

**NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH ASSEMBLY
RESOLUTION 15-36**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH
ASSEMBLY APPROVING A SHELL-FUNDED RESEARCH
PROJECT TO STUDY NEARSHORE WATERS OF KOTZEBUE
SOUND, AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS: The Northwest Arctic Borough has partnered with Shell Exploration and Production Company ("Shell") to conduct research and science programs for FY2016; and

WHEREAS: The Borough and Shell wish to conduct research to better understand the ecology of fish and invertebrates in Arctic waters given concerns over potential ecological impacts from climate change, increased marine traffic in the region, and oil and gas development activity; and

WHEREAS: The Borough wishes to enter into a professional services agreement with ABR, Inc. Environmental Research & Services to collect data to inform policy and management decisions regarding food security, resource development, and infrastructure in the Kotzebue Sound for a contract total not to exceed \$96,057.


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approves a research project and consulting agreement with ABR, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$96,057.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS ^{29th} 28th DAY OF JULY 2015.



Larry Westlake, Assembly President

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 28th DAY OF JULY 2015.



Reggie Joule, Mayor

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS ^{29th} 28th DAY OF JULY 2015.

Stella Atoruk
Stella Atoruk, Borough Clerk

ATTEST:

