

Proposed by:	Administration
Attorney Review:	12/12/2023
Vote: <input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> Nay <input type="checkbox"/> Absent

**MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA  
RESOLUTION NO. 23-37R**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA CERTIFYING THAT THE MUNICIPALITY DID SUFFER SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS DURING THE PROGRAM BASE YEAR FROM FISHERIES BUSINESS ACTIVITIES THAT OCCURRED WITHIN THE FMA 17: NORTHERN SOUTHEAST AREA FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AREA.**

**WHEREAS**, AS 29.60.450 requires that for a municipality to participate in the FY23 Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program, the municipality must demonstrate to the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development that the municipality suffered significant effects during calendar year 2022 from fisheries business activities, and

**WHEREAS**, 3 AAC 134.060 provides that if the allocation available for a fisheries management area is less than the long-form threshold value, a municipality may demonstrate that it suffered significant effects during the program base year from fisheries business activities that occurred within that fisheries management area through a resolution of the municipality’s governing body; and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipality of Skagway is located within a fisheries management area with an allocation less than the long-form threshold value; and

**WHEREAS**, 3 AAC 134.120 provides that this resolution satisfies the Short-Form Application resolution requirements under the FY24 Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Skagway Borough Assembly by this resolution certifies that the Municipality of Skagway did suffer significant effects during calendar year 2022 from fisheries business activities that occurred within the FMA 17: Northern Southeast Area fisheries management area and wishes to apply for funding under the FY24 Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023, by a duly constituted quorum of the Borough Assembly of the Municipality of Skagway, Alaska.

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sam Bass, Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Steve Burnham Jr., Borough Clerk

(SEAL)



THE STATE  
of **ALASKA**  
GOVERNOR MIKE DUNLEAVY

Department of Commerce, Community,  
and Economic Development

DIVISION OF COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS  
Fairbanks Office

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Anchorage, AK 99501  
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October 26, 2023

Heather Rodig  
Municipality of Skagway  
PO Box 415  
Skagway, AK 99840

Dear Heather:

The Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development is pleased to announce availability of the **FY 2024 Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program**. The purpose of the program is to allocate a share of state fish tax collected outside municipal boundaries with municipalities that have been affected by fishing industry activities. Municipalities around the state will share approximately \$1.3 million based on 2022 fisheries activity as reported by fish processors on their fish tax returns. Details of how the program works are included in the application under Program Description.

Your municipality is located within a fisheries management area, **FMA 17: Northern Southeast Area** with a total allocation of \$4,000 or less, therefore you have been provided a Short-Form Application. I have attached a separate sheet that details the communities that are in your FMA, in addition to the anticipated payment. If the determination of the municipalities' allocation is \$50.00 or less, the department will determine that the amount of the effects from fisheries business activities is negligible and the department will not distribute the allocation to the applicant. This will be determined by the applications received within your FMA.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF COMPLETED APPLICATION IS  
FEBRUARY 15, 2024**

Applications can be scanned and emailed to [caa@alaska.gov](mailto:caa@alaska.gov) with the subject line "**Skagway, FY24, SFBT**". If you have any questions about the program or require assistance in completing the application, please contact me at [zoe.olson@alaska.gov](mailto:zoe.olson@alaska.gov) or call (907) 263-2156.

Sincerely,

Zoe Olson  
Grants Administrator 2

Enclosure



**DCCED**  
**Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program**  
**FY24 Short-Form Application For**  
**FMA 17: Northern Southeast Area**



**APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED TO DCCED**  
**NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 15, 2024**

**State of Alaska**  
**Mike Dunleavy, Governor**

**Department of Commerce, Community, and**  
**Economic Development**  
**Julie Anderson, Commissioner**

**Division of Community and Regional Affairs**  
**Sandra Moller, Director**

## **FY24 SHARED FISHERIES BUSINESS TAX PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

The purpose of the Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program is to provide for an annual sharing of fish tax collected outside municipal boundaries to municipalities that can demonstrate they suffered significant effects from fisheries business activities. This program is administered separately from the state fish tax sharing program administered by the Department of Revenue which shares fish tax revenues collected inside municipal boundaries.

### **Program Eligibility**

To be eligible for an allocation under this program, applicants must:

1. Be a municipality (city or borough); and
2. Demonstrate the municipality suffered significant effects as a result of fisheries business activity that occurred within its respective fisheries management area(s).

### **Program Funding**

The funding available for the program this year is equal to half the amount of state fisheries business tax revenues collected outside of municipal boundaries during calendar year 2022.

Program funding is allocated in two stages:

**1st Stage:** Nineteen Fisheries Management Areas (FMAs) were established using existing commercial fishing area boundaries. The available funding is allocated among these 19 FMAs based on the pounds of fish and shellfish processed in the whole state during the 2022 calendar year. For example, if an area processed 10% of all the fish and shellfish processed in the whole state during 2022, then that area would receive 10% of the funding available for the program this year. These allocations are calculated based on Fisheries Business Tax Return information for calendar year 2022.

