

SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY REAPPROPRIATING \$20,000 FROM ADMINISTRATION OPERATING BUDGET FUND 200 TO FUND 480 AND A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AMENDED SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE BOARD OF FISHERIES PROJECT 47021 AND APPROVING THE AMENDED BUDGET FOR PROJECT 47520 PLANNING.

AGENDA OF: September 3, 2019

ASSEMBLY ACTION:

*Adopted with Assembly members
McKee & Sumner opposed 9-17-19*
(B)

MANAGER RECOMMENDATION: Introduce and set for public hearing.

APPROVED BY JOHN MOOSEY, BOROUGH MANAGER:

Route To:	Department/Individual	Initials	Remarks
	Originator, K. Riese	KR	
	Planning and Land Use Director	EP	
	Finance Director	CS	
	Borough Attorney	NS	
	Borough Clerk	<i>(Jum)</i>	8/26/19 <i>(B)</i>

ATTACHMENT(S): Fiscal Note: YES X NO _____
 Memo to Mr. Moosey (2 pp)
 Ordinance No. 19-107 (2 pp)
 Resolution No. 19-079 (3 pp)

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The Department of Planning and Land Use provides support to the Matanuska-Susitna Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC). This year, the FWC has five (5) proposals before the State of Alaska Board of Fisheries (BOF) and we hope to build upon past gains in returning salmon to the Matanuska-Susitna Borough waters.

During both the 2014 and 2017 BOF cycle the commission had a budget of about \$50,000 that was dedicated to a comprehensive BOF strategy. For 2020, that budget has been reduced to only \$20,000.

At the August 6, 2019 Assembly meeting, the Assembly directed the Department of Planning and Land Use to re-scope project accounts and re-appropriate funds from other project accounts to alleviate the additional \$30,000 funding needed to be successful at BOF meetings. It was determined to move the funds from the administration operating budget to the project account to eliminate additional staff time in preparing purchase orders from two separate accounts. These funds are used to hire a consultant to coordinate and lead our BOF efforts, update and print BOF background publications, rental of facilitation room, expenses incurred by FWC members and other necessities to assist in preparation for and during the BOF meetings.

RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION: Staff respectfully requests Assembly adoption of the legislation reappropriating \$20,000 from administration operating budget fund 200 to fund 480 and approving the amended scope of work and budget for the board of fisheries project 47021 and approving the amended budget for project 47520 planning.

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
FISCAL NOTE

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ORIGINATOR: Eileen Probasco, Director of Planning and Land Use

FISCAL ACTION (TO BE COMPLETED BY FINANCE)	FISCAL IMPACT <input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO
AMOUNT REQUESTED <u>20,000</u>	FUNDING SOURCE <u>Non-Area-wide Budget Approp.</u>
FROM ACCOUNT # <u>200.100.114 4XX.XXX</u>	PROJECT #
TO ACCOUNT: <u>480.000.000 3XX.XXX</u>	PROJECT # <u>47021</u>
VERIFIED BY: <u>[Signature]</u>	CERTIFIED BY:
DATE: <u>8-22-19</u>	DATE:

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES:

(Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025
Personnel Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land/Structures						
Grants, Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING						
CAPITAL	<u>20.0</u>					
REVENUE						

FUNDING:

(Thousands of Dollars)

General Fund						
State/Federal Funds						
Other	<u>20.0</u>					
TOTAL	<u>20.0</u>					

POSITIONS:

Full-Time						
Part-Time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

PREPARED BY:

PHONE:

DEPARTMENT:

DATE:

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23 July 2019

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To: Manager John Moosey

Administration

Through: Eileen Probasco, Planning Director *EP*

From: Ted Eischeid, Planner II *TE*

RE: Budget shortfall for upcoming Board Of Fisheries meeting cycle

The Issue

We are entering another Board Of Fisheries (BOF) meeting cycle this next winter, comprised of two weeks of meetings in Anchorage, Feb. 7-20, at the Egan Center. During the 2014 BOF cycle the Mat-Su Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC) was successful in getting the BOF to approve a "conservation corridor" proposal that returned more salmon to Mat-Su basin streams for residents and guests to harvest. However, the 2017 BOF cycle saw some erosion in our 2014 gains. The FWC has five proposals before the BOF in 2020 and we hope to build upon past gains in returning salmon to Mat-Su waters.

During both the 2014 and 2017 BOF cycle we had a budget of about \$50,000 that was dedicated to a comprehensive BOF strategy. For 2020 that budget has been reduced to only \$20,000. This memo presents a plan with a budget with the intent of maximizing our impact at the BOF meetings.

The Plan

Our plan, in order of priority:

1. Hire a consultant to coordinate and lead our BOF effort. This was done during the 2010, 2014, and 2017 BOF cycles. Rationale: Due to staff turnover there is little BOF experience to draw upon for staff helping the FWC be successful in advancing their proposals. Former employees have said that the consultant was a key element in past successes and was the glue that held everything together. Estimated costs + expenses: \$25,000

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2. Update and print BOF background booklets. We would update the last professionally produced booklet. Rationale: This booklet uses graphics and data to create the rationale for the FWC proposals for the BOF. This tool educates BOF commissioners and our supporters about our main issues and makes the pitch understandable. Publisher works with FWC to delineate final messaging strategy. Estimated costs + expenses: \$15,000
3. "War Room" rental at the Egan Center. In the past the MSB has partnered with the Kenai River Sportfishing Association to share a room onsite where staff and the consultant could work with FWC members and other allies, print out testimony as needed, and coordinate efforts with privacy. Rationale: Having a private place to coordinate, strategize, and print updates gives us an advantage over other groups who have no such private conference areas. Cost estimate: \$4,000 for the 14 day session.
4. Lodging/mileage for FWC members. This facilitates having FWC members in Anchorage at the BOF meetings. Rationale: We have many talented FWC members who we need onsite to persuade the BOF to adopt our proposals. This not only includes having members present to provide testimony, but also to individually lobby BOF members – an identified "best practice". It is also a safety issue as the meeting cycle occurs in February and the many of the FWC members would have a long drive home in the dark on icy roads. Estimate: \$6,000.

Total estimated costs for this BOF strategy: \$50,000

The estimate above is similar what we spent in 2017. We believe this funded strategy will maximize the success of the FWC in convincing the BOF to adopt policies that return the greatest number of salmon to the Mat-Su basin.

The Solution

We need to find an additional \$30,000 to fund this BOF strategy from the currently budgeted \$20,000. We respectfully request that you help us find these additional monies to implement our BOF plan.

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