Dillingham City Council declares the planks removed from the north boat ramp as surplus and authorizes the City Manager to negotiate the most advantageous solution for the citizens of Dillingham.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Dillingham City Council on October 7, 2021.

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ATTEST

Lori Goodell, City Clerk





Department of Natural Resources

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To Whom it May Concern:

The State of Alaska, Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation (DPOR) operates the Lake Aleknagik State Recreation Site (LASRS), a public recreational facility and boat launch on the south shore of Lake Aleknagik. This facility is considered the gateway to Wood-Tikchik State Park and provides the public with an invaluable access point for hunting and fishing access, as well as access for general water-based recreational activities.

Southwest Alaska has experienced several recent low water events, including in 2020, when the lowest water on record was observed in the Wood-Tikchik lakes system. These low water periods have created a maintenance need to extend the public boat launch at the LASRS. When waters recede to such low levels, users frequently must back boat trailers beyond the existing boat launch planks to effectively offload vessels. As such, park staff shoulders significant maintenance efforts to improve safety at the launch facility, but hazards persist when the water is low. Such upkeep is a time-consuming and unending process due to erosion and continuous public use.

It has come to my attention the City of Dillingham recently removed multiple concrete planks from the City boat launch facility in Dillingham and these planks may be available to reuse and install at the LASRS for limited to no cost to the State of Alaska. The State of Alaska, DPOR is interested in acquiring any concrete planks the City would part with to provide improved public access at the state boat launch at the LASRS in Aleknagik.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding this opportunity to improve public boating access for the people of southwest Alaska.

Sincerely,

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