

RESOLUTION 25-18

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WHEREAS, since 2020 the AEB has been collaborating with the Alaska Fisheries Science Center to investigate Western Gulf of Alaska (WGOA) cod population dynamics and preliminary results indicate there is an exchange of fish between the WGOA and Bering Sea which will have major implications for management, and

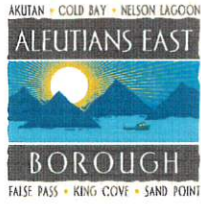
WHEREAS, in June 2022 the project team submitted a grant proposal to Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission to continue this work for an additional three years which was awarded in January 2023 for \$2,238,265, and

WHEREAS, the proposal included a funds for a sole-source contract for Kimberly Rand, who has special expertise in cod tagging and has been supporting the tagging project prior to the PSMFC grant as a NOAA affiliate and collaborator contracted through her employer Lynker Inc., and

WHEREAS, the award includes a \$147,080.00 allocation for her contract to continue providing support with data analyses, report, technical memorandum and publication writing, workshop facilitation, developing and maintaining the tagging GitHub, and other duties, and

WHEREAS, per the grant agreement the PSMFC cod tagging project period ends July 31, 2025, however it is expected there will be a project extension therefore this contract would extend through calendar year 2025 but could conclude sooner.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Aleutians East Borough Assembly authorizes the Borough Mayor to Negotiate and Execute a Contract with Lynker Inc. for Pacific cod tagging research in an amount not to exceed \$147,080.00.



PASSED AND APPROVED by the Aleutians East Borough on this 14th day of October 2024.


Alvin D. Osterback, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Beverly Rosete, Clerk