

Presented by: The Manager  
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Drafted by: R. Palmer III

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA**

**Serial No. 2987**

**A Resolution Supporting the Operational Needs of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game at the Downtown NOAA Dock.**

WHEREAS, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) possesses a waterfront parcel of approximately 2.4 acres including 306 linear feet of pier face in Juneau Harbor; and

WHEREAS, a condition inspection of the NOAA Dock in 2016 revealed structural deficiencies rendering it unsuitable for most Alaska maritime operations, but allows short term loading for vessels under 200 gross ton during ideal weather conditions; and

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Juneau (CBJ) Docks and Harbors has actively campaigned to permanently homeport the NOAA R/V FAIRWEATHER and other research vessels to NOAA facilities in the CBJ; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, federal money was appropriated to recapitalize Ketchikan moorage facilities for the purpose of homeporting the R/V FAIRWEATHER signaling that the NOAA Dock in Juneau will not be renovated to accommodate federal vessels; and

WHEREAS, CBJ Docks and Harbors has completed a Small Cruise Ship Infrastructure Master Plan Study, which proposes rebuilding the NOAA Dock infrastructure to provide local economic opportunities by accommodating small cruise vessels, expanding the Seawalk, and providing options to permanently moor future NOAA research vessels; and

WHEREAS, Alaska's Congressional Delegation, led by Senator Sullivan, has indicated a willingness to offer legislation that provides CBJ with a right of first refusal to purchase the NOAA Dock at fair market value; and

WHEREAS, NOAA and Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) established a formal Use Agreement for the period of September 1, 2004, through August 31, 2034, enabling the ADF&G R/V MEDEIA use of the NOAA Dock and joint use of facilities at the property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

**Section 1.** The City and Borough of Juneau formally recognizes the NOAA Dock and property is subject to an existing use agreement with the State of Alaska.

**Section 2.** The State of Alaska committed funds with an expectation that ADF&G would have use throughout the period of said use agreement.

**Section 3.** Should the NOAA property be conveyed to the CBJ, the CBJ intends to honor the use agreement with the State of Alaska.

**Section 4.** The CBJ will request that the State of Alaska Use Agreement be incorporated into the negotiations of the conveyance with the United States Secretary of Commerce.

**Section 5.** That CBJ Docks and Harbors is committed to working with ADF&G to ensure the R/V MEDEIA continues to have operational requirements met beyond the current use agreement.

**Section 6. Effective Date.** This resolution shall be effective immediately after its adoption.

Adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022.



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Beth A. Weldon, Mayor

Attest:



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Elizabeth J. McEwen, Municipal Clerk