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.

Walter Sampson, Assembly President

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 3rd OF December, 2013.

Reggie Joule, Mayor

SIGNED AND ATTESTED THIS 3rd OF December, 2013.

Stella Atoruk, Acting Borough Clerk

ATTEST: