

**NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION 13-73**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH  
ASSEMBLY TO APPROVE A RESEARCH GRANT AGREEMENT  
WITH SHELL EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION COMPANY  
("SHELL") IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,200,000.00 (ONE  
MILLION TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS) AND FOR  
RELATED PURPOSES**

**WHEREAS**, the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly is the governing body of the Northwest Arctic Borough; and

**WHEREAS**: Shell Exploration and Production Company ("Shell") is a global group of energy and petrochemicals companies with around 90,000 employees in more than 80 countries and territories including Alaska; and

**WHEREAS**: Shell has a long history in Alaska, dating back to 1918 and was responsible for safely drilling many of the wells in the Beaufort and Chukchi Seas in the 1980s; and

**WHEREAS**: Shell is in the process of exploring for oil and gas in the Chukchi Sea near the Northwest Arctic Borough; and

**WHEREAS**: From 2006 to 2012, Shell has invested over \$60 million on Arctic science and in the last five years Shell has been a globally significant funder of Arctic science; and

**WHEREAS**: In 2010, Shell entered into a similar cooperative science grant agreement with the North Slope Borough that funds research in the Beaufort Sea and that working relationship has been successful and produced meaningful scientific data; and

**WHEREAS**: Significantly more scientific research has been conducted in the Beaufort than the Chukchi Sea; and

**WHEREAS**: Both the Northwest Arctic Borough and Shell advocate for additional baseline research to refine their understanding of the Arctic marine ecosystem in order to protect the Arctic Ocean's ecological integrity and biodiversity, maintain the sustainable subsistence use of the living and non-living resources of the environment, and enable responsible decision making and government permitting of offshore oil and gas activities in the Chukchi Sea; and

**WHEREAS:** Local and traditional knowledge are an important resource for scientific research and will be part of the research; and

**WHEREAS:** Both parties believe that by working together mutual scientific objectives and goals can be reached; and

**WHEREAS:** Both parties believe that the best way to work together will be through a cooperative science research grant agreement; and

**WHEREAS:** The agreement will be for a term of five years with the parties deciding whether to renew the agreement on an annual basis.

**WHEREAS:** The funds will be transferred in fiscal year 2013 but will be available for expenditure in 2014.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** by the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly, for and on behalf of the Northwest Arctic Borough:

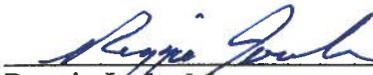
1. The Mayor is authorized to negotiate and execute the research grant agreement with Shell in substantially the same form as accompanies this resolution.
2. The Northwest Arctic Borough may accept the grant funds from Shell in an amount not to exceed one million two hundred thousand dollars (\$1,200,000.00).
3. This resolution shall be effective upon enactment.



CARL WEISNER, VP

Walter Sampson, Assembly President

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 3<sup>rd</sup> OF December, 2013.



Reggie Joutle, Mayor

SIGNED AND ATTESTED THIS 3<sup>rd</sup> OF December, 2013.



Stella Atoruk, Acting Borough Clerk



ATTEST: