

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Alvin D. Osterback called the Aleutians East Borough Assembly meeting to order by teleconference in each community on December 8, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Alvin D. Osterback	Present
Brenda Wilson	Excused
Jim Smith	Present
Chris Babcock	Present
Dailey Schaack	Excused
Josephine Shangin	Present
Paul Gronholdt	Present
Warren Wilson	Present

**Advisory Members:**

Samantha McNeley, Nelson Lagoon	Excused
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  
Charlotte Levy, Natural Resources Assist. Director  
Glennora Dushkin, Administrative Clerk  
Jacki Brandell, Finance Director  
Beverly Ann Rosete, Borough Clerk  
Seward Brandell, Accounting Clerk

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

WARREN move to Adopt the Agenda, seconded by JOSY

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.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

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

**PRESENTATION:**

- APCM Presentation by Blake Phillips

Blake made a comprehensive review of the APCM account for the Aleutians East Borough. Total contribution is \$ 19.3M, withdrawal is \$24.1M, current market value is \$42.4M.

**MINUTES**

November 10, 2022 Regular Assembly Meeting Minutes and November 21, 2022 Special Assembly Meeting Minutes

**MOTION**

CHRIS moved to accept the November 10, 2022 Assembly Meeting Minutes, seconded by WARREN.

JOSY moved to accept the November 21, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes, second by WARREN.

Hearing no corrections, Minutes will stand as presented.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

October 2022 Financial Report

**MOTION**

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

Administrator Bailey said this is the 4<sup>th</sup> month into the fiscal year. Raw Fish tax at the end of October is \$362K which is about 75% over the 5yr average. Year-to-date amount is \$2.39 M which is 114% over the 5-year average. The State Shared Raw Fish Tax estimated amount last May was \$1.5M but we received \$2.24M in October which far exceeded our estimate which is good news.

**ROLL CALL**

Yeas: Paul, Jim, Warren, Chris, Josy, Advisory: Tom

Nay: None

**MOTION CARRIES**

**INVESTMENT REPORT**

APCM October 2022 Investment Report

Mayor Osterback commented that there is one change in the Investment report which is an increase in the portfolio to \$43.7M.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Resolution 23-27**, adopting an alternative allocation method for the FY23 Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program and certifying that this allocation method fairly represents the distribution of significant effects of fisheries business activity in FMA2: Aleutians Islands Area

**Resolution 23-28**, adopting an alternative allocation method for the FY23 Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program and certifying that this allocation method fairly represents the distribution of significant effects of fisheries business activity in FMA3: Alaska Peninsula Area

Administrator Bailey said Resolution 23-27, adopting an alternative allocation method for the FY23 Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program and certifying that this allocation method fairly represents the distribution of significant effects of fisheries business activity in FMA2: Aleutians Islands Area and Resolution 23-28, adopts the same thing and certifies the same thing but for FM3 which is the Alaska Peninsula Area. The State of Alaska levies taxes on fishery resources processed or exported from Alaska. The State allocates the share of state fish tax collected outside the municipal boundaries with the communities affected by the fishing industry activities, and this is based on 2021 fishery activities. The municipalities and the Boroughs Fishery Management Area agreed to an alternative method for allocation since the inception of the program and the resolutions adopt the same method for FY2022.

**Resolution 23-27**, adopting an alternative allocation method for the FY23 Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program and certifying that this allocation method fairly represents the distribution of significant effects of fisheries business activity in FMA2: Aleutians Islands Area. All of the municipalities within FMA 2 (west of Unimak) receive an equal share of 60% of the program receipts. The eligible cities will share the remaining 40% of the funding allocation on a per capita basis. The FY23 total allocation to AEB should be \$190,758.25

**Resolution 23-28**, adopting an alternative allocation method for the FY23 Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program and certifying that this allocation method fairly represents the distribution of significant effects of fisheries business activity in FMA3: Alaska Peninsula Area. All the municipalities within FMA 3 (east of Unimak), will share equally 40%. The remaining 60% will be divided among the eligible cities based on a per capita basis. The FY23 total allocation to AEB should be \$9,700.06.

PAUL asked for an update on the possible processing moves in the region.

Administrator Bailey said she will look into that.

**Resolution 23-29**, relating to disposal of surplus, obsolete or unneeded supplies

Administrator Bailey said we have a desire to dispose of a Honda ATV located in Akutan that was used for the helicopter transportation and is in the state of disrepair. This will go out to bid later this week if approved.

#### **MOTION**

WARREN made a motion to approve Consent Agenda and second by CHRIS

#### **ROLL CALL**

Yeas: Josy, Chris, Paul, Warren, Jim Advisory: Tom

Nays: none

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

**ORDINANCES**

**Ordinance 23-01**, Amending the Operating and Capital Budget for FY23

**MOTION**

CHRIS made a motion to take Ordinance 23-01 the table and second by WARREN

Administrator Bailey said Ordinance 23-01 is amending the operating capital budget for FY2023. On May 26, 2022, the Assembly passed Ordinance 22-11, adopting operating capital budget for FY2023. Revisions on the budget has been identified and is outlined in the packet.

Changes are the following:

- State Shared Raw Fish Tax Revenue from \$1.5M to approximately \$2.24M, this reflects what we received from State of Alaska in Oct. 2022.
- As far as expenditures go, we would like to add a Rental Lease item to the Finance department in the amount of \$6,000 to cover the lease expenses for the office space for leasing at the old King Cove School. The monthly lease rate is \$750/month and need to account for that in our budget.
- Travel Per Diem line item in the Communications Department from \$6,000 to \$10,000. The Communications Director did travel to all the communities this year and the cost exceeded what was expected largely because of travel delays.
- Fund 20, General fund, other department line item, we will have to increase the insurance line item from \$228K to \$250K because the FY02023 insurance cost is more than what we anticipated.
- Fund 24, Bond Construction, Contract Labor Line Item, we would like to add \$42K to this line item. The Borough's bonds and permanent fund monies are managed by APCM. The Borough does pay then a fee to manage our funds which is approximately \$7,000 a month which varies depending on the state of our finances but approximately \$84K Fund 24 and Fund 20 which is the permanent fund. This expenses has not been included in the past but should be, therefore, we would like to add \$42K to line item E24-900-000-380 and another \$42K to the permanent fund line item 40-900-000-380 and this should accurately reflect what we are spending on. So based of the numbers, we will have a deficit of approximately \$324K. the detailed summary is in the packet.

Paul asked if the second reading of amending the budget on January is a little early?

Administrator Bailey said it is about on track from what we have done in the past

PAUL asked if Administrator has additional information on why there in an increase of \$744K in the Shared Fish tax

Administrator Bailey said she is not sure of what calculations was used but she will try to figure that out.

PAUL asked when the final budget amendment will be.

Administrator Bailey thinks we just got to June when we have all the cost to finalize it.

**ROLL CALL**

Yeas: Paul, Chris, Josephine, Warren, Jim Advisory: Tom

Nay: None

**MOTION CARRIES**

Administrator Bailey said

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution 23-26**, relating to the acquisition of real property – authorizes a lease between the City of King Cove and the Aleutians East Borough for Room 107 at the Old King Cove School

**MOTION**

CHRIS made a motion to take Resolution 23-26 off the table and second by Josy

*Administrator Bailey*The Aleutians East Borough has and may exercise all rights and powers to acquire, hold, dispose of or manage real property, both inside and outside the borough. Due to the condition of the King Cove Borough Office, Administration advertised for lease space in King Cove and received two responses which were looked at. It was determined that the office space at the Old King Cove School best met the Borough needs. Administration characterized it as an emergency to move the finance office and entered into a lease with the City of King Cove for Room 107 at the Old King Cove School located at 124 Heart Lake Drive King Cove, Alaska 99612, which became effective November 15, 2022. Due to the condition of the King Cove Borough Office, Administration advertised for lease space in King Cove and received two responses which were looked at. It was determined that the office space at the Old King Cove School best met the Borough needs. Administration characterized it as an emergency to move the finance office and entered into a lease with the City of King Cove for Room 107 at the Old King Cove School located at 124 Heart Lake Drive King Cove, Alaska 99612, which became effective November 15, 2022.

