

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Alvin D. Osterback called the Aleutians East Borough Assembly meeting to order by teleconference in each community on May 12, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Alvin D. Osterback	Present
Brenda Wilson	Present
Carol Foster	Excused
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

A quorum was present

**Staff Present:**

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

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**MOTION**

PAUL made a motion to put the agenda on the floor, seconded by CHRIS.

PAUL move to amend the agenda to add an item under New Business.

- Trident Akutan's possible move to Unaalaska

Hearing no objection, the amended Agenda will stand.

**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.

CHRIS wanted to let everyone know that the Donation Request that he put in will not go directly to him but to King Cove Fire Department.

Mayor Osterback commented that this request is forwarded by CHRIS each year for Annual Firemen's Picnic.

**MINUTES**

April 14, 2022 Assembly Meeting Minutes

**MOTION**

WARREN made a motion to accept the minutes of April 14, 2022 and seconded by JOSY.

Hearing no objection, Minutes will stand as **WRITTEN**

**FINANCIAL REPORT March Financials**

BRENDA makes a motion to bring the financial to the floor, seconded by CHRIS

Administrator Bailey wanted to point out a few items, one is The Other Revenue on Page 1, line item 2 with \$362,251.77 which far exceeded what we originally budgeted but this includes the payment from the Cold Bay Dock insurance payment that we received from AMLJIA. Another is the Raw Fish Tax Payment, we are well over what we anticipated in May 2021 which is great news. Page 2 under Administration line item 3, Contract Labor is another large number that was brought up last meeting. That includes the normal contract we have but also includes a very large payment for West Marine to conduct the Cold Bay Dock Project which we then received payment for in another line item we discussed.

PAUL Asked when are we going to see the Cassell in the Financial statement.

Administrator Bailey said it will be quite a wait out. We are still working out on the contract and the conversion will take a while., then the training will happen we go live. I do not have a definitive date.

**ROLL CALL**

Yeas: Warren, Paul, Chris, Josephine, Brenda, Advisory: Samantha, Dailey

Nay: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**INVESTMENT REPORT**

APCM March 2022 Investment Report in the packet.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

No items on Consent Agenda

**PUBLIC HEARING**

No items on Public Hearings

**ORDINANCES**

Introduction Ordinance 22-11, Adopting the operating and capital budget for the Aleutians East Borough Fiscal Year 2023

JOSY moved to accept the Introduction Ordinance 22-11 and set for Public Hearing at the May 26, 2022 Special Assembly Meeting, BRENDA seconded

Administrator Bailey reviewed the Agenda Statement for the operating and capital budget for FY23. This includes the budget on State level. PAUL commented that we always get a report from Mark Hickey and asked Administrator Bailey what is the latest update. Administrator Bailey said that the latest was what she just presented, the Senate passed the budget last May 10<sup>th</sup> and Mark Anticipated we will have more information no later than May 18<sup>th</sup>.

In FY22, Administration and the Natural Resources (NR) Department estimated a total fish tax revenue of \$2.9 M. March 2022, our fish tax revenue is ~\$3.8 million, which well exceeds our May 2021 predictions. Resources Dept and Administration is recommending a conservative projection approach for FY23.

All the Departments have reviewed their budgets and adjusted to meet the anticipated needs for FY23. Proposed salaries include 2% Cost of Living Adjustment. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Urban Alaska for the preceding fiscal year is 4.9%.

Fringe Benefits anticipates a 5% increase which includes Medicare, ESC, PERS and medical insurance costs.

The school district is requesting the assumed customary Borough financial commitment of \$800,000 to the school district and is requesting a supplemental financial commitment for an additional appropriation of up to \$300,000 – in order to fully fund and balance the AEBSD FY23 Budget Proposal. They are also requesting the \$35,000 in school scholarships and \$20,000 in student travel totaling \$1,115,000.

Administrator Bailey read an email from Dave Nielsen, AEBSD business Manager Regarding FY23 Supplemental Budget Request which was emailed to Assembly and Advisory.

Austin Roof commented as a teacher and a parent and as someone who works closely with school district, with the decrease in student count that we have we don't know what the BSA is going to do. The dramatic cut in budget will affect a lot of critical things that makes the education here possible. I think that it will be very beneficial and wise for the Borough to consider this for at least this year and see that happens in the future.

