

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Alvin D. Osterback called the Aleutians East Borough Assembly meeting to order by teleconference in each community on Aug 18, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Alvin D. Osterback	Present
Brenda Wilson	Present
Carol Foster	Present
Chris Babcock	Present
Denise Mobeck	Excused
Josephine Shangin	Present
Paul Gronholdt	Present
Warren Wilson	Present

**Advisory Members:**

Dailey Schaack, Cold Bay	Present
Samantha McNeley, Nelson Lagoon	Present
Tom Hoblet, False Pass	Absent

Quorum was present.

**Staff Present:**

Anne Bailey, Administrator  
Talia Jean-Louis, Assistant Administrator  
Laura Tanis, Communications Director  
Ernie Weiss, Natural Resources Director  
Charlotte Levy, Natural Resources Assist. Director  
Glennora Dushkin, Administrative Clerk  
Jacki Brandell, Finance Director  
Beverly Ann Rosete, Borough Clerk

***ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA***

CHRIS made a motion to Adopt the Agenda, seconded by BRENDA

PAUL made a motion to add Cold Bay Water under New Business

Hearing no objections, the Agenda will stand as Amended.

***COMMUNITY ROLL CALL AND PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS***

The communities of King Cove, Sand Point, Akutan, Cold Bay, False Pass, Nelson Lagoon and the Anchorage office were participating by teleconference. Also broadcast on KSDP radio. There were no public comments.

***CONFLICT OF INTEREST***

Mayor Osterback asked for any potential **Conflict of Interests** to discuss. There were no conflicts on agenda items.

**PRESENTATION:**

Trident Seafoods – Stefanie Moreland and Shannon Carroll

Stefanie said, Akutan is home to Trident's largest primary seafoods processing plant. Trident Akutan is also a special place to the Bundrant family. Unfortunately, Trident's aging infrastructure in Akutan needs to be replaced. It's not feasible to update that existing facility without a complete new build. A rebuild represents the biggest decision and investment Trident will make to support our next generation. In 2023, we'll celebrate Trident's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and we are strengthening our foundation for the next 50 years. There is no exit strategy, and our vision is for wild Alaska seafood to remain at the core of our business. Standing still is not an option to deliver on this vision. Trident is committed to building a next generation processing plant in the Aleutians. This represents an opportunity to build a modern, efficient, environmentally responsible operation. We can take advantage of advances in automation and optimize full utilization, quality, and products forms all towards adding value for stakeholders. We have opportunity to prioritize quality of life, safety, and a healthy environment for our employees on this design. All are necessary to stay competitive and serve stakeholders and an increasingly challenging global seafood and labor market. Of greatest importance and likely concern to you is that we are looking for 2 siting options. One, is adjacent to our current Akutan footprint and the other a new property in Captain's Bay Unalaska. Detailed design plans for the interior of the new facility have been in development for several years and are being more fully evaluated now. We are running tests on new equipment to better understand our performance assumptions, are reasonable and to understand risks. Beyond manufacturing capabilities, we began this year exploring construction materials and methods, siting and permitting considerations. Trident and a third-party engineering firm are currently weighing feasibility costs benefits of design options. We will continue to study the plant design, necessary support infrastructure and site options throughout 2022 aiming for a decision on whether to proceed and in what location by year end. Once the decision is made, regardless of location, the construction plan with target being fully operational for A season of 2026. We are committed to keeping you updated with more frequent communication with the Mayor and Anne until a decision is announced. Construction is underway now on a dock and potential Unaalaska site to take advantage of its construction season to expand the range of possible future maritime sector uses of the property and to access the condition of the tideland. We understand the Boroughs support for and dependance on our Akutan operation and just like this investment decision will have an long term impact on Trident Seafoods, we know it will have a long term impact on the Borough and your communities with respect to revenue, project planning and setting priorities. I won't have all the answers to all your questions today, but I am happy to take note of all input and questions that cannot be addressed now for later follow up.

PAUL asked labor cost and availability of labor.

Moreland said labor is having an impact on all our planning throughout Alaska and our value-added locations in lower 48, making it difficult. In remote location, we have added expense regarding transportation and logistics to support seasonal labor force. Updates has been provided to the Borough in terms of our Sand Point planning and product form. We are not expecting further change from clarification already recently provided.

Shannon changes in Sand Point are being driven by an attempt to adapt the plant to new stock trends on the whitefish and salmon to make it more profitable.

PAUL asked if the shore based licensed was part of when Trident bought Tyson and if that will work on Sand Point Plant and possibility in Dutch Harbor.

Stefanie said Trident hold an AFA shoreside permit in Sand Point, Akutan and there is additional license from Tyson acquisition that remains in Trident's name that has not been used. There is no constraint with respect to shoreside licensing under AFA. We have licenses to go with envision and potential scenarios that I just discussed.