**2nd Stage:** If the total funding available for a Fisheries Management Area (FMA) is less than the long-form threshold value (the value determined by multiplying the number of municipalities in an area by \$4,000), then one half of the allocation is divided equally among the eligible applicants in that area. The other half of the area allocation is distributed among the eligible applicants proportionate to the populations of all the eligible applicants in the area. This is known as the short-form method\*.

*\* Because your municipality is located within a Fisheries Management Area with a total allocation less than the long-form threshold value, you have been provided a Short-Form Application.*

## FY24 SHARED FISHERIES BUSINESS TAX PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

**Short-Form Application Method:** In order to receive funding under the Short-Form Application Method, an applicant must have suffered significant effects during the program base year from fisheries business activities that occurred within its respective fisheries management area(s).

**Some important definitions:** The Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program provides for a sharing of State Fisheries Business Tax with municipalities that can demonstrate they suffered *significant effects* during the *program base year* from *fisheries business activity* in their respective fisheries management area.

For the purposes of this program, "fisheries business activity" means:

- activity related to fishing, including but not limited to the catching and sale of fisheries resources;
- activity related to commercial vessel, moorage, and gear maintenance;
- activity related to preparing fisheries resources for transportation; and,
- activity related to processing fisheries resources for sale by freezing, icing, cooking, salting, or other method and includes but is not limited to canneries, cold storages, freezer ships, and processing plants.

And, "significant effects" means:

- municipal expenditures during the program base year demonstrated by the municipality to the department to be reasonable and necessary that are the result of fisheries business activities on the municipality's:
  - population;
  - employment;
  - finances;
  - air and water quality;
  - fish and wildlife habitats; and,
  - ability to provide essential public services, including health care, public safety, education, transportation, marine garbage collection and disposal, solid waste disposal, utilities, and government administration.

And, "program base year" means:

- calendar year 2022.

**FY24 SHARED FISHERIES BUSINESS TAX PROGRAM**  
**SHORT-FORM APPLICATION**  
**For**  
**FMA 17: NORTHERN SOUTHEAST AREA**

Name of Municipality:

Mailing Address:

Contact Person:

Title:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

Return with attached resolution:

**E-mail**

**[caa@alaska.gov](mailto:caa@alaska.gov)**

**Subject Line**

**“Municipality Name, FY24, SFBT”**

**Or**

**Mail**

**State of Alaska DCCED**  
**Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program**  
**550 W 7<sup>th</sup> Ave, Suite 1650**  
**Anchorage, AK 99501**

**FY24 Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program**  
Short Form Method Resolution

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City or Borough)

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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**WHEREAS**, The \_\_\_\_\_ is located within a fisheries management  
*(City or Borough)*  
area with an allocation less than the long-form threshold value; and

**WHEREAS**, 3 AAC 134.120 provides that this resolution satisfies the Short-Form Application resolution requirements under the FY24 Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The \_\_\_\_\_ by this  
*(Governing Body)*  
resolution certifies that the \_\_\_\_\_ did suffer significant effects during  
*(City or Borough)*  
calendar year 2022 from fisheries business activities that occurred within the FMA 17: Northern Southeast Area fisheries management area and wishes to apply for funding under the FY24 Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program.

PASSED and APPROVED by a duty constituted quorum of the \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.  
*(Governing Body)*

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

**FIMA 17: Northern Southeast**

Reference Number

FY 22 Landing Tax Allocation  
\$0.00

Community	Total allocation: \$2,853.36	50% Divided \$1,426.68	50% per capita \$1,426.68	Calculated Allocation	Calculated Allocation	Total Distribution
	Population	50% divided share	50% per capita share	Population	50% per capita share	Reference Number
City of Angoon	340	\$203.81	\$10.74	340	\$10.74	24-SF-17-01 \$ 214.55
City of Gustavus	657	\$203.81	\$20.75	657	\$20.75	24-SF-17-02 \$ 224.56
Haines Borough	2,575	\$203.81	\$81.34	2,575	\$81.34	24-SF-17-03 \$ 285.15
City of Hoonah	917	\$203.81	\$28.97	917	\$28.97	24-SF-17-04 \$ 232.78
City and Borough of Juneau	32,202	\$203.81	\$1,017.16	32,202	\$1,017.16	24-SF-17-05 \$ 1,220.97
Municipality of Skagway	8,350	\$203.81	\$263.75	8,350	\$263.75	24-SF-17-06 \$ 467.56
City of Tenakee Springs	126	\$203.81	\$3.98	126	\$3.98	24-SF-17-07 \$ 207.79
<b>Totals</b>	<b>45,167</b>	<b>\$1,426.68</b>	<b>\$1,426.68</b>	<b>45,167</b>	<b>\$1,426.68</b>	<b>\$ 2,853.36</b>
Community Count	7					

\* All municipalities share 50% of allocation equally; share remaining 50% on a per capita basis.