Rayette McGlashan commented that in school board level, that it is very difficult to try to decide on what area is best to make those budget cuts in. We do not want to cut budgets on things that are really important for our students as well as for their families. I encourage you to please consider. Reality is, if we can't have a balanced budget, we will have to make the cut somewhere and we prefer not to do that. It will be helpful for the district if the Borough will be able to do that for us.

Administrator Bailey said that the proposed budget before the Assembly includes the additional \$300,000 as requested by the school district.

PAUL asked if the school board has passed the budget yet.

RAYETTE said not yet, and the district is waiting for Borough's decision regarding the request.

Austin commented that there was a budget reading 2 meetings ago that was presented by Superintendent and Business Manager but has a dramatic cut on the teachers and cut on several sports. A second budget was presented on the following meeting with more robust staffing but that was contingent upon the Borough.

PAUL asked when the next school board meeting will be.

Rayette said May 24, 2022.

PAUL said he has 3 things he has problems that would like to see it addressed by, 1<sup>st</sup> is the test score, 2<sup>nd</sup> is high paid employees of the district that lives all over the country, and 3<sup>rd</sup> is the lawsuits that the school district has and how it affects the budget.

WARREN agrees with PAUL.

Mayor Osterback added him and Administrator Bailey had a meeting with the superintendent and business manager to talk about the budget. The budget that the school district is using shows the need for the \$300K on top of \$800K. Wanted to make sure all the school board and administration was onboard with that request. Top 2 priorities of the Borough is to make sure School is funded properly to make sure kids can get good education and Fisheries.

CHRIS said he certainly support the school and agrees with PAUL and WARREN about looking into school district employees that are living out of state and maybe can hire more people locally.

Administrator Bailey said we expect FY23 revenue of \$6.76M and expenditure of \$6.98M. Administrator added helicopter operation of \$747K and terminal operation of \$28.5K.

The proposed budget has deficit of \$939,038. Recommend to take the balance out of Permanent Fund.

Page 8 & 9 shows the projected revenues for FY23. Changes in Salaries including 2% COLA is also reflected and shown in the packet.

PAUL commented that he is guessing we will need more money under lobbying.

Page 19 reflects Fund 23 which is the enterprise fund for the Cold Bay terminal. Page 20 is the enterprise fund for helicopter operations.

CHRIS commented that if Akutan truck replacement maybe something we can purchased from the money that Trident gave.

PAUL agrees with CHRIS. PAUL suggested to transfer the truck in Akutan to Akun.

#### **MOTION**

WARREN made a motion to make an amendment to increase the COLA from 2% to 4%, seconded by CHRIS.

WARREN said that the inflation is going up. 2% COLA is pretty low and living in the bush, prices are high.

BRENDA said it is important to recognize the people that are working for the Borough.

CHRIS supports the increase of COLA to 4%.

**ROLL CALL.**

Yeas: Paul, Chris, Brenda, Josephine, Warren Advisory: Samantha, Dailey

Nay: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

PAUL said he has some problem with some budget items and perhaps we can make additional amendments on the next meeting before we passed it.

We have the amended ordinance 20-11 before us to bring it back to public hearing on May 26, 2022

**ROLL CALL.**

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

Nay: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution 22-40, Supporting a proposal for the PSMFC Cod Disaster Mitigation RFP to fund the continuation of the Cod Tagging Project

**MOTION**

CHRIS made a motion to approve Resolution 22-40 and second by BRENDA

Natural Resources Assistant Director Levy said Pacific cod fisheries are critically important to AEB communities, serving as a primary source of local employment and make up a large portion of AEB fish tax revenue. As part of the AEB Strategic Plan, since 2020 the AEB has been collaborating with the Alaska Fisheries Science Center to investigate cod population dynamics and migratory pathways in the Western Gulf of Alaska (WGOA). The Alaska Fisheries Science Center (AFSC) cannot directly receive NOAA funds; therefore, we would like to submit a proposal as the applicant and lead (or Co) PI for the PSMFC RFP. The final budget is still being developed but is designed to be scalable, likely ranging between \$1-1.5M and lasting for a three-year period. The budget will not include any in-kind or match and will include the de minimis overhead rate to cover the costs of grant administration in-house. The pre-proposal is due May 13th 2022, and full proposals are due June 24th 2022.

Mayor Osterback said that he heard a lot of good things about this this project and Charlotte's involvement on it.

