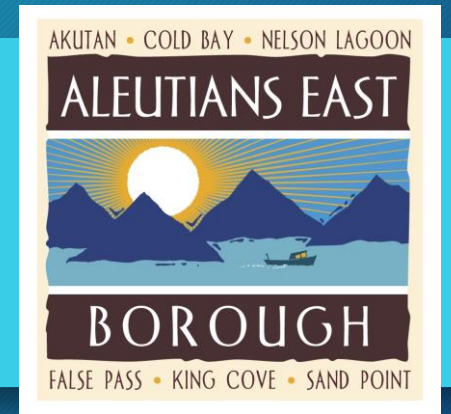


# Aleutians East Borough

State of the Borough  
February 17, 2023



# Borough Overview

- The Aleutians East Borough's Mission is to: Provide governmental services to the communities of Akutan, Cold Bay, False Pass, King Cove, Nelson Lagoon and Sand Point that include: education, fisheries support, planning, project management, capital projects, and tax collection.
- The Borough has done and continues to do numerous projects that support this mission.
- The Borough is comprised of the Mayor, the Assembly, nine (9) full-time, one (1) part-time and two (2) contract employees, located in Sand Point, King Cove, Anchorage, Cold Bay and Akutan.



# 2022-2023 Borough Projects and Accomplishments

In 2022-2023, we have completed or are in the process of working on projects including but not limited to:

- Continuance of the Strategic Plan
- Fisheries Advocacy
- Fisheries Research
- Diversification of Natural Resources
- Cold Bay Dock Feasibility Study
- Sand Point Harbor Float A Project
- Akun Dock & Breakwater Feasibility Study
- Sand Point School



# 2022-2023 Borough Projects and Accomplishments Continued...

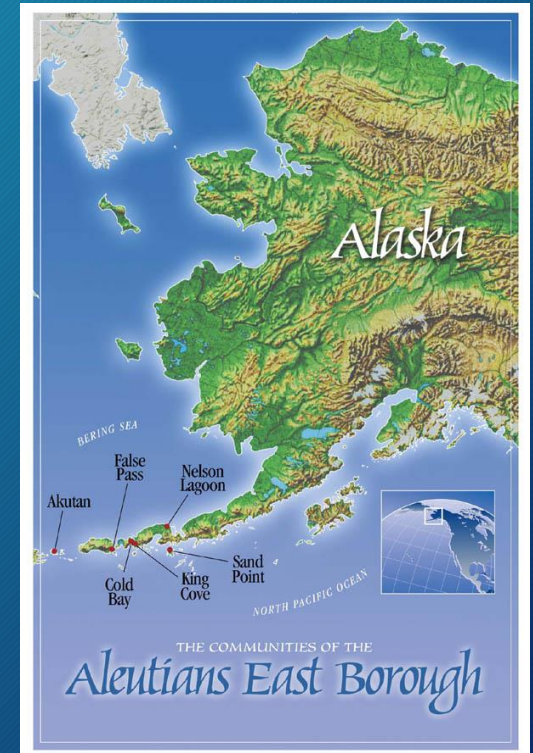
- King Cove School Repairs
- False Pass Airport
- King Cove to Cold Bay Road
- Policy and Procedures (Administrative, Maintenance and Financial)
- PR & Marketing - Website and Photography/Videography
- Community & Agency Alignment
- Retention Schedule





# Goals

- Financial Overview - Conduct a Liquidity Analysis and formulate a Cash Flow Management Plan
- Continue and improve communication with the communities, EAT, the School District and others
- Continue to Advocate on State and Federal Issues
- Policy and Procedure Consistency  
(Borough operations; employee and financial)
- Complete Unfinished Projects
- Address Deferred Maintenance



- Fisheries
- State of Alaska Impacts
- Federal Government Issues



Concerns



# Community Information



## 1. What are the community's top goals and/or vision?

- Akutan
  - Fisheries
  - Completing capital projects
- Cold Bay
  - Purchase a backup generator for the water plant. At this time, the City does not have a backup generator for the water plant nor any of the city buildings.
  - Are also looking to purchase City Equipment - Loader, Bobcat and city vehicles.
- False Pass
  - Fisheries
  - Completing capital projects
- King Cove
  - To maintain the communities economic/fisheries base and strengthen and expand existing infrastructure and services for the betterment of citizens lives' and to strengthen the base from which economic activities and development are performed.
- Sand Point
  - To have a safe, prosperous fishing community with the infrastructure and services to support the community.



