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MEMORANDUM

TO: Gary Knopp, Assembly President
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FROM: Sue McClure, Assembly Member *S. McClure*

DATE: March 1, 2011

RE: Resolution 2011-014, Supporting the City of Seward's State Funding Request to Establish the Home Port of the Coastal Villages Region Fund's Fishing Fleet in Seward, Alaska

After receiving a request from Coastal Villages Region Fund (CVRF), which is one of six Community Development Quota (CDQ) Groups, to assess the possibility of relocating their home port to Seward, Alaska, the City of Seward obtained the services of PND Engineers, Inc. and Northern Economics to conduct a scoping analysis. This analysis provides an estimate of the cost of an Economic Analysis, Survey, Geotechnical Investigation, Preliminary Engineering, and Permitting to be \$400,000. These actions would be completed during the period between July 15, 2011 and September 15, 2011, and would establish the basis for bonding or other grants and appropriations to construct the home port infrastructure that would ultimately meet the needs of all CDQ groups.

Since 1982, the City of Seward has obtained approximately \$35.72 million in Federal or State grants, appropriations, and City bonds to construct a basin, ship lift, and ship repair facility at the Seward Marine Industrial Center, within the city limits, on the eastern shore of Resurrection Bay. This provides an essential foundation to meet the requirements of home porting the CDQ fishing fleets in Alaska.

Moving the homeport of the CVRF fishing fleet from Seattle to Alaska is an historic opportunity. This is a long standing goal of many Alaskans, beginning with the Magnuson-Stevens Act of 1976 and the CDQ Program that began in December of 1992. Senator Ted Stevens and others saw this as an opportunity; first, to Americanize the fishing fleet in Alaska; second, to provide fishing quotas to the communities surrounding prime fishing areas; third, to reinvest profits to produce jobs and grow the industry; and finally, to Alaskanize the Alaska fishing fleet.

In considering moving the CVRF home port from Seattle, Washington to Seward, Alaska, the CVRF Board of Directors and staff established a list of requirements, including such needs as a deep water year-round ice-free port, sufficient upland, existing ship repair facilities, and road, rail and air access. The only port in Alaska that met all of the requirements was the City of Seward on Resurrection Bay.

At this point the City of Seward is requesting \$400,000 from the State of Alaska to begin the project, and this resolution would support their request. Your support of this resolution is appreciated.