PAUL wanted to make sure that there will be no direct contribution from the Borough funds. Asked what is the Borough's contribution beside part of Charlotte's salary.

Natural Resources Assistant Director Levy said just to be clear, they will be supporting a portion of her salary and that there will no in kind. Otherwise, all the cost of this project besides overhead the 10% diminish rate.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution 22-41, Unauthorizing the use of the Cold Bay Clinic Fund in Line-Items E 20-520-000-850 and E 20 510-207-850 and to terminate the Memorandum of Understanding with Eastern Aleutian Tribes for the Cold Bay Clinic

**MOTION**

JOSY made a motion to adopt Resolution 22-41 and seconded by BRENDA

Administrator Bailey said the Borough had been working on the construction of the Cold Bay Clinic since 2012. The Borough had a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in place with the City of Cold Bay and EAT outlining roles and responsibilities. In August/September 2021, the Borough received letters from the City and EAT stating that they were no longer interested in constructing a new facility and would prefer to renovate the existing structure and both entities requested to terminate the MOU for new construction. Since the Borough will not be constructing a new clinic facility in Cold Bay the funds appropriated for this project will need to be reappropriated.

DAILEY asked Administrator Bailey with the money from the senate, who can weigh in with what residents in Cold Bay want or need to be done in the Cold Bay clinic.

Administrator Bailey said Borough had a preliminary discussion with the EATS to make sure we can possibly spend the 2M. The building is owned by the City of Cold Bay so we will have conversations with all the stakeholders.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution 22-42, Authorizing the Mayor to execute a Borough FY22 Community Grant Agreement with the City of False Pass in an amount not to exceed \$62,500 for a False Pass Harbor Electric Upgrade

**MOTION**

BRENDA made a motion, seconded by JOSY

Administrator Bailey said The Aleutians East Borough has a budget request process that allows governing bodies in the Borough communities an opportunity to request financial assistance from the Borough for community projects. During the FY2023 budget preparation process, it was identified that the Borough has a deficit and other Borough needs must be met; therefore, Administration did not recommend using FY23 Permanent Fund Earning at this time to fund the FY 2023 requests. If there is an excess of funds at the end of the fiscal year a distribution to the communities may occur via a resolution. Administration does recommend approving the City of False Pass' request for the False Pass Harbor Electric Upgrades in the amount of \$62,500. In FY19, the Assembly appropriated \$100,000 in permanent fund earnings for the False Pass Harbor. As of April 30, 2022, only \$364 has been spent leaving a remaining balance of \$99,636.

Administration does recommend entering into a grant agreement with the City of False Pass in the amount of \$62,500 for the Harbor Electric Upgrade and paying for it out of the False Pass Harbor line-item E 20-816-209- 850.

PAUL asked if this project is in the list of projects on the Strategic plan.

Mayor Osterback said this was passed last 2019 part of their Harbor House Project. Asked Administrator if it was.

Administrator Bailey responded at one point it was but in our Strategic Plan now.

WARREN asked if this was an extension of the electrical system that the Harbor House has now or are we repairing the system that was already there.

Administrator Bailey said there will be a company coming in to do the load calculations and assigning the appropriate feeder and circuit breakers.

Dailey asked if all the communities in the Brough are included in projects like this

Mayor Osterback said yes, the Borough has been doing this ever since.

**ROLL CALL**

Yeas: Brenda, Chris, Josy, Paul, Warren, Advisory: Samantha, Dailey's phone connection dropped, no vote

Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution 22-43, Authorizing the Mayor to engage Espelin & Associates, LLC for Accounting Assistance Support in an amount not to exceed \$100,000

**MOTION**

BRENDA made a motion, seconded by JOSY

CHRIS made a motion to amend the resolution 22-43 to be replaced by the Resolution 22-43 revised version. BRENDA seconded.

Administrator Bailey said that the AEB and Espelin & Associates, LLC have been working together on the FY21 Audit prep, the financial software request for proposal, addressing prior audit findings and establishing financial policies and procedures. Espelin & Associates has provided the attached Engagement Letter, which outlines the engagement objectives and scope of work for FY23 (included in the packet). It also outlines the CPA firm's responsibilities, the Borough's responsibilities, and the professional service fees.

PAUL commented not supporting this resolution as this is company is based outside of the region and would rather support a local Finance Director residing on our region.