CAROL commented that Trident has been here for so long and helped the communities in whatever they need and we truly hate to see you go.

WARREN asked with the possibility Trident building in Dutch Harbor, are you trying to be able to utilize more of the whitefish in the Bearing Sea because the Trident plant doesn't have enough capacity. How much more automation do you need from what you have now? Or is this new plant going to service your CP's better than you do in Dutch Harbor.

Stefanie Moreland said this decision is not about increasing capacity but modernizing what we do now. They envision real change and what resources and fisheries reserve. It is about capturing more full utilization, being able to extract and put the highest product value form, every part of the fish that we can market and retain that automation will really assist with respect to sorting. One benefit will be able to look at modernizing our ability to sort fish size. When we say automation, much of it will envision reducing processing worker numbers at our location relative to what we have today in Akutan due to difficulty on the cost related to workforce and opportunity to provide better jobs. So again, more modern, a good work environment and automation to support the labor we have as efficient as possible.

BRENDA asked if Trident would have training programs for people on the region to hire locally.

Moreland said that Shannon has been working on this project to some extent where we really want to support and think about new ways to make accessible training, skilled trades to support people being job ready and interested in our sector and capable of filling need in respect to engineering, maintenance, and skilled trades.

Shannon Carroll said Trident never turned down a resident worker who wants to work for Trident. They've been partnering with AVTEC to develop curriculum for Alaskans for Trident that would be geared towards that exactly so diesel mechanic or refrigeration, all the kids of thing that we need on site and all our facilities in Alaska. They are also working on apprenticeship program that would allow somebody to start at Trident and then work their way up.

BRENDA asked in connection to programs you are hoping to develop, are you working with school districts in the region? It will be a good opportunity for people who are going to graduate to be able to jump into that professional opportunity. A lot of people here understand the importance of what the cannery provides for us as community member and supporting the community the way they do.

Shannon commented it was a really nice point. What they're doing is trying to educate children in school about Trident Seafoods.

DAILEY asked if Trident wanted to stay close to Akutan that's why they pick that location or if they look at other place in Aleutian chain.

Stefanie said they had not look in other location. All things being equal, we will stay in Akutan. We had a long-standing partnership, and we appreciate the support that we have from the community and positive relationship we had in Akutan. The reason we are looking at the site in Unalaska is that a property become available, so we decided to look at a potential site and feasibility. I was not aware of other opportunities and not considering other location at this time.

JOSEPHINE commented that she appreciates the relationship between Trident and Akutan community, the strong relationship that was built through Chuck. Thank you for the opportunity and hope you are considering staying and the corporation is here and waiting to hear from you and want to work with you moving forward.

Warren said thank the Trident for being a big presence in the area M June fishery, Port Moller Fishery and Shumagin Island Fishery this year. It is always great to have more processors around and I hear good comments up the north peninsula from your fleet that you have tenders and south peninsula. Thank you for being in our area.

Mayor Osterback thanks Stefanie and Shannon for presenting. Said people in the community get to hear firsthand of what is going on. The Borough will continue meeting and working with Trident as needed as well as the community of Akutan. We are here to whatever we can to help. We are hoping that you'll stay in the Borough and get to build your new plant.

Shannon thanks the Borough for the leadership in the area.

#### **MINUTES**

July 14, 2022, Assembly Meeting Minutes

#### **MOTION**

BRENDA moved to accept the July 14, 2022 Assembly Meeting Minutes, second by CAROL.

Hearing no corrections, it will stand as WRITEN.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

June 2022 Financial Report

#### **MOTION**

WARREN made a motion to bring Financials report on the floor and second by CHRIS.

Administrator Bailey said this is the end of our FY2022, unaudited, and might have a small change after the audit. Revenue is about \$11.6 M. Expenditure is about \$6.6M, helicopter transfer is about \$759K, Income from Terminal is about \$50K. The Borough Assembly appropriates approximately \$1.7M from Permanent Fund Earnings for FY22. We have a surplus in cash that will be moved to operating trust fund. The revenue seems really high that is due to items that won't happen every fiscal year. This included AMLJIA claims for the dock and a grader loss claim that contributed to the increase on that line item. Raw Fish Tax also exceeded our expectation last May of 2021. Shared Fish Tax is also higher due to Coronavirus SLFRF, we received additional \$279K, we do not anticipate getting that in FY2023. Our school bond Debt is a lot higher, we received refunds for FY17, FY20, FY21 and full funding for FY22 so we received about \$ 1.171M in School Bond Debt. In Expenditures, there are few items that went over but at large part we are at budget or under budget. The contract line item under Administration was over due to payment we had to do to West Marine for the Cold Bay Dock repairs. We did receive those money back reflected on our revenues from AMLJIA. Our

Maintenance reserve fund has about \$513K revenue from payment from 2017 for projects we have done in the past.

PAUL asked what line 01268 is for.

Finance Director Jacki Brandell said it was created for audit purposes.

**ROLL CALL**

Yeas: Brenda, Paul, Warren, Chris, Josy, Carol, Advisory: Dailey, Samantha

Nay: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

*INVESTMENT REPORT*

APCM June 2022 and July 2022 Investment Report in the packet

*CONSENT AGENDA*

None

*PUBLIC HEARINGS*

None

*ORDINANCES*

None

*RESOLUTIONS*

**Resolution 23-09**, Authorizing the Mayor to negotiate and execute a services agreement with BDO USA LLP to provide professional auditing services to the Aleutians East Borough for Fiscal Year 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$97,000

**MOTION**

BRENDA made a motion to approve Resolution 23-09 and second by JOSY

Administrator Bailey said On January 29, 2018, the Borough issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) from qualified audit firms to audit the Borough's financial statements for FY 18 and FY 19, with the option to continue the contract for the next three subsequent fiscal years. On February 20, 2018, Administration reviewed the proposals and determined that BDO USA LLP (BDO) was the most responsive proposer. BDO has since completed the Borough's FY 18, FY 19, FY 20 audits and FY21 and would like to exercise the option to provide auditing services to the Borough for FY22. BDO's estimated cost to complete the FY 22 audit work is \$87,000, which excludes travel expenses, out of pocket costs, and any unexpected work that may be needed due to any audit findings. An additional \$10,000 has been added to the estimate to allow for those costs, totaling \$97,000 as the not-to-exceed amount for the FY 22 audit work.

**ROLL CALL**

Yeas: Chris, Brenda, Carol, Paul, Warren, Josy Advisory: Samantha, Dailey

Nay: none

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Resolution 23-10, Requesting a Fishery Disaster Determination for the 2022 Nelson Lagoon Commercial Sockeye Salmon Fishery**

**MOTION**

BRENDA made a motion to approve Resolution 23-10 and second by CHRIS

Natural Resources Director Ernie Weiss said resolution is presented to the Assembly in response to request by Nelson Lagoon Tribal Council, it is via request the Governor and the Secretary of Commerce to consider a fishery disaster declaration for the Nelson Lagoon Sockeye Fishery this year. We would intend to submit as much information as possible at the time we submit the resolution to have a support by the Secretary signed by the Mayor. The Fisheries are still going on, so the numbers have change since the packet was submitted. The harvest in Nelson Lagoon has seen a drop of 63-64% compared to the same dates of the previous 5-year average and 71% on the 10-year average. It is possible that Nelson River will reach the minimum escapement of 97,000.

Mayor Osterback commented that he is not sure if the Assembly is 100% ready to do this right now, not as to not do it but the timing of when we should do it. Some of the Assembly is looking to table it until our next scheduled meeting on Sept.8. If we do get a motion to table, it doesn't take anything away from the fishery Disaster paperwork nor it will slow down or affect the timing of the payout if it rates as a disaster.

CAROL said she support the resolution and suggest that table it till Sept 8, just so we can get the final numbers in and get a clear idea of what's going on.

BRENDA commented that this very important and if we decided to table it till the next meeting, it is not going to affect the power it needs to go through and to be able to gain the support that Nelson Lagoon needs. The only thing that people are concern about is the numbers, we must be concise. We must recognize our Tribal, when they do a request for support, it is important to honor that process.

DAILEY thanks the Borough for being supportive to villages in the Aleutians East Borough, they are all important, fisheries are all important and wanted to move forward with it.

CHRIS commented that he agrees with Carol to table it until we have good numbers. He knows the Borough supports this resolution and fishing is important to all the communities within our Borough. We certainly want to address the problem in Nelson Lagoon but if we wait until the next meeting, we will have a better understanding how to move forward.

PAUL commented that one thing that usually happens this time of the year in the Lagoon, I don't know if silvers are showing up yet or not, that would add to disaster if they don't show up. The Borough has to make a declaration to help the community whatever the timing is.

CHRIS MADE A MOTION TO TABLE Resolution 23-10 until the September 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, Second by CAROL

**ROLL CALL**

Yeas Paul, Carol, Chris, Brenda, Warren, Josy Advisory: Samantha

Nay: Advisory: Dailey

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Resolution 23-11, Supporting the State of Alaska, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) False Pass Airport Improvement Project**

