

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Alvin D. Osterback called the Aleutians East Borough Assembly meeting to order by teleconference in each community on October 13, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Alvin D. Osterback	Present
Brenda Wilson	Present
Carol Foster	Present
Chris Babcock	Present
Denise Mobeck	Present
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	Present

Quorum was present.

Staff Present:

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

CAROL move to Adopt the Agenda, seconded by BRENDA

Hearing no objections, the Agenda will stand as Written.

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.

Jack Walsh appreciated that the Borough was looking in the False Pass boilers and all the work the Borough has done to support for the school and community. Thanked all the Assembly and the Mayor. Thanked Assembly Carol Foster for all her years of service.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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

MINUTES

September 8, 2022 Assembly Meeting Minutes

MOTION

BRENDA moved to accept the September 8, 2022 Assembly Meeting Minutes, second by JOSY.

Hearing no corrections, the Agenda will stand as written.

FINANCIAL REPORT

August 2022 Financial Report

MOTION

CHRIS made a motion to approve the Financials Report and second by DENISE.

Administrator Bailey said this is the 2nd month of the Fiscal year. On Fish Tax, we received July fish tax in August, we received \$920K which over the 5 year average is about 135%. It is amazing to have that much revenue in July.

PAUL asked Anne about the other revenue in August amounting to \$4,830

Administrator Bailey said we received payment for the fourplex rent for July and August.

ROLL CALL

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

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIES

INVESTMENT REPORT

APCM August 2022 Investment Report

PAUL ask what the date was when Anne checked the balances in investment.

Administrator Bailey said Oct 11 and the amount is about \$41M.

CONSENT AGENDA

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

ORDINANCES

None

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 23-16, Authorizing the Payment of \$612,769.82 to the Army Corps of Engineers for the remaining amount owed for the False Pass Harbor project and the reappropriation of \$243,893.43 from the Cold Bay Clinic Line-Item E 20-220-620-850 to the False Pass Harbor Line-Item E 20-220-630-850

MOTION

BRENDA made a motion to approve Resolution 23-16, seconded by CAROL

Administrator Bailey said that in 2004, the Aleutians East Borough (Borough) and the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) entered into a project cooperation agreement for construction of the False Pass Harbor. The Borough agreed to pay 20% and the Corps agreed to pay 80% of the project construction costs. In December 2017, the Borough was notified by the Corps that the Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals had awarded Kelly-Ryan a \$20,000 judgement for a procurement dispute arising in 2006-2009 over the construction of a breakwater and other general navigation features in False Pass. The Borough was originally told that they would be responsible for 20% of the lawsuit, which would have amounted to an additional \$5.4 million payment. Brad Gilman assisted on getting language into the WRDA bill that was approved and waived the Borough's portion of the judgement and legal fees. The Corps has finally completed the final accounting for the project, in which they removed the contract claim judgement from the project share. With the adjustment, the total project cost is \$20,159,895.55 resulting in the initial construction cost share (split 90/10) of \$18,143,906 Federal and \$2,253,046.76 Non-Federal. The Borough had provided \$4,134,632.35 in cash. After subtracting the cost of the non-Federal share and the amount paid for the Local Service Facilities and Betterment (e.g., building the breakwater as a causeway) valued at \$748,388.01, the AEB has a credit balance of \$1,370,254.79. The second 10% computation includes a credit of \$32,964.95 from the Pre-Construction Engineering and Design phase yielding the total amount owed of \$2,015,989.56 - \$32,964.95 = \$1,983,024.61. With the credit balance of \$1,370,254.79 applied, the final amount owed for the second 10% is \$612,769.82. The Corps has stated that the second 10% can be paid now or over a period of 30 years utilizing the Federal finance rate as defined by Section 106 of WRDA 1986. The Corps provided two draft Long-Term Agreement (LTA) amortization schedules to help the Borough make an informed decision on how to pay the additional funds. LTA 18 shows the full principal of \$1,983,024.61 with an interest rate of 5.125% and an annual payment of \$130,842.50 until October 1, 2052. LTA 19 shows the full principal of \$1,982,024.61 minus the initial down payment of \$1,370,254.79 with an interest rate of 5.125% and an annual payment of \$41,035.84 until October 1, 2052. Administration has reviewed both payment options and recommends paying the \$612,769.82 in full.

