

# Project Title: Yakutat Regional Aquaculture Association, INC - Wavemaster Net Pens

**TPS Number:** 64296

**Priority:** 2

**Agency:** Commerce, Community and Economic Development  
Grants to Named Recipient (AS 37.05.316)

**Federal Tax ID:** 27-5373505

**Grant Recipient:** Yakutat Regional Aquaculture Association, INC

**FY2017 State Funding Request:** \$70,000

One-Time Need

## Brief Project Description:

4 Wavemaster net pens for a 10 million chum egg program and the anchoring and mooring system necessary.

## Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$1,600,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$100,000)
FY2017 State Funding Request:	(\$70,000)
Project Deficit:	\$1,430,000

## Explanation of Other Funds:

FY 2014 designated Legislative grant of \$100,000 for Comprehensive Salmon Plan Update, Planning, Data Gathering and Office Set Up. YRAA received from the City & Borough of Yakutat a grant of \$200,000 and they are assessing a 2% Salmon Enhancement Tax and have received \$81,790.66; 73,157.94 and the estimated tax for the 2015 salmon season is \$43,824.03 and they received in July of 2012 the Commerce appropriation for RAA of \$100,000.

## Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The funding would provide the funds for 4 Wavemaster Net pens and the anchoring & mooring systems for the net pen. Wavemaster net pens are the industry standard and have an anticipated life of 30-50 years. The anchoring and mooring systems are critical to protect the investment of the net pens and the fish being reared. This is only enough net pens for the starting stage of the project for Yakutat. As you can see above in the amount of salmon enhancement tax received, last year was not a good year for the economy and community of Yakutat.

## Project Timeline:

2016-2020. The net pens would be ordered in sufficient time receive delivery before fish is anticipated to be put in the water but after loan funds are secured and broodstock source established.

## Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Yakutat Regional Aquaculture Association, INC

## Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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This project has been through a public review process at the local level and it is a community priority.

**CITY & BOROUGH OF YAKUTAT, ALASKA**

**RESOLUTION 12-198**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF YAKUTAT ASSEMBLY  
SUPPORTIING THE YAKUTAT REGIONAL AQUACULTURE ASSOCIATION, INC.  
EFFORT TO IMPROVE AND ENHANCE THE YAKUTAT REGION'S SALMON AND  
PROVIDE ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY OF YAKUTAT**

**WHEREAS**, Yakutat Regional Aquaculture Association, Inc. (YRAA) has met the State of Alaska statutory requirements and been recognized by the Commissioner of Fish and Game as an aquaculture association in the Yakutat area for salmon enhancement and rehabilitation purposes in accordance with the provisions of AS 16.10.375-470; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners recognition of YRAA entails the formation of the Yakutat Regional Planning Team (RPT) consisting of three members from YRAA and three members from the Department of Fish and Game appointed by the Commissioner to work together for planning and implementing projects in the Yakutat area; and

**WHEREAS**, Yakutat is facing the real possibility of the Hubbard Glacier causing a washout of the Situk River system which could devastate the historical local fishery; and

**WHEREAS**, enhancement has been shown to be beneficial in Southeast Alaska and Prince William Sound in economic benefits to the commercial fishermen, community benefits in increased jobs in fishing, processing and hatchery operations; and

**WHEREAS**, YRAA has a long-term goal of providing enhancement opportunities in order to provide a sufficient livelihood (\$50K - \$100K per permit) that locals can remain in Yakutat without moving or fishing in other regions;


**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** that the City and Borough of Yakutat supports enhancement of the Yakutat region by the Yakutat Regional Aquaculture Association, Inc.

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** the City & Borough of Yakutat Mayor and City staff will cooperatively work with the Yakutat Regional Aquaculture Association, Inc. to pursue and accomplish these goals.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by a duly constituted quorum of the Borough Assembly this 1 day of November, 2012

  
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Cindy Bremner, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Cathy Bremner, City Clerk

