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MEMORANDUM

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

THRU: David R. Carey, Kenai Peninsula Borough Mayor *DR Carey*
Craig Chapman, Finance Director *C Chapman*
Mark Fowler, Purchasing & Contracting Officer *M Fowler*

FROM: John Mohorcich, River Center Director *JM*

DATE: April 7, 2011

SUBJECT: Resolution 2010-041 Authorizing the Sub-Award Agreement(s) for Cook Inlet Beluga Whale Research Study Projects

The Kenai Peninsula Borough received grant funds from the US Department of Commerce, National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in the amount of \$699,300, which was accepted and appropriated through Ordinance 2009-19-05 for the borough's Cook Inlet Beluga Whale Study. This resolution approves the borough's sub-award. A sub-award is an award issued under a larger sponsored research award for the procurement of specific services or program related tasks.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) developed a conservation plan, titled Conservation Plan for the Cook Inlet Beluga Whale, which lists a number of research studies that could be undertaken to aid the understanding of what may be done to assist the species. The Kenai Peninsula Borough's request for proposal (RFP) addresses the need to solicit projects as defined by the conservation plan under one of the following research categories:

- Improve knowledge of the Cook Inlet beluga whale to determine which factors are limiting recovery;
- Refine knowledge of the Cook Inlet beluga whale habitat requirements;
- Evaluate the impacts of anthropogenic activities on the beluga habitat.

The successful proposers will enter into a sub-award agreement to complete individual projects for the benefit of achieving the above listed objectives.

As authorized by KPB 22.40.050(E) this resolution is being submitted in blank because the evaluation process has not been completed prior to the packet deadline and the studies must proceed as soon as possible due to our short summer season. The information to be inserted will be provided to the assembly prior to the April 19th meeting.

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT FUNDS
VERIFIED**

Acct. #271.21135.90216.49999 *N/A*

By: _____ Date: _____

until award is known
C Chapman