Paul commented that one of the options we can do is to look if rebuilding or renovating the old building will be more cost effective than renting.

Mayor Osterback said we will into that and put all the options for the Assembly to look at.

**ROLL CALL**

Yeas: Warren, Chris, Paul, Jim, Josy, Advisory: Tom

Nay: none

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Resolution 23-30**, Authorizing the Mayor to Negotiate and Execute a Contract with DOWL to provide Project Management, Design and Construction Services for the Cold Bay Clinic Renovation Project in an Amount Not to Exceed \$334,680

**MOTION**

*WARREN* motion to approve Resolution 23-30 and second by *CHRIS*

Administrator Bailey the Aleutians East Borough has applied for and successfully received \$2,000,000 in HRSA grant funding for the Cold Bay Clinic Renovation Project. This project entails a major renovation to the existing health clinic. The renovations may include but are not limited to the following:

- Installation of Operable Walls
- Electrical/Generator/Boiler Replacement/Indoor Air Quality Upgrades
- Morgue purchase and installation
- Decontamination shower/eye wash station purchase and installation
- Dental Chair and Exam Tables purchase, etc.

To complete this work, the Borough needs to engage an Engineering/Project Management Firm to assist with the architectural and engineering aspects of this project. Administration has requested a proposal from DOWL to provide these services. The Borough has discussed this project with DOWL, who we have selected to provide the Borough with Professional Engineering, Project Management and Construction Management Services, and has visited and is familiar with the Cold Bay Clinic. DOWL has proposed the following deliverables, which include a 35% Schematic Design, 65%, 95% to a 100% Design with permitting, Bidding Construction Contract Execution and Construction Administration and Close out Services. Administration has reviewed the proposal and scope of work in the amount of \$334,680.

PAUL commented that he is not voting in favor of this resolution because it is a big amount of money for not going into bid.

WARREN commented that we've been on the roll a few years ago on building a new clinic in Cold Bay but did not pan out at all after running into obstacle and it didn't go through. And thinks we have some left over money for this type of renovation and with the clinic in Cold Bay where it is located now, right on the airport. If we can get a few more years out of this building and down the road we could help if they needed a new facility. We are the designated funding source for them at the moment and will be voting for it.

Mayor Osterback asked if any of this funding will come out of the Borough's General Fund

Administrator Bailey responded no. if it does, it will come before the Assembly.

CHRIS commented agrees with Warren. It would be nice to build a new clinic but right now they have a sound structure and with that other building remove, it's in a good location for medivac. Supports the Borough to help Cold Bay to get modernized clinic.

PAUL commented he is not opposing the money that Anne will spend a lot to work for the clinic. \$334K is a lot for consulting.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Yeas: Josy, Warren, Jim, Chris Advisory: Tom

Nay: Paul

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

#### *OLD BUSINESS*

None

#### *NEW BUSINESS*

- Funding Overview

Administrator Bailey said At the November 10, 2022 Assembly Meeting, Administration was requested to provide an overview of the funding we have received due to the COVID-19 pandemic. To date the Borough has received \$6,690,497.30 in funding from the following sources:

- Coronavirus Aid Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funds \$3,723,853.74 – All these has been expended in full, list of project and items was in the packet.
- Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLRF) \$279,670.56 – was used for Borough Revenue Replacement and was specifically applied to the maintenance on Borough owned schools and the Cold Bay Terminal Renovation, so this has been expended in full as well.
- Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds – ARPA \$648,173 – At the July 14, 2021 Assembly meeting, the Assembly approved resolution 23-03, which allocates how the funds will be spent.
- Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF) \$2,038,800 – We recently received half of this money and we anticipate receiving half in early 2023. At the November 10, 2022 Assembly Meeting, the Assembly approved Resolution 23-23, which approved allocating the money for maintenance projects, grant match requirements or to pay for a portion of the 2nd 10% owed to the Army Corps of Engineers for the Akutan Harbor project. The Assembly will approve uses of the funds before the money is expended.

Paul asked about what funds the filtration system for the office was used.

Administrator responded it was expended with the CARES Act money.

- Strategic Plan – Quarter 3 Update

Administrator Bailey said in the packet is the third quarter which is Sept. 1 to Nov.30<sup>th</sup> outlining the work that has been done on Strategic plan. The Vision Navigation chart reflects all the work. We've met basically all our Q3 goals but moved a few things around because of timing.

#### REPORTS AND UPDATES

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

**Sand Point Harbor Float Project** - we did receive the \$5.365M fund on Port Infrastructure Development Program Fund that was run through MARAD. We have received the welcome aboard letter and this week we had the kickoff meeting which was more of the expectations from the grant which requires us to possibly do a *National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and/or Environmental Assessment to section 106 requirements*. We are working with Mofat and Nichol right now to go through that and see if we can do a not full blown NEPA coz it will delay the project either 5-12 months and it is a huge expense. The estimated Grant Process Timeline can be anywhere between 6-24 months.

**State of Alaska Harbor Municipal Grant** – we received \$4.125M, we are also working with the State of Alaska because their requirements differ from Federal requirements. They wanted us to have an agreement done in February and half the work done 18 months later. According to MARAD, Borough can't spend a single dollar of non-federal money until the Borough has an agreement with them. WE are working with the State for the logistics.

**Akutan – Essential Air Service** - Administration has reviewed the EAS proposals. On November 16, 2022, the Borough submitted written comments to USDOT supporting the Grant Aviation and Maritime Helicopters coproposal for the route between Dutch Harbor/Akun/Akutan. The new EAS contract will begin on April 1, 2023, with or without subsidy, and will terminate on March 31, 2025. If the Grant/Maritime proposal is accepted, then the Borough will need to enter into a new Helicopter Agreement with Maritime for April 1,

2023 – March 31, 2025. If RAVN Connect is selected the Borough will need to revise their processes for the link between Akutan and Akun.

**King Cove Road Update** - the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals has set an en banc hearing on the case. The hearing has been scheduled for December 13, 2022 at 1:30pm in the US Court of Appeals Courthouse In Pasadena California. On Monday, November 28, 2022, an attorney for Sea Lion Corporation and the Native Village of Hooper Bay Tribal Council informed us that it intended to file an amicus brief on the side of the opponents/plaintiff-appellees. The brief must be filed by Thursday, December 1, 2022. The attorneys are working with the Department of Interior/Department of Justice and the State of Alaska on the half hour of argument for our side. It has been advised that several King Cove representatives should be in the Courtroom to emphasize the importance of this case to the King Cove and AEB residents. A panel of 11 active judges chosen randomly will hear the case.

**Cold Bay Terminal Cold Bay Terminal Cargo Doors:** The Borough entered into an Agreement with Door Systems of Alaska in the amount of \$8,254 to repair the cargo bay door on the tarmac side of the building. They will also inspect the other doors while they are there. This will be paid for out of the Cold Bay Terminal Maintenance Line Item.

Other than that, all day-to-day operations are continuous.

PAUL commented that the entrance door to the east in Cold Bay Terminal doesn't close properly and there is a lot of heat coming out. And asked about the selection of people going to Pasadena.