**MOTION**

CHRIS made a motion to approve Resolution 23-11 and second by BRENDA

Administrator Bailey said one of the greatest needs in False Pass is to have a reconstructed airport with a longer runway that meets Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) standards, medevac requirements and the needs of the existing and projected airport operations. The False Pass Airport has many deficiencies that include but are not limited to an inadequate length runway and safety area; poor runway surface conditions; the airport access road, bridge and north end of the runway threatened by erosion from Round Top Creek; inadequate lighting or more visible marking of runway and taxiway edges; the need to replace the segmented circle and wind cones and a rotating beacon. The Borough has identified the False Pass Airport as a need and included the False Pass Airport project in the Borough's Strategic Plan. In February 2022, the Borough and City sent a joint letter to the State of Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities requesting them to develop an acceptable project scope to provide an improved facility addressing the identified problem areas and agree to its inclusion in the latest Airport Improvement Program Spending Plan. In July 2022, the Borough received a written response and the City and Borough spoke to DOT to discuss the proposed scope of work. DOT's scope of work includes rehabilitating the existing airport surfaces and safety areas, installing new airport signage, installing FAA approved L-853 retro-reflective markers on the runway and taxiway edges, replacing both wind cone structures, replacing segmented circle, and address erosion control at Round Top Valley Creek. The Borough supports the proposed project which addresses many of the airport's deficiencies; however, the Aleutians East Borough and City of False Pass request that the State continue to look at engineering options to lengthen the runway; and if a feasible option is identified, the Aleutians East Borough and City of False Pass would like DOT/PF to consider incorporating that solution into the project scope of work. We do anticipate that this project they are proposing is 10 years to complete so we wanted to get that on the plan as soon as possible.

PAUL commented that the airport is in need to a lot of work.

Mayor Osterback said that him and Anne, along with the Mayor of False Pass, have been talking to State officials about this and for this request to go through, it will put us on track with compliance on a lot of the issues we are having on the runway. One thing they assured us is, if at some point the money is made available, we can incorporate some other design factor. It will still be feasible in that time slot. This is something the Borough will work closely with the City of False Pass and State of Alaska.

CHRIS said airport is a very important part of the community. Wished that the time frame will be faster but certainly support the resolution.

**ROLL CALL**

Yeas: Carol, Paul, Brenda, Josy, Chris, Warren Advisory: Dailey, Samantha

Nay: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Resolution 23-12, Authorizing the Mayor to Negotiate and Execute a Contract with Moffatt & Nichol for Sand Point Harbor "A" Float Design and Permitting Updates in an Amount Not to Exceed \$45,000**

**MOTION**

BRENDA a motion to approve Resolution 23-12 and second by CHRIS

Administrator Bailey said The Sand Point New Harbor breakwater and dredging was completed in 2007 by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, a wharf was completed in 2008 and Float B was complete in 2011. The next phase for harbor development is to construct Float A. We had URS Alaska (now known as AECOM) finish 65% of design and in 2017, Moffatt & Nichol (M&N) completed the design and got it bid ready and suitable for seeking funding. The Borough recently received a harbor matching grant fund for this project. In anticipation for this project, the Borough has requested M&N to provide design and permitting updates. M&N's scope of work includes updating the design and permit documents. The design will be updated for code compliance based on planned adoption of the 2021 IBS by the State of Alaska. The most significant change is expected to be the redesign of the fire protection system to conform with the latest National Fire Protection Association requirements which require increased fire protection flows for floating docks. The scope also includes updating the documents for bidding, advancing ADEC plan review for the drinking water system, and updating environmental permits.

CHRIS said they had a chance to visit the harbor and the float and he supports finishing up this harbor.

CAROL said to make sure there enough is water line so people can get water for their boats.

PAUL commented asking to keep the Assembly updated on the float design.

**ROLL CALL**

Yeas: Warren, Josy, Brenda, Chris, Paul, Carol  
Advisory: Samantha, Dailey  
Nay: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Resolution 23-13, Authorizing the Mayor to negotiate and execute and agreement with Professional Growth Systems for strategic planning services in the amount not to exceed \$35,000**

**MOTION**

CAROL made a motion to approve Resolution 23-13 and second by BRENDA

Administrator Bailey said In 2017 through 2021, the Aleutians East Borough hired Professional Growth Systems (PGS) to provide strategic planning services for the Borough. The objectives included: community engagement, borough strategic planning and follow-up and support. Over the past five years, the Borough conducted planning work sessions that helped identify projects and initiatives that were included the Borough's annual Strategic Plan dating back to 2018. The Borough would like to continue this strategic planning process for the March 1, 2023, through February 29, 2024 planning cycle and is



interested in re-enlisting PGS' services for an amount not to exceed \$35,000. PGS will work with Borough staff to complete assessments in preparation for the Assembly strategic planning session; administer a Discovery survey to provide insights into key areas of strength and opportunities for improvement; lead the Borough through the vision navigation process including presentations from key stake holders, and detailed project planning to ensure the Borough has an achievable strategic plan. PGS will also provide follow up and support throughout the year.

BRENDA commented that this is a very important aspect of the Borough. It really kept us in line and follow a path to achieve our goals. I really believe this is a very good process for our agency

CHRIS said it is very important for organization to give us a platform to work off and get us our goals and see us achieving those goals.

