

SELDOVIA
CITY COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 22, 2017
7:30 PM



REGULAR MEETING
MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

SELDONVILLE
CITY COUNCIL

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REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA FOR A REGULAR MEETING
OF SELDOVIA CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Wednesday
February 22, 2017
7:30pm

PATRICK
MORRISON
ROJAS
LETHIN
SWEATT
COLBERG

- A. Call to Order & Roll Call:
- B. Pledge of Allegiance:
- C. Excused Absences:
- D. Agenda Approval:
- E. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the Regular Meeting, February 8, 2017
- F. Treasurer's Report:
- G. Utility Report:
- H. Ordinance Introduction
 - 1. ORDINANCE 17-16 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELDOVIA, ALASKA, AMENDING TITLE 2.04.70 TO COMBINE THE TREASURER'S REPORT AND UTILITY REPORT AS LINE F AND ADDING VOUCHER/PAYROLL REPORT TO LINE G
- I. Proclamations:
- J. Public Presentation Prior Notice: (each presenter has up to 10 min)
- K. Public Presentation for Items not on Agenda: (public has 3 min each)
- L. Committee and Advisory Board Reports: (each member has 5 min)
- M. Unfinished Business: None
- N. New Business:
 - 1. Council Action on Voucher/Payroll Report of February 22, 2017
 - a. Presentation by Staff or Council
 - b. Public Presentation (public has 3 min each)
 - c. Council Discussion
 - d. Action/Disposition
 - 2. ORDINANCE 17-14 A NON-CODE ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELDOVIA, ALASKA, TRANSFERRING \$386,893 FROM THE CAPITOL PROJECT FUND REFLECTED IN THE FY16 AUDIT TO THE BOAT HARBOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUND THAT WILL BE REFLECTED IN THE FY17 AUDIT
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 - a. Presentation by Staff or Council
 - b. Public Presentation (public has 3 min each)
 - c. Council Discussion
 - d. Action/Disposition
 - 4. Recommendation for Seldovia's PWSRCAC Representative Currently Held by Alisha Chartier Which Expires in May 2017
 - a. Presentation by Staff or Council
 - b. Public Presentation (public has 3 min each)
 - c. Council Discussion
 - d. Action/Disposition
 - 5. Recommendation from Planning & Zoning - ORDINANCE 17-17 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELDOVIA, ALASKA, AMENDING TITLE 18.84 NONCONFORMITY TO ADD THE ADOPTION DATE OF THE CITY OF SELDOVIA'S ZONING CODE for Council Review
 - a. Presentation by Staff or Council
 - b. Public Presentation (public has 3 min each)
 - c. Council Discussion
 - d. Action/Disposition
- O. Informational Items Not Requiring Action:
 - 1. RCAC identifies concerns with escort tugs (see packet)
 - 2. Letter from Carl & Kirsten Dixon objecting DNR action (see packet)
- P. City Manager's Report:
- Q. Council and Mayor Comments Concerning Items Not on the Agenda:
- R. Next Meeting: Regular Meeting will be held on March 8, 2017 at 7:30 pm
- S. Adjournment:

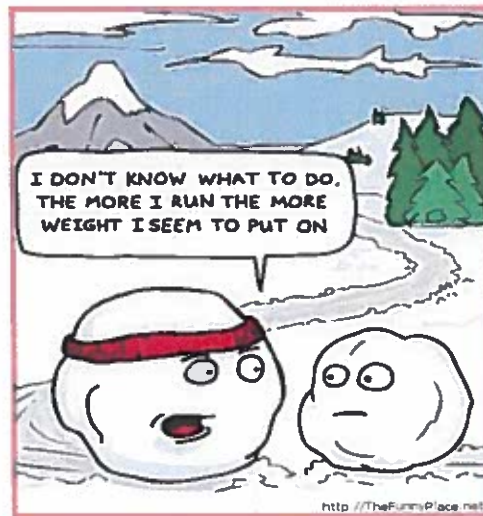
* IF YOU REQUIRE SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO ATTEND THE MEETING, PLEASE NOTIFY THE CITY OFFICE 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE AND ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE *

