



# COUNTY OF ERIE

**MARK C. POLONCARZ**

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

September 24, 2015

Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14202

**Re: Budget Revision: Erie County Fisheries Advisory Board**

Dear Honorable Members:

Enclosed please find a memorandum and proposed resolution from the Department of Environment and Planning (DEP) seeking authorization to transfer the 2014/2015 Budget for the Erie County Fisheries Advisory Board (FAB) out of the Art and Cultural Agencies Budget and into DEP's Budget. The FAB is an appointed committee without the legal ability to enter into an agreement with the County to access the funding allocated to them from the Cultural Budget. This funding needs to be moved into the DEP Budget so that the Department can manage these resources as the FAB requests.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact Deputy Commissioner Thomas R. Hersey, Jr. at the Department of Environment and Planning. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark C. Poloncarz".

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.  
Erie County Executive

MCP/cw  
Enclosure

cc: Thomas Dearing, Commissioner

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature  
**From:** Department of Environment and Planning  
**Re:** Budget Revision: Erie County Fisheries Advisory Board  
**Date:** September 24, 2015

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### **SUMMARY**

The Department of Environment and Planning (DEP) is seeking authorization to transfer the 2014/2015 combined Budget of \$17,500 for the Erie County Fisheries Advisory Board (FAB) from the Art and Cultural Agencies funds center 1333020 to funds center 16200 in DEP's 2015 Budget. The FAB is an appointed committee without the legal ability or mechanisms to enter into an agreement with the County, in order to access the funding allocated to them from the Cultural Budget. This funding needs to be moved into an account in the DEP Budget so that the Department can manage these resources as the FAB requests.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

There will be no impact on County resources.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

Approval of this resolution will allow DEP to manage the resources provided to the FAB in the 2014/2015 Budgets for their proposed 2015 projects as they have requested. The FAB is an appointed County committee and not an independent organization that has the organizational or legal capacity to enter into the agreement with the County or to manage the funds directly.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

In the 2014 and 2015 Adopted Budgets funding was provided to support the work of the FAB. The amount appropriated was \$2,500 in the 2014 Budget and \$15,000 in the 2015 Budget. The unspent 2014 balance was carried-forward to 2015. The FAB was categorized as an Art and Cultural Agency and \$17,500 2 year total was allocated in Funds Center 1333020. The proposed resolution will move the funding to the DEP Funds Center 16200 2015 Budget so that they can coordinate with the FAB to implement the intended work.

### **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

Without the requested authorization, the FAB will be unable to utilize the \$17,500 intended for their 2015 Projects. A majority of this funding is planned for Erie County's share in the overall cost to produce a three County Great Lakes Fishing Hot Spot map in partnership with Niagara and Chautauqua Counties. Erie County would be unable to fulfill its obligation as a partner to this project.

### **STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL**

The Department budget will be revised as indicated.

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING**

RE: Budget Revision: Erie County Fisheries Advisory Board

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 9.07 of the Erie County Administrative Code, Erie County supports a Fisheries Advisory Board (FAB) made up of volunteer sports and outdoor enthusiasts appointed by the County Executive and Legislature; and

WHEREAS, annually the FAB presents a list of projects and budget requests to the County Executive to implement in order to complete their proposed work; and

WHEREAS, based upon their requests for funding in 2014 - \$2,500 and 2015 - \$15,000, there is currently \$17,500 available in the 2015 Budget which received approval from the legislature; and

WHEREAS, the \$17,500 in resources earmarked for the FAB was allocated in the Art and Cultural Agency Budget requiring that the FAB enter into a contract with the County to access the funding; and

WHEREAS, the FAB is not an independent organization with the legal and financial capacity to enter into an agreement or to manage the resources directly, the allocated funding needs to be transferred to the DEP 2015 Budget where the Department can manage the funds for them at their request.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that budget revisions be made in fund 110, as follows:

| Account   | Description                 | Current Budget | Revision   | Revised Budget |
|---|-----------------------------|----------------|------------|----------------|
| Art and Cultural Agencies – Funds Center 1333020          |                             |                |            |                |
| 517601  | Erie Co Fish Advisory Board | \$17,500       | (\$17,500) | \$0            |
| Department of Environment & Planning – Funds Center 16200 |                             |                |            |                |
| 517601  | Erie Co Fish Advisory Board | \$0            | \$17,500   | \$17,500       |

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of the Division of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to implement any budget adjustments as required; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive; the Director of the Division of Budget and Management; the County Attorney; the County Comptroller; Thomas Dearing, Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Planning; and Thomas Hersey, Jr., Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Planning.