Administrator Bailey commented that the Borough is planning in hiring a local Finance Director comes next fiscal year. This firm is for contract accountant that has specialties currently assisting us in our audit.

It is really critical right now, we have a bunch of audit findings that we are trying to address. She is assisting our Finance department making sure all the journal entries and bank reconciliation policy and procedures are being followed. This is different than hiring a full-time personnel.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

*OLD BUSINESS*

None.

*NEW BUSINESS*

- Donation Request  
Administrator Bailey recommended the following donation requests:  
Donation requests for FY22:

Sand Point Teen Center	\$ 2,000.00
City of Sand Point Community Clean Up	\$ 1,500.00
QTT Earth Day Fair	\$ 300.00
King Cove Fire & Rescue – Annual Firemen’s Picnic	\$ 3,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,800.00</b>

Donation requests for FY23:

QTT Culture Camp	\$ 7,000.00
Sand Point Salmon Derby	\$ 750.00
Pink Rain Champagne	\$ 2,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 9,750.00</b>

**MOTION**

WARREN made a motion to approve the donation recommendations in the amount of \$6,800 for FY22 and \$9,750 for FY23. Second by BRENDA

**ROLL CALL**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

- Manager Form of Government Discussion

Assembly Paul said that this was submitted with attachments and in such a short notice. This is an item that the Assembly could discuss and the big question that this agenda item would ask is the Borough set up the way everybody like it and if there are any improvements that could be made. One of the



attachments is Title 29, which authorizes this action and what it does is to make a motion to start the process and when it passes, according to State law will also need to pass an ordinance or a resolution to have a poll for the citizens. I think the Assembly will benefit into looking at a form of government that suits the future of the Borough. I hope to make a motion to include this in our regular meeting with all the attachments in July and I think that will give us a good healthy discussion.

Mayor Osterback commented that the Borough was formed in 1987 with a strong mayor of government and never had heard anybody question the type of government. He asked Assembly member PAUL why is he asking the Assembly to try to change the form of government. It is a huge change and big decision. And is there something going on the current government that you don't like?

Assembly PAUL said he's just introducing us to look out for the future. Sometimes it's time for people to make their own judgements.

Mayor Osterback pointed out the differences of Administrator and Manager type of government and how the latter will be a big change for the Borough.

BRENDA said she would not support a resolution that will change the type of government the Borough has right now. Look at success of the past years of this organization and the structure we have to mess with that and to say that is not working when we have all these successes in our communities due to the Borough.

CHRIS commented that he doesn't agree with changing anything right now. He thinks things are going just fine, we are transparent, and we are getting thing done with Strategic Planning. He is not supporting any changes.

JOSY said it would not hurt to review the ordinance.

PAUL said it would be nice to have a full body to make big decisions. Requested that the information he submitted to the Clerk would be forwarded to the Assembly members and public

#### **MOTION**

PAUL made a motion to forward the information that includes Title 29, 1 sheet of the Borough Administrator set up, 2 sheets of the City of Sand Point Administrator set up, 2 pages of City of King Cove set up to Assembly members and municipalities of the Borough, Sand Point, King Cove, Cold Bay, Nelson Lagoon, Akutan, and False Pass. Second by Josy.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Yeas: Paul, Josy

Nays: Brenda, Chris, Warren

#### **MOTION FAILED**

- Possible move of Trident Seafoods Akutan Plant to Unalaska

Assembly PAUL said an article was posted regarding Trident proposed plan of possible move from Akutan to Captains Bay on a property they just leased and currently building a dock. According to the report, Trident is also finalizing a plan to have more automated plant that will probably force Akutan to close. If the Borough is getting a lot of tax money for example the Pollock fisheries there is a possibility of loosing this since they will move to a different Borough so we need to figure out what we want to do. Also, the

American Fisheries Act where they allocated pollock to shoreside processors and some floating processors which can move to a different town or jurisdiction. We need to have answers. We must be on top of it.

Administrator Bailey said the Borough will be having a conversation with Trident and the City of Akutan. We will have to look at how this will impact the Borough and the City as well.

#### REPORTS AND UPDATES

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

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

A Request for Proposal was issued for the Cold Bay Dock Reconnaissance/Feasibility Study on March 16, 2022. Two proposals were received by the April 26th deadline. A review committee is in the process of reviewing the proposals. A resolution will be presented at the May 26, 2022 to authorize the mayor to execute a contract with one of the proposers.