Mayor Osterback responded that Warren is for City of King Cove, Mayor Osterback for AEB, Della Trumble is going for King Cove Corporation, Gary Henning and wife is going for the Tribe.

Administrator Bailey said Mark Hickey provided a summary that shows the General Election results, the AMHS, Fiscal Status for funding education that was asked last November 2022 Assembly Meeting.

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

**Sand Point School DEED Capital Improvement Project:** the Borough is waiting to receive the Project Agreement from DEED, DEED has been in the CIP review and scoring process since the middle of September and had to postpone sending out Project Agreements until the review and scoring process is completed. After speaking with SERCC, they anticipate it will be sometime next year. We are looking for areas we can negotiate just as we anticipate \$4M for this project but we're awarded \$2.9M, requiring \$1.9M from the State and about \$1M from the Borough with adjustments.

**ISO Tank Fuel:** On November 17th the Borough was notified that the fuel for the helicopter was low with container ready to be shipped to Dutch for filling. On November 22nd, the tank successfully made it to Dutch and returned full to Akutan on November 26th. The Borough would like to extend many thanks to Matson, Trident, and Delta for their collective efforts in refilling our tank.

**School Maintenance:** On November 20, the Borough was notified by the principle at the Akutan School that the heater was not distributing heat thoroughly throughout the school. Consequently, the Borough has signed into an agreement with LONG for the repair of the school's boiler and heater with direction from DOWL. LONG has also inspected and quotes for the repair of the boilers in Cold Bay, Sand Point Borough Office, Sand Point School, and the Sand Point School 4 Plex as well as Fall Pass School.

**Sand Point School Pool:** The Borough entered into an agreement with Evolution Pools, he crew arrived on Oct. 24, 2022, demolition started Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>. We are waiting on some additional items such as plumbing, piping, an undersized leaking heat exchanger. The Borough and DOWL are currently waiting on a quote from Evolution Pools regarding the heat exchanger which they anticipate will arrive mid-December with approval.

**Sand Point School HVAC Controls Upgrade:** On November 15th, the Borough was notified by the Director of Technology at Sand Point School that their HVAC interface controller was no longer working. On November



28th, LONG provided the Borough a new upgrade proposal for the DDC HVAC system, which they initially proposed in 2019 as part of a larger project but was not accepted at that time and was part of a bigger project. In the future, the Borough aims to have the HVAC and boiler system serviced annually however there are many factors at hand that have yet to be determined, including which party is responsible for the new computer monitoring system and all additional work associated with the project.

**False Pass School:** LONG is also doing repairs on the boiler in addition, LONG has also noted False Pass has in incredibly old and outdated Direct Digital Control System that was installed back in 1996. They recommend in upgrade to help reduce operational costs and increase efficiencies. LONG would like to discuss comprehensive mechanical and DDC scheduled service agreements with the Borough to encompass all our facilities. They believe this will help increase efficiencies and minimize bigger issues we may encounter in the future.

**Maintenance Connection:** I'm continuing to provide support and maintain the operations site to process maintenance request, work orders, assign labor, and close orders.

List of meetings attend is in the packet.

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

**Media Coverage:** Following the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals' decision to hold an en banc rehearing of the King Cove land exchange, there was quite a bit of media coverage. The ruling on that decision occurred on Nov. 10th. The news articles began appearing on the evening of the 10th as well as the following day, Nov. 11th. The coverage included the Anchorage Daily News, the New York Times, The Hill, Bloomberg Law and Law 360. The links are contained below in this report. I provided a statement to a couple of publications, which including quotes in Law 360. Della Trumble, CEO of the King Cove Corporation, responded to questions from the Anchorage Daily News. I am also in the process of updating the white paper in the King Cove Access Project, so it contains the latest developments including court hearings, filings and legal briefs. It was back in 2018 when I initially completed this but since it is a living document, we want to include the latest developments.

