

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Mim McConnell and Members of the Assembly

Through: Mark Gorman, City Administrator

From: Stan Eliason, Harbormaster

Date: May 21st, 2014

Subject: Alaska Clean Harbors Certification

The Alaska Association of Harbormasters and Port Directors have adopted the Alaskan Clean Harbor certification program. We have been working towards this goal since 2012. We're hoping to be certified by the end of the summer.

Overview:

Alaska Clean Harbors Certification is a voluntary process that encourages the use of best management practices at harbor facilities in order to reduce the production of nonpoint source pollutions.

By joining the program with Homer and Haines, we will become the third city in the state to take a leadership and proactive stance when dealing with Solid Waste, Liquid chemical, hazardous wastes, petroleum products, boat cleaning, hull maintenance, sewage, gray water, vessel operations, storm water runoff, and harbor management.

Certification with ACHP, will show that the City of Sitka & Sitka Harbor Department, using BMP's is a proactive partner in the pollution prevention and protection of Alaska's marine environment.

By implementing this program we will reduce the amount of waste produced by our facility, thereby reduce costs. Through all of these actions, we will be able to obtain grants and make Sitka Harbors more attractive.

Stan Eliason, Harbormaster