

CITY OF PETERSBURG, ALASKA

RESOLUTION # 1993

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL NO. 184 RELATING TO THE SHARING OF
TAX REVENUE FROM THE FISHERIES BUSINESS TAX AND FISHERY RESOURCE
LANDING TAX WITH MUNICIPALITIES**

WHEREAS, the majority of the public boat harbors in Alaska were constructed by the State during the 1960's and 1970's, and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska in recent years has transferred ownership of most of these State owned harbors, many of which were at or near the end of their service life at the time of transfer, to local municipalities; and

WHEREAS, local municipalities are in need of additional funding to repair and in many cases replace the former State owned harbors; and

WHEREAS, these harbors represent critical transportation links and are the transportation hubs for waterfront commerce and economic development in Alaska, especially for communities directly supporting the commercial fishing industry, and

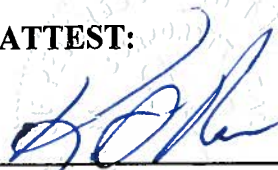
WHEREAS, under the current tax system, the State shares 50% of the revenues generated from the fisheries business tax and the fishery resource landing tax with the local municipalities where the fish are first landed and/or processed, and

WHEREAS, under provision of House Bill No. 184, the local municipalities' share of the revenues generated from the fisheries business tax and the fishery resource landing tax would increase to 75% with the intent that the additional revenue would help maintain and improve the harbor facilities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Petersburg City Council supports House Bill No. 184 and urges passage by the Alaska Legislature and signature by the Governor.

Passed and Approved by the Petersburg City Council on December 19, 2011.

ATTEST:


Kathy O'Rear, City Clerk


Al Dwyer, Mayor

CITY OF PETERSBURG, ALASKA

RESOLUTION # 1992

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FULL FUNDING FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
MUNICIPAL HARBOR FACILITY GRANT PROGRAM IN THE 2013 CAPITAL BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Petersburg harbor facilities are critical transportation, commerce, recreational and economic links to other areas of Alaska, the balance of the United States and the coastal areas of Asia and Russia; and

WHEREAS, two of the three outdated harbor facilities obtained from the State of Alaska have been modernized, upgraded and maintained over the past 11 years by the City, but the original North Harbor remains in desperate need of replacement, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature passed legislation to create a Municipal Harbor Facility Grant Program to provide State assistance in the form of 50/50 grant awards to municipal owned harbor facilities in order to aid in the replacement and upgrading of these critical facilities; and

WHEREAS, the grant program has been beneficial to several coastal communities since FY 2008, but there remains many coastal communities who have yet to receive adequate funding to correct the many deficiencies of the harbor facilities acquired from the State; and

WHEREAS, Petersburg's North Harbor, the community's original and oldest harbor acquired from the State, is in need of immediate replacement. Waiting to be ranked high enough on the Municipal Harbor Facility Grant Program to provide for the replacement may take years as the Municipal Harbor Grant Program is underfunded when compared to the improvement needs across the State.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to ensure safety, economic prosperity and retain regional heritages, the Petersburg City Council urges the Governor and the Alaska Legislature to fully fund the State's Municipal Harbor Facility Grant Program in FY 2013

Passed and Approved by the Petersburg City Council on December 19, 2011.

ATTEST:



Kathy O'Rear, City Clerk


Al Dwyer, Mayor