**ROLL CALL**

Yeas: Carol, Brenda, Chris, Warren, Josy Advisory: Dailey, Samantha  
Nay: Paul

**MOTION CARRIED**

*OLD BUSINESS*

None

*NEW BUSINESS*

- Board of Fish Discussion

Natural Resources Director Wiess said an eight-page memo was included in the packet. The first page is the board cycle meeting schedule for 2022-2023. All the meetings scheduled will be in Anchorage, the salmon meeting will be in February. The two main issues we heard from the area M seiners about what they did to keep their harvest of chum salmon to a minimum. We also heard about Nelson Lagoon low harvest and escapement this year. Proposal book should be out either this month or beginning of next month. As soon as it comes out, we can study it and address those proposals. We did come up with at least 4 areas we expect proposals to be directed at, South Peninsula Salmon Management related to Chignik-bound Sockeye, South Peninsula Salmon Management related to AYK Chum, North Peninsula Salmon Management related to Nelson Lagoon Sockeye, and Pacific Cod State-Waters Management, South Peninsula and Dutch Harbor Subdistrict. We talked about the Chignik and Management history, we are so please that this last year the escapement has exceeded the previous 6 years of escapement. Proposal 282, substituted with language in RC94, was accepted by the Board based on an agreement between the Chignik Intertribal Coalition and the Area M Seinners Association (RC104). There are a couple charts, one showing active permits and one is escapement. Southeastern District Mainland history was also in the packet as well as AYK Chum/ South Peninsula. The chart at the bottom of page 6, it shows the ratio of chum to sockeye was low as far back as we can tell. Nelson Lagoon this week formally revived the community's Fish and Game Advisory Committee by holding elections. At least one community member has submitted a proposal for this cycle. In Pacific Cod, there will be at least one proposal that aims to reduce the Dutch Harbor Subdistrict (DHSD) State waters Pacific cod fishery guideline harvest level (GHL) percentage of the federal Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC). The DHSD GHL for pot gear is currently set at 11% of the federal Bering Sea Subarea ABC and can increase up to a maximum of 15%. The South Peninsula Pacific Cod State-waters fishery GHL is based on 30% of the federal Western Gulf of Alaska ABC. On Strategy, we had a little bit of turning point, in 2019 where we worked with all out partners, especially the seiners and area M fishermen and this year area M seiner really set up.

The Natural Resource Department will continue to work with all our partners as we prepare for the upcoming Board of Fisheries 2022/2023 meeting cycle. Communications will ramp up when the Proposal book is released within weeks. We look forward to a collaborative process resulting in sustainable fisheries and communities.

Steve said he sees the Borough, fishermen, the Area M Seiners, municipalities, Tribal groups and processors as a team. We already met in a teleconference, and that is why I am here today, to work with Charlotte and Ernie so that we can arrive at the Board of Fish meeting with a strong and organized presence, having our message focus, having meetings set up for board of fish members and execute our plans as formulated. CAMF has been successful in the past and I have worked with a couple groups, the Alaska Herring fishermen and Alaska Hatchery program, and closed off very organized district groups to the Board of Fish and have been effective. The more we function as team and cover all our bases, the better we come off in the Board of Fish.

PAUL said he's been hearing that some people still think that a separate board for Cook Inlet Salmon would solve a lot of problems in the State.

WARREN said during the June fishery, there was a lot of chatter about solving the Chignik issue over the radio. Is the Kodiak fishery meeting coming up in the Board of Fish this year also?

Natural Resources Director Weiss said no, Kodiak comes up next year, the following cycle.

WARREN asked if there is a chatter about closing all Lagoon Fisheries in the state because it is coming up in the Southeast gang.

Steve said he has not heard that.

Mayor Osterback said he appreciates the report about fisheries.

Steve added that Area M fishermen made a huge sacrifice this year voluntarily not fish on the 10<sup>th</sup> of June and to severely restrict their own fishery. They worked hard to reduce chum interception to reasonable level.

Natural Resources Director Weiss commented that both seiner in King Cove and Sand Point noted that they did want to try again and refined the system that they did.

Mayor Osterback said for those who have been fishing since the chum war started, we've been through every gyration of this.

BRENDA commented that she listened to the interview with the 2 board members on the radio and was very impressed with their strong beliefs that things should be worked out in the region within the tribe's corporation, communities and organizations involve in the region and not bring it to the board level. That all entities try to resolve the issue so that was really a positive affirmation that they are really going to look at this region as a viable entity that still needs to fish and provide for its citizens. I am really relieved to hear very sincere and people working together to come to a consensus before the board or with the board.

- Cold Bay Water

PAUL said that the Cold Bay has contaminant problem with their water. We have some of the resources so maybe we can help as we can. Maybe if they need funding to bring a well-rig out on the ferry in a month to drill a couple of wells somewhere we could help. We should try helping, Cold Bay doesn't have the resources like we do.