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Seldovia City Council Regular Meeting February 22, 2017

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Yuba City Council
Regular Meeting
February 22, 2017

Ordinary Paper

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**MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING
OF SELDOVIA CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Wednesday
February 8, 2017
7:30pm**

MORRISON ROJAS LETHIN SWEATT COLBERG PATRICK

- A. Call to Order & Roll Call: MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:43 BY COUNCILWOMAN ROJAS
- B. Pledge of Allegiance: Held
- C. Excused Absences: MAYOR LENT
- D. Agenda Approval:

SWEATT/COLBERG MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA
SWEATT/MORRISON MOVED TO AMEND THE AGENDA MOVING ITEM N4 TO N1 AND
RENUMBERING ACCORDINGLY
VOICE VOTE/ UNANIMOUS/ MOTION PASSED

SWEATT/COLBERG MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED
VOICE VOTE/ UNANIMOUS/ MOTION PASSED

- E. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the Regular Meeting, January 25, 2017

PATRICK/COLBERG MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 25, 2017
VOICE VOTE/ UNANIMOUS/ MOTION PASSED

- F. Treasurer's Report:

CITY FINANCNE/LITTLE- Handed out a new page for the grant details and explained the report in the laydown packet. Expenses were a little high in January due to paying the second half of the Caselle bill for the new software. No AMLIP report for January yet. Water/sewer collection rate is currently at 72% with the most recent billing. Harbor expenses are high due to the need for more lighting in the winter months.

CM/LARSON- Talked with HEA about installing a transformer and with an electrician about the remaining \$20,000 for the value added processing plant grant.

- G. Utility Report: Included in Treasurer's report
- H. Ordinance Introduction

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VOICE VOTE/ UNANIMOUS/ MOTION PASSED

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VOICE VOTE/ UNANIMOUS/ MOTION PASSED

- I. Proclamations: None
- J. Public Presentation Prior Notice: (each presenter has up to 10 min)
- K. Public Presentation for Items not on Agenda: (public has 3 min each)
LAUREL HILTS- Fireman's ball next weekend. Spring Carnival March 22-23. Had the first Coming Home meeting, another will be scheduled soon.
- L. Committee and Advisory Board Reports: (each member has 5 min)
1. Report Submitted by Seldovia's PWSRCAC Representative, Alisha Chartier
- M. Unfinished Business: None
- N. New Business:

1. Presentation for Approval of the City of Seldovia FY16 Audit Report

a. Presentation by Staff or Council

CM/LARSON- Presented slide show in laydown packet. Don't have a realistic budget that has contributed to the deficit. Can't foresee everything like legal bills, but we are trying to refine what we can. Budget amendments will be done for unexpected things that pop up to reflect the decision making of the council. Vouchers are now being brought to council at every meeting so everyone can see where the money is being spent so there are no surprises.

LETHIN- Questioned where the money came from to cover the deficit.

SWEATT- Questioned how a grant gets overspent and how that can be avoided in the future to eliminate the city absorbing extra costs.

CITY FINANCE/LITTLE- There were some disagreements between the city and the project managers on what was really being spent on wages due to liabilities. This can be avoided in the future by approaching the management of the grant and actual project differently. City personnel overages due to unbudgeted salary raises, retirement payouts, and personnel overlap were also explained.

b. Public Presentation (public has 3 min each)

c. Council Discussion

SWEATT/PATRICK MOVED TO APPROVE THE CITY OF SELDOVIA FY16 AUDIT REPORT

d. Action/Disposition

VOICE VOTE/ UNANIMOUS/ MOTION PASSED

2. Council Action on Payment Approval Report of February 8, 2017

a. Presentation by Staff or Council

DEPUTY CLERK/ SWICK- Explained some of the allocations between departments on certain checks.

b. Public Presentation (public has 3 min each)

c. Council Discussion

ROJAS- Questioned whether police escorts were collectable or if that was a possibility to look into.