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

Secretary Haaland visited King Cove on April 20, 2022 accompanied by Senator Murkowski. Governor Dunleavy also attended as well as Senator Sullivan's Chief of Staff Larry Burton. US Fish and Wildlife Director Martha Williams and her Senior Advisor for Alaska Affairs Raine Thiele were also there. The day's events were educational and emotional and addressed the dire need of land exchange.

###### **9th Circuit Appeal**

The opponents/Appellants filed a petition for *en banc* reconsideration. This will unfortunately delay the Appeals Court issuing its mandate which makes our positive opinion final. There is no specific timeframe for a decision by the Court on denying the petition (hopefully) or more consideration by the 9th Circuit judges.

###### **Special Use Permit**

The State DOT/PF filed an administrative appeal on October 14 before the US Fish and Wildlife Service. No response has been received to this appeal yet.

###### **Sand Point Harbor Floats**

The Port Infrastructure Development Program Grant for the Sand Point Harbor Floating Dock Project is due on May 16, 2022. The Borough staff is closely working with Moffatt & Nichol to review the final grant application and obtain letters of support from entities.

###### **Financial Software**

A resolution to negotiate and execute a contract with Caselle was approved at the April 14, 2022 Assembly meeting. The Borough has begun negotiations with Caselle and will finalize the contract agreement soon.

###### **Other Items**

- Administration has been working diligently to complete the FY23 Budget.
- I plan on attending portions the National Association of Counties Western Interstate Region conference, which is being hosted in Anchorage, May 18-20, 2022.
- Travel: We are planning on having the August 11, 2022 meeting in Sand Point and the September 8, 2022 meeting in King Cove.
- I have also been continuously conducting day to day operations.

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

- Meetings Attended was listed in the packet

**ISO Tank Inspections**

Applied Technical Services has completed the ISO tank inspection. The inspection has been submitted to Matson for their records.

**Akutan Truck Surplus Advertisement Sale**

The Borough is authorized and directed to conduct a surplus auction by sealed bid for the purpose of selling the surplus property to the highest bidder after public notice via a resolution. The date of the sale will be May 25, 2022 at 3:00 P.M. in the Borough's Anchorage Office located at 3380 C Street, Suite 205, Anchorage, Alaska.

**Beazley Breach Solutions**

Beazley Cyber trainings are officially completed.

**Mail Tracking Form**

The number of forms has remained unchanged with 16 forms on file with no new submissions.

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

**Interior Secretary Deb Haaland's Visit to King Cove:**

On April 20th, Interior Secretary Deb Haaland, Sen. Murkowski, Sen. Sullivan's chief of staff, Borough Mayor Osterback, Administrator Anne Bailey, and I, along with a few others, traveled to King Cove. This was an opportunity for the Secretary to see the community first-hand, meet with residents and hear their stories about challenging medevacs. She visited the clinic, the school, and the Senior Elder Center.

**Media Coverage regarding Secretary Haaland's visit**

Anchorage Daily News reporter Nat Herz and photographer Marc Lester flew into King Cove a day prior to cover the secretary's visit. Link to the story and articles were included in the packet.

**Media Coverage On 9th Circuit Court's Decision**

A month before Interior Secretary Haaland visited King Cove, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the land exchange through the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge. The ruling affirms then- Interior Secretary David Bernhardt's decision and legal authority to approve the proposed land Exchange. Links to the articles were included in the packet.

**Petition for Rehearing – following ruling by Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals**

On April 29th, conservation groups filed a petition for a rehearing. The Attorneys from Trustees for Alaska, the firm representing the nine environmental groups, filed the petition. They are asking for a review and a rehearing of the March ruling by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

**Website Design**

Beverly, Glennora and I have attended training sessions and the site should go live by the end of this month.

**RFP – for a Photographer-Videographer**

An RFP was posted April 15, 2022. Several expressed interest. Deadline for proposals is May 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **Borough Facebook page**

We encountered a problem with our FB website and were locked out of it, so a new page was started.

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

#### **Alaska Board of Fisheries**

Along with Board Proposals submitted for the upcoming 2022/2023 cycle, Boards Support staff received 2 emergency petitions from the Orutsarmiut Native Council (ONC). One petition would cap South Peninsula chum harvest at 280K fish. The other emergency petition would limit the total June fishing time in the South Peninsula to 100 hours.

