

Aleutians East Borough
Regular Assembly Meeting Minutes

Mayor Alvin D. Osterback called the Aleutians East Borough Regular Assembly Meeting to order by videoconference in each community on May 14, 2026, at 2:00 PM.

Roll Call for Elected Officials

Mayor Alvin D. Osterback	Present
Brenda Wilson	Present
Chris Babcock	Present
Glen Gardner Jr.	Present
Jim Smith Sr.	Present
Josephine Shangin	Present
Paul Gronholdt	Present
Warren Wilson	Present

Advisory

Samantha McNeley	Present
Tom Hoblet	Present

A quorum was present.

Staff Present

Anne Bailey, Administrator
Glennora Dushkin, Executive Assistant
Ernie Weiss, Natural Resources Director
Charlotte Levy, Fishery Analyst
Jacki Brandell, Finance Director
Seward Brandell, Accounting Clerk
Beverly Ann Rosete, Borough Clerk

Others Present

Mike Franklin - AEB Superintendent

Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION Brenda made a motion to adopt the Agenda
SECOND Chris seconded the motion.

Hearing no objections, the agenda will stand as presented.

Community Roll Call and Public Comments on Agenda Items

The communities of Akutan, False Pass, King Cove, Nelson Lagoon, Sand Point, and the Anchorage office were participating by videoconference. The meeting was also broadcast on KSDP radio.

Conflict of Interest

Mayor Osterback asked for any potential conflict of interest to be discussed. There were no conflicts on this agenda.

Minutes

- April 09, 2026, Regular Assembly Minutes

MOTION Glen made a motion to accept the April 09, 2026, Regular Assembly Meeting Minutes.
SECOND Brenda seconded the motion.
Hearing no objections, the minutes will stand as written.

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Financials

- Finance Director's Report.

Finance Director Brandell said the FY26 audit engagement letter has been signed, timelines have been established, and fieldwork dates with BDO have been scheduled. Work has begun on compiling the necessary audit documents and workbooks. A large portion of the month was dedicated to preparing and reviewing the upcoming budget to ensure all estimates and supporting documents are aligned and accurate. The Borough also began working with Cash Vest as part of a grant requirement to evaluate liquidity and cash management practices. The Borough received a strong initial score of 87 out of 100, confirming that current cash management practices are highly effective. One identified improvement area is increasing ACH transactions to reduce operating costs and improve efficiency. Progress continues on records retention and document organization, including sorting and scanning older files while working to better align filing practices with the retention schedule. All quarterly grant reports through March 31 have been completed, along with additional cumulative reporting to help prevent year-end delays. Routine April tasks have also been completed, except for receivable data that is still pending receipt.

Paul asked if we are under contract with Cash Vest and if so, how much. Finance Director Brandell said we are in a signed agreement with them, but we are not spending anything because it is funded by the grant. Paul continued to ask if they are the only company that provides this service. Finance Director Brandell said it is built into the grant.

Administrator Bailey added that this grant is through the Alaka Municipal League, and Cash Vest is who they hired. We paid \$17,000, but were reimbursed through the grant.

Jim asked for clarification regarding the 1:4 ratio. Finance Director Brandell explained that right now, every check we write, we are doing 2.3 electronic transactions. We are hoping to lower the operating cost, so for every one check we write, we are shooting for at least 4 ACH. And it reduces the exposure to fraud because it is easier to manipulate paper checks than ACH.

- March 2026 Financials

MOTION Chris made a motion to approve the March 2026 Financials.

SECOND Brenda seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION

Administrator Bailey said the packet includes the March 2026 financials. A few things to point out are the raw fish tax revenue. We received \$549,000 in March for fish tax, which is very high and great news. This amount came in at 127.5% of the five-year average and is the sixth-highest March on record, according to records dating back to 2000. I'd like to thank Ernie for compiling these statistics. March includes crab, which made up a significant portion of the fish tax revenue. This processing would not have occurred if the agreement with St. Paul had not been signed. A smaller portion of the fish tax will be paid through the same process, and while I cannot go into detail because the information is proprietary, crab processing accounted for a substantial share of this \$549,000. Overall, this was an excellent month for March and definitely pushed us well over our estimate.

