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City Manager's Report

TO: Mayor Wythe and Homer City Council

FROM: Katie Koester, City Manager

DATE: July 27, 2015

SUBJECT: City Manager's Report

Demand for Recovery of Preference Payments (Buccaneer)

City Attorney Klinkner sent a response to the letter soliciting re-payment of services Buccaneer incurred at the Homer Port and Harbor on June 30. In the letter, Attorney Klinkner demonstrates that the payments were for debt incurred by Buccaneer in the ordinary course of business and thus exempt. I am hopeful that many of Homer's small businesses that are affected can make the same claim. See attached letter Re: Buccaneer Resources

Interest in Re-opening West Eagle Site for Oil and Gas Exploration

The Department of Environmental Conversation sent the City notice that they have begun review of an Oil Discharge Prevention and Contingency Plan for Aurora Gas, LLC at the West Eagle site. A copy of their draft review plan will be submitted to the Clerks at City Hall on July 31 and available for public review and comment for 30 days. Yes, this is the same site Buccaneer abandoned in early 2014 twenty miles out East End Road off of Basargin. See attached letter from DEC Re: Aurora Gas, LLC Oil Discharge Prevention and Contingency Plan for Cook Inlet Area Operations.

Town Hall

We had great participation on Monday July 20 at the Town Hall, despite the beautiful weather. About 100 people attended and gave input on the level of importance and the level of service for City services. There were also some interesting responses regarding revenue generation. Staff will prepare a presentation on the Town Hall and online survey during the Committee of the Whole August 10. In the meantime, people can still share their opinion and priorities online by taking the brief 'closing the gap' survey. Survey will be open through August 4th.

Bryan Hawkins appointment to the Cook Inlet Harbor Safety Committee

Port and Harbor Director Bryan Hawkins was appointed to a 3-year term on the newly formed Cook Inlet Harbor Safety Committee (HSC). The HSC was born out of a Cook Inlet RCAC risk assessment for Cook Inlet commissioned after the Seabulk Pride grounding in 2006. The HSC is a group of industry professionals that will advise the USCG Captain of the Port on specific maritime safety issues. This management method has proven to be very effective in other major US waterways. The City is pleased to have representation on the Committee that can Page 2 of 4 CITY MANAGER'S REPORT July 27, 2015

keep protecting Kachemak Bay and Cook Inlet a top concern given the large volume of vessel traffic and sensitive cargo it carries. See press release from Cook Inlet HSC.

Fleet Reserves

A number of emergent needs have surfaced for the fleet reserves. This is concerning, because reserves have not been funded in 3 years. In some cases, the purchase would wipe the reserve fund out. In others, there is not even enough in the fund to cover debt repayment on existing purchases. The impact of not funding the reserves is being felt, and at time when meeting the operating budget expenditures will be challenging. It would be my preference to deal with these equipment replacement issues in 2016 with the passage of a new budget. However, in some cases, it will be very expensive, inconvenient and inefficient to wait.

Dump Truck

Public Works is in desperate need of a new dump truck after their second truck they have been nursing along finally quit on them. Public Works Superintendent Gardner outlined options in the attached memo.

Amount in Public Works Fleet Reserve: Negative \$42,801 (street sweeper payment) <u>Ambulance</u>

For the last few years a replacement ambulance (\$180,000) has been on the Capital Improvement Plan. The HVFD has secured partial funding from a State of Alaska Code Blue grant (\$70,000). Chief Painter was informed that Code Blue has additional funds they could put towards the ambulance (estimate not to exceed \$25,000), however they need a commitment from the City that we could come up with the remaining \$85,000 (50%).

Amount in Fire Fleet Reserve \$116,998

Police Car

According to best practices, the City should be buying one new vehicle annually to maintain the fleet. As you know, the City has not been able to maintain that replacement schedule in a long time; consequently the Department is running vehicles with well over 100,000 miles on them. This is almost unheard of in the public safety business. The City is replacing engines, transmissions and other major parts to keep these old vehicles on the road.

Amount in Police Fleet Reserve: \$17,031

Beach Policy Recommendations

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission has been working for months on Beach Policy recommendations. They presented these to the Council at the June 29th meeting. Recommendations regarding dog waste and the Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve have been brought forward by Councilmembers at this meeting. However, the Commission is requesting leadership from the Council on the most controversial issue, vehicle use.

The Commission's recommendation is to close the beach to vehicles. Staff can write a resolution for Council to amend the Beach Policy to do this, which would be followed by a technical ordinance at a later date from the City Attorney. If a Councilmember would like to sponsor such legislation, please let me know and staff will work on draft language.

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Float Debris

This spring members of the public brought to the City's attention a number of floats that had washed up on area beaches. The floats were from the Seldovia and Homer Harbor float replacement projects. Floats were given by the contractor hired to do the replacement to members of the public who did not secure them appropriately. In response, the City placed a dumpster above the commercial barge ramp for the public to place flotation debris and encouraged people to contact the Harbormaster if disposing of large debris to coordinate proper disposal.

Recently, the City touched base with Ginny Litchfield from the Division of Habitat who has surveyed the Bay for debris. She reported that much of the debris has been cleaned up and appreciated the disposal help from the Harbor and efforts of the public and cleanup. Habitat is taking an inventory of any remaining float debris. In turn they are directing people who have brought in debris to contact the Harbormaster's office to coordinate proposer disposal. In the fall we will have an opportunity to reassess the situation. It has been a collaborative process. I appreciate the effort of Habitat and the individuals around the bay who have taken the initiative to bring the debris to a proper resting place in the landfill.

<u>Next Time</u>

Port and Harbor Director Hawkins has instituted policy for float replacement projects to avoid this problem in the future. All city float projects will require the contractor to:

-Remove old floats from the Harbor for 3 weeks to kill any growth

-Remove un-coated Styrofoam – dispose of in landfill

-Replace floatation with coated sealed billets

The contractor will be responsible for meeting these requirements or disposing of the floats in the landfill. It is a delicate balance, if floats are thrown away the Harbor gets criticized for not letting them be repurposed.

Lillian Walli Land Sale

Staff is moving forward with the necessary steps to sell the 7 City of Homer properties in the Lillian Walli subdivision. We have done title searches on the property and are waiting for them to be appraised. Estimate is that I will be able to bring a Resolution outlining the terms and conditions of the sale and initiating the process at the second meeting in August.

Open Government Software

Finance Director Li has looked into open government software as a way to provide financial data on the City website in the interest of more responsive and transparent government. Open government software is internet (cloud) based software that displays financial data on the City website.

Benefits of "OPEN DATA"

1. Makes government data more user friendly and intuitive for both internal and external clients

- 2. Makes data more transparent; increases efficiency for users as well as data providers; and sparks creativities for employing more ways of using data.
- 3. Promotes a higher level of engagement and trust with constituents

Director Li is proposing to contract with a firm, Socrata, for a 6-month pilot project at a promotional rate (\$3000), after which we would decide if the service is useful to the public and we have the capacity to maintain it.

Enc:

City Attorney letter Re: Buccaneer Resources

Letter from DEC Re: Aurora Gas, LLC Oil Discharge Prevention and Contingency Plan for Cook Inlet Area Operations

Cook Inlet Harbor Safety Committee Press Release

Memorandum 15-123 Dump Truck Replacement from Public Works

Memorandum 15-122 Update on Cost Savings for City Buildings Switch to Natural Gas

Non-objection letter to Homer Soil and Water Conservation District

Homer Foundation History/Report



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June 30, 2015

Ross Spence, Esq. Snow Spence Green LLP 2929 Allen Parkway, Suite 2800 Houston, TX 77019

VIA ELECTRONIC DELIVERY

RE: In re Buccaneer Resources Demand for Recovery of Preference Payments Our File No.: 506,742.1330

Dear Mr. Spence:

First, thank you for your courtesy in allowing an extension of the time in which to respond to your letter to the City of Homer ("City") on this subject, dated June 4, 2015.

