

KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH

RESOLUTION NO. 2621

A Resolution of the Assembly of the Ketchikan Gateway Borough, Urging the State of Alaska to Amend the Statutory Requirements for the Mariculture Revolving Loan Fund and Submitting a Resolution for Adoption by the Alaska Municipal League (AML)

RECITALS

- A. WHEREAS**, the Mariculture Revolving Loan Fund was established by AS 16.10.900-945 and 3 AAC 80.410-480 to make loans for the purpose of planning, construction, and operation of a mariculture business; and,
- B. WHEREAS**, under AS 16.10.910 eligible applicants for a loan must have a permitted mariculture farm located within the State of Alaska; and
- C. WHEREAS**, AS 16.10.915 limits the loan amount to \$100,000 a year, not to exceed a total loan of \$300,000; and
- D. WHEREAS**, shellfish and aquatic plant seed (i.e. oyster and geoduck) are needed for mariculture farms to succeed and therefore, hatcheries are vital component for the industry to succeed within the State of Alaska; and
- E. WHEREAS**, per Alaska Department of Fish and Game, all species of native shellfish and aquatic plant seed are required to be produced within the State of Alaska (oyster is the only exception to this requirement); and
- F. WHEREAS**, the Ketchikan Gateway Borough understands the need for hatcheries and has provided a loan to OceansAlaska for the purpose of a shellfish hatchery to fill this void; and
- G. WHEREAS**, the Assembly believes that the State of Alaska Mariculture Revolving Loan Fund is an appropriate mechanism for funding mariculture hatcheries as well as farms within the state; and
- H. WHEREAS**, the current revolving loan fund needs to be amended to allow non-profit shellfish hatcheries to apply for loans with the state following a similar administrative model as Alaska's salmon hatcheries which utilize the Fisheries Enhancement Revolving Loan Fund; and
- I. WHEREAS**, the Assembly believes that it is in the best interest of the State of Alaska and the mariculture industry that non-profit shellfish hatcheries be eligible to utilize the fund in an amount not to exceed up to \$2 million of the principle of the fund as an efficient and effective way to encourage economic

development in communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE ABOVE FACTS, IT IS RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH as follows:

Section 1. The Assembly supports, and urges AML to support, a change to Alaska law that would statutorily amend the existing Mariculture Revolving Loan Fund to allow for non-profit shellfish hatcheries to also utilize the fund in an amount not to exceed up to \$2 million of the principle of the fund.

Section 2. The Borough Clerk is directed to forward this resolution to the AML with the request that the draft AML Resolution included as Exhibit A be considered at the 2015 AML Annual Local Government Conference.

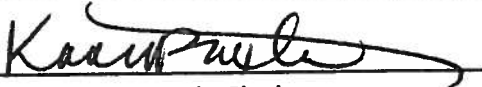
Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED this 5th day of October, 2015.



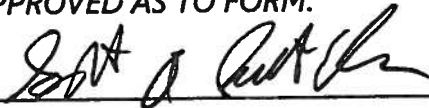
David Landis, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:



Kacie Paxton, Borough Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Scott A. Brandt-Erichsen, Borough Attorney