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Paul asked who in the Borough knows how much was paid to St. Paul. Administrator Bailey said that it is proprietary in nature and would have to be done in executive session.

Paul asked if there are bonuses in the March Raw Fish Tax. Administrator Bailey said yes, there is.

Administrator Bailey said another item to point out is the Interest Revenue, which continuously brings in money, but is significantly decreasing.

Tom Hoblet asked if Anne could give a number of how much False Pass has contributed to the Raw Fish Tax. The administrator said it is proprietary and cannot share that information publicly.

Expenditures are tracking as they should be.

ROLL CALL	Yeas: Chris, Jim, Warren, Josy, Paul, Brenda, Glen Advisory: Samantha, Tom
MOTION CARRIED	Nays: None.

Investment Report

- March 2026 Investment Report

Consent Agenda

Public Hearings

Ordinances

- **Ordinance 26-02**, Adopting the Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2027

MOTION Brenda made a motion to approve Ordinance 26-02.

SECOND Chris seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION

Administrator Bailey reviewed the Ordinance. The Borough is proposing a conservative FY2027 budget because of ongoing financial uncertainty. State-level budget proposals include several potentially positive items, such as full funding for school and harbor bond debt reimbursement, K-12 education and pupil transportation, community assistance payments, and possible funding for major maintenance school construction projects, where the borough's Sand Point project is ranked highly. For FY2026, fish tax revenue was estimated at \$1.7 million based on fishery trends, forecasts, prices, quotas, and harvest data. Departments have reviewed their budgets, and the FY2027 budget includes a 2.1% cost-of-living salary increase, along with significant costs tied to the Maintenance Department and new health insurance. The superintendent also requested the borough's maximum local school contribution of \$1,873,464.

Overall, the borough expects about \$4.6 million in revenue and \$5.1 million in expenditures for FY2027, resulting in a projected \$2.235 million deficit. To balance the budget, the plan is to use \$1.874 million from permanent fund earnings and \$361,000 from savings.

Questions and discussions were made during the review of the Ordinance.

ROLL CALL	Yeas: Glen, Paul, Josy, Warren, Jim, Chris Advisory: Samantha, Tom
MOTION CARRIED	Nays: None.

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Resolutions

- **Resolution 26-51**, Supporting Confirmation by the Alaska Legislature of Paul Cyr's Appointment to the Alaska Board of Fisheries

MOTION Glen made a motion to approve Resolution 26-51.

SECOND Josy seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION

Natural Resources Director Weiss reviewed the resolution.

Paul asked Ernie if he could repeat the number of votes for the three candidates. The Natural Resources Director said they do it page by page. Paul Seer and Mike Wood were confirmed without objections. Blair Hixson was confirmed 39 to 21.

ROLL CALL Yeas: Josy, Warren, Jim, Chris, Paul, Glen Advisory: Tom,

MOTION CARRIED Nays: None.

- **Resolution 26-52**, Authorizing the Mayor to Negotiate and Execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the Aleutians East Borough and the Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association for the Update of the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

MOTION Chris made a motion to approve Resolution 26-52.

SECOND Glen seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION

Executive Assistant Dushkin reviewed the resolution.

ROLL CALL Yeas: Brenda, Glen, Josy, Paul, Chris, Jim, Warren Advisory: Samantha, Tom

MOTION CARRIED Nays: None.

- **Resolution 26-53**, Relating to the Disposal of Surplus, Obsolete, or Unneeded Supplies

MOTION Brenda made a motion to approve Resolution 26-53.

SECOND Jim seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION

Administrator Bailey reviewed the resolution.

Paul asked if the 3 pieces of equipment are running. Mayor Osterback said the 2 were running, but the telehandler is getting fixed. Administrator Bailey said it might be fixed already. Paul continued to ask if the city of Akutan wants this. Mayor Osterback said we are in the process of finalizing the agreement with the City of Akutan. Administrator Bailey added that Mayor Bereskin emailed saying he is interested in this, but is subject to city council approval.

