



MEMORANDUM

Ordinance 24-16, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the FY24 Capital Budget by Accepting and Appropriating a Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act Grant from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in the Amount of \$41,950 for Phase I of the Fish Grinding Building Replacement Project. City Manager/Port Director.

Item Type: Backup Memorandum
Prepared For: Mayor and City Council
Date: February 21, 2024
From: Port Director Hawkins
Through: Rob Dumouchel

I am pleased to report that the City has been awarded a Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act grant from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) to assist with replacing the Fish Grinding Building and completing drainage improvements to meet DEC standards.

The current 22-year old, metal clad building is rusting out in several areas, compromising its structural integrity and severely degrading electrical fixtures. The new proposed building will be constructed on the same concrete footprint, utilize existing utility hook ups and designed with corrosion-resistant materials to protect the fish grinder and associated equipment from the elements, saving on costly equipment maintenance and repairs. Site work completed as part of the project will create a drainage system in the tote storage area to insure the facility remains compliant with DEC regulations.

Under a Cooperative Agreement #23-177 with ADF&G, funding for the Fish Grinding Building improvements will proceed in two phases. The Ordinance before you for consideration provides \$41,950 in State and Federal grant funds to complete Phase I, design and permitting. Phase II is construction of the improvements. Once Phase I is complete and a final construction budget is submitted, ADF&G will submit an amended application for Federal Assistance to request the additional funds needed for bidding and construction. The City will be responsible for 25% match for Phase II.

Port and Harbor Reserve funds in the amount of \$100,000 that were originally appropriated in the FY22 Capital Budget (and renewed in the FY24 Capital Budget) for the Fish Grinding Replacement Project will be used for local match funds.

Recommendation: Accept and appropriate the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act Cooperative Agreement for a grant in the amount of \$41,950 for Phase I of the replacement project.