The City's Port and Harbor Department provides services to vessels that dock in the City's harbor, including dockage, wharfage, supplying water, and storage, for fees stated in the City's harbor tariff. The amount of \$17,457.15 referred to in your letter consists of part of the payments made by Buccaneer Resources entities to the City's Port and Harbor Department for services rendered to the vessels *Clean Ocean* and *Red Dog*, and the rig *Endeavor*, during the period from August 2012 through June 2014.

As requested in Exhibit B to your June 4, 2015, letter, accompanying this letter are (i) a spread sheet summarizing invoices and payments between the debtors and the City; and (ii) copies of each of the invoices for the transactions summarized on the spread sheet. As these documents demonstrate, these payments were of debts incurred by the debtor in the ordinary course of business, and thus exempt from avoidance by the bankruptcy trustee under 11 U.S.C. § 547(c)(2).

Please let me know if you have questions or require additional information.

Yours truly,

BIRCH HORTON BITTNER & CHEROT

Thomas F. Klinkner

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Department of Environmental Conservation





DIVISION OF SPILL PREVENTION AND RESPONSE Prevention, Preparedness and Response Program

> 555 Cordova St Anchorage, AK 99501 Office: 907-269-3094 Fax: 907-269-7687 www.dec.alaska.gov

> > File No: 305.20 (Aurora Gas)

July 21, 2015

J. Edward Jones, President Aurora Gas, LLC 1400 W. Benson Blvd, Suite 410 Anchorage, AK 99503

Subject: Autora Gas, LLC Oil Discharge Prevention and Contingency Plan for Cook Inlet Area Operations. Plan No. 044-CP-5111: <u>Renewal Application - Sufficient for</u> <u>Review, Start of Review</u>

Dear Mr. Jones:

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (department) received your Oil Discharge Prevention and Contingency Plan (plan) application on July 10, 2015. The department is coordinating the State of Alaska's public review for compliance with 18 AAC 75 using the review procedures outlined in 18 AAC 75.455.

Aurora Gas, LLC has submitted a renewal plan for the Cook Inlet Area Operations. Based on our initial review, your plan has been determined to be sufficient for review. Additional information may be requested from you based on our more thorough technical review and public comments received during the formal review process of this plan.

A one-time public notice of this application must be published as required by 18 AAC 75.455(b)(4). We request that the public notice be published in the *Alaska Dispatch News*, *Peninsula Clarion, Homer News*, and *Homer Tribune* newspapers. The notice must include a statement that the public comment period will be valid for 30 days. The department has drafted a public notice in coordination with you.

The department was notified by your consultant that the public notice will be published in all newspapers by July 30, 2015. As stated in the public notice, the department designated **July 31, 2015** as **DAY ONE** of the public review period. The notice will also be posted on the department web site on July 30, 2015. The review schedule is designated as follows:

Requests for additional information due by DAY 25:	August 24, 2015
Review comments due by DAY 30:	August 31, 2015

Since DAY 30 falls on a Saturday, it has been shifted to the next working day.

Mr. J. Edward Jones Aurora Gas, LLC

In accordance with 18 AAC 75.455(b), you must provide copies to the reviewers noted below. Aurora Gas LLC must ensure that a copy of the plan has been received by the following plan reviewers before publication of the notice so that they have sufficient time to review and comment on the plan. The department must receive verification of the publication and that all reviewers have received a copy of your plan in order to complete the public review period on schedule.