ROLL CALL Yeas: Jim, Warren, Brenda, Glen, Josy, Paul, Chris Advisory: Tom, Samantha

MOTION CARRIED Nays: None.

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- **Resolution 26-54**, Authorizing the Mayor to Negotiate and Execute a Change Order with Western Marine Construction, Inc in an amount not to exceed \$14,613.30 for the Sand Point New Harbor A-Float Project

MOTION Josy made a motion to approve Resolution 26-54.

SECOND Brenda seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION

Administrator Bailey reviewed the resolution.

Paul asked what part of the project the \$14,416.30 is for. Administrator Bailey said it was work done on the waterline that they weren't anticipating. They have to reroute a few things and do some construction on the trestle.

Further discussions were made.

Mayor Osterback added that we're on the timeline under the grants. And the state said we need fire suppression. And for us to be able to get this thing up and online, which I wanted to do by now, so the city could use it and have more revenue coming in, we bought a pump. So, hopefully, we never, ever have to use it. I think it's a good thing to have on-site.

ROLL CALL Yeas: Josy, Warren, Jim, Chris, Brenda Advisory: Samantha, Tom

MOTION CARRIED Nays: Paul, Glen

- **Resolution 26-55**, Authorizing the Mayor to Negotiate and Execute a Change Order with Moffatt & Nichol in an amount not to exceed \$15,618 for the Sand Point New Harbor A-Float Project

MOTION Brenda made a motion to approve Resolution 26-55.

SECOND Chris seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION

Administrator Bailey reviewed the resolution.

Paul asked if the \$15,000 is for equipment or just for the engineering work. Administrator Bailey said it was for their assistance with helping to figure out the fire pump that took a lot of time, help with the additional ladders, and doing some permitting stuff for us.

ROLL CALL Yeas: Warren, Jim, Chris, Glen, Brenda, Josy Advisory: Tom, Samantha

MOTION CARRIED Nays: Paul

Old Business

- Sand Point Pool Update
Administrator Bailey said the Sand Point Marine project continues to move forward. On April 5, 2026, Sand Point Marine submitted an escrow draw request to the Borough. The Borough Administrator and Finance Director conducted an extensive review of the submitted items, and several issues were identified and addressed. Those matters have since been resolved.

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A pre-construction meeting was held on April 22, 2026, to review the scope of work, project schedule, invoice submission procedures for reimbursement, and other project-related items. On April 24, 2026, the Borough issued a Certificate of Substantial Completion for Phase One of the project.

During the first week of May, Sand Point Marine submitted the final closeout documents for Phase One, along with the bonding and escrow fees for Phase Two. Those documents and fees were reviewed and reconciled, and Phase One has officially been closed out.

Due to some bonding and escrow fees not being handled properly at the beginning of the project, the total for Phase One decreased slightly. As a result, Phase Two now has \$322,363 available, and the project is financially reconciled moving forward.

Phase Two is scheduled to begin on May 16. Sand Point Marine requested early access to the pool area; however, because UIC is currently completing painting work in that space, access has been limited to avoid having two contractors working in the same area simultaneously. UIC has allowed Sand Point Marine limited access to take measurements, and they are expected to return within the next few days to expose the box in the wall and evaluate the condition of the related items.

Overall, the project is progressing as planned, and Phase One is now complete.

Paul asked when the Sand Point Marine is going to the pool and start working. Administrator Bailey said that UIC will have substantial completion next week, and Sand Point Marine will have more and more access to the facility.

Jim asked if there is a separate contract group coming in. Mayor Osterback responded that what they're going to do is he wants to try and get through all of the plumbing part of it, and make sure that if there's something they have to order, they can order it, and it could get here in time.