Administrator Bailey said on Monday, her and Talia were in Cold Bay and had the opportunity to attend a meeting that was hosted by the State regarding the water quality issue. There is something we can probably provide at the September 8th meeting that gives an overview of this from the professionals. There is PFAS in the water. Borough can help but the State is coming up with the solution. This is not just a statewide issue; it is a world-wide issue. The PFAs is firefighting foam that has chemicals in it. I just wanted to tell you that the State is looking into this and I think it provides information to educate the Borough would be helpful.

DAILEY said the State is stepping up. DOT and them are working on it. They have another test soon towards the end of the month. They are trying to figure out what would be the best solution, to drain the tank we have and put another well going or something.

Mayor Osterback commented this was a discussion with all the mayors and managers during his Sitka visit. It is a pretty big issue. Any place there is a runway that used any time of foam, it is an addictive they out in the water, it is a firefighting agent especially for fuels. There are a lot of research being done trying to figure out what to do with this. The wells in Cold Bay are new built around 1990's. Maybe what Anne could do is send an email to AML and see what information that they are putting together. We should get as much information back as possible to the Assembly, but it is better to let the experts figure out where to put the well.

PAUL said different people have different faith and comfort with bureaucracy in solving problem, me not so much. I think we should be involved as much as we can.

#### *REPORTS AND UPDATES*

##### **Administrator's Report in packet. Highlights below:**

##### **Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Second Tranche Funding**

On August 10, 2022, Administration submitted the Borough's second tranche request to the U.S. Treasury Submission Portal for the SLFRF Funds. The Borough should receive the second tranche in the amount of \$324,086.50 in September/October 2022.

##### **Cold Bay Dock**

Moffatt & Nichol will be conducting a site visit to Cold Bay on August 15-17, 2022. A community meeting will be held on August 16th to discuss the Cold Bay Dock Feasibility Study project. We have quite a few community members attend just to ideas as to site location as well as any changes to the dock to make it more usable and functional. So that was a productive trip.

##### **Cold Bay Clinic**

The Borough has been awarded \$2,000,000 in HRSA grant funding for the Cold Bay Clinic Renovation Project! The renovations will occur in the interior of the building impacting the entire facility. The major clinical spaces being impacted include the two exam rooms and the trauma room. The non-clinical spaces include offices for the clinical staff, the waiting area, and the storage/generator room. This will be all interior building improvements. If we do anything outside, due to PFAS contamination issue, we will have to do contamination studies.

##### **King Cove Road Update**

Is in the packet but essentially, on Aug. 5 the final briefs for the 9th Circuit have been filed. These included 3 individual briefs filed by the Department of Justice. There is still hasn't been a decision by the Secretary of the Interior.

#### **School Maintenance**

**Sand Point Pool:** The Borough has entered into an agreement with Evolution Pools to conduct the repair work at the Sand Point School. Evolution Pools is ensuring all the materials are ready to be shipped and the projected start date for the project is September 11, 2022.

**King Cove School:** Kuchar Construction is finalizing the repairs at the King Cove School. They are 98% done with the architectural, mechanical and electrical scope of work and 75% completed with the piping/valve improvements. They are anticipating construction completion on August 13, 2022.

**False Pass School:** LONG arrived in False Pass the week of August 8, 2022. They will be conducting repairs to the boilers.

#### **Financial Software**

Caselle has sent the Prep Phase Module Questionnaires for the General Ledger, Payroll, and Accounts Payable. The Finance Director has begun to fill out the questionnaires and gathering the requested documentation.

#### **PCE Cost Equalization Lawsuit**

The Borough has received a payment of \$7,177.89 for legal fees.

CHRIS asked the dock on Cold Bay, did they talk about how to get off a boat on that dock.

Administrator Bailey said yes there is a talk about putting a floating dock to make it safer for people getting on and off.

CHRIS asked with the Cold Bay clinic renovation, when do you anticipated of that going on bid?

Administrator said she's not sure yet. WE have to do the planning and design we have to follow federal guidelines. It is very strict on what we can and can't do. We just got the grant agreement, so I still have to go through it and figure out how to do it.

DAILEY thank Anne for getting money to renovate the old clinic in Cold Bay. She said the City of Cold Bay wanted to get more involved in planning in designing the renovation.

#### **Assistant Administrator Report in packet. Highlights below:**

Trainings attended were listed in the packet.

#### **DEED/ Sand Point School CIP Application**

On 6.28.22 Governor Dunleavy signed the FY23 budget and the vetoes were released. The Governor vetoed \$62.5M of the Major Maintenance Fund for School Maintenance. Unfortunately, Sand Point did not make the cut. However, just yesterday, we received the news that we are actually being funded.

#### **Energy Management**

Our current management plan is two pages and limited in information. SERCC's recommendation is to utilize DOWL to draft an updated plan that can be used for future applications.

