



CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

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Meeting Agenda City and Borough Assembly

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Municipal Attorney: Robin L. Koutchak
Municipal Clerk: Colleen Ingman, MMC*

Tuesday, October 14, 2014

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. ROLL CALL

IV. CORRESPONDENCE/AGENDA CHANGES

- 1 [14-205](#) Governor's Award for Arts and Humanities - Public Works Monthly Update - Electrical Monthly Update - Jarvis Street Diesel Memo

Attachments: [Mayors Correspondence](#)

[PW Monthly](#)

[Water Standards Award](#)

[Electric Monthly](#)

[Jarvis Street Diesel Memo](#)

V. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

- 2 [14-195](#) Food Day Proclamation

Attachments: [Food Day Proc etc](#)

VI. SPECIAL REPORTS: Government to Government, Municipal Boards/Commissions/Committees, Municipal Departments, School District, Students and Guests (time limits apply)

1) Meet five International Exchange Students, 2) Jim Comer CEO Sitka Community Hospital

- 3 [14-204](#) 1) Introductions of Sitka's Exchange Students, and 2) Introduction of Jeff Comer CEO Sitka Community Hospital and Update
 Attachments: [Reports](#)

VII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Public participation on any item off the agenda. All public testimony is not to exceed 3 minutes for any individual, unless the mayor imposes other time constraints at the beginning of the agenda item.

VIII. REPORTS

a. Mayor, b. Administrator, c. Attorney, d. Liaison Representatives, e. Clerk, f. Other

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

All matters under Item IX Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

- A [14-202](#) Approve the minutes of the September 23, 2014 Assembly meeting
 Attachments: [CONSENT Motion](#)
 [Minutes](#)
- B [14-203](#) Reappoint 1) Patrick Williams to a term on the Health Needs and Community Services Commission; and Appoint 2) Mike Reif to a term on the Investment Committee
 Attachments: [Appointment Motion](#)
 [Appointment](#)
 [Appointment Mike Reif](#)
- C [14-196](#) Approve a Budget Adjustment for Pacific High School - \$31,000
 Attachments: [Pacific High School](#)
- D [14-197](#) Approve a design build contract award for the Monastery and Baranof Street Water and Sewer Project to CH2M Hill - not to exceed \$119,500
 Attachments: [Monastery Baranof Design Build](#)

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- E [14-201](#) Approve the Municipal Clerk's Certification of Election
 Attachments: [Election Certification Motion](#)
 [Certificate of Election 2014](#)

- F [14-198](#) Recognize outgoing Assembly Members followed by a short recess

Attachments: [Service Certificate](#)

Recess

XI. NEW BUSINESS:

New Business

- G [14-199](#) Swearing in of the Newly Elected Officials

Attachments: [Swearing in of new officials](#)

- H [RES 14-16](#) Urging the US Government to work with the International Commission (IJC) and the Alaska/British Columbia (BC) Transboundary Region and to utilize any and all powers under the Boundary Waters Treaty to ensure that Alaska Resources are not harmed by upstream development in BC

Attachments: [RES 2014-16 Transboundary](#)
[Transboundary and salmon-reduced](#)

First and Final Reading

- I [RES 14-17](#) Opposing the newly proposed Rule on the Definition of Waters of the United States under the Clean Water Act

Attachments: [RES 2014-17 Clean Water Act](#)

First and Final Reading

- J [RES 14-18](#) Joining Alaska Municipal League in recommending an amendment to Alaska Statute 35.30.010 providing for Stronger Authority by Local Planning Authorities and Elected Officials for Public Projects

Attachments: [RES 2014-18 Stronger Local Authorities](#)

First and Final Reading

- K [14-206](#) Approve donating Sitka's old ambulance to Hollis Alaska

Attachments: [Old Ambulance](#)
[Hollis Ambulance Letter](#)
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XII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Public participation on any item on or off the agenda. Not to exceed 3 minutes for any individual.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

*Colleen Ingman, MMC
Municipal Clerk
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September 29, 2014

RE: Governor's Award for Arts and Humanities

Dear Governor,

I am writing in support of the nomination of Alaska Arts Southeast's Sitka Fine Arts Camp (SFAC) for a Governor's Award for the Arts and Humanities. The SFAC makes a significant contribution to the arts and humanities in Alaska by making high quality arts experiences available for community members and visitors alike.

In 2007, Sheldon Jackson College, the oldest educational institution in Alaska closed its doors. Hundreds of Sitkans lost their jobs and a beautiful National Landmark Campus located in the center of our community was boarded up and sat, virtually empty, for four years. In January