

Mission: To support our membership through cooperative economic development and community service.

Proposed 2020 Budget Addition

The information below describes the Homer Chamber of Commerce's planned use of the \$14,000 additional funding request from the City to refurbish the Spit Visitors Center building.

This building had been used as our "Derby Shack" for many years. Staffing for this building had been funded by the Halibut Derby revenue which has seen significant reductions the last few years. As the decision was made to replace the summer-long Halibut Derby with a Halibut Tournament, we are looking to convert this building into a true Visitors Information Center office to help provide Spit visitors and locals with information about places to visit throughout Homer with the goal of increasing overall tourist spending. The Halibut Tournament will likely not generate the same overall revenue to cover the staffing expenses.

Budget Summary - \$14,000

Staffing of the Spit Visitors Center between May 1 st till September 30 th	\$12,000
\$15 per hour, 40 hours per week for 20 weeks	
Refurbish the VIC building and replace signage	\$2,000