Samantha Carroll	Clark Cox
Alaska Dept. of Natural Resources	Alaska Dept. of Natural Resources
Office of Project Management and Permitting	Division of Mining, Land, and Water
550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 1430	Southcentral Region Office
Anchorage, AK 99501	550 W. 7th Ave., Ste. 900C
	Anchorage, AK 99501
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333 Raspberry Road	222 West 7th Avenue, Box 19
Anchorage, AK 99518	Anchorage, AK 99513
Karyn Noyes	Steve Catalano
Kenai Peninsula Borough	Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council
Kenai River Center	8195 Kenai Spur Highway
514 Funny River Road	Kenai, AK 99611
Soldotna, AK 99669	ixenai, /xix >>011
Don Fritz	USCG - Homer Detachment
Alaska Dept. of Environmental Conservation	Attn: Commander
PPR - Central Alaska Region	104 East Pioneer Drive
43335 Kalifornsky Beach Rd, Suite 11	
Soldotna, AK 99669	Homer, AK 99603
Commander USCG – Sector Anchorage	Todd Paxton
Attn: Chief of Facilities Branch	
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Homer, AK 99603	Anchorage, AK 99503
Lori Verbrugge	Lynnda Kahn
Regional Env. Contaminants Coord.	Kenai National Wildlife Refuge
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	P.O. Box 2139
Alaska Regional Office	Soldotna, AK 99669
Fisheries and Ecological Services	
1011 E. Tudor Road, Mail Stop #361	
Anchorage, AK 99503	

Mr. J. Edward Jones Aurora Gas, LLC

If the department determines that additional information is necessary to evaluate the plan, we will notify you of the information needed. The department will accept comments from the plan reviewers and other interested parties until Day 30 of the review period. Comments received may require revisions to your plan within the authority of the resource agencies and the department. Comments received after the established comment deadline may not necessarily be considered in the review of your plan. The department may extend the 30-day comment period until the required information is received, plus 10 days.

The department's Prevention Preparedness and Response Program's Cook Inlet/Kodiak Unit will be responsible for reviewing comments and requests for additional information received and will make the final determination on whether additional information is required from the applicant. When the public review is complete, and if the plan is found to be consistent with the requirements of AS 46.04.030 and 18 AAC 75, a letter of approval will be issued for your plan.

If you have any future questions, please feel free to contact me at (907) 269-7544 or at <u>young.ha@alaska.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

Young Ha Cook Inlet/Kodiak Unit Supervisor

Electronic cc:

Graham Wood, ADEC John Kotula, ADEC C-plan Reviewer, ADNR Jeanette Alas, ADFG **Bob Whittier**, USEPA USCG Sector Anchorage USCG Sector - Homer Detachment Christy Bohl, BSEE Vinnie Catalano, CIRCAC Tom Dearlove, KPB Bob Shavelson, Cook InletKeeper Todd Paxton, CISPRI Joan Yeager, CISPRI Greg LeBeau, Witt O'Briens Chris Burns, Chadux Robert Britch, NCG Morris Philemon, City of Kachemak Roberta Highland, Kachemak Bay Conservation Society



Cook Inlet Harbor Safety Committee Managing Board announces 2015 Membership Roster

July 14, 2015—Cook Inlet -Following months of organizational meetings and solicitations for membership, the Managing Board for the Cook Inlet Harbor Safety Committee has selected 22 representatives and 10 alternates to begin working together to improve navigation safety in Cook Inlet as members of the 2015 Cook Inlet Harbor Safety Committee.

"Forming a harbor safety committee was a priority recommendation of the Cook Inlet Navigational Risk Assessment as a proven and effective means to improving navigation safety," said Captain Ron Ward, President of the Southwest Alaska Pilots Association and founding member of the Managing Board of the Cook Inlet Harbor Safety Committee. "These people were selected based on their interests, expertise and extensive knowledge of Cook Inlet's marine and shore-based operations and environmental safety. We are fortunate to have such a high caliber of candidates ready and willing to serve the Cook Inlet region in this important capacity."