Glen asked who goes in from the Borough and inspects that everything is done to standards. Administrator Bailey said it will be all the electrical engineer, the mechanical engineer, a representative from DOWL, and they will be doing commissioning on the mechanical and electrical equipment on the 18th and 19th of what's currently scheduled, and then they'll do the substantial completion. So they'll be out there next week. So they'll all work together and go through everything with a fine-tooth comb, make sure we're not missing anything.

New Business

- **Donation Requests**

Administrator Bailey reviewed the donation requests received and suggested the following:

Donation requests for FY26: King Cove Community Clean Up \$1,000.00 and King Cove Fire Department Picnic \$2,500.00

Donation Requests for FY27: Sand Point Teen Center \$2,250.00, SP Silver Salmon Derby \$1,000.00, False Pass 4th of July Event \$1,750.00, False Pass Gym Equipment \$0, QTT Culture Camp \$5,500.00, Agdaagux Culture Camp \$5,500.00

The False Pass Gym Equipment request does not meet the donation request policy guidelines.

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MOTION Glen made a motion to approve the Donation Requests
SECOND Paul seconded the motion.

Chris commented that leaving only a \$4,000 budget for May is not fair.

ROLL CALL: Yeas: Chris, Jim, Warren, Josy, Paul, Brenda, Glen Advisory: Tom, Samantha
Nays: None

- Cold Bay Dock Discussion

On April 8, 2026, the Aleutians East Borough was notified that a portion of the Cold Bay Dock had been damaged, likely sometime between the evening of April 7 and the morning of April 8. The Borough immediately submitted an insurance claim to APRA and worked with HUB International to assist with the claim process.

PND Engineers inspected the dock on April 9 and later recommended removal of the damaged eastern 30-foot section of the dock, along with damaged piles, pile caps, and fenders to prevent navigational hazards. Emergency repair permitting was coordinated through the United States Army Corps of Engineers, with additional environmental and marine mammal protection requirements outlined by the National Marine Fisheries Service.

The Borough requested a repair proposal from Western Marine Construction, which submitted a revised proposal totaling \$2,029,000. The proposal includes demolition, disposal, repairs, divers, and marine mammal observers. Due to the emergency nature of the damage, the Borough authorized the contract on April 24, 2026, under emergency procurement procedures. Repairs are expected to begin around May 16 and take approximately eight days.

The dock remains closed to recreational use and foot traffic and is currently limited to freight supply operations only. The Borough's insurance deductible is \$5,000, and it is anticipated that the remaining repair costs will be covered by APRA.

Paul commented that usually, when there's an accident, it's the insurance company that does everything. But in this case, we are doing some things without the approval of the insurance company. Administrator Bailey said this is similar to what we did back in 2024. The insurance company was kept in the loop the entire time. We took the lead, but we've been in contact with APRA since day one. Paul asked how we know if the insurance will pay us. Administrator Bailey said it is not a definitive yes, but she believes they'll pay us. She added that everyone is on the same page, and this needs to be done quickly because the ferry will not dock there until this is fixed.

Mayor Osterback added that he and Annie were exchanging emails this morning regarding the dock repairs. As the damaged section is removed, the Borough needs guidance from the Alaska Marine Highway System on whether they would like to continue using the existing vehicle offloading area on the remaining portion of the dock or if they would be comfortable shifting operations farther up the dock and utilizing another section for vehicle unloading. Those discussions are still ongoing as of this morning. He added that it's closed, but I think they need to talk to the city manager of Cold Bay about being able to use it if they have private boats.

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Paul asked for clarification on the emergency ordinance that you approved for about \$2 million. When do we anticipate the insurance company paying us? Administrator Bailey does not have a date yet, but has been constantly working on this since April 8.

Jim asked who had crashed into that side. Mayor Osterback said that type of damage is usually done by a barge.

Warren commented that he concludes that an ice block hit the Cold Bay dock and did that damage.

- **Health Insurance Discussion**

Administrator Bailey reviewed the Health Insurance. The Borough currently provides health and dental insurance through Alaska Municipal Health Trust and recently received renewal rates from its insurance broker. Several options were reviewed, with the broker focusing primarily on plans comparable to the Borough's current coverage.

The Borough currently participates in the Fairweather Plan, with a monthly cost of approximately \$2,030 per employee and an annual insurance cost of about \$365,400. Under the renewal options, remaining with the current AMHT plan would result in a 9.6% increase, or approximately \$35,000 annually. Alternatively, the Premera Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alaska Platinum 250 Plan would increase costs by only 3.2%, or approximately \$11,600 annually.

Dental plan costs also increased slightly. The primary difference with the Premera dental plan is that it does not include orthodontic coverage. If the Borough leaves AMHT, it would also need to transition to the associated dental plan without orthodontic coverage. Additionally, if the Borough exits the AMHT plan, it cannot rejoin for 24 months.

Based on the available options, the Borough administration recommends transitioning to the Premera Platinum 250 Plan with the dental plan that excludes orthodontic coverage, assuming the Assembly wishes to maintain the current \$250 deductible level. Other options discussed included a \$500 deductible plan, which would result in a 4.25% increase, and a \$1,500 deductible plan, which would provide a slight decrease in overall costs.

The FY27 budget currently includes the recommended Premera Platinum 250 Plan option, and supporting documents were provided for Assembly review.

Paul asked if we need to make a decision now. Administrator Bailey said no, we don't have to right now, but we need to have a decision back to the insurance broker by June.

Glen and Jim said they would rather have the decision now.

Chris commented he'd stay with our current insurance.

Administrator Bailey suggested inviting the insurance broker to the next meeting, so this can be explained in more detail.

Reports and Updates

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- **Administrator's Report**

Sand Point School DEED Grant: UIC Construction continues to make progress at the Sand Point School. Structural, mechanical and electrical work is being conducted. Now that the weather has improved, the crew is doing extensive work on the exterior portion of the building. Administration anticipates receiving two more change orders for rotted wood under door frames and for exterior siding. The schedule for this project is substantial completion on May 20, 2026. The mechanical and electrical engineers will travel to Sand Point to begin the commissioning activities before the official substantial completion date. ECI and DOWL representatives will fly out later in the week to complete the substantial completion inspection.

King Cove School Lighting Project: The Aleutians East Borough is a recipient of an ECCBG voucher. \$75,120 is available to replace fluorescent and metal halide lamps with LED lights. EECBG has authorized the Borough to go out for quotes for this work. On March 25, 2026, DOWL sent a solicitation to Premier Electric, Fullford, Megawatt Electric and Samson Electric. Proposals from Megawatt Electric and Premier Electric were received by the April 20, 2026 submission deadline. DOWL, AMC Engineers and the Borough reviewed the proposals and selected Megawatt in an amount of \$64,995 (before bonding. A bonding fee will be applied but has not been received yet.

Sand Point Harbor Float Project: Change orders with WMC and Moffatt & Nichol are before the Assembly for consideration at the May 14, 2026 meeting. These change orders can be paid for out of the grants. The fire pump has arrived in Sand Point and WMC is still in the process of completing the final punch list items for the harbor float. These items should be completed by the end of May.

Mayor Osterback asked Anne if she could request from Moffatt and Nichol to write something about where the \$14,000 was for.

School Mechanical Maintenance: On April 27, 2026, the Borough issued a solicitation for boiler and miscellaneous mechanical services for the Akutan School to LONG, AMI-Alaska, and Cool Air Mechanical. Proposals are due May 8, 2026 and is requesting comprehensive annual boiler and mechanical system service and maintenance at the school in Akutan.

King Cove Road: There was a short delay in submitting the DOJ, the State, and the King Cove Group (collectively "our legal team") briefs in Opposition to the Opening Briefs from the Friends, Hooper Bay, and the Defenders of Wildlife (the ENGOS). This delayed the submission of the ENGOS' Reply Briefs until April 20, 2026. Since receiving their briefs, our legal team has been reviewing the ENGO arguments and planning next steps. The legal team is pleased with the status of the arguments and is looking forward to a response from the Court.