All three of Governor Dunleavy's appointments to the Board of Fish, Mike Heimbuch, David Weitz and Thomas Carpenter, were confirmed by the Legislature this week. Also confirmed were Glenn Haight to the CFEC and all three appointments to the Board of Game: Al Barrette, James Cooney and Ruth Cusack.

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

The Council meets June 9-14, the SSC June 6-8 and the AP June 7-10 in Sitka and also virtually. C4 Initial Review of the EM Trawl analysis, D1 Salmon Reports including king & chum genetics, and salmon research are some of the agenda interests.

#### **Bristol Bay Sockeye Run Forecast and Timing**

The Bristol Bay Regional Seafood Development Association (BBRSDA) hosted a webinar presentation May 5th presented by the University of Washington Alaska Salmon Program. Presentations include North Pacific climate and changes in salmon age and size was done, new methods used to predict the run size and comparison of environmental impact of Bristol Bay Sockeye to farmed fish.

#### **Department of Commerce**

A Department Administrative Order (DAO) effective April 19, 2022 Addressing the Climate Crisis, establishes a policy to integrate climate considerations into all Department programs and establishes a Department of Commerce Climate Council.

#### **Alaska Marine Highway**

An Alaska ferry is scheduled to make the Aleutian Chain run once each month except June this summer according to the AMHS.

Meetings attended was listed in the packet.

PAUL asked if Ernie will be in Sitka. Ernie responded he will be attending virtually. Paul said that the Commissioner wrote a letter to the Board of Fish, what exactly is the Board of Fish required to do, do they have to respond to this letter? Ernie said no.

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

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

The final programmatic report for NFWF was linked in the packet. This project was a major success in advancing EM in the trawl sector from a pilot study to pre-implementation through the EFP. A SWI technician traveled to King Cove to install a system on the F/V Scotch Cap and update the system of the F/V Cape St. Elias to prepare for the fixed-gear project. NFWF has still not provided a grant agreement for this project, but the vessels will collect preliminary EM video with their systems which will help NMFS develop a sampling design. I will be attending the Trawl EM Committee Meeting on May 31<sup>st</sup> and

participating in the development of the Trawl EM Analysis. I am also developing a NFWF proposal WGOA4 that will be the final funding request for this project.

### **Mariculture**

Final financial and programmatic reports for NFWF has been completed. Presentation to discuss results and next steps that will be available to the public on my plans. Also, meeting Alaska Sea Grant this week to discuss the farm implementation project.

### **AFSC Cod Tagging Project**

The second round of cod tagging during a charter on the F/V Decision was successfully completed. The charter lasted 9 days and spanned from Sanak Island to Kupreanof Point across 8 different sites (4 inshore, 4 offshore). 27 satellite tags, 39 lotek tags, 760 conventional tags were deployed. We collected 186 biological samples (otoliths, length/weight, maturity, genetics), and did 7 stereo-camera deployments.

### **Other**

We were also able to track down and physically recover a 365-tag that washed ashore in Chichagof Bay - a gold mine of data! Initial review of the tag indicates that this fish stayed within the Shumagin Islands. The Kingfisher Marine Research contract was finalized.

I am working with AFSC and UAF on a cooperative proposal for the 2018 Cod Disaster Mitigation Research RFP, as noted in the resolution this grant would support ongoing P. cod research and focus on analyzing our data and incorporating it into stock assessment and management.

### **Maintenance Director Report:**

#### **Ongoing Maintenance Projects**

Working on plumbing issues in the four plex there is leaking shower valves. We purchased all the building products for the King Cove office rot repair with new siding and roofing.

#### **Other Borough Related Items**

Working on my summer work list of the projects that will be getting done this summer working with the ferry schedule and will be posting job opportunities to hire temporary helpers. Making lists and cost for maintenance items and appliances for the four plex they are in need of some new ones.

#### **Upcoming Projects**

King Cove school plumbing repair work it sounds like it will happen in June. Teachers four plex walk through at the end of school. Getting the units cleaned and ready for new teachers next year.

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

None

#### **ASSEMBLY COMMENTS**

CHRIS commented he can barely hear the Sand Point.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

#### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

Assembly Meeting May 26, 2022.

*ADJOURNMENT*

BRENDA moved to adjourn and second by CHRIS. Hearing no more, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm



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Mayor Alvin D. Osterback

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Beverly Rosete, Clerk

Date: 7/14/2022