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MEMORANDUM TO COUNCIL

To: Mayor and City Council Members
From: Anita Foran, Finance Director
Through: Jack Savo Jr, City Manager
Date: February 18, 2026
Re: Resolution 2026-07 FY26 Shared Fisheries Business Tax

SUMMARY: The State of Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development has a Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program created in 1990 to help municipalities impacted by the effects of the rapidly expanding offshore fish processing industry. A previously existing fish tax sharing program (commonly referred to as the Raw Fish Tax Program), administered by the Department of Revenue, shares back to municipalities half of the state fisheries business tax collected from fish processors operating inside municipal boundaries. The Department's program extends tax sharing to include a sharing of fish taxes collected outside of municipal boundaries, primarily from floating processors. Applications are mailed to each eligible applicant by November 15 of each year and must be returned by February 15. Shared Fisheries Business Tax and Fishery Resource Landing Tax payments are issued in March of each fiscal year.

PREVIOUS ACTION: City of Dillingham accepted the program last year with resolution 2024-50.

BACKGROUND: City of Dillingham has participated in this program for many years if not since the beginning of the program in 1990. Revenue received has ranged from \$18,000 to \$700,000 based on the revenue received in the program and based on the calculation method that has been adopted.

DISCUSSION: The FY2026 budget was set for \$150,000 for this program. Staff has secured an extension for February 28, 2026, to submit the application.

ALTERNATIVES: Budget revision will be required if revenue is not accepted.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: There is no increase or decrease to the fund balance for fiscal year 2026 as a result of accepting this action; it simply reactivates the budget authority to use the grant funds we've already been awarded. See the fiscal note.

LEGAL: Currently there are no legal responsibilities to this resolution for the city of Dillingham.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Passing this resolution will allow the city to accept the funds already budgeted to the General Fund.

PROPOSED MOTION: I move to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 2026-07, A Resolution of the Dillingham City Council Authorizing the acceptance of the alternative allocation method for the FY26 Shared Fisheries business tax program in FMA 5: Bristol Bay Area.

PROPOSED ALTERNATE MOTION: There is no alternate motion recommended.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS: City Manager recommends approval of Resolution 2026-07.

ATTACHMENTS: email requesting acceptance and website support for the program.