**White Paper:** Akun Dock & Breakwater project - I'm continuing work on a white paper regarding the history and latest developments on the Akun Dock & Breakwater project. The objective is to create a historical and living document for the Borough for Administration and the Assembly to review what has occurred over the years as well as up to the present. As of the writing of this report, I'm reviewing strategic initiatives, Assembly packets and past helicopter agreements and EAS funding information for this report.

Another update is the Photographer project, Kerry Tasker said he will have a big collection of photo and video footages by the end of this week.

**Other projects:** Continue to profile people in the newsletter for the community alignment initiative. (King Cove Teacher Joy Smith will be the next profile)

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

**North Pacific Fishery Management Council:** started this week, SSC on Monday, AP on Tuesday. There will be a lot of salmon and crab on the agenda. Cook Inlet Salmon FMP Amendment, which is dictated by court ruling, has some affects on us possibly in the future because we are one of the 3 traditional net fishing areas that are outside of the State Areas in the EEZ that we've been traditionally allowed to fish in. There are only 2 alternatives that are viable. Also under salmon, the Alaska ByCatch Review Taskforce have a report that they transmitted to the Governor but it hasn't made public yet and there was a Chum Byctach discussion paper. Crab – under D2, the Council only will review the draft Crab Conservation Workplan, and under C1, the Council only will review an emergency rule request to close the Red King Crab Savings Area to all commercial fishing from January to June 2023. Under C2 the Council and AP will take an Initial Review of the Snow Crab Rebuilding Plan analysis.

**Alaska Board of Fisheries:** There are only 6 members on the Board for this meeting, as the David Weisz seat is now vacant. I was interested by the Subsistence presentation and Board discussion on commercial removal for home use. In Bristol Bay, home pack of King or Coho salmon needs be recorded on the commercial fish ticket. They postpone action in the Nushagak-Mulchatna King Salmon Management Plan, proposals 11, 12 & 13, until the Statewide meeting in March, in response to public testimony. That meeting is held in Dena'ina Center. At the next meeting we will bring recommendations whether or not we want to do Borough comments. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> page of my report you will see the list of proposals we are going to oppose, the title of proposals and who proposed it. Upcoming meetings is also listed in the packet.

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

**Electronic Monitoring - WGOA3/EFM:** We are currently finalizing data review from B season and preparing an annual report for the NPFMC, as well as for the Trawl EM committee which will meet January 20th. I am preparing documents and a presentation for a pre-season fleet meeting that will review how the program went in 2022 and to discuss final action. Just this morning, we found out that NMFS presented to the council that there is going to be delay and will be pushed in 2025. This is unfortunate, we are hoping to be done in 2023 but I was assured that headquarters is going to find gap funding so that the fleet will not have to go back in using EM and taking observers. I got the award notice that we received the final year of funding of \$474K for 2023.

**Fixed-Gear EM Project:** The project team has developed a draft sampling design for catch handling protocols. We are meeting with NMFS FMA to discuss the design and a plan for volunteer vessels to carry extra observer coverage to complete the side-by-side study. We received several EM hard drives from volunteer vessels which we are using for camera configuration

**Mariculture:** The local partner in Sand Point attempted the first round of seedstock collection, unfortunately tides were not low enough and he was not able to source the species needed around Popof. He will attempt again around Unga. Given the unique situation with having a volunteer local operate the farm, who is contracted through Alaska Sea Grant for the project - there are some questions regarding our insurance policy which I'm working on with AMLJIA.

**Board of Fisheries/Salmon:** We finalized and executed the contract with Chordata LLC to develop the Fleet-Management Portal. Chordata has already begun work on the portal, and I am working closely with processors to obtain access to eLandings. I have been assisting the fleet in developing a draft Fleet-Management agreement that can be used in association with the portal. The AEB held a fishermen's meeting in Seattle during Expo which was well attended. I gave a brief update on Borough NRD projects.

