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**HARBOR COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
2/8/2012 7:30:00 PM
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM**

AGENDA

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

Brent Davis, Greg LoForte, Robert Beedle, Mike Adams, Max Wiese

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

D. COMMUNICATIONS BY VISITORS

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Regular meeting of 12/14/11

F. HARBORMASTER'S REPORT

G. CORRESPONDENCE

H. OLD BUSINESS

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. HB 184 - Related to fish tax

J. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

K. COMMISSION COMMENTS

L. ADJOURNMENT

Harbor Commission Regular Meeting
Wednesday, December 14, 2011 at 7:00 PM
City Hall Conference Room

- A. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Beedle at 7:03.
- B. Roll Call: In Attendance: Greg LoForte, Robert Beedle, Mike Adams, Max Wiese, Harbormaster Dale Muma, and recording secretary Brandy Griffith.
- C. Approval of Agenda: M/ Loforte, S/ Wiese, V/ Unanimous to approve the agenda.
- D. Approval of previous minutes: M/Wiese, S/ Loforte, V/ Unanimous to approve the minutes of November 9, 2011.
- E. Communications by Visitors: Katrina Hoffman introduced herself as the new CEO of PWSSC.
- F. Harbormaster's Report: Harbormaster Muma reported the removal of the Sound Developer from the Cordova harbor and the expected completion of the Sound Developer clean up by Friday December 16. He is meeting with the city manager tomorrow to discuss the city's responsibility for disposal. The harbor floats suffered damage during the wind storms in November but can likely be repaired before the next fishing season. There were 132 vessel lifts using the travel lift facility this year.
- G. City Council Report: The budget passed, including harbor fee rate increases. Dumpster fees will be shared by the city to account for additional use by the community. \$20,000 each awarded for side walk and new harbor design planning.
- H. Correspondence: None
- I. Old Business: None
- J. New Business: PWSSC Proposal: Motion to proceed as proposed by PWSSC with breakwater improvement amendment. M/ Loforte, S/Wiese, V/ Unanimous to approve the Motion
- K. Audience Participation: RJ Kopchack answered questions about the proposal. Bill Meyers offered ideas about sidewalk construction. Jennifer Gibbons expressed concern over narrowing the harbor entrance. It was discussed.
- L. Commission Comments: Adams expressed a desire to be more proactive in removing derelict vessels from the harbor. Loforte excited about the removal of the Sound Developer. Wiese hopes to see storm damaged floats repaired by summer. Beedle appreciate harbor commission members time and thanks to PWSSC Reps for attending tonight.
- M. Adjournment: M/Loforte, S/Wiese, V/Unanimous to adjourn @ 8:11pm.

HARBORMASTER'S REPORT

FEBRUARY 2012

1. The Breakwater Improvement RFP is out. The deadline to submit proposals is 2/27. We will know at that time if this project is going to proceed or not.
2. As most of you are aware, the Sound Developer was placed in a trench in the middle of our haulout area. The original RFP proposal for disposal and removal was rejected and this request is once again going out for proposals. This second RFP is going to further delay the removal of the Sound Developer which is going to drastically affect how we operate the haulout area. The current situation will not allow any boats to be placed in the maintenance area which prohibits placing boats under the lights or to have immediate access to the utilities. As of right now, we may have room for about 5-6 boats along the western beach front. Any boat owner that needs power will have to provide a generator or run several extension cords which is going to present problems with amperage drops, and vehicles running over cords. At this point, there is nothing we can do but hope that this disposal project goes smoothly so that we can get things back to normal as soon as possible. The City Manager, in the new RFP set a deadline of March 31, 2012 for removal of the Sound Developer. I am not sure that this date is realistic due to the size of the vessel but we need to have it removed soon.
3. The Spartan disposal and removal was awarded to Andy Craig with a deadline for removal of March 15. This will provide for one more space to place a boat which will help.
4. The Planning Department is developing a plan showing proposed boardwalk placement in the harbor area. As I was informed, the proposal involves a boardwalk which is cantilevered out over the rip rap and runs from the City Dock around the perimeter of the Old Harbor to just below the Reluctant Fisherman at Council Street. It then continues at the inner harbor launch ramp and runs the length of Nicholoff Way. The plan should be ready for the Harbor Commission's review in March.
5. As with the entire community, the harbor was extremely busy during the months of December and January dealing with snow. The harbor staff did a great job keeping up. At the worst point of the event, we did get the help of the Sycamore crew which shoveled the entire New Harbor which was a huge relief. The harbor crew shoveled every finger float in the Old Harbor which was very labor intensive but we got it done. During this snow event we had one boat which nearly sank due to snow load. Related to this sinking was damage to the finger float that was severed from the main float due to the stress from the sinking vessel. Due to help from bystanders and quick response by harbor staff we prevented this vessel from sinking.
6. The Harbor Commission chairman wanted to put 2012 Harbor Parking on the agenda, but after talking with the City Manager, I decided not to. According to the city manager,

the plan will remain the same as last year. Since there has been no changes to the current status of harbor streets or properties it was felt that there is no reason to change the plan from last years version.

MEMO

DATE: February 6, 2012

TO: Harbor Commission

FROM: Harbormaster Muma

RE: HB 184

Attached you will find a copy of HB 184. This bill sponsored by Peggy Wilson would amend the formula for sharing fish tax revenue. Currently the tax revenue is split 50:50 between the state and municipalities where the fish is either processed or landed. This bill would change the percentage to 75% for municipalities and 25% for the state.