SWEATT/ PATRICK MOVED TO APPROVE PAYMENT APPROVAL REPORT

d. Action/Disposition

VOICE VOTE/ UNANIMOUS/ MOTION PASSED

3. Council Action on Utility Account of Amelia Pollack for Kacheyak Trading Post

a. Presentation by Staff or Council

CM/LARSON- Pollacks came to council last month about their bill claiming they did not use any water.

b. Public Presentation (public has 3 min each)

c. Council Discussion

SWEATT- It is the responsibility of the business owner to figure out their cost of business, however believes there was a miscommunication between the city and the owner about what was going to be charged. That has been rectified now with additions to the business license application for the future. Wants to forgive half the bill.

ROJAS- She was billed for 5 months but claims she was only in business for 3? Agree with taking it down to half since there is no water usage there.

MORRISON- They had opportunity to take care of this a long time ago. They knew what they were being charged, don't see why we would have to honor half of the bill.

CM/LARSON- Business owner's responsibility. Need to consider the precedence we set by forgiving debt.

PATRICK- We do not owe her anything. It is the business owner's responsibility to go to proper entities and tell them when they are in business or not.

(ONE) PATRICK/ COLBERG MOVED THAT THE CITY IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY PART OF THAT BILL

(TWO) SWEATT/LETHIN MOVED TO SPLIT THE BILL 50/50 BETWEEN THE CITY AND AMELIA POLLACK FOR \$370.87 SHE OWES

d. Action/Disposition

ROLL CALL VOTE (ONE):

MORRISON- YES

ROJAS- NO

LETHIN- NO

SWEATT- NO

COLBERG- YES

PATRICK- YES

MOTION ONE FAILED

ROLL CALL VOTE (TWO):

MORRISON- NO

ROJAS- YES

LETHIN- YES

SWEATT- YES

COLBERG- YES

PATRICK- NO

MOTION TWO PASSED

4. Consideration of Change to Council Set Agenda; Combining Treasurer's Report and Utility Report on Line F. and Adding Payment Approval Report as Line G.

a. Presentation by Staff or Council

DEPUTY CLERK/SWICK- Treasurer's report and utility report would be combined and the payment approval report would become a regular item at every meeting. Because this is part of the code, it will need to come back as an ordinance at the next meeting.

Additions to agenda are reflected in italics

- b. Public Presentation (public has 3 min each)
- c. Council Discussion
- d. Action/Disposition

CONSENSUS OF COUNCIL TO DRAFT AN ORDINANCE FOR THESE CHANGES

5. Request From PWSRCAC for a Letter of Support to Recertify With the U.S. Coast Guard

- a. Presentation by Staff or Council

DEPUTY CLERK/SWICK- PWSRCAC is looking for support from communities. Draft example in the packet, is there anything specific for our area council wishes to emphasize if we draft a letter?

- b. Public Presentation (public has 3 min each)
- c. Council Discussion

SWEATT- Review of tug and escort system technologies and marine services transition, environmental monitoring.

ROJAS- Fishing vessel oil spill training outreach. Otherwise, leave up to the discretion of the staff.

SWEATT/PATRICK MOVED TO DIRECT STAFF TO DRAFT LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR PWSRCAC TO RECERTIFY WITH THE COAST GUARD

- d. Action/Disposition

VOICE VOTE/ UNANIMOUS/ MOTION PASSED

O. Informational Items Not Requiring Action:

P. City Manager's Report: None. Been talking with PWSRCAC about hosting their annual meeting here in April.

Q. Council and Mayor Comments Concerning Items Not on the Agenda: Thanks for all the hard work and helping to understand the budget.

R. Next Meeting: Regular Meeting will be held on February 22, 2017 at 7:30 pm

S. Adjournment:

COLBERG/LETHIN MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 9:05 PM

VOICE VOTE/ UNANIMOUS/ MOTION PASSED

I certify the above represents accurate minutes of City of Seldovia Council meeting of February 8, 2017.

