



**Application for Appointment to Boards, Committees, and Commissions
City and Borough of Sitka**

Board/Commission/Committee: Gary Paxton Industrial Board
Name: Lauren Howard Preferred Phone: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED] Alternate Phone: _____
Email Address: [REDACTED] Fax Number: _____
Length of Residence in Sitka: 7 yrs. Registered to vote in Sitka? Yes No
Employer: ALFA/ARFT, ATA, self

Organizations you belong to or participate in:
Alaska longline fishermen Association, Alaska Trollers Association, North Pacific fishery management Council

Explain your main reason for applying:

My previous employer was a primary user of The GPIP Drive down dock facility and I spent 1.5 yrs working on the dock. I have a good working idea of The Park and its uses as well as a vested interest in seeing through the creation of a haul out facility. I have worked in the maritime industry for 16 years, the last 7 in Sitka. I have a good working/realistic idea of the function of the GPIP facility and a personal/professional interest in seeing through the creation of the Sitka haul out facility.

Please disclose any potential conflicts of interest that may arise from your appointment. These may include but are not limited to:

- A substantial financial interest of \$1000 annually that could be influenced by your appointment.
- An immediate family member employed within the scope of this appointment.

None

Please attach a letter of interest, outline, or resume which includes your education, work, and volunteer experience that will enhance your membership.

→ (To be considered, your application must be complete AND be accompanied by one of the above supporting documents.)

Date: 2/6/23 Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

Your complete application and resume should be returned to the Municipal Clerk's Office by noon on the Wednesday prior to an advertised Assembly meeting.

Please note: all information submitted will be made public and published online. Appointments are normally made during open session of an Assembly meeting; however, Assembly members may vote to discuss applicant(s) in closed executive session. In this case, do you wish to be present when your application is discussed? Yes No if needed

Return to:
Jess Earnshaw, Deputy Clerk/Records Specialist, 100 Lincoln Street
Fax: 907-747-7403 Email: clerk@cityofsitka.org

Lauren Howard

Summary

Fishing and Maritime industry veteran with a wide breadth of experience in many areas. Passionate, hands-on attitude to problem solving and bridge building. Extensive experience working to strengthen the ties between small-boat fishermen and the businesses and organizations that support them.

Professional Experience

Contract Based Work

Jan 2023 - present

Alaska Trollers Association - Sitka, AK

Responsibilities/Achievements

- ELogBook Program Coordinator: Overseeing a new pilot project to collect data within the Southeast Alaska Salmon Troll Fishery in conjunction with regional and national research partners and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

Fleet Manager

Sitka Salmon Alaska Holdings - Sitka, AK

Dec 2020– June 2022

Role

Responsible for all aspects of fleet development and management for Sitka Salmon Alaska Holding's Sitka, AK processing plant.

Responsibilities/Achievements

- Recruited and onboarded 25 new partner fishing vessels
- Created company forecast of offload schedules by species and amounts for the longline and salmon seasons
- Oversaw all dock crew operations with a 6 person crew
- Worked with company leadership on fish pricing strategies to create the most benefit for fishermen
- Scheduled ice-ups and offloads to align fishermen and plant needs
- Streamlined the company fish ticket process by putting together remote kits to process tickets on-site
- Coordinated all tender operations and set up T-landings software and procedures to improve the accuracy and efficiency of fish ticket reporting
- Assisted in the creation of on-vessel quality standards for the fleet
- Conducted regular fleet meetings, engaged in fleet surveys, presented fleet feedback to company leadership

Panel Member

Advisory Panel to the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council

Dec 2021– Current

Role

Brings experience in commercial fishing, processing and subsistence use to broadly represent Southeast Alaska small boat fishermen

Responsibilities/Achievements

- Direct involvement in the decision making process around fisheries management
- Prepare for and attend quarterly panel meetings to advise on a variety of state and federal fisheries issues

Staff Member and Contract Based Work

Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association - Sitka, AK

Sept 2020 - present

Responsibilities/Achievements

- Coordinate outreach activities with local fishermen on issues related to longline fisheries
- Assistance planning fundraising events, donation activities, ALFA & ASFT projects

Fishing Vessel Captain & Deckhand Work

(F/V Northwind (Sitka, AK) , F/V Neto, F/V Hoyden, F/V Norfjord)

2015– Current

Role

Engaged in a variety of seasonal fishing vessel roles over the course of 7 years ranging from deckhand work to captaining.

Responsibilities/Achievements

- F/V Northwind (Sitka, AK) - Alternate Skipper and Deckhand on an 86 ft Tender operating in Southeast Alaska for Sitka Sound Seafoods and Icicle Seafoods.
- F/V Neto - Fall Dungeness Crab
- F/V Hoyden - Area 2C Halibut
- F/V Norfjord - Southeast Sablefish and Area 2C Halibut, Southeast Power Troll.

Yacht/Charter Hospitality Work

*(M/Y Sikumi (Juneau, AK), M/Y Nautilus Explorer (Mexico), M/Y Carpe Diem (Seattle, WA) ,
M/Y Aztec (San Diego, CA), M/Y Conception (Santa Barbara, CA))*

2010 - 2016

Role

Seasonal hospitality work on yachts and charter boats

Responsibilities/Achievements

- M/Y Sikumi - Coordinated and guided all guest activities such as hiking, kayaking, fishing, whale watching, all deckhand work and standing watch.
- M/Y Nautilus Explorer - Engaged in all service related work on a 120 ft liveaboard scuba dive charter vessel. Duties: Deckhand responsibilities, driving the tender, cleaning and maintenance both inside and out, food preparation, maintaining inventories, and engaged in training and development of shipboard procedures.
- M/Y Carpe Diem - Engaged in all service related work including food preparation, interior service, and cleaning.
- M/Y Aztec (San Diego, CA) - Second Captain and Deckhand on a 65 ft charter sport fishing vessel.
- M/Y Conception (Santa Barbara, CA) - Deckhand on a 79ft charter yacht in the Channel Islands of California.

Flight Attendant

Skywest Airlines, Seattle, WA

March 2013 – July 2014

Responsibilities/Achievements

- Flight attendant for the largest regional airline in the Continental USA. Responsibilities included work related to safety, security and service

Education

Bachelors of the Arts in Spanish

Technical Skills

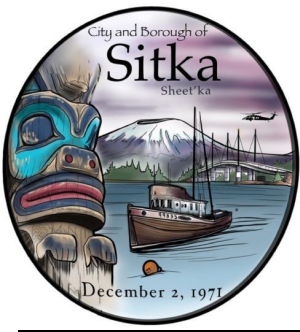
Microsoft Office/Google Suite, with a focus on Microsoft Excel

References

Jacob Finsen **Director of Sitka Operations Sitka Salmon Shares** **Jacob@Sitkasalmonshares.com**

Robby Bruce **Owner/Captain F/V Northwind** **Robbybruce@lycos.com**

Linda Behnken **Executive Director Alaska Longline Fishermen Association**
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GARY PAXTON INDUSTRIAL PARK BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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LAUREN HOWARD 118 Wolff Drive	907-738-7796 lmitchell22@gmail.com	3/23/21	3/23/23	At -Large
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Established by Ordinance 00-1568

Five members appointed by the Assembly for 2-year terms, one designated At-Large

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