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Attorney Review:	02/14/2017
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**MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA
RESOLUTION NO. 17-04R**

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 FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AREA.

WHEREAS; AS 29.60.450 requires that for a municipality to participate in the FY16 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 2015 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 FY17 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 2015 from fisheries business activities that occurred within the FMA 17: Northern Southeast fisheries management area and wishes to apply for funding under the FY17 Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 16th day of February, 2017, by a duly constituted quorum of the Borough Assembly of the Municipality of Skagway, Alaska.


Mark Schaefer, Mayor

ATTEST:


Emily A. Deach, Borough Clerk

(SEAL)



**FY 17 SHARED FISHERIES BUSINESS
TAX PROGRAM**

**SHORT-FORM APPLICATION
for FMA 17: NORTHERN SOUTHEAST**

Name of Municipality: Skagway

Address: PO BOX 415

Skagway AK 99840

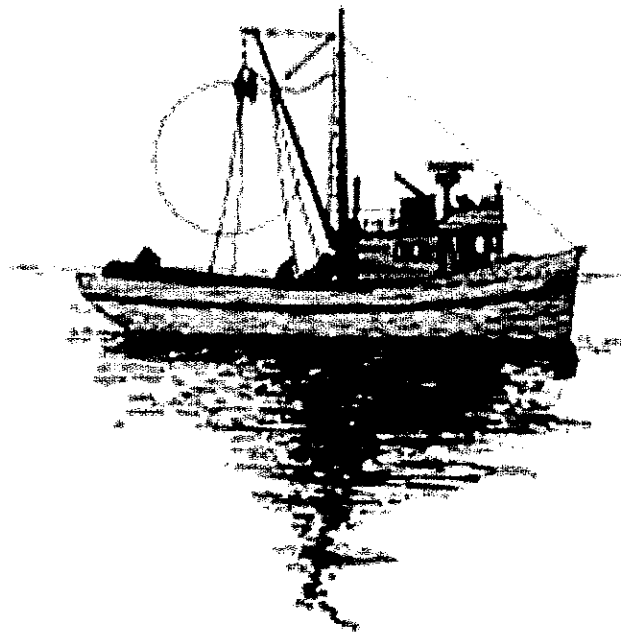
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The attached resolution to:

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Economic Development
Division of Community and Regional Affairs
Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program
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Juneau, AK 99811-0809

**DCCED
SHARED FISHERIES
BUSINESS TAX PROGRAM
FY 17 SHORT-FORM APPLICATION
FOR
FMA 17: NORTHERN SOUTHEAST**



**APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED TO DCCED
NO LATER THAN MARCH 17, 2017**

**State of Alaska
Bill Walker, Governor**

**Department of Commerce, Community, and
Economic Development
Chris Hladick, Commissioner**

**Division of Community and Regional Affairs
Katherine Eldemar, Director**

FY 17 SHARED FISHERIES BUSINESS TAX PROGRAM

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 2015.

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 2015 calendar year. For example, if an area processed 10% of all the fish and shellfish processed in the whole state during 2015, 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 2015.

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.

FY 17 SHARED FISHERIES BUSINESS TAX PROGRAM

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 commercial vessel 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 2015.