Jennifer Swick, Deputy Clerk

Approved by Council _____

**CITY OF SELDOVIA
ORDINANCE 17-16**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELDOVIA, ALASKA,
AMENDING TITLE 2.04.70 TO COMBINE THE TREASURER'S REPORT AND
UTILITY REPORT AS LINE F AND ADDING VOUCHER/PAYROLL REPORT TO
LINE G**

WHEREAS, with the implementation of submitting voucher/payroll reports to each Council meeting, it would be more efficient to add the report as a regular meeting item on the agenda; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development's Division of Community and Regional Affairs, through the Rural Utility Business Advisor (RUBA) best practices program advised the City of Seldovia to add the Utility Report as a regular item on the agenda; and

WHEREAS, the recently developed budget and utility reports submitted under the treasurer's report item on the agenda are in compliance with the requirements of the RUBA program and do not need to be separate line items.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELDOVIA:

SECTION 1. Title 2.04.70 is amended by removing the language in ~~bold-strikeout~~ and adding the language in **bold highlight** to read as follows:

- A. Call to Order & Roll Call:
- B. Pledge of Allegiance:
- C. Excused Absences:
- D. Agenda Approval:
- E. Approval of Minutes:
- F. Treasurer's Report/**Utility Report:**
- G. ~~Utility Report:~~ **Voucher/Payroll Report:**

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance becomes effective upon its adoption by the City Council.

ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the City Council of the City of Seldovia, Alaska this ___ day of ___, 2017

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Lisa Stanish, City Clerk

Dean Lent, Mayor

Vote:

MORRISON-
SWEATT-

ROJAS-
COLBERG-

LETHIN-
PATRICK-

**CITY OF SELDOVIA
ORDINANCE 17-14**

**A NON-CODE ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELDOVIA,
ALASKA, TRANSFERRING \$386,893 FROM THE CAPITOL PROJECT FUND
REFLECTED IN THE FY16 AUDIT TO THE BOAT HARBOR SPECIAL REVENUE
FUND THAT WILL BE REFLECTED IN THE FY17 AUDIT**

WHEREAS, Resolution 2008-07 accepted from the State of Alaska the transfer in ownership of the Jakolof Bay Float for deferred maintenance funds of \$380,000 as well as the \$6,893 in the Capitol Project Fund as reflected in the FY16 audit Exhibit C1, page 6; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City to properly appropriate funds and continue to promote accurate, real budgeting methods thorough governmental accounting standards; and

WHEREAS, a separate special fund for Jakoloff dock was not created to accurately track the deferred maintenance funds when the State transferred the dock to the City of Seldovia, and

WHEREAS, over the last nine years, the deferred maintenance funds have been absorbed into the General Fund and reflected in the line item Capital Project Fund under Harbor Improvement; and

WHEREAS, the tracking of said funds to date appears to auditors as a grant to fund harbor improvements which would require grant-like reporting of expenditures of these funds; and

WHEREAS, under the direction of the City's auditors, the transfer of these funds to the boat harbor special revenue fund would allow for accurate distribution and tracking of expenditures on Jakoloff Dock repair and maintenance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELDOVIA:

SECTION 1. The amount, of \$380,893.00 shall be transferred from the Capitol Project Fund to the Boat Harbor Special Revenue fund to be reflected in the FY17 audit.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance becomes effective upon its adoption by the City Council.

ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the City Council of the City of Seldovia, Alaska this ___ day of ___, 2017

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Lisa Stanish, City Clerk

Dean Lent, Mayor

Vote: Patrick- Colberg- Rojas-
Lethin- Morrison- Sweatt-

**CITY OF SELDOVIA
ORDINANCE 17-15**

**A NON-CODE ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELDOVIA,
ALASKA, TRANSFERRING EXCESS ALLOCATIONS IN THE SPECIAL REVENUE
FUNDS FROM THE FY16 BUDGET BACK TO THE GENERAL FUND IN THE FY16
BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Seldovia previously projected the excess allocations from FY16 which were accepted into the FY16 budget in the following amounts; Water: \$2,770.00, Sewer: \$18,890.00, Dock: \$15,123.18, Boat Haul Out: \$14,686.38, and

WHEREAS, with the completion of the FY16 audit, the actual amounts of the excess allocations has been realized; and

WHEREAS, under the direction of the City auditors the Council should accept by non-code ordinance the actual amounts to be transferred into the General Fund of the FY16 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELDOVIA:

SECTION 1. The following audited actual fund amounts shall be transferred into the General Fund of the FY16 budget; Water: \$17,279, Boat Haul Out: \$22,517, Dock: \$13,686 and Sewer: \$6,951.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance becomes effective upon its adoption by the City Council.

ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the City Council of the City of Seldovia, Alaska this ___ day of ___, 2017

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Lisa Stanish, City Clerk

Dean Lent, Mayor

Vote:
Patrick-
Morrison-
Lethin-

Colberg-
Rojas-
Sweatt-



Regional Citizens' Advisory Council / "Citizens promoting environmentally safe operation of the Alyeska terminal and associated tankers."

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MEMBERS February 14, 2017

Sent via email and USPS mail

Alaska State
Chamber of Commerce

Dean Lent
City of Seldovia
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Chugach Alaska
Corporation

City of Cordova

Dear Mayor Lent:

City of Homer

The Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council (PWSRCAC) is writing to advise you that Alisha Chartier's term on our Board of Directors expires at the upcoming May 4-5, 2017, annual meeting in Valdez.

City of Kodiak

City of Seldovia

The dedicated seat for the City of Seldovia is its opportunity to influence decisions having profound implications for oil transportation safety in Alaska, and for the state's oil spill prevention and response capabilities. We greatly value your past participation.

City of Seward

City of Seldovia would best be served by a representative who:

City of Valdez

- Understands her/his community, its needs, concerns and perspectives;
- Has at least a rudimentary familiarity with oil transportation issues;
- Has a home and work schedule flexible enough to allow participation and travel;
- Is committed to our mission of promoting environmentally safe operation of the Alyeska terminal and associated tankers; and
- Seeks opportunities to foster cooperative and constructive relationships between citizens, industry and regulatory agencies.

City of Whittier

Community of
Chenega Bay

Community of
Tatulek

A PWSRCAC director can expect to devote an average of 15 hours a month on PWSRCAC business. The full Board conducts three 2-day meetings in January, May, and September. In addition, annual budget and planning meetings are held, as well as special meetings and opportunities to participate in committees or work groups. PWSRCAC staff provides support to board members whenever possible.

Cordova District
Fishermen United

Kenai Peninsula
Borough

Please notify us in writing, no later than March 28, 2017, of your selected individual for the City of Seldovia's next two-year term on the PWSRCAC board. Ideally, this individual will then be expected to attend our May 4-5, 2017, meeting in Valdez for confirmation and participation. If Alisha Chartier will continue to be your representative, we ask that you still notify PWSRCAC in writing.

Kodiak Island
Borough

Kodiak Village Mayors
Association

If you have further questions about the PWSRCAC or the responsibilities of its directors, please don't hesitate to call. Thank you for your cooperation, and we look forward to the City of Seldovia's continued contribution.

Oil Spill Region
Environmental
Coalition

Sincerely, .

Port Graham
Corporation


Jennifer Fleming
Executive Assistant

Prince William Sound
Aquaculture
Corporation

Cc via email: Alisha Chartier

**CITY OF SELDOVIA
ORDINANCE 17-17**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELDOVIA, ALASKA,
AMENDING TITLE 18.84 NONCONFORMITY TO ADD THE ADOPTION DATE OF
THE CITY OF SELDOVIA'S ZONING CODE**

WHEREAS, currently Chapter 18.84 does not contain the adoption date of the City of Seldovia's local zoning code; and

