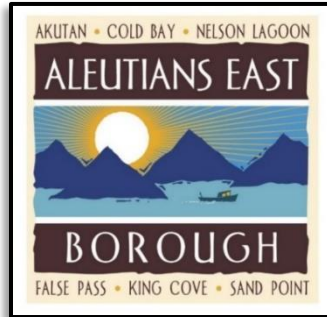


# In the Loop



## **Long-serving Aleutians East Borough Assembly Member Carol Foster Retires from Public Service After 24 Years**

The Aleutians East Borough is honoring one of its longest-serving Assembly members this month as Carol Foster retires from public service after nearly two and a half decades.

“As an Assembly Member, Carol has had a wide vision for the whole Borough,” said AEB Mayor Alvin Osterback. “She is really tuned into fishing issues and has been a strong advocate for education – two things that drive the Borough.”

“Carol stayed on top of any fisheries issue brought before the Assembly and always made an effort to make sure fisheries protections were in place,” said former Borough Clerk Tina Anderson. “The local fishermen in the region relied on her to voice their concerns when needed.”

Being fully informed on all Borough issues was also very important to her.

“Carol did not like to be at a meeting unprepared,” Tina said. “If she didn’t understand something, she would call or stop by to ask questions. She also had no problem asking questions at the meeting to get a better understanding for herself and the public.”

Carol also strived to make sure the needs of the all the Borough communities, large or small, were addressed.

“She has always looked out for all the communities,” said Assembly Member Dailey Schaack. “I love that! I’ve enjoyed working with her.”

“Carol made sure the small communities were not forgotten and were being treated the same as the larger communities,” Tina added. “She represented the entire Borough and would make sure she was well informed when it came to taking any Assembly actions on their behalf.”

In 1998, when Carol Foster began serving on the Aleutians East Borough Assembly, her motivation was to help improve the standard of living for its residents.

“For me, the best part was seeing the different communities and interacting with the people,” she said. “I was interested in where the Borough was going to go. I enjoyed working together to make this area a better place for everybody.”

Since the Borough’s inception in 1987, the Assembly, mayors and the Administration have worked hard to make that happen.

“Carol was there in the early stages,” said Mayor Osterback. “We were working on a lot of new projects, and there were many decisions to make. She has done a really good job. She really took it to heart.”

“Carol has played an instrumental role in the Borough’s growth and decision-making process,” said Borough Administrator Anne Bailey.

That growth included the construction of harbors, docks, airports as well as numerous other infrastructure and transportation projects to help make the Borough’s six communities operate more smoothly.

During the Assembly Meeting on Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>, Mayor Osterback read aloud Resolution 23-20, recognizing Carol Foster for her dedicated service to the Aleutians East Borough and citizens of the Borough communities.

“I am happy to see that she gets this recognition,” said Assembly Member Josephine Shangin. “I have always admired and respected Carol’s wisdom. She has been here through all the triumphs and tribulations that have transpired over the course of a couple of decades. It’s awe-inspiring to me to think about all that she has been a part of over the years.”

Carol’s leadership has been an inspiration for many assembly members.

“I remember when I first got on the Borough Assembly, you were here, and Big Shot (Marvin Mack) was here,” said Assembly Member Warren Wilson. “I feel that you and Big Shot were a big inspiration, and



Carol Foster is retiring from public service after serving 24 years on the Aleutians East Borough Assembly. Photo by Kerry Tasker.

that encouraged me to run for the Borough Assembly. I really look up to you folks. Thank you for all the years.”

“You always had a warm hand and good advice,” said Assembly Member Brenda Wilson. “You gave your opinion and explained why you had that opinion. You helped other young women come forward to speak their minds, which is incredible. It’s been an honor and a pleasure to be part of your journey.”

“She has shown me that it’s important to speak your mind and stick up for what you believe in,” said Assembly Member Samantha McNeley. “I’m glad I’ve had the opportunity to get to know her.”

Carol’s knowledge of the fisheries and her advocacy for education are just two attributes that many of her colleagues and constituents appreciate about her.

“I’m so thankful for her support when we submitted the disaster declaration for Nelson Lagoon,” McNeley said. “The whole community appreciates that support.”