Chris commented that he heard that they could start adding another 6 miles to the road to a bridge. He asked if this information was accurate. Administrator Bailey said she can ask the State of Alaska for more details if there is an actual, definitive date.

Paul asked when we anticipate a court ruling. The administrator said they have not set a real date yet. It's whenever the court decides to respond.

Fish Litigation: The Aleutians East Borough, CAMF, Area M Seiners, and the Native Village of Unga (Plaintiffs) were granted a motion for expedited consideration for a preliminary injunction in the case against the Alaska Board of Fisheries. A preliminary injunction would prevent the new restrictive regulations for the South Alaska Peninsula Salmon fishery from going into effect this season, and maintain status quo rules from 2025, that allowed the fishermen's adaptive management program to

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avoid chum salmon to continue. According to the Judge's ruling, the Board's opposition to the motion was due May 7th, with plaintiffs reply due May 12th, however the Judge granted the Board request of an extension of time for the Board reply until May 20th. Any requests for oral arguments are due May 14th and any oral arguments would be scheduled no later than May 25th. The Judge will rule on the motion by June 1st.

Cold Bay Dock Litigation: On May 6, 2026, APRA filed a Complaint and (Issued) Summons against Coastal for damage that occurred to the Cold Bay Dock in May 2024. APRA has 120 days to serve the Summons and Complaint on Coastal if the matter is not resolved. The Complaint and Summons documents are attached for your reference.

Administrator Bailey thanked Jacki for the help with the budget.

- **Executive Assistant's Report**

APRA Training and Inspections: All requirements have been met for the Borough to receive reimbursement. We have until June to submit receipts for safety item purchases for another reimbursement through a safety savings grant.

Deeptree, Inc – IT Provider: On April 30, 2026, I had my second quarterly meeting with Deeptree and there were no updates needed or recommended for the security of IT Infrastructure. There are still issues with Sophos that Deeptree is looking into and will be reaching out to Sophos directly to find a solution. Deeptree is also preparing to make their first trip to King Cove and Sand Point this summer.

Essential Air Service: Not a lot of movement on this right now. Working with DC Lobbyist to determine next steps.

Rasmuson Foundation Community Support Grant – Sand Point Swimming Pool: On May 6, 2026, we were notified that the Borough was awarded \$250,000 in grant funds to support the replacement of the Sand Point Swimming Pool. We have until June 3, 2027 to use the funds and the final report is due in July 2027.

Natural Resources Department Director's Report

Alaska Board of Fisheries: The Alaska Board of Fisheries held a special meeting on May 1st. I provided a brief overview in the Fish News, and there is a link available for those who want more details. There is also a link to the letter the mayor submitted as public comment.

There was a significant amount of public comment submitted, much of it opposing the process—particularly regarding Proposal 192. Many commenters felt that proposal likely should have been deferred to the next cycle, which may have helped address concerns related to subsistence and user conflicts.

The update also included discussion on the motion and the related lawsuit. We further reviewed recent appointments to the Board of Fisheries, including photos of the individuals appointed to represent both Upper and Lower Cook Inlet.

Looking ahead, the next regulatory cycle will include Kodiak and Cook Inlet. The ACRs (Alaska Charter Requests) will be released and discussed in October, and hopefully, none of the upcoming proposals will directly target our region in a negative way.

Trawl Politics: Stephanie Morland talked to us at the last meeting, talking about how Troll has gotten into politics. So, I went through and looked at all the 18 candidates for governor at their

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websites, if they had one, and looked up the comments on fisheries, if they had any, and so there's a kind of a memo there that lists those. Also, there's a link to an editorial from the ADN staff. There's another editorial in today's paper from one of the CDQ groups, kind of pushing back on all the Pollock, bycatch, related politics. And for the elections, all 18 gubernatorial candidates will be on the primary, in August 18, but you can only vote for one, then the top 4 move to the rank choice voting, on November 3rd, and you can rank them or just vote for one. And there's election information linked there as well.