Voting Seats	Primary	Alternate
Commercial Fishing Organization	David Martin	vacant
Environmental Organization	Rachel Lord	vacant
Marine Oil Terminal Operators	Jack Jensen	Paul Mehler
Tanker Operators	Jere White	Patrick Callahan
LNG Carrier Operators	John Taylor	vacant
Dry Cargo Ship Operators	Pat Kilgore	vacant
Cruise Ship Operators	vacant	vacant
Small Passenger Vessel Operators	vacant	vacant
Tug and Barge Operators	Louis Audette	Sharm Setterquist
Harbor Tug Operators	Brad Kroon	Sven Christensen
Offshore Oil Production Operators	Drew Anderson	Gunar Berlund

2015 Cook Inlet Harbor Safety Committee

Voting Seats	Primary	Alternate	
Recreational Boaters	Mark Tornai	vacant	
Southwest Alaska Pilots Association	Pete Garay, Vice-Chair	Michael O'Hara	
CI Regional Citizen's Advisory Council	Mike Munger	Jerry Rombach	
Port of Anchorage	Stephen Ribuffo , Chairman	vacant	
Port MacKenzie	vacant	vacant	
Port of Homer	Bryan Hawkins	vacant	
Response Organization	Mike Watson	vacant	
Salvage Organization	David DeVilbiss	Todd Duke	
Ship Agents	Bob Arts	Luke Hasenbank	

Ex Officio Seats	Primary	Alternate
U.S. Coast Guard	CMD Hector Cintron	LT Eugene Chung
U.S. Army Corp of Engineers,	vacant	vacant
ΝΟΑΑ	Catherine Berg	vacant
Dept. Defense, JBER	vacant	vacant
Marine Exchange Alaska	Ed Page	vacant
AK Dept. Environmental Conservation	Steven Russell	vacant
AK Marine Highway	Dana Jensen	vacant

The Cook Inlet Harbor Safety Committee (CIHSC) will serve as a link for local marine, environmental and business interests to act collectively in a single forum on behalf of those interests and the future health and wellbeing of Cook Inlet. Among the CIHSC's duties will be to provide a proactive setting for identifying, assessing, planning, communicating and implementing those operational and environmental measures that promote safe and efficient use of Cook Inlet and adjacent waters; act as an education and resource network through which ideas, materials and procedures can be provided to persons interested in safe and equitable marine and associated shore based operations; promote improved operational and environmental safety for Cook Inlet and adjacent waters; act as a resource for information regarding issues related to marine operational and environmental safety; promote and sustain the goals of marine and environmental safety programs; and help insure that marine safety and environmental measures are coordinated with security concerns and initiatives.

The 2015 CIHSC will hold its first meeting on September 22, at the Port of Anchorage at a time to be determined. Remaining vacancies will be filled at a future date following the meeting. To add your name to the Cook Inlet Harbor Safety Committee mailing list, click on the following link: <u>https://spreadsheets.google.com/a/nukaresearch.com/viewform?hl=en&ndplr=1&formkey=dDF5ZkJZO</u> ENzaC1RMWJRQmVxWERUQ3c6MQ#gid=0

For more information, contact:

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CITY OF HOMER PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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Memorandum 15-123

То:	Carey Meyer, PW Director	
From:	Dan Gardner, PW Superintendent	DNG
Date:	July 14, 2015	
Subject:	Dump Truck Replacement	

As you are aware, last week, while starting some planned work on our 1981 10-yard dump truck, it was discovered that the frame and assembly were rusted and coming apart to a degree that required us to remove the vehicle from service. At this time, there are no plans to bring it back into service. This vehicle is thirty-four years old. The frame has been repaired in the past to extend its life, but it is to the point that repair costs would outweigh the vehicle's value.

Attempts were made to obtain repair costs from shops in Anchorage, and none of them were interested. Most scoffed at the idea. One of them said that they wouldn't do the work, but if they were to, the labor alone would be almost \$50,000 for the frame rail replacement. And, there was doubt that the necessary frame rails would be available.

I view this vehicle as a must for our fleet. Without it, we have only the one dump truck. Although we don't use both vehicles every day, we use them both simultaneously quite often, and one backs up the other when one of the vehicles is down for repair or maintenance. In the winter, one has a sander unit it, which leaves the other one for hauling snow, hauling waste excavation from repair work and hauling gravel. In the summer and fall, multiple operations of ditching, culvert replacements, water/sewer repairs, fire hydrant repairs, etc. requires the use of two trucks.

