



Aleutians East Borough State of the Borough

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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 includes 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.

FISHERIES

- The fisheries are the Borough's & the Communities livelihood.
- Fishing communities continue to experience with low fish prices, lower volume of fish collected, plant closures & continuous political pressures at the state and federal levels.
- The Borough continues to focus on Fisheries Advocacy, as shown at the Board of Fish meetings and Fisheries Research.



A scenic view of a coastal town with a rainbow in the sky. The town is built on a hillside overlooking a large body of water. In the background, there are large, rugged mountains under a cloudy sky. A vibrant rainbow is visible in the sky, arching over the town and the water. The foreground shows a grassy hillside with some trees and buildings.

BUDGET

In 2023, the Borough began having meetings and discussions to evaluate the financial impact of Trident's departure and to develop strategies for creating a sustainable fiscal environment that would enable to Borough to meet its obligations and maintain operations.

The Borough was preparing for financial impacts anticipated in 2026, however, those impacts occurred much sooner due to the plant closures in King Cove and Port Moller.



Strategies

- Conduct Liquidity Analyses
- Follow a Cash Flow Management Plan
- Focus on the fisheries
- Look at the Borough commitments and needs
- Lobby at the State and Federal level for funds
- Ask the State to assist financially with the Akun-Akutan Transportation Link
- Try to determine different revenue sources
- Research different funding mechanisms through grants and other funding sources



Other Advocacy

- Essential Air Service
- King Cove Road
- False Pass Airport
- Alaska Marine Highway Service
- And numerous other items



