Memorandum

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

Thru: David R. Carey, Borough Mayor
       Craig Chapman, Finance Director
       Brenda Ahlberg, Community & Fiscal Projects Manager

From: John Mohorcich, River Center Director

Date: February 17, 2011

Subject: Resolution 2011-03, 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 Limiting for final cost estimate
To verify funds
By: [Signature] Date: 2/17/11