

## CITY MANAGER REPORT

**Reporting Period:** May 12 – June 15, 2023

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### ADMINISTRATION

#### FISHERIES DISASTER

On May 18, 2023, the Secretary of Commerce is announcing the allocation of about \$223 million in fishery disaster funding (including about \$216M for Alaska), appropriated by Congress in the 2022 and 2023 Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Acts. The awards will address fishery disasters that occurred in multiple Alaska and Washington fisheries that occurred between 2019 and 2023. NOAA Fisheries used commercial fishery revenue loss as the common factor to allocate the funding across the eligible fishery disasters. NOAA will provide guidance soon to PSMFC and ADF&G on the development of award spend plans. Below is an overview:

<b>Fishery Disaster</b>	<b>Commercial Fishing Revenue Loss</b>	<b>Allocations</b>	<b>Award (Hollings rescission 0.1% applied)</b>
2022/2023 Alaska Bering Sea Crab Fisheries	\$145,004,773	\$96,718,184	\$96,621,465
2020 Alaska Copper River/Prince William Sound Salmon Fisheries	\$23,607,351	\$15,746,103	\$15,730,357
2021 Alaska Kuskokwim River and 2021 Alaska Norton Sound Salmon Fisheries	\$1,903,428	\$1,269,586	\$1,268,317
2020 and 2021 Alaska Norton Sound Red King Crab Fisheries*	\$4,208,427	\$2,807,021	\$2,804,214
2021/2022 Alaska Bering Sea Crab Fisheries	\$141,805,562	\$94,584,310	\$94,489,726
2021 Alaska Chignik Salmon Fishery	\$7,488,601	\$4,994,897	\$4,989,902
2020 Non-Tribal Ocean Salmon Troll and Puget Sound Salmon Fisheries	\$5,185,321	\$3,458,609	\$3,455,150
2019 Washington Columbia River, Willapa Bay, Puget Sound Salmon Fisheries	\$5,643,481	\$3,764,202	\$3,760,439
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$334,846,944</b>	<b>\$223,342,912</b>	<b>\$223,119,570</b>



On June 15, 2023, I participate in a call with Frank Kelty, Ernie Wisse, Mateo and Heather to discuss our concerns regarding NOAA not allowing revenue replacement and what percentage of the allocation of the disaster funding we should request. We will need to contact the congressional offices to work on allowing flexibility with the allocated disaster funding so it can be used for revenue replacement. During this call we agreed to ask for 10% of the allocated disaster funding for the two fisheries.

On June 15, 2023, Alaska Department of Fish and Game hosted a Fisheries Disaster Spend Plan listening session to go over the process of developing spend plans for the Bristol Bay Red King (BBRK) and Bering Sea Snow (BSS) crab fisheries.

On June 23, 2023, Alaska Bering Sea Crabbers is hosting a virtual meeting with harvester, CDQ groups, and communities to work on developing recommendations for the spend plan for the two crab fisheries.

The Tanner crab disaster funding is expected to be distributed by the end of this year. Disaster funding for BBRK and BSS crab fisheries will not be available until sometime next year.

### AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/GRANTS

EDA Small Boat Harbor Utilities – On June 16, 2023, we signed the contract with Kuna Engineering for design, construction administration, and inspection of the Small Boat Harbor Utilities (*see attached*).

USDA Loan for Electric Utility Work – All the documents for the USDA Loan have been submitted and the loan documents are under review. We expected to have approval of the loan around the beginning of September this year.

USEPA STAG for Aalax Solid Waste Facility – EPA requires that we post a finding of no significant impact notice (FONSI) for 30 days for this project (*see attached*) prior to awarding the grant.

SOA CBDG for Bulk Fuel Facility Upgrades – The grant award has been finalized. We in the process of finalizing the grant award with AEA for the engineering portion of this project (*see below*).

Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) for Bulk Fuel Facility Upgrades – We are waiting on AEA for the signed grant agreement. We are also working on a contract with Polarconsult to finalize the engineering on this project, provide construction administration, project inspection, and development of a long-term plan for the Bulk Fuel Utility.

Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) Project Cooperative Agreement for Burn Cage – The City was awarded a grant (*see attached*) that will be administered through Village Safe Water for a new burn box. This grant was the result of the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation inspection of our Class 3 landfill in 2019. At that time, it was determined that the current burn box was at the end of its life and needed to be replaced. This grant will provide funding for a new Summit #10 Burn Cage (*see photo below*).