PAUL asked what the process or schedule is of transferring the Harbor to City of False Pass once it is all paid for.

Administrator Bailey said part of the agreement is that we cannot transfer the harbor until the bond is paid off in full for that facility. But will look more into it and will provide more information later.

CAROL agrees with Anne to pay it off now since we are not sure what is going to happen in the future and not owe anyone on the next 30 years.

ROLL CALL

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

Nays: none

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution 23-17, Authorizing the Mayor to appropriate an additional \$255,000 to the Akun Boat Harbor Study

MOTION

CHRIS made a motion to approve Resolution 23-17 and second by DENISE

Administrator Bailey said At the August 13, 2020 Aleutians East Borough Assembly Meeting, the Assembly approved Resolution 21-09, which authorized the Mayor to negotiate and execute a Memorandum of Agreement between the Borough and the Akutan Traditional Council for the Akun Harbor Boat Study. The resolution also authorized the Borough to take the lead on the project and appropriated \$1,016,000 from the Borough's existing funds for the project. At the September 10, 2020 Assembly Meeting, the Assembly approved Resolution 21-13 authorizing the Mayor to negotiate and execute a Tribal Partnership Program (TPP) Cost Share Agreement with the Department of Army, the Native Village of Akutan and the Aleutians East Borough for the Akun Island Navigational Improvements Tribal Partnership Feasibility Study. Per this agreement the Borough agreed to pay the Non-Federal Match, which was estimated to be \$989,000 for the project. The TPP Agreement was fully executed in July 2021. The Borough had approximately \$5,380,330 in Non-Federal matching funds available for the Project. To date we have spent \$759K of that \$989K commitment. The Borough still has a balance remaining of approximately \$229,000 for the funds already committed. In September 2022, the Corps submitted an informal request for an additional \$255,000 from the Borough to cover items that have over-run the budgets in the contract costs for specific data requirements on this study. The Corps is spending more than they thought they would for this work. We are anticipating to get that formal request later this month. Administration recommends appropriating the \$255,000 funding request to complete the study. Funds are available in and would be split between the FY2009 State GF account (E 24-817-000-850) and the AEB Bond Funds Match (E 24-809-000-850).

PAUL commented the essential air service is not going to be there forever. I think it still an important part of the projects of the Borough as supporter and it might be essential to have to make use of unusually located airport. It is highly unusual to have an airport not near a community. But getting a little harbor where anybody can go over a skip or a boat, I think it is still a good project.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution 23-18, Authorizing the Mayor to negotiate and execute a Cold Bay Dock Management Agreement with the City of Cold Bay

MOTION

CAROL made a motion to approve Resolution 23-18 and second by BRENDA

Administrator Bailey said the Aleutians East Borough owns, and the City of Cold Bay maintains the Cold Bay Dock. In 1994, the Borough and City entered into a Dock Management Agreement for the Cold Bay Dock. The term was from July 1994 to June 2004. The Agreement remained on a month-to-month basis until it was renewed in 2013. On January 18, 2013, the Borough and City of Cold Bay entered into another Cold Bay Dock Management Agreement. The Agreement term ends on January 18, 2023. Per the Agreement, the "City may renew this Agreement by filing a written renewal application with the Borough at least 60 days before the

expiration of this Agreement." A new agreement would then need to be executed. On September 23, 2022, the City of Cold Bay sent an email to the Borough Administrator stating that the City of Cold Bay is interested in renewing the Cold Bay Dock Management Agreement. Administration accepts this email as their written renewal application; therefore, the Borough and City will enter into a new agreement for the Cold Bay Dock. The draft agreement is in the packet but there are few items to point out. The term of this Agreement is for 10 years from January 19, 2023 through January 19, 2033. The City agrees to maintain the dock in good repair. There are definitions of major and minor repair maintenance. The City is required to have Borough approval for berthing rights for the dock. Few more important items are listed in the packet.