#### **AEBSD Custodial Care Program**

Custodians are responsible primarily for cleaning the school building, equipment, and ground care. Operations and preventative maintenance include security to prevent vandalism and theft. The current plan is outdated (2014-2015) and lacks a Covid-19 protocol. The plan will need to be updated so that it may be used for future application

#### **Sand Point Pool**

The Sand Point School will remain in the 6 year plan however it needs to be updated.

**Maintenance Connection**

I have been working closely with SERCC on overseeing the maintenance system. This includes but is not limited to; processing maintenance request, creating work order, closing our work orders, and setting up preventative maintenance schedules.

**Communications Director Report in packet. Highlights below:**

**Photographer-Videographer Trip to Region**

One of the big projects I've been involved with is the gathering of updated high-resolution photography, video and drone footage of our Borough communities. On July 16th – 25th, I traveled with photographer Kerry Tasker to Sand Point, Nelson Lagoon, King Cove, False Pass and Cold Bay. Kerry collected more than 29,000 images. In addition to gathering images of infrastructure, residents and wildlife, Kerry also gathered photos and video in several areas around Sand Point, such as Korovin Bay, the east side of Popof Island, Klinker Cove and Unga Island, to collect imagery of fishermen during the 36-hour opener which began on July 18th. Overall, the trip went very well. I'd like to thank the Assembly members and community leaders who set aside time to have their photos taken while we were there.

**King Cove Land Exchange – In the News**

A couple of articles regarding the proposed King Cove land exchange were recently published. The focus was on a brief filed by the U.S. Department of Justice opposing a bid for an en banc rehearing by environmental groups. This follows the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals decision in March, which provided a favorable ruling for the King Cove land exchange. One recent article was published by E&E News on August 8th. The other was published by Law 360 on the same day.

**Annual Report**

I'm continuing to work on the annual report for Fiscal Year 2022, and will send to the Borough Administration for review and edits next week. It contains the latest information on various Borough projects as well as bond payment figures.

**PowerPoint: AK Assn. of Harbormasters & Port Administrators**

Another project I'm working on is the Powerpoint presentation for Mayor Osterback for the annual Alaska Association of Harbormasters & Port Administrators. This year, the conference will be held in Nome September 26 – 29th. The presentation will include updates on various projects including the Akutan and Sand Point Harbor Floats Projects.

**Fish News**

The last edition of Fish News went out on August 1st. It contained an announcement that Round 2 of the CARES Act relief applications are now available on the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission website. All applications must be submitted by mail. The deadline for postmarking applications is October 31st.

**In the Loop**

The last issue of In the Loop was sent out on August 5th. It contained a Notice of Offices To Be Filled for the Borough's regular election, which will be held on October 4th. The Declaration of Candidacy must be filed with the Borough Clerk in Sand Point or with an Assistant Borough Clerk beginning August 22nd through September 2nd.

**Natural Resources Director Report in packet. Highlights below:**

**Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission**

Link to the application is attached to the packet. The Commission is meeting in Anchorage next week, I'll be going and asking questions.

**Bering Sea Science**

I attended an excellent webinar reviewing the Bering Science publication by the International Arctic Research Center, UAF. The focus was on climate, crab, seabirds, and of particular interest, a presentation by ADFG's Katy Howard on AYK salmon. Links to the webinar and interactive Bering Science can be found in the packet.

#### **Alaska Department of Fish & Game**

Local Fish & Game Advisory Committees are established in 4 AEB communities. The AC's provide an important voice for communities to make recommendations to the Board of Fisheries (and Board of Game). The AEB NRD will reach out to each AC when the Board of Fish Proposal Book is released by early September. The Board of Fish is the NRD's main focus this coming year (see New Business). With all Board meetings being held in Anchorage this year, it's an opportunity to meet with not only Board members and stakeholders from all regions, but with staff and leadership of the ADFG. The AEB also hopes to lead a trip of AEB fishermen to meet with staff in Kodiak this year.

#### **North Pacific Fishery Management Council**

The council cycle is starting up. I did want to point out in the upcoming meetings, the Subsistence regional Advisory Committee for Kodiak and the Aleutians will be in Cold Bay this year. Schedules of meeting was included in the packet.

#### **Assistant Natural Resources Director Report in packet. Highlights below:**

##### **Electronic Monitoring - WGOA3/EFP**

The EFP team has resumed biweekly meetings ahead of the pollock B season which opens September 1st. I am prepping this week and getting them ready to jump in EM after salmon season. I am working with AGDB and UCB on a plan to coordinate salmon research efforts and consolidate outreach/participation requests to processors.

##### **WGOA Data Portal**

We finalized the grant agreement with Multiplier/Intertidal who has provided the remaining amount of \$20,000 from the Data Portal grant directly to the AEB to finish the legal component of the project. I had my first meeting with Joe Sullivan to discuss the legal framework necessary. This includes agreements regarding data confidentiality and access, portal liability, portal ownership and ongoing management, etc. We anticipate closing out this contract by August 31st. I am also working with Saltwater on installing wi-fi ports in King Cove and Sand Point. We are trying to piggy back off wi-fi from plant to be able to upload Elog that goes directly to eLandings and data portal instead of using thumb drives.

