

Kenai Peninsula Borough

Community & Fiscal Projects

MEMORANDUM

TO: Brent Hibbert, Assembly President
Members of the Kenai Peninsula Assembly

THRU: Charlie Pierce, Mayor *CP*
Brandi Harbaugh, Finance Director *BH*
Dil Uhlin, Roads Director *DU*

FROM: Brenda Ahlberg, Community & Fiscal Projects Manager *BA*

DATE: December 22, 2020

SUBJECT: Ordinance 2020-19- *16*____, Accepting and Appropriating a \$150,164.45 Grant from The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Gulf of Alaska Pink Salmon Fishery Disaster Relief Program Administered by the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission to Improve Fish Passage at Old Exit Glacier Road Bridge #1 (Mayor)

On January 18, 2017, the U.S. Secretary of Commerce declared the 2016 Gulf of Alaska pink salmon fishery a disaster under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Following this declaration, Congress appropriated \$56.3 million to address losses to the seven management areas in the Gulf of Alaska affected by the fishery failure: Kodiak, Prince William Sound, Chignik, Lower Cook Inlet, South Alaska Peninsula, Southeast Alaska, and Yakutat. The State of Alaska, in consultation with stakeholders and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA), developed a distribution plan for the disaster funds.

On July 1, 2019, NOAA approved the distribution of \$53.8 million to restore losses for fisheries impacted by the 2016 Gulf of Alaska Pink Salmon Fishery Disaster. These funds will support research and provide payments to fishermen, crew and processors in the affected regions. The remaining \$2.4 million in disaster relief funds appropriated by Congress are to be distributed to municipalities that were affected by the disaster. The Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission will distribute funds to the affected entities.

The borough received notification of grant award in the amount of \$150,164.45 for the purpose of developing, improving, or maintaining infrastructure that supports pink salmon commercial fisheries. The Road Service Area Board

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identified and recommended improving the Old Exit Glacier Road bridge #1 located in the unincorporated community of Bear Creek. This mitigation project is intended to replace a wooden bridge and improve fish passage in a recorded pink salmon spawning water body. The total budget is \$155,000 of which \$4,835.55 in Roads service area funds will be used to complete the project.

On January 12, 2021, the Road Service Area Board will meet and their recommendation will be provided for public hearing of this ordinance on January 19, 2021. The Road Service Area and the Purchasing and Contracting Department will work collaboratively to ensure grant reporting requirements are met. Projects must be completed by March 31, 2024.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT FUNDS/ACCOUNT VERIFIED	
Acct. No.	<u>434.27910</u>
Amount	<u>\$4,835.55</u>
By: <u>PP</u>	Date: <u>12/21/2020</u>