JOSY asked how often the docks are inspected.

Administrator Bailey said the Cold Bay Dock is inspected every two years. The State of Alaska goes out and inspect every two years and get a written report. We also have Moffat and Nichol go out and do a dock assessment when there was some damage at the dock and we are now doing a Feasibility Study. They were just out there with the engineers.

WARREN said there was a repair done a few years back where they replace the tinder piling in the inside of the dock and we had an incident last year or the year before that a couple of piling are knocked down. I am concern where they got the piling from to do the replacement. They break in pretty easy. Hope that we are *not taking on a faulty dock by renewing this, just a little concern. Asked who is liable if someone gets hurt in the dock?*

Administrator Bailey said there was work done back in 2014, and recently West Marine came and replace the one that the vessel hit. I believe that was a good quality replacement.

WARREN said the cost of the piling is \$239K, it was a little high, but that's how it went over.

PAUL commented that he is favor and this is keeping out policy to let the city manage docks and harbors. It is not a perfect dock and it take a lot of money to make it and it is better than it used to be.

Mayor Osterback commented that this is in out 10-year plan and it is probably ways out there.

ROLL CALL

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

Resolution 23-19, Authorizing the Mayor to negotiate and execute an agreement with LONG for the False Pass School Boiler Replacement in an amount not to exceed \$90,000

MOTION

CHRIS made a motion to approve Resolution 23-19 and second by JOSY

Administrator Bailey said In August 2022, LONG inspected and serviced the boilers at the False Pass School. Boiler #1 has been tagged and locked out due to bad gaskets and excess soot buildup, and Boiler #2 was serviced but needs additional service to ensure that it will work throughout the winter. Repairs to Boiler #2 will occur within the next two months which includes but is not limited to: Performing deep cleaning of heat exchange, collection box and flue to remove thick layers of soot; replacing the non-functioning barometric damper; replacing gaskets for doors, access, collection box and flue cap and replacing firebox refractory,

startup/checkout boiler and return boiler system to operational mode. LONG has recommended that both boilers be replaced. The estimated cost to replace Boilers #1 and #2 is \$83,071 plus additional cost for lodging, ground transportation and a small contingency fund. Additional travel, labor, and materials for work and repair visits that are not included above can be done T&M or on a fixed price with AEB approval. If approved, the Borough will pay for the False Pass Boiler Replacement out of the Deferred Maintenance account (line-item E 20-220-603678)

CHRIS asked how are they going to repair boiler #2, are they going to ship it? If boiler # 1 is already currently locked out. Are they not going to have any heater?

Mayor Osterback said LONG has been already out there, they shut the 1 down, they got the other one up and operating but they need some parts for it. I am sure they have a plan, so they are not going without any heat. They just have some things in there and make sure it's operating properly and the existing boiler works until the new one is already put in.

CHRIS asked if the cost of repair for boilers #1 & #2 are already included in \$83K. and what comprises the \$90K.

Administrator Bailey said no, the repairs are roughly \$13K. The \$90K will include the replacement of boilers, lodging cost, transportation, and small contingency fund.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution 23-20, Recognizing Carol Foster for her dedicated service to the Aleutians East Borough and citizens of the Aleutians East Borough Communities

MOTION

PAUL made a motion to approve Resolution 23-20 and second by CHRIS

Mayor Osterback said Carol Foster has served as an Aleutians East Borough Assembly Member since 1998 totaling approximately 24 years of service; and Carol always made every effort to attend all Assembly meetings and represent all Aleutians East Borough communities; and she also has been a huge supporter of education, youth programs and the fisheries; and 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.

CAROL commented it's been a pleasure.

PAUL said we'll miss Carol

BRENDA thanks Carol for all the years at the Borough. You always had a warm hand and good advice. Keeping your true words to what you talk about whether it is good or bad, you give your opinion and why you have that opinion and you help other young women come forward in their rights and be able to speak

their words which is incredible. And I am very thankful for what you've done for everyone and very proud of you and whatever you do, you'll do well. I am very thankful and honored to be a part of your journey.