These types of trucks are not readily available for rent or lease, and when one can be found, they rent for about \$5400 per month. Over the past week, I have checked with several heavy equipment rental companies and none are available. Renting is not a realistic option due to cost and the fact that when the vehicle is needed, it is most likely not available. And, the cost to rent one for six months could at least purchase an older truck. Although an older truck of this value is not preferred, it would at least be something in the fleet.

Following are options that are being considered:

- 1. <u>Repair the Truck</u> Not an option
- 2. <u>Rent a truck as needed</u> Not a workable option

3. <u>Purchase a used truck – \$35,000 to \$90,000</u>. A reasonable truck can be obtained in this price range. To spend more than that begins to rival the cost of a new truck purchase with warranty, etc. Obviously, the low end of this estimate would purchase an older vehicle of the mid 1990s vintage. A vehicle in this price range may or may not include a dump body and/or the necessary hydraulic kits and electrical connections required to get the truck in service with our sander/trailer/dump body. With any used vehicle, there is a risk that expensive repairs could show up, and because of the age, the vehicle will need to be replaced sooner than a new truck.

Most used trucks need to be purchased in the lower 48. The downside to this is that the vehicle cannot be physically evaluated without the cost and time required to send personnel to the vehicle's location. Then, there is the cost to ship or pay a driver to bring the vehicle to Homer.

4. <u>Purchase a new truck</u> – <u>\$124,000 to \$149,000</u>

\$124,000 to \$129,000 new truck with hydraulics. We install our old dump body. \$145,000to \$149,000 new truck with new dump body and ready for use.

A new truck could be purchased through the State's purchase contract. Going through the State's contract saves us approximately \$27,000 when compared to normal retail for the same truck. If purchasing a new truck, it would be ideal to have a new dump body with high-lift gate installed, but we could install our old dump body on the new truck in order to save around \$20,000, if necessary. A new truck would take six months from the date of order to arrive in Anchorage. If funds could be approved right away, there is currently a truck available that is assembled and ready to ship. By the time this purchase possibly gets approved, it may no longer be available. It is safest to assume that a new truck would take six months to obtain. But, once the purchase is approved by council, negotiations could possibly produce a truck sooner than six months.

Purchasing used would require the full purchase price immediately. Purchasing new would allow making payments over five years. After a cash deposit of around \$13,000 to \$15,000 monthly payments would be \$2100 to \$2500 - half of what it costs to rent a truck for a month, were one even available. Although the initial cost of a used truck is less, monies will have to be laid out sooner for repairs, tires, etc., and there is no warranty. Purchasing new allows the city to take advantage of the \$27,000 savings to be had by purchasing through the State's contract. Many used trucks that we have been seeing cost the same or more than the amount the city would have to pay for a new truck.

Recommendation

Obtain approval to negotiate the purchase of a new dump truck with dump body with a maximum purchase amount of \$150,000. A lesser amount of \$129,000 could be approved if we opt to use our old dump body. If a new truck purchase cannot be approved, obtain approval to negotiate the purchase of a used truck with a stated maximum amount allowed.





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Memorandum 15-122

TO: Mary K. Koester, City Manager

FROM: Carey Meyer, Public Works Director

DATE: July 20, 2015

SUBJECT: Update - Cost Savings for City Buildings Switch to Natural Gas

Now that we have a year's worth of data regarding energy usage at the five City Buildings that were converted to natural gas in the Spring of 2014, the chart below shows heating fuel costs vs natural gas costs for each building:

Heating Fuel Costs vs. Natural Gas Costs Five City Buildings

, .	Heating Fuel Cost	Natural Gas Cost	% Reduction
Public Works	\$7,297.58	\$2,954.50	40
Library	\$25,545.03	\$12,797.12	50
City Hall	\$12,663.54	\$4,274.28	34
Animal Shelter	\$25,381.23	\$8,025.36	32
Airport Terminal	\$21,878.56	\$7,850.30	36

Comparing energy usage based on one year of data can be misleading. For example, last winter was relatively mild (compared to the year before), so savings reflected in the table above may very well be conservative. Several years of costs would have to be collected to get a complete understanding of the efficiency gained from the conversion to natural gas.