**AFSC Cod Tagging Project:** I met with AFSC scientist Susanne McDermott in Seattle and discussed a tentative fieldwork plan for 2023. We have generally mapped out sampling sites from WGOA into CGOA, and tag allocation. We have not heard any news of funding, so it is unlikely we will conduct field work this winter. In conjunction with tagging and genetic work, I am planning to study interannual variation in movement using otolith chemistry. We received a set of 34 otoliths complete with archival tagging data from a previous study, from fish taken around Unimak pass and Kodiak.

**Groundfish Plan Team**

- GOA Pollock: 2023 ABC had a 12% increase to 148,937t; 2024 increases to 168,080t
- Large incoming year classes (2017, 2018, 2020)
- EBS Pollock: 2023 ABC increases 31% to 1,688,000t; 2024 increases to 1,815,000
- Really strong 2018 year class
- GOA Pacific Cod: 2023 ABC decrease of 24% to 24,634t; 2024 decrease to 22,683t
- BS Pacific Cod: 2023 ABC decrease of 5% to 144,834t; 2024 decrease to 140,145t
- Sablefish: CLIMATE CHANGE WINNER! 2023 increase to 40,502t; quota has quadrupled since 2016
- Ecosystem Status: GOA is transitioning from marine heatwave to cooler (3rd La Nina year); BS cold pool returning to average extent.

Mayor Osterback asked if the biomass really go that up or some of this catches is because of using pots.

Natural Resources Assistant Director Levy said she is not sure but can look into it.

### **Clerk's Update**

**October 4, 2022 Regular Election Update:** On October 4, 2022, the Aleutians East Borough held its Regular Election for Assembly Seat B, Seat E and Seat G as well as School Board Seat B, Seat D, Seat E and Seat G. The Canvass Committee met on November 14, 2022 and counted all the eligible ballots. This election resulted in run off between Assembly Seat E and Assembly Seat G. Borough Clerk reviewed the timeline she followed up to the certification of election results. Certified Result of the Regular Election was posted on the website, AEB Facebook Page as well as around town.

**November 8, 2022 Special Election Update:** On November 8, 2022, the AEB held a Special Election for the purpose of resolving a run off for Assembly Seat E and Assembly Seat G. Borough Clerk reviewed the timeline she followed up to the certification of the special election results. Certified result of the Special Election was posted on the website, AEB Facebook page as well as around town.

PAUL commented that we should reach out to postmaster in Falls Pass why some ballots wasn't postmarked.

JOSY agreed with PAUL about situation about postal service within the Borough communities. Said Akutan still has no permanent postal worker.

Mayor Osterback said the Borough did not actually did the suvey. WE put together forms around the communities about the timing of the mail and how long to get there. There was a lot of concerns about the movement of medicine and prescription meds. Not a lot of people made an effort to fill out the forms. We gave it a shot but did not pan out very good.

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

#### ***ASSEMBLY COMMENTS***

PAUL commented about how we can change the how fast we can get the ballots and get election results, maybe some ordinance change.

Mayor Osterback commented that him and the clerk had a conversation about option on how we can send the ballots out, either via charter plane or ACE air cargo.

*PAUL suggested to have a zoom Canvass Committee.*

Mayor Osterback said if Assembly has different ideas, they can email it to the clerk.

PAUL commented that DOT is making a little progress in Tustemena replacement. And SWAMC is still looking for Executive Director. And on Southeast Conference in Mariculture grant, there are 2 (4year) positions open.

Dailey commented if having a polling place in smaller communities is an option.

Mayor Osterback said this is something we can look at.

### ***PUBLIC COMMENTS***

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

Regular Assembly Meeting January 12, 2023

**ADJOURNMENT**

PAUL moved to adjourn seconded by JOSY. Hearing no more, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.



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Mayor Alvin D. Osterback



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Beverly Ann Rosete, Borough Clerk

Date: 1/13/2023