CAROL thank BRENDA for her words and thank the Assembly, the people, communities, and everybody over the years. It has been wonderful. I am hoping that the kids coming up in the future that they look it, run for a seat because they are going to be running the communities pretty soon one of these days so I am hoping that they show interest. We all start out as not knowing things and we learn as we go. Thank you again, I enjoyed serving.

CHRIS said he appreciates all the years that Carol put in. She helped me when I first got in the Assembly. She's been a very strong advocate of getting our younger generation involve in their communities, politics and even in the fisheries and I think it has been a huge awesome thing. She's a huge supporter of education and scholarships that we give out. She's going to be missed and I appreciate the 24 years she gave out for the communities.

TOM thanked Carol for her service in the Borough.

DAILEY commented that it has been an honor to work with Carol on the board. She is a very nice person to works with and very knowledgeable. I enjoyed working with you and thank you very much.

WARREN thanked Carol for al her years. You and Big Shot were inspiration to me to run in the Borough. Thank you for putting on a pass to prosperity and I appreciate the time you put in the Borough. Thank you again.

JOSY thanked Carol. I am fairly new too and few years ago I was able to attend meeting in person with her. She's full of knowledge and I enjoyed listening to her sharing her point of view on different things that we were discussing. Good luck I whatever you're doing in the future.

CAROL thanked Josy.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

- Board of Fish Discussion

Natural Resources Director Weiss said in the packet there's a list of suggested topics for discussion following that is the list of Board of Fish Meetings, I would point out that later this month we have the Pcod meeting, the comment deadline has passed for both Pcod meeting and the work session. The work session that we are looking at the ACRs and we are going to talk about the escapement goals that the department has. In February, we will have our big Area M/Chignik meeting, and we are hoping to get a lot of participation and comments from public. Th full list is in the packet as well as several links. I also put together proposal summaries. On Pcod Proposals there are 11 but only 10 will be decided on the meeting the 161 will be brought back in the March statewide meeting. The Sand Point AC opposed 2 proposals, proposal 6 and 9. These summaries shows who made the proposals and where they're coming from without reading the whole proposals. Agenda change request, they are the same topics that are brought up each cycle and these are off

topics out of cycle and if they were approved, then Board of Fish will set them for deliberation at a later meeting. There is no other decision made during the work sessions. Of all the agenda change request, 16 of them out of 28 did not meet the board criteria so we'll see where it goes. AEB fisherman's meeting have 2, next Tuesday (Oct 18) at 10AM and the other one will be Nov 17 in Seattle, Renaissance hotel. Charlotte and I has been meeting with our Area M seiners, Area M fishermen which are drifters and representative from all our processors. There is a link on my report that leads you to comments page on proposals. Your information will be needed then you can make a comment and attach a letter. And then you have the option to support or oppose all of the proposals that are listed for that meeting. I think it will be powerful for us to learn to use that correctly. The other thing that came up, since Brenda mentioned that not all has internet connection maybe we should have an iPad or some sort of device available at harbor house or Borough office that people can use. Chris also mention that we should involve the school children. I will try to incorporate all those strategies moving forward.

PAUL said NPC just met and AP elected of new officers and I know nominations are coming on November deadline is for that. Do you have any updates on people in our region applying for the 5-year panel seats.

Natural Resources Director Weiss said they do have a new chairman and a new vice-chairman at the AP. Application will need to be in by Nov. 18

JOSY asked what is the cap on Meetings Act on sending Assembly members to Board of fish meetings.

Mayor Osterback said 4.

NEW BUSINESS
None

REPORTS AND UPDATES

Administrator's Report in packet. Highlights below:

Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Second Tranche Funding

On September 6, 2022, the Borough received the second tranche in the amount of \$324,086.50 of SLFRF Funds. As of September 1, 2022, the Borough has expended \$133,259.70 in ARPA funds.

Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Funds (LATCF)

On September 29, 2022, the US Treasury launched the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistence Fund (LATCF) for eligible revenue sharing counties/boroughs. The American Rescue Plan appropriated \$2 billion to Treasury across fiscal years 2022 and 2023 to provide payments to eligible revenue sharing counties/boroughs and eligible Tribal governments for use on any governmental purpose except for a lobbying activity. The Borough will be receiving \$2,038,800 in LATCF funds as follows: Borough \$1,019,400.00 for FY2022 and \$1,019,400.00 for FY2023 Treasury expects to pay these funds in two payments. The first payment will be available immediately and will be made to eligible revenue sharing counties/boroughs on a rolling basis. Treasury expects to make the second payment after the start of calendar year 2023. On October 6, 2022, Administration applied for the funds through the Treasury Submission Portal. Administration will be reviewing the Treasury guidelines and will provide a recommendation for funding at the November 2022 Assembly Meeting.

Akutan – Essential Air Service

On October 4, 2022, USDOT issued a request Essential Air Service proposals at Akutan, AK. Proposals are due October 31, 2022 and is for a new two-year contract beginning April 1, 2023. This includes fixed wing service between Unalaska and Akun and helicopter service between Akun and Akutan.

King Cove Road Update

We are still waiting for a decision by the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals on whether to grant or deny the petition for en banc rehearing.

Maintenance

Sand Point Pool: Evolution Pools will be conducting the SP pool work soon. An exact start date has not been determined. Most of the materials have arrived in Sand Point. The scope of work should take approximately two weeks to complete once started barring no unexpected complications.

False Pass School: LONG will be conducting additional repairs to False Pass Boiler 2 within the next two months. The Borough has received a quote to repair/replace the second boiler at the school.

Akutan School: The Borough is working on items for the Akutan School. The interim superintendent and the principal have submitted a list of needed repairs. The Borough is currently addressing the back staircase and landing that needs to be replaced.

Boiler Inspections: Earlier this week, LONG inspected the boilers at the Cold Bay Terminal. Due to weather, they were unable to get to King Cove and will reschedule. They are scheduled to conduct inspections in Sand Point on October 6, 2022.

Other Items

- The Auditors arrived in King Cove during the week of September 19, 2022.
- Financial Software – The Finance Department is completing the questionnaires for Caselle to initiate the transfer to the new software.
- *The Cold Bay Terminal Concessions Request for Proposal was released on October 6, 2022. The proposals from vendors are due on November 3, 2022.*
- I have also been continuously conducting day to day operations.

And lastly I want to thank Carol for the years of service. I've been here for the 12 years of the 24 years you served. I think one of my favorite memories is when we were going to Akutan and your grandson Logan was so excited. Thank you for your service and all your support.

Mayor Osterback asked Anne about an update on the PIDP grant.

Administrator Bailey said she hasn't heard anything yet.

PAUL asked Anne when the Sand Point Pool will be done. And when is she expecting the 2 positions to be filled.

Administrator Bailey said per Evolution Pool it would take them two weeks to complete the repairs once they start, IF something comes up it will take longer. About your other question, we relisted the job posting.

CHRIS asked about Long's report about condition of boiler on Cold Bay Terminal.

Administrator Bailey said she has not gotten any report yet but anticipates that once they hit all the locations, they'll submit a full report.

JOSY asked if there is any specific requirements for LATCF funds. And if the Finance department is fully staffed yet.

Administrator Bailey said she's looking into the Treasury guidelines and doesn't think there is many requirements other than possibly we cannot use it in lobbying services. She will have more detailed report on Nov. Anne said not yet on Finance staff but applications are due on the 18th.

DENISE asked if the Borough is considering to opening the Job location description to other communities instead of just having the Maintenance in Sand Point or Finance must be in King Cove.

Administrator Bailey said Borough is looking into other option but right now it is how it is written in the job description. But we are going to look into other option if we don't get anything by the 18th of Nov.

