



KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH GRANTS MANAGEMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Gary Knopp, Assembly President
Members of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

THRU: David R. Carey, Borough Mayor *DR Carey*
c Chapman Craig Chapman, Finance Director
Brenda Ahlberg, Community & Fiscal Projects Manager *B Ahlberg*

FROM: *JM* John Mohorcich, River Center Director

DATE: February 17, 2011

SUBJECT: Resolution 2011-*015*, authorizing expenditure from the Beluga Whale Recovery Grant to contract with experts to assist in evaluating research proposals

The Kenai Peninsula Borough received a grant in the amount of \$699,300 from the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to fund research seeking to understand the conditions that contribute to the apparent inability of the Cook Inlet beluga whale to maintain a stable population.

Ordinance 2009-19-05 requires all expenditures of this grant be approved by assembly resolution. On October 27, 2009, Resolution 2009-103 authorized \$48,950.00 for personnel and travel reimbursement. The remaining \$650,350.00 has been identified for contractual services.

Through a Request for Proposal process the borough has received the research proposals and now must review and evaluate each project. To properly accomplish this, it will be necessary to contract for scientific technical experience. This resolution will authorize funding for expenditure from the Beluga Whale Recovery Research Project account no. 271.21135.90216.49999 to contract with qualified experts to review and provide assistance in the evaluation of the research proposals. As the administration is negotiating with the experts the cost is not yet known. The amount will be provided by the March 1 assembly meeting.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT
FUNDS VERIFIED

Acct. No. 271.21135.90216.49999

Amount *Waiting for final cost estimate to verify funds.*

By: *[Signature]* Date: *2/17/11*