## 2. How is/was the community impacted by the fishing season, and the State budget?

- Akutan
  - There is a decrease in public service offerings to all departments of government due to anticipated lower than previous years' fishing income and state budget cuts for services from the DCCED and capital improvement funding.
- Cold Bay
  - The community was impacted by the fishing season, since less people traveled through Cold Bay resulting in a loss for local businesses.
- False Pass
  - Fisheries
  - State





## 2. Continued...

- King Cove

- Fisheries - Salmon and bottom-fish harvest/tax revenues for the past few years have been good. The current concern (fear) is what is occurring with Bristol Bay red king crab and Bering Sea snow crab harvests. The City anticipates a FY23 loss of these fish taxes of ~\$400K-\$500K of their annual, local fish taxes of ~\$1.2 million. This will be significant to King Cove but the hope is to recover a portion of these losses from the recently approved \$300 million federal disaster funds. The City is now taking a conservative approach to their spending, particularly for capital projects.

- State - The State's budget has not had a major/significant impact on King Cove; however, the City still advocates for the PCE being compatible with renewable energy.

- Sand Point

- Fisheries - Reduced June fishing resulted in lower raw fish and sales tax compared to years past. The limited capital budget the past years has resulted in projects going unfunded.





### 3. What are the most critical issues or challenges that you face in the immediate future (2023-2026)?

- Akutan
  - Any loss in Raw Fish Tax revenue and/or Alaska Shared Fisheries Business Tax revenue will require additional cuts to operational funding and services to the community.
- Cold Bay
  - PFAS Water Issue - At this time both of the city wells are above the DEC action level of 70 PPT.
  - Lack of a public school in Cold Bay.
  - City roads are in poor condition.
- False Pass
  - Projects: Airport improvements and harbor house completion.
  - Grant Writing





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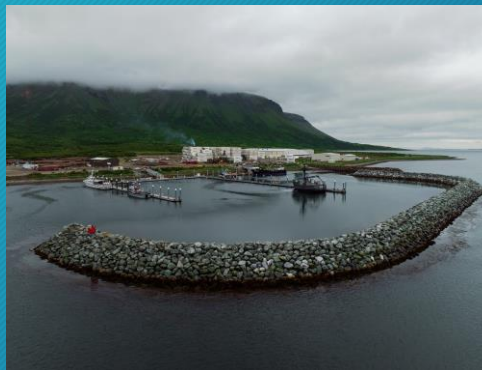
- King Cove
  - Crab Harvests
  - Board of Fish and the impact of city revenues and local fishermen/family incomes
  - Lack of qualified personnel for numerous city positions, poor transportation options to and from the City/Region, lack of mail service, the ongoing “tripledemic” and its effects on employee attendance, aging infrastructure and constantly dealing with extreme weather conditions.
  - The ROAD
- Sand Point
  - Threat to fisheries in terms of openers and quotas, declining raw fish tax, infrastructure needs in the community.





#### 4. What projects/community needs are you hoping to accomplish in 2023-2024?

- Akutan
  - Harbor Access Road & Harbor Float System; Replacement of our Health Clinic or expansion of the existing clinic facilities; Develop Sewer and Water Distribution Lines Replacement Plan; Update Harbor Operations and Harbormaster Training Plan; Update Economic Development Planning; Improve Akutan's and Akun's Broadband Access and Improve Akutan's Cable Utility Service Distribution.
- Cold Bay
  - Both the City buildings are in need of foundation repair.
  - Build a facility to house City equipment and for rental space.





## 4 Continued...

- False Pass
  - Harbor House Construction; Income Survey for False Pass; Wastewater System Upgrades; Water Utility Design and Hydrology Analysis and Feasibility Assessments
- King Cove
  - Refurbishment of the City's Old School, Reconstruction of West Lagoon Road; Expansion of Delta Creek well field; Construction of a Solid Waste Sorting Facility; Water System Upgrades; Harbor Master Plan and Harbor Utility Extensions and Facility Upgrades. This City is also conducting additional work with PCE, City Streets, Sewer Infrastructure and the Airport
- Sand Point
  - Replace burn box
  - Repair bridges
  - Begin engineering work on replacement of the dam









Please contact Anne Bailey, Borough Administrator, at (907) 274-7580 or Talia Jean-Louis, Assistant Borough Administrator, at (907) 274-7559 with any comments, questions, or concerns!

Thank you!