WHEREAS, The Seldovia Planning and Zoning Commission recommends the City Council add to Title 18.84.010 the actual date of adoption of the City's local zoning code to provide a clear date of when a structure would meet the classification of nonconforming.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELDOVIA:

SECTION 1. Title 18.84.010 is amended by adding the language in **bold highlight** to read as follows:

18.84.010 Intent. When any lot, structure, use or occupancy legally exists prior to the adoption of this zoning code (**adopted May 27, 1998**), but does not meet the requirements of this zoning code, it shall be considered a nonconforming lot, structure or use. Except as provided in this zoning code, nonconformities may continue but may not be expanded.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance becomes effective upon its adoption by the City Council.

ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the City Council of the City of Seldovia, Alaska this ___ day of ___, 2017

ATTEST:

Lisa Stanish, City Clerk

APPROVED:

Dean Lent, Mayor

Vote:
SWEATT-
MORRISON-

COLBERG-
ROJAS-

PATRICK-
COLBERG-

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Date Received
FEB 13 2017



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AK Chamber of Commerce, AK Maritime Resources Council, Anchorage, Chugiak, Eagle River, Fairbanks, Kenai Peninsula, Kodiak, Ketchikan, Sitka, Wrangell, Valdez, Anchorage, Chugiak, Eagle River, Fairbanks, Kenai Peninsula, Kodiak, Ketchikan, Sitka, Wrangell, Valdez, Anchorage, Chugiak, Eagle River, Fairbanks, Kenai Peninsula, Kodiak, Ketchikan, Sitka, Wrangell, Valdez

News Release

February 10, 2017

Contact: Brooke Taylor
brooke.taylor@pwsrca.org
907-273-6228

Citizen oversight group identifies concerns with tanker escort tugs being built for service in Prince William Sound

The Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council has identified some areas of concern with the design of the new escort and general purpose tugs under construction by Edison Chouest Offshore for use in Prince William Sound. These concerns and recommendations result from a council-commissioned analysis of the tugs by Robert Allan Ltd., a naval architecture and marine engineering company.

Edison Chouest Offshore is taking over the marine services contract for Alyeska Pipeline Service Company in the summer of 2018. Crowley Maritime has held the contract since the creation of Alyeska's Ship Escort/Response Vessel System after the Exxon Valdez oil spill. The services provided under this contract include escort tugs, general purpose tugs, oil recovery storage barges, and associated personnel, all of which are key oil spill prevention and response assets for the Valdez Marine Terminal and associated oil tankers operating in Prince William Sound. Robert Allan Ltd. was contracted by the council to review and evaluate drawings and other vessel design materials provided by Alyeska Pipeline Service Company. This review includes information that was provided to the council as of December 14, 2016.

The council recognizes the construction of new vessels, including five escort tugs, four general purpose tugs and two open-water response barges, represents a significant improvement for the oil spill prevention and response system. In some cases, the new general purpose tugs will replace existing conventional tugs that are over 40 years old. The escort tugs will be equipped with render-recover winches, a sophisticated technology that automatically maintains constant tension on a line, improving safety and performance during towing. Another upgrade to the escort tugs is the addition of forward-looking infrared and digital radar signal processing systems to improve the detection of icebergs, as well as enhancing the ability to detect spilled oil in water should prevention measures fail.

"While the council is encouraged by some of the improvements that will come with this transition, our review has revealed some areas of concern that the council is bringing to the attention of Alyeska, so they can be addressed before construction is complete," said Donna Schantz, executive director for the council. "Alyeska has been responsive to the concerns identified, and has stated that some modifications are already being worked."

The council has also shared this information with the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation and the U.S. Coast Guard, as the state and federal regulatory agencies overseeing the transition. The council fully supports all efforts to monitor this transition, including review of the vessel designs and sending experts to the shipyards to monitor the vessel building process. A goal of the citizens' council is to ensure that each vessel is appropriate for its intended use, and that the designs are optimal for ensuring the highest level of oil spill prevention and response capabilities to protect Prince William Sound and the downstream communities.