Assistant Administrator Report in packet. Highlights below:

DEED/ Sand Point School:

On 8.17.2022 SERCC notified the Borough that the Sand Point Maintenance Project would be funded. The total cost of the project is \$3.9 Million with a 30% match of \$1.3 million. However, because the application we submitted was from FY22, a reuse of score and conceptual design, the score dropped down from \$3.9M to \$2.9 M requiring \$1,929,575 from the State and \$1,039,002 from the Borough with adjustments. DEED determined in their cost adjustment that the foundation work is "unsupported". The concept design report discussed the moisture damaged exterior walls along with the foundation waterproofing/drainage and options for repair and then the cost breakdown for both components in the cost estimate. The reduction of \$525,706 was all of the foundation work, and the remainder for that section was \$227,316 for the wall rebuild. So - it was decided by DEED that the wall needed replacing because there wasn't enough indication for them that the foundation needed to be rebuilt/replaced. Currently I am waiting from DEED to submit the project agreement. Once we received it, both the Borough and the SD will have an opportunity to review the elements of it.

Maintenance Connection:

I'm continuing to provide support on the operations site to process maintenance request, work orders, and assign labor. The following are a list of items recently added to the MC site:

Akutan: Jack Walsh the Interim Superintendent for the AEBSD conducted a site visit at the Akutan School and has provided a list with some images of the items that need to be replaced/repared. These items include the backstairs and Landing need replacement/repair, floors, gym storage room doors and windows.

False Pass School: In August 2022, LONG inspected and serviced the boilers at the False Pass School. Boiler #1 has been tagged and locked out due to bad gaskets and excess soot buildup, and Boiler #2 was serviced but needs additional service to ensure that it will work throughout the winter. Repairs to Boiler #2 will occur within the next two months which includes but is not limited to: Performing deep cleaning of heat exchange, collection box and flue to remove thick layers of soot; replacing the non-functioning barometric damper; replacing gaskets for doors, access, collection box and flue cap and replacing firebox refractory, startup/checkout boiler and return boiler system to operational mode.

Sand Point School Pool: The Borough recently entered into an agreement with Evolution Pools to conduct repair work. Evolution Pools has purchased the pool materials and most of it are already received. The list of meetings attended is in the packet.

PAUL asked about electrical usage written in the RFP for vending machine.

Administrator Bailey said the vendor would need to pay a monthly payment that will include covering utilities.

Mayor Osterback said we will just guesstimate the electricity cost and add to monthly payment will be the easiest ways to do it.

Communications Director Report in packet. Highlights below:

Photography project:

Our third attempt to travel to Akutan turned out to be the charm. Weather prevented us from getting

out there twice before in August. However, on Sept. 27th, we made it in successfully. I wanted to extend a big thanks to Josy Shangin for all of her help. She and her husband, Tim, took us out on their skiff so photographer Kerry Tasker could get photos of them subsistence fishing. Our first day there was nice weather-wise, so it worked out very well. Afterwards, Josy had organized performances with the Unangan dancers in Akutan. I want to thank all the dancers for their performances and their hard work leading up to that event. The dance performances are such an incredible and beautiful thing to watch. I'm excited to see the photos that Kerry has taken.

Annual Report:

The annual report was completed and finalized around Sept. 20th. It was sent to the printers, and was mailed out several days afterward. I was able to see a copy of it in the Akutan Corporation office during my visit. So I'm glad folks in the region received their copies

PowerPoint: AK Assn. of Harbormasters & Port Administrators:

The PowerPoint for Mayor Osterback's presentation for the annual Harbormasters Association Conference was completed on Sept. 15th. I'm hopeful everything went well at the conference, which was moved from Nome to Anchorage.

In the Loop:

The latest issues of the In the Loop newsletter were sent out on Oct. 3rd, 4th and 5th. The issues contained the preliminary results from the Aleutians East Borough's regular election, held on Oct. 4th. The issues also included a questionnaire for residents who live in the Cold Bay area from the Army Corps of Engineers. The Corps is collecting interviews to better understand concerns regarding a World War II drum disposal area, a beach seep area, and a couple other locations that were formerly used defense sites. Job opening announcements for the Borough Maintenance Director and Accounting Clerk positions were also included.

Upcoming Projects:

- Working on a story for In the Loop regarding Carol Foster's 24 years of service on the Assembly.
- Continue to profile people in the newsletter for the community alignment initiative.