North Pacific Fishery Management Council: North Pacific Fishery Management Council The Council meets in Vancouver, WA June 4-9, with the AP scheduled for June 2-5 and the SSC for June 1-3. Committees meeting this month in advance of the June meeting are the Ecosystem Committee May 8th, the Crab Plan Team May 11th and the Fishery Monitoring Advisory Committee May 18th. The Council will take final action on 2026 specs for BSAI Aleutian Island Golden King Crab and Pribilof Island Golden King Crab as well as scallop harvest specs. They will review the Annual Observer Report, Salmon Genetics Reports, recent pelagic trawl research and Ecosystem Committee review of alternate Harvest Control Rules and Climate Work plan.

Bycatch Advisory Council: The State of Alaska Bycatch Advisory Council met May 4th, including an Agenda item #5. *'A report on past efforts to rationalize the Gulf of Alaska trawl fisheries'*. The AEB provided public comment to the Council on this topic. The Bycatch AC passed a final motion before the group was disbanded.

A list of Alaska Legislature Fisheries Legislation of Interest is included in the packet.

Federal Subsistence Board: The Federal Subsistence Board met in April to discuss wildlife proposals. Public Comment on non-agenda items mentioned Area M fisheries more than once. The board will take up Alaska Subsistence fisheries proposals in early February. The comment deadline on the fisheries proposals is July 31. New Regional Advisory Council (RAC) Members were recently appointed, with the Kodiak/Aleutians RAC heavily weighted towards Kodiak.

- **Fishery Analyst's Report**

AFSC Cod Tagging Project: Our project team is holding weekly co-writing meetings to finish drafting our GOA movement manuscript. We expect the draft to be complete by the end of the award period. I have been working with the grant administrator to do some slight re-budgeting, with oversight by Jacki who has ensured the budget and expenses match the financials. I am finalizing the PSMFC progress report for last quarter due May 15th, and can make that available at the next meeting. We are having ongoing talks with stock assessment authors who are developing multiple options for restructuring GOA/BS cod management.

Unimak Acoustic Telemetry Project: Field work is scheduled from May 15-21, tentatively, and we plan to fly in/out of False Pass. The objective is to retrieve the acoustic moorings, review the data and redeploy the moorings using the configuration with better data. We will also be training the crew to do data retrieval and redeployment without our assistance. I wrote a last minute Letter of Intent to the IOOS Ocean Technology Transfer federal grant to fund the expansion of this work, but it was not

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recommended for full proposal. We are discussing the possibility of an NPRB core proposal which will become available again in 2027.

Salmon Tagging Pilot: ADFG biologist and co-PI Sabrina Garcia mentioned she may have some funding for more tags, so we are pursuing funding to expand the salmon tagging project. ADFG geneticist Tyler Dann provided an update that the ages from our sampled fish are complete, and the genetics are almost done. Once these samples are available, we can begin analyzing data for the fishermen visual identification component of the project. I am continuing work on the manuscript for the pilot, and plan to have it finished soon. South Peninsula Salmon Fishery. I am facilitating discussions between ADFG and the fleet to understand how the department will manage the upcoming June fishery. Despite uncertainty in June management, I am still working with our contractor Chordata to maintain and update the fishermen's data portal to ensure they can still use it as a tool for tracking harvest and fish tickets. I am assisting with the legal and PR contracts as needed.

Tom commented that there was a tag caught out in False Pass during the State Fishery and asked Charlotte if she had any information on that. Fishery Analyst said she doesn't have any information at the top of her head, but she can find out.

Assembly/ Mayor's Comments

Samantha commented that as of May 6, 2026, Nelson Lagoon finally got their water back on. She thanked the Borough for all the supplies and support.

Josy thanked the administration for all the hard work in putting the budget together.

Paul commented that there is a lot of talk about salmon prices.

Mayor Osterback said he will be in Anchorage to meet with the Secretary of the Interior along with the King Cove group.

Public Comments

Next Meeting Date

May 28 Special Meeting 2:00PM

Workshop at 1:00 PM Assembly

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM


Alvin D. Osterback, Mayor

ATTEST


Beverly Rosete, Clerk

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