##### **North Pacific Fisheries Management Council**

I am working closely with Council staff and the EFP team on the Trawl EM final analysis draft, providing requested information and feedback. We had a lengthy conversation about some outstanding policy issues, One and most important is having a flexibility to opt in and opt out of the program.

##### **Board of Fisheries/Salmon**

I worked with partners to develop a communications roadmap, and we continue to work with them on outreach and media strategies. I facilitated a salmon donation for all the households in Nelson Lagoon due to the poor season. A HUGE thank you to Colby Boulton and Peter Pan Seafoods for their generous donation.

##### **AFSC Cod Tagging Project**

I am currently working on some preliminary analysis of population demographics, length/weight tables, etc. We are developing a standard report template that gives a detailed description of each tag recovered and will be provided to the person who recovered the tag. My co-PI will be giving a presentation on our project on the American Fisheries Society Conference next week in Spokane and two of our fishermen are being interviewed highlighting collaborative research. I am traveling to Kodiak Next week to talk about Mariculture from Alaska Seagrant. We are planning on moving forward with the farm this year. There is a person that will be attending training in Kodiak and come back to Sand Point and start building the farm this year.

#### **MAYOR'S UPDATE**

**ASSEMBLY COMMENTS**

CHRIS said they are pretty excited in King Cove with the fiber coming out of the water to the base station , we are now just waiting for the actual fiber ship to come out of Dutch. They will be in King Cove any day and moving on to Sand Point to do the same thing. But I don't want to lose focus on Cold Bay and False Pass and Nelson Lagoon too. I know GCI is putting a grant to find funding to run fiber to Cold Bay and False Pass. I think we need to stay on top of that and we don't that to keep those communities out so if we can help with that. We will see fiber running by Dec. 2023.

DAILEY thanks the Borough and Assembly for all your concern and help with Cold Bay and Nelson Lagoon. We are all part of the Borough. I know it is a lot of work. Thank the staff for all their hard work.

BRENDA asked how long the training is supposed to be for the person who's starting the kelp project in Sand Point.

Charlotte said there are 5 different trainings plus an online module. They get to go to Kodiak three different times. They will go and participate in the hands-on collection of root stock, hands on out planting session and hands on harvesting session. It is concurrent, they'll go to the training, comeback to Sand Point and do the next phase and that will go on for 6 months.

BRENDA said it should grow pretty well because she has not seen the amount of kelp and the length of it grow so much in 20 years.

PAUL said he thinks it would be appropriate for the administration to talk to our lobbyist to see if there is anything appropriate for the Borough can do with regards to plant potential moving. Maybe there is or isn't, but it would be good to get an answer. We have two positions open in the Borough, have we filled it up? (Anne commented no). There is an Acronym HRSA, what is it stands for?

Administrator Bailey said HRSA is Health Resource and Services Administration, it is a federal health permit

PAUL asked if we applied for that grant

Administrator Bailey said yes.

PAUL commented that KUCB radio station has an update on Aleutian Airways. Our meeting date next month, I think it should be push-back a week if possible because the ferry next week after the scheduled meeting.

SAMANTHA thanked the Borough for everything. I know the Nelson Lagoon resolution was tabled but I know it's going to get done, and I know the end of season numbers will help to show of what the numbers really are. Thanked Colby for the box of salmon distributed in Nelson Lagoon.

DAILEY commented that she went home to Nelson Lagoon for 6 days and she only got 8 fish. I was not even open to subsistence during that time.

WARREN thanks Anne and the Borough for their fast action to get a new grader in King Cove, it did arrive and is being used and is better.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

WARREN commented as the Mayor of King Cove, thanks the Borough again for all their support in our area. Few things that are going in King Cove, we have an upgrade on our runway. We've been working with DOT to get our runway updated along with the Borough's help to get our road to Cold Bay. These projects are coinciding, and we are slated for the budget year of 2026 to get our runway improve in King Cove. We just did a little upgrade to hold us over until we get the main upgrade. We got our fingers crossed that Dept. of Interior goes ahead and let us do the land swap so we can get the rest of our road to Cold Bay. Playing these 2 projects is a big task. We lay out dust palliative on the runway, but it firms up the gravel and the dust are not in the runway anymore. It is holding up so far. Things are looking pretty good in King Cove.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

Regular Assembly Meeting Sept 8, 2022 at the King Cove Office.

**ADJOURNMENT**

WARREN moved to adjourn BRENDA second. Hearing no more, the meeting adjourned at 5:09p.m.

  
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Mayor Alvin D. Osterback

  
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Beverly Ann Resete, Borough Clerk

Date: 9/9/22