Assuming the Harbor Commission supports this bill I have attached a Resolution of support for your consideration.

27th Legislature(2011-2012)
Bill Text 27th Legislature

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HOUSE BILL NO. 184

01 "An Act relating to the sharing of tax revenue from the fisheries business tax and
02 fishery resource landing tax with municipalities; and providing for an effective date."

03 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

04 * Section 1. AS 43.75.130(a) is amended to read:

05 (a) Subject to appropriation by the legislature and to [EXCEPT AS

06 PROVIDED IN] (d) of this section, the commissioner shall pay

07 (1) to each unified municipality and to each city located in the
08 unorganized borough, 75 [50] percent of the amount of tax revenue collected in the
09 municipality from taxes levied under this chapter;

10 (2) to each city located within a borough, 37.5 [25] percent of the
11 amount of tax revenue collected in the city from taxes levied under this chapter; and

12 (3) to each borough

13 (A) 75 [50] percent of the amount of tax revenue collected in
14 the area of the borough outside cities from taxes levied under this chapter; and

01 (B) 37.5 [25] percent of the amount of tax revenue collected in
02 cities located within the borough from taxes levied under this chapter.

03 * Sec. 2. AS 43.75.130(g) is amended to read:

04 (g) In this section, "tax revenue collected" means the revenue collected by
05 the department from taxes levied under this chapter on the value of fishery
06 resources that are either (1) processed in a municipality; or (2) first landed in a
07 municipality and exported from the state without being processed in the state;
08 "tax revenue collected" includes the amount credited against taxes under

09 AS 43.75.018.

10 * Sec. 3. AS 43.75.137 is amended to read:

11 Sec. 43.75.137. Additional refund. Subject to appropriation by the

12 legislature [TO THE EXTENT THAT APPROPRIATIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR

13 THE PURPOSE, AND NOTWITHSTANDING THE REQUIREMENT OF

14 AS 37.07.080(e) THAT APPROVAL OF THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND

15 BUDGET IS REQUIRED], an amount equal to 75 [50] percent of the tax revenue that

16 is collected under this chapter from fisheries businesses and that is not subject to

17 division with a municipality under AS 43.75.130 shall be paid by [TRANSMITTED

18 EACH FISCAL YEAR, WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE OFFICE OF

19 MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, BY THE DEPARTMENT TO] the Department of

20 Commerce, Community, and Economic Development [FOR DISBURSAL] to eligible

21 municipalities under AS 29.60.450.

22 * Sec. 4. AS 43.77.060(a) is amended to read:

23 (a) Subject to appropriation by the legislature and except as provided in (b) of
24 this section, the commissioner shall pay to each

25 (1) unified municipality and to each city located in the unorganized
26 borough, 75 [50] percent of the amount of tax revenue collected from taxes levied
27 under this chapter on the fishery resource landed in the municipality and accounted for

28 under AS 43.77.050(b);

29 (2) city located within a borough, 37.5 [25] percent of the amount of
30 the tax revenue collected from taxes levied under this chapter on fishery resources

31 landed in the city and accounted for under AS 43.77.050(b); and

01 (3) borough

02 (A) 75 [50] percent of the amount of the tax revenue collected
03 from taxes levied under this chapter on fishery resources landed in the area of
04 the borough outside cities and accounted for under AS 43.77.050(b); and

05 (B) 37.5 [25] percent of the amount of the tax revenue collected
06 from taxes levied under this chapter on fishery resources landed in cities
07 located within the borough and accounted for under AS 43.77.050(b).

08 * Sec. 5. AS 43.77.060(d) is amended to read:

09 (d) Subject to appropriation by the legislature [TO THE EXTENT THAT

10 APPROPRIATIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE PURPOSE, AND

11 NOTWITHSTANDING THE REQUIREMENT OF AS 37.07.080(e) THAT

12 APPROVAL OF THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET IS

13 REQUIRED], an amount equal to 75 [50] percent of the tax revenue that is collected

14 under this chapter and that is not subject to division with a municipality under (a) - (c)

15 of this section shall be paid by [TRANSMITTED EACH FISCAL YEAR,

16 WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND

17 BUDGET, BY THE DEPARTMENT TO] the Department of Commerce, Community,

18 and Economic Development [FOR DISBURSAL] to eligible municipalities under

19 AS 29.60.450.

20 * Sec. 6. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
21 read:
22 APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to tax revenue collected by the Department of
23 Revenue under AS 43.75 and AS 43.77 for the 2011 tax year and subsequent tax years.
24 * Sec. 7. This Act takes effect January 1, 2012.

**CORDOVA HARBOR COMMISSION
CORDOVA, ALASKA
RESOLUTION 02-12-01**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE HARBOR COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF
CORDOVA, ALASKA SUPPORTING HB 184 AND RECOMMENDING ITS
ULTIMATE PASSAGE.**

WHEREAS, the current tax structure shares any fisheries tax revenue equally between the State and the municipality where the fish is either processed or landed; and

WHEREAS, HB 184 would amend the fisheries business tax and fishery resource landing tax to where the municipality would collect 75% of the tax revenue effective January 1, 2012; and

WHEREAS, without the municipality and its support of the local fishing fleet and related harbor infrastructure there would be no fishery tax; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Harbor Commission of Cordova, Alaska that it unanimously supports House Bill #184 and its ultimate passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 8TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2012.

Robert Beedle, Chairman