“She helped me when I first got on the Assembly,” said Assembly Member Chris Babcock. “Carol has been a very strong advocate for getting our younger generation involved in our communities, fisheries and politics. I think it’s been an awesome thing. She has also been a huge supporter of our education and the scholarships that we give out.”

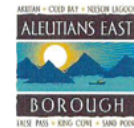
“I’ve really enjoyed serving on the Assembly with you, Carol,” said Assembly Member Denise Mobeck. “You have always been straightforward and looked out for the best interests of our fishermen and the youth in our communities. Thank you for your many years of service.”

One of the reasons Carol decided to step back from public service was to provide an opportunity for younger people to serve at the local level.

“I felt like it was time for younger people to get involved,” she said. “We all learn as we go. The younger people are going to be running the communities one of these days. I’ve enjoyed serving, and I’m hoping they will want to serve on the Assembly and help make it a better place for their kids in the future.”

In the meantime, Carol is looking forward to the next chapter of her life.

“I’d like to travel,” she said. “Most of my family lives outside the community. I’d like to spend time with my family and my grandkids.”



#### RESOLUTION 23-20

**A RESOLUTION BY THE ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZING CAROL FOSTER FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH AND CITIZENS OF THE ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH COMMUNITIES**

**WHEREAS**, Carol Foster has served as an Aleutians East Borough Assembly Member since 1998 totaling approximately 24 years of service; and

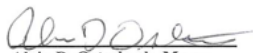
**WHEREAS**, Carol always made every effort to attend all Assembly meetings and represent all Aleutians East Borough communities; and

**WHEREAS**, she also has been a huge supporter of education, youth programs and the fisheries; and

**WHEREAS**, the Aleutians East Borough wishes Carol and her family the best in her new endeavors.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Aleutians East Borough Assembly recognizes Carol Foster for her years of service and dedication to the people of the Aleutians East Borough.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the Aleutians East Borough on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022.

  
Alvin D. Osterback, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Beverly Rosete, Clerk

While her absence on the Assembly will certainly be felt, those fortunate to have worked with Carol will always value her commitment to the Borough as well as to the residents living in the region.

“Thank you for your service,” Assembly Member Tom Hoblet said.

“We’ll miss you, Carol,” said Assembly Member Paul Gronholdt.

“I wish you and your family the best,” Anne Bailey said.

“Thank you for everything, Carol,” Assembly Member Samantha McNeley added.



## **\$112 Million Announced for Alaska Ports and Ferry Terminals**

### **Includes \$5.3 Million for the Sand Point Floating Dock Project**

U.S. Senators Lisa Murkowski and Dan Sullivan (both R-Alaska) today announced that four Alaska coastal communities will receive a total of \$112 million in investments this year for critical port-related infrastructure and ferry terminal projects, marking the first wave of these type of investments attributable to the *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)*. The awards, made possible by the IIJA’s investments in Alaska’s maritime infrastructure and supply chain, will benefit the Alaska Marine Highway System, coastal communities, supply chains and consumers across Alaska. The IIJA made a significant down payment in the nation’s maritime infrastructure, making \$2.25 billion in additional funds available over five years to the Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP), which is a key funding avenue for Alaska coastal communities. These new grants, from the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Maritime Administration also received funding from the *Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022*.

“Ports, harbors, and the Alaska Marine Highway System are all essential to our state, serving as a lifeline that connects our coastal communities. That’s why I’ve prioritized doing what I can at the federal level to ensure we have the resources necessary to maintain and improve them. In my work as an appropriator and as a key architect of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, I’ve secured funding to help build, expand, and improve ports and harbors across our state to ensure that key ports such as the Port of Alaska and the Alaska Marine Highway System has the necessary support,” **said Senator Murkowski**. “These new Port Infrastructure Development Program grants will be the first of many additional opportunities to deliver vital port related infrastructure funding to our state that will bring benefits to Alaska for decades to come.”