See Project/Grant Specialist’s report for more information on grants.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

**PERSONNEL**

EMT –Zacarias (Zack) Nason arrived on island on June 15, 2023.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER**

Community Service Officer David Mercurieff is patrolling throughout the community but is not responding calls for law enforcement due to not having the proper training. CSO Mercurieff is responding to EMS calls.

**VILLAGE PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER**

The Memorandum of Agreement with Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association (APIA) has been signed. APIA has advertised for a VPSO position in Saint Paul Island. I met with Michael Nemeth on June 15, 2023 to discuss VPSO selection and timeframes of when we may have an office on island. On Wednesday, June 21, 2023 we have an interview schedule with the VPSO that is currently in Adak. Once the interview is complete and we decide if this VPSO is right for Saint Paul Island Michael will work on getting him on island ASAP. APIA has put in the budget for the next State fiscal year which begins in July a second VPSO position for Saint Paul Island. We already have a potential candidate

for this position. We are waiting for the background to arrive and to conduct and interview. This candidate will need to go to the VPSO academy and would be scheduled to arrive on Saint Paul Island in September.

## **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

### **MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION DIVISION**

Playground – The facility maintenance crew has been working on completing the playground. The swings, infant swings, and tire swing have been installed. We are waiting on some fasteners to install some stabilizing braces at the top of these swing sets. The crew is working on installing the climbing wall and net climb. Also, we will be working on hydroseeding the area that does not currently have grass.

### **MOTOR POOL DIVISION**

Garbage Truck – The new pump arrived and is installed. We are still having issues with the large door being air bound and not wanting to open. Damon Zacharof has agreed to come on a weekend to work with Jonathan to figure out the issue not allowing the rear door to open.

AWD 160 Grader – The grader blew a hydraulic hose. The hose was ordered, but the wrong part was sent. The wrong hose along with the original hose was sent to receive the correct hose.

Vacuum Sewer Truck – The yolk on the PTO shaft busted. The part is on order.

Pickup Trucks – Several trucks are in the shop for brakes and shocks. We are waiting on parts for these trucks.

### **BULK FUEL UTILITY**

Fuel Supply - As of June 1, 2023 the City has 24,094 gallons of gasoline and 145,193 gallons of diesel.

Fuel Resupply – Vitus will be loading the fuel barge Naniq on June 22<sup>nd</sup> and is expected to deliver 110,000 gallons of diesel and 65,000 gallons of gasoline around the last week of June.

### **ELECTRIC UTILITY**

Unscheduled Power Outage – On May 28, 2023 the Utility experienced an unscheduled power outage at approximately 4:00 am. Crews responded to the outage to determine the cause. Originally the thought was that a transformer had failed but after investigation it was determined this was not the cause. In the first attempt to restore power, crews noticed that the meter base on the light pole by the fuel truck rack area blew and caught on fire. It was determined that this meter base failed (*see photos below*) and was the cause of the outage. Crews worked quickly to disable power to this meter base to restore power to town. Power was restored at approximately 6:00 am. Since Rich the electrician was not on island, Mayor Jacob assisted with determine the cause of the outage and restoring power.



Unit #6 – We are monitoring if we will need to perform an in-frame overhaul of Unit #6. The timing will be based on when the USDA loan is finally approved and when the upgrade to the John Deere units happens. We have obtained some quotes for the in-frame overhaul, which is estimated to cost about \$180,000.

WATER UTILITY

Water Samples – Coliform samples were collected for June and made it out to the lab for analysis.

CCR – The Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) is completed (*see attached*) and getting printed. The CCR will be distributed via mail to utility customers.

SEWER UTILITY

Lift Station Issues – The Ellerman lift station has been having issues with the pumps. The main issue still is caused by wipes and other products clogging the pump. Pump 2 burnt out. Adrian is working on replacing this pump with one of the older working pumps and we are researching purchasing a new pump. The air release valves also have had some issues, so Adrian bypassed these valves to allow sewer to be pumped from the lift station into the force main (*see photo below*). We will continue to monitor this lift station to make sure it does not continue to back up and have issues.



REFUSE UTILITY

Nothing to report currently.