



## Memorandum 21-007

TO: HOMER CITY COUNCIL  
THRU: ROB DUMOUCHEL, CITY MANAGER  
FROM: BRYAN HAWKINS, HARBORMASTER  
DATE: JANUARY 6 2021  
SUBJECT: SHARED FISHERIES BUSINESS TAX, RESOLUTION 21-007

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The City of Homer receives revenue from the State of Alaska for fish tax collected by the State in two different ways. The Department of Revenue distributes “Raw Fish Tax” from licensed seafood processors, floating processors and seafood exporters to eligible municipalities. These funds, when received by the City of Homer, are allocated to Fish Dock Revenues.

The second way the City of Homer receives fish tax revenue is through the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development (ADCCED). ADCCED receives 50% of the undistributed Raw Fish Tax from the Department of Revenue to distribute through a program known as the Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program. The purpose of this program is to provide for a sharing of state fish tax collected outside municipal boundaries with municipalities that have been affected by fishing industry activities. For the Cook Inlet Fisheries Management Area, of which the City of Homer is a part, there are twelve communities that will receive a shared portion of that collected shared fish tax. The twelve communities are the Municipality of Anchorage, Homer, Kachemak, Kenai, Kenai Peninsula Borough, Seldovia, Seward, Soldotna, Mat Su Borough, Houston, Palmer, and Wasilla.

A Resolution from the Homer City Council is required annually to receive these funds. If any of the communities listed above do not apply by the deadline in March of 2021, then the funds will be reallocated to communities that did apply.

### **Recommendation:**

Approval and adoption of Resolution 21-007