“As I often say, Alaska is a resource-rich but infrastructure-poor state. The Port of Alaska is critical for Alaska’s supply chain and America’s national security,” **Senator Sullivan said**. “Serving as Alaska’s principal transportation hub for the vast majority of goods the U.S. military and Alaskans rely on, the port needs significant reconstruction to combat corrosion, something I’ve pressed repeatedly as a member of both the Senate EPW and Commerce Committees. Working together with Senator Murkowski and Congressman Young, we’ve been able to secure roughly \$120 million in federal grants for the Port of Alaska in the last three years. I want to thank the Department of Transportation, the Maritime Administration, and the U.S. Transportation Command for taking action after I emphasized in multiple meetings with senior officials the critical role the Port of Alaska serves. I’m also glad to see the significant federal infrastructure dollars we secured being deployed for other port projects across the state that Senator Murkowski and I have long advocated for, including the Sand Point and the Port of Adak projects. These infrastructure improvements will provide several Alaska communities with the ability to safely and efficiently transport goods to and from their communities, benefitting both local communities and the national supply chain.”

“This grant award comes at a crucial time for the Port of Alaska and Municipality, as we work to rebuild and modernize Alaska’s most important piece of infrastructure,” **said Anchorage Mayor Dave Bronson**. “The nearly \$70 million Senators Sullivan and Murkowski secured will ensure we permanently fix the North End of the Port. Progress like this puts us one step closer to delivering food security for Alaska through a seismically resilient and modern Port of Alaska. My deepest thanks to our Senators for being tireless champions for the Port.”

#### **GRANT RECIPIENTS** *(information provided by the U.S. Department of Transportation)*

1. **Port of Alaska (Anchorage):** \$68.7 million for the Port of Alaska, one of the nation’s commercial strategic seaports located in Anchorage, to reconfigure and realign the shoreline within

the area north of the existing general cargo terminals as well as for the demolition of a sheet pile wall, removal of approximately 1.3 million cubic yards of material, and construction of a shoreline revetment of armor rock.

2. **Port of Adak (Adak):** \$10.1 million for the Port of Adak, in the Aleutian Islands, for making repairs and updates to the primary supply pier as well as for planning and permitting work, removal of the deteriorated timber pile fender system, repairs to damaged concrete piles and caps, installation of a high-energy absorbing fender system, and installation of new sewer, firefighting water, potable water, electrical and communications utilities, and LED lighting.

3. **Sand Point Floating Dock Project:** \$5.3 million for installing more than 1,000 feet of new floating dock and supporting access, utility, and safety infrastructure within the existing harbor. The Project will complete the Aleutians East Borough's long-term efforts to fully build out the community's harbor.



**\$5.3 million in federal grant funding will go toward the Sand Point Floating Dock Project.**

4. **Prince William Sound ferry terminals (Cordova, Tatitlek, & Chenega):** \$28.2 million for upgrades and modifications at three Prince William Sound ferry terminals—Cordova, Tatitlek, and Chenega—to accommodate Alaska Marine Highway System ferries. The Cordova improvements include removal of floating fenders and construction of fixed-fender mooring dolphins and catwalks and modifications to the stern berth to accommodate the ferries. The Tatitlek improvements include the provision of new end-loading ferry terminal structures, including a vehicle transfer bridge and bridge support float. The Chenega improvements include the construction of a new ferry terminal facility, including a pile-supported approach dock structure, vehicle transfer bridge, bridge support float, and two mooring dolphins.

# Sand Point Coaches and Community Members:



The gym will be closed from Dec. 23, 2022 to Jan. 6, 2023 while the floor is being resurfaced.

It will take two weeks to prep, resurface and coat the floor.  
It must be completely dry before use.

Your patience & cooperation is needed during this time to get the job done right.  
A well-maintained gym floor will provide a safe and stable surface for our student athletes and community members for years to come.



## Unga Island Project Community Event

Please join us for food, door prizes and an update on the project. We will also discuss plans for 2023 and hold a Q&A session.

We hope to see you there!

**Where: QTT Community Center Building**

**When: Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 5:30 to 7:30 pm**

**Food & Door prizes will be provided!**



**Director, CEO  
Charles Funk**



**Vice President, Exploration  
Sam Anderson**



**Community Relations Manager  
Joy Huntington**



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