

Paul Ostrander City Manager FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - Oct. 8, 2020

City of Kenai adds to commercial fishers CARES Act grant program

The City of Kenai is expanding and reopening its CARES Act grant program for commercial fisheries permit holders. In addition to reopening the program to new applicants October 8 through Oct. 30, the City Council on October 7 voted to expand the assistance payment to \$2,000 for each eligible permit holder. Under the summer grant program, the payments were \$1,000. Commercial fisheries permit holders who received the \$1,000 payment this summer will automatically receive in October a second \$1,000 — no application is necessary.

"The City recognizes the significant impacts of COVID-19 on our local commercial fisheries and determined that increasing the individual grant amounts was warranted," said City Manager Paul Ostrander.

The program is open to state commercial fisheries permit holders who live in the City of Kenai and who had at least \$10,000 in landings on their permits in 2019.

The program opened for applications October 8 on the City of Kenai website at www.kenai.city, and will close at 5 p.m. October 30.

More information is on the City website at www.kenai.city, or email City Project Lead Larry Persily for more information at logo.nc. logo.nc. (907) 283-8226.