Natural Resources Director Report in packet. Highlights below:

Alaska Board of Fisheries:

There was a joint protocol committee meeting this morning, they went over 2 issues, Bearing Sea crab status and PCod. The council did set the ADC's quite low for the Bearing Sea crab stocks. Bristol Bay red king crab is closed for the 2022-2023 and snow crab season is closed. Bairdi, Tanner crab and for the first time there is an Eastern bearing Sea tanner crab, again very small. The council also look at preliminary Groundfish specs. PCod is down from gulf to gulf and in Bearing Sea but not a lot. One big thing that happened is Trawl EM that has final action. Having EM on 12 vessels for pollock will result in better data and keeps human off the boat. Charlotte did a tremendous work on that. And as Paul mentioned, call for nomination both for AFSC and AP are due Nov. 15th. I also put my name on it as alternate community engagement committee. The Alaska Bycatch review task force had their in person meeting yesterday and we are looking at management and research recommendation from all sub committees and we'll meet again next Tuesday and then again in November. And then they will be disbanded right after they give recommendations to the governor.

CARES Act Relief Round 2

Alaska fishery participants (processors and commercial, sport charter and subsistence fishermen) can still apply for CARES Act round 2 relief. Applications for Alaska must be printed and submitted by regular mail (or FedEx, UPS, etc.) postmarked no later than October 31st 2022. More information and applications for download found in the link in the packet. PSMFC will still mail out printed applications if requested before October 14th.

Alaska Fishing Communities

Members of AFC have been meeting with NMFS folks in recent weeks, including Assistant Administrator Janet Coyte, to discuss issues common to Alaska fishing communities. This week, taking advantage of availability during NPFMC meetings, we met with Alaska Fisheries Science Center Director Bob Foy and Alaska Regional Administrator Jon Kurland at the Hilton. The AEB also recently signed on to an AFC *comment letter on the NMFS draft Equity and Environmental Justice Strategy*.

PAUL ask for an update on Magnuson Act reauthorization

Weiss said no. the conventional way is that there will be a new bill that will be passed on the House but it's not going to make a headway in the Senate.

Assistant Natural Resources Director Report in packet. Highlights below:

MAYOR'S UPDATE

I went to the Harbormasters Meeting Anchorage and did a power point presentation there. We have 4 communities that has harbors and not one community sends harbor masters. I think it's important that Assembly members to talk your city councils, Mayors, and managers. I think it is important that they go because most of our communities are small and it's the harbor is kind of the heart of the community. So the little bit of money you pay out for the airplane ticket and few days of per diem is pretty cheap compared to the amount of information that the harbormasters will receive. I think it is a cheap way to go to keep your harbors upto date and it will give your harbormasters pride to go out and participate with the rest of the harbormasters in the state.

ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

PAUL comments that the AML conference will happening in December at Dena'ina and think everybody should go if they can. Paul also asked to put the Assembly Stipend to put on the discussion. And finally, maybe on Nov or Dec. we might want to invite our retiring lobbyist. I think it's polite thing to do.

WARREN thank Anne and Talia for braving the October weather and visiting King Cove. They get to visit the School. They were able to talk to people around town and run the meeting from King cove office.

JOSY thanked Laura and Kerry for coming out to Akutan.

DENISE commented that she enjoyed serving with Carol even though it's only for 3 years. And wish her luck with her new endeavors.

Mayor Osterback commented that about per diem that Paul wanted to put on the Agenda, he'll work with Anne and Beverly on sending out an email to all Assembly member on when you want something on the Agenda, what should it include. When we put something on the agenda, there should be something in there that explains what you are after and looking for so when it is posted the public will have idea of what's going on and gives other Assembly members a heads up of what they can think about and look at. It will also give the staff a heads up to gather information on whatever subject it is. I will try to get something out to each Assembly members.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

NEXT MEETING DATE

Special Meeting on Oct 17, 2022
Regular Assembly Meeting November 10, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

JOSY moved to adjourn. Hearing no more, the meeting adjourned at 4:34 p.m.



Mayor Alvin D. Osterback



Beverly Ann Rosete, Borough Clerk

Date: 11/10/2022