The council is continuing to review information as it is provided by Alyeska and may modify findings and recommendations as appropriate. In addition to the escort and general purpose tug review, the council will be developing recommendations on the new response barges as well as exercise and training programs designed to ensure that incoming crews are qualified and proficient in the duties they are to perform. The council has been participating in a series of information-sharing meetings with Alyeska, Edison Chouest Offshore, Crowley Maritime, the oil shippers, Alaska Department of Environment Conservation and the U.S. Coast Guard, and anticipates attending drills, exercises, and touring the vessel construction facilities starting later this year.

The full report, "A Review of the Proposed New Escort and Support Tugs for Tanker Operations in Prince William Sound," can be found on the council's website: www.bit.ly/RobertAllanReview

The Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council, with offices in Anchorage and Valdez, is an independent non-profit corporation whose mission is to promote environmentally safe operation of the Valdez Marine Terminal and the oil tankers that use it. The council's work is guided by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, and its contract with Alyeska Pipeline Service Company. The council's 18 member organizations are communities in the region affected by the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill, as well as aquaculture, commercial fishing, environmental, Native, recreation, and tourism groups.

Date Received
FEB 13 2017

Dear Governor Walker:

We wish to address a recent action taken by DNR in permitting pink salmon aquaculture production pens operated by Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association. CIAA intends to place these pens at one of several sites within the main body of Tutka Bay, situated within the boundaries of Kachemak Bay State Park. Implementation of the pens begins in early Spring 2017.

As Governor, you have been a strong advocate for Alaska's wild salmon habitat. You have consistently promoted a more robust public process in agency decision making. We appreciate your stance on these issues. We are writing you now to ask that you take a closer look at CIAA's intent to expand pink salmon hatchery pens into State Park waters. The proposed locales of the pens are close to homes, businesses (our lodge included), and a vibrant recreational area. Many in our community believe the salmon pens pose threats to salmon habitat and ecology. The pens will be detrimental to our successful lodge operation.

Although this issue has been in front of DNR and ADF&G since 2013, Alaskans have received no public notice and little opportunity to comment on it. That's unsettling because this issue has generated considerable controversy. In fact, the Kachemak Bay State Park Advisory Board opposed this project, and the Director of State Parks denied a necessary permit for it after finding the project incompatible with state law.

Now, however, through a process that has not been made public, this proposal is on the verge of approval by your administration. The DNR Commissioner's decision last month to allow the placement of net pens within the main body of Kachemak Bay State Park seems in conflict with the best use of this area.

We believe putting millions of pink salmon smolt into one of the state's premier Critical Habitat Areas, and into one of its most visited State Parks in Alaska, deserves a necessary public process. We are confident many groups and individuals who use and enjoy Kachemak Bay feel the same.

Accordingly, we ask you to direct DNR and ADF&G to open this process, to make it more transparent and accessible by providing public notice and the opportunity to comment on necessary permits and approvals.

Our family has deep roots in Alaska, and we showcase Alaska's incredible bounty through our lodges, our cuisine, and other businesses at every turn. We're strong supporters of the commercial fishing industry.

We hope you will agree a decision of this magnitude deserves public process. It's what is fair to everyone involved.

Thank you for your service to our great state, and we look forward to your response.

Our sincerest regards,

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Report

- Wanted to publicly thank everyone that made the Fireman's Ball a success!
- Application for new electrical service for the Value-Added building through HEA. Initial cost estimate is \$18,000-\$20,000. We have \$20,503 left in the grant.
- We completed the City of Seldovia Safety Plan through AKOSH. Still work to do, but the baseline plan and critical corrections have been completed.
- Public works has been extremely busy with snow removal and had a water main leak near the intersection of Dock and Main Street. The leak may have resolved about 130,000 gallon a day loss. The tank still is estimated to be leaking 40,000 gallons a day. The City is getting closer to resolving the major leakage issues plaguing the water system.
- The Finance Officer has been working on the budget conducting some key analysis and questioning everything.

Questions/Clarifications

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