

**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

City Manager/Port Director

ORDINANCE 25-66

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA
AMENDING THE FY26 OPERATING BUDGET BY ACCEPTING AND
APPROPRIATING THE 2020 GULF OF ALASKA PACIFIC COD
FEDERAL FISHERY DISASTER RELIEF FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$13,137.38 TO THE PORT AND HARBOR ENTERPRISE FUND.

WHEREAS, The City received notice from the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission that the City of Homer is eligible to receive a portion of the 2020 Gulf of Alaska Pacific Cod Federal Fishery disaster relief funding; and

WHEREAS, The distribution is part of the spending plan authored by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to provide relief in the form of direct payments to municipalities and boroughs that rely on fishery income that makes up a significant share of local budgets supporting education, public works, and port operations; and

WHEREAS, The City's allotment, a one-time payment in the amount of \$13,137.38 is a pro-rated percentage of the disaster funding based on each affected community's share of total losses among all eligible communities.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY OF HOMER ORDAINS:

Section 1. The Homer City Council hereby amends the FY26 operating budget by accepting and appropriating 2020 Gulf of Alaska Pacific Cod Federal Fishery declared disaster relief funding to the Port and Harbor Enterprise fund as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
400	Port & Harbor Operating Fund	\$13,137.38

Section 2. This is a budget amendment ordinance, is not permanent in nature, and shall not be codified.

ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA, this 10 of November, 2025.

CITY OF HOMER
RACHEL LORD, MAYOR

44 ATTEST:



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47 ZACH PETTIT, ACTING CITY CLERK
48 Scott Lynn S^L

49 YES: 6

50 NO: 0

51 ABSTAIN: 0

52 ABSENT: 0

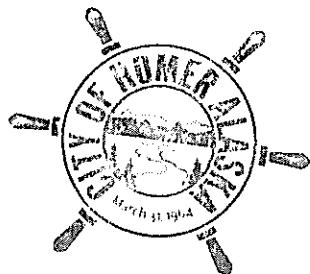
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54 First Reading: 10/27/25

55 Public Hearing: 11/10/25

56 Second Reading: 11/10/25

57 Effective Date: 11/11/25





MEMORANDUM

Ordinance 25-66, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the FY26 Operating Budget by Accepting and Appropriating 2020 Gulf of Alaska Pacific Cod Federal Fishery Disaster Relief Funds in the Amount of 13,137.38 to the Port and Harbor Enterprise Fund. City Manager/Port Director

Item Type: Backup Memorandum
Prepared For: Mayor and City Council
Date: October 21, 2025
From: Melissa Jacobsen, City Manager

We recently received notice from the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission that the City of Homer is eligible to receive a portion of the 2020 Gulf of Alaska (GOA) Pacific Cod Federal Fishery declared disaster relief funding. The distribution is part of the spending plan authored by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to provide relief in the form of direct payments to municipalities and boroughs that rely on fishery income that makes up a significant share of local budgets supporting education, public works, and port operations.

Typically, revenue from fish landings is generated under the state's Fishery Business Tax, where a 3% tax is applied to shore-based landings, with the revenue shared 50/50 between the state and the municipalities/boroughs where the landings occur. In areas with both a municipality and borough, the revenue is split equally between the two entities.

To be eligible for the disaster relief funding, the City had to show GOA Pacific Cod landings in 2020 or in three of five years from 2015–2019, have GOA Pacific Cod landings exceeding 10,000 pounds in at least three of six years from 2015–2020, and have 2020 GOA Pacific Cod landings below their 2015–2019 average.

The City's allotment, a one-time payment in the amount of \$13,137.38 is a pro-rated percentage of the disaster funding based on each affected community's share of total losses among all eligible communities. There are no stipulations on how the funds are used; communities can use disaster funds however they would have otherwise used collected raw fish taxes.

Recommendation: Accept and appropriate the 2020 Gulf of Alaska Pacific Cod Federal Fishery disaster relief funds and authorize the City Manager to execute the appropriate documents.