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MEMORANDUM 09-20

TO: WALT WREDE, HOMER CITY MANAGER

FROM: BRYAN HAWKINS, PORT DIRECTOR

DATE: FEBRUARY 11, 2009

SUBJ: HARBOR TUG REFIT, BUDGET OVERRUN

W. Wrede

Walt, as you know the Port owns a small harbor tug. This was built to be used as a multi - purpose vessel capable of assisting our large vessel fleet. The harbor tug has fire fighting capabilities and was instrumental in the successful outcome of the Kittiwake fire of 2007. The harbor tug was the response vessel used just this fall for the green buoy incident when two men were recovered safely from Kachemak Bay.

During our scheduled maintenance for the harbor tug last month, we found that the tug had a serious electrolysis issue that involved the D rubber fendering system making the vessel unfit for duty. Because of the time constraints with the use of the rented shop space and the contractor's schedule, I felt it necessary to make a decision that addressed the problems. The harbor tug is essential to our response capability at the Port; the repairs had to be made.

The budget overrun of \$8,748.91 was due to the unforeseen damaged areas on the tug and the increase in the welding and labor costs needed to successfully address the problems. Looking back at the planning process of this project, I can't honestly see how this problem could have been predicted.

Thank you for your support.

Respectfully,

Bryan Hawkins,
Port Director/Harbormaster