

**CITY OF CRAIG
RESOLUTION 12-16**

**ADOPTING PRINCE OF WALES COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION 12-03, SUPPORTING AN ANNUAL OPERATIONAL
SUBSIDY TO THE INTER-ISLAND FERRY AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, the Prince of Wales Community Advisory Council is made up of representatives from each community of Prince of Wales Island; and,

WHEREAS, the Prince of Wales Community Advisory Council acts on behalf of Prince of Wales communities on issues that include transportation; and,

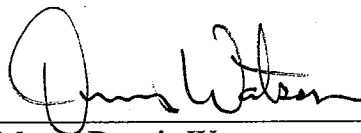
WHEREAS, the Prince of Wales Community Advisory Council adopted its Resolution 12-03 on October 30, 2012; and,

WHEREAS, said resolution supports an annual operational appropriation from the State of Alaska to IFA; and,


WHEREAS, POWCAC resolutions must be adopted by the ruling bodies of a majority of its members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Craig hereby adopts POWCAC Resolution 12-03, a copy of which is attached.

Adopted this 1st day of November, 2012.



Mayor Dennis Watson

ATTEST 
Lisa Moore, City Clerk Pro-Tem



**PRINCE OF WALES COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION No. 12-03**

**A JOINT RESOLUTION BY AND BETWEEN THE COMMUNITIES OF THE
PRINCE OF WALES COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL (POWCAC)
SUPPORTING AN ANNUAL OPERATIONAL SUBSIDY THE INTER-ISLAND
FERRY AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, the Prince of Wales Community Advisory Council acts in an advisory capacity for participating communities on Prince of Wales (POW) Island; and,

WHEREAS, the Inter-Island Ferry Authority (IFA) provides daily ferry service to Prince of Wales Island, and has done so since 2002; and,

WHEREAS, the IFA is a publicly-owned and operated port authority as authorized under Title 29 of Alaska Statutes; and,

WHEREAS, IFA service is of critical importance to Prince of Wales Island; and,

WHEREAS, fuel costs to operate the IFA's ferries have increased six fold since 2002; and,

WHEREAS, the authority has reached the point where it cannot continue to increase the fuel surcharge and still meet its mission of providing the reliable, necessary, and affordable service to the traveling public for this region of southeast Alaska; and,

WHEREAS, the past decade of service shows that IFA can meet the island's public transportation needs; and,

WHEREAS, without the IFA, Prince of Wales Island would likely not have the very good freight, passenger, and vehicle service it has today; and,

WHEREAS, the benefits of IFA service include: year-round, 7 days a week passenger/vehicle ferry service between POW and Ketchikan; all weather access to goods and services not available on island (particularly the advanced medical services available in Ketchikan, Sitka, Anchorage and Seattle); transport of seafood and goods produced on POW to get off island and to market; access to POW's many visitor attractions; employment of 30 Alaskans; and generation of \$1.24 million in annual payroll.

WHEREAS, since its inception, the IFA has carried more than 500,000 passengers and more than 120,000 vehicles; and,

WHEREAS, the IFA, through revenues from ticket sales, meets about 75 percent of its operating costs from ticket sales; and,

WHEREAS, the IFA's proven record of reliable public transportations, and its extraordinary efforts to go as far as it has to meet its operational costs from the fare box, merits an ongoing operational appropriation from the State of Alaska during this time of high fuel costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince of Wales Community Advisory Council supports an annual operational subsidy from the State of Alaska to the IFA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that POWCAC acknowledges and appreciates past support from the State of Alaska for the IFA, including the FY 2013 \$500,000 appropriation for capital improvements to the Hollis terminal, the \$1.3 million appropriation in the Capital Budget for defeasance of IFA's bonded debt, and several prior operational appropriations to IFA.

Passed and approved by the Prince of Wales Community Advisory Council this 29th day of October, 2012.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "AM BOLL", is written over a horizontal line.

POWCAC Chair