Next year at this time we will have costs associated with the water treatment plant, the sewer treatment plant, the harbor maintenance shop, and the Spit restrooms.

-I March 31, vgGA



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July 13, 2015

Matt Steffy Natural Resource Specialist Homer Soil & Water Conservation District 4014 Lake Street, Suite 201A *delivered electronically*

The City of Homer is in support of Homer Soil & Water Conservation District efforts to map and treat invasive species within Alaska Department of Transportation Right-of-ways in the Homer area. I understand that this project will consist of surveying along all the Alaska Department of Transportation Right-of-ways, including those within Homer City Limits by the Homer Soil & Water Conservation District and Kenai Peninsula Cooperative Weed Management Area during the 2015 summer season. This will be an unobtrusive process that does not interrupt traffic or sidewalk flow. I appreciate that the Homer Soil & Water Conservation District will notify the City of Homer if any invasive species removal is determined necessary within City limits.

Sincerely,

Kate Voestes

Katie Koester City Manager

City of Homer Fund 7/22/2015

DATE	CITY ALLOCTION FOR DISTRIBUTION	GRANT DISTRIBUTION AMOUNT	CITY ALLOCATION TO FUND CORPUS	CORPUS AMOUNT	EARNINGS (from prior FY for distribution in current FY)
2000	Annual Allocation to Grants Program	\$95,920.00	Annual Allocation to City of Homer Fund	\$5,000.00	
2001	Annual Allocation to Grants Program	\$90,828.00	Annual Allocation to City of Homer Fund	\$10,092.00	\$58
2002	Annual Allocation to Grants Program	\$96,000.00	Annual Allocation to City of Homer Fund	\$24,000.00	\$246
2003	Annual Allocation to Grants Program	\$20,000.00	Annual Allocation to City of Homer Fund	\$20,000.00	\$751
2004	Annual Allocation to Grants Program	\$20,000.00	Annual Allocation to City of Homer Fund	\$20,000.00	\$2,240
2005	Annual Allocation to Grants Program	\$20,000.00	Annual Allocation to City of Homer Fund	\$20,000.00	\$2,363
2006	Pass Through to Arctic Winter Games	\$40,000.00			
2006	Annual Allocation to Grants Program	\$20,000.00			\$6,208
2007	Annual Allocation to Grants Program	\$20,000.00	Annual Allocation to City of Homer Fund	\$20,000.00	\$7,800
2007	Mid-term Allocation to Grants Program	\$10,000.00			
2008	Annual Allocation to Grants Program	\$30,000.00	Annual Allocation to City of Homer Fund	\$20,000.00	\$5,750
2008	Pass Through to Sr. Citizens	\$20,000.00			
2009	Annual Allocation to Grants Program	\$25,000.00		\$0.00	\$4,000
2010	Annual Allocation to Grants Program	\$20,000.00		\$0.00	\$6,800
2011	Annual Allocation to Grants Program	\$4,000.00		\$15,000.00	\$19,008
2012	Annual Allocation to Grants Program	\$19,000.00		\$0.00	\$14,296
2013	Annual Allocation to Grants Program	\$8,966.00	Annual Allocation to City of Homer Fund	\$10,034.00	\$25,475
2014			City of Homer Windfall \$	\$76,364.44	
2014	Annual Allocation to Grants Program	\$19,000.00		\$0.00	\$11,317
2015	Annual Allocation to Grants Program	\$14,000.00		\$5,000.00	
		\$592,714.00		\$245,490.44	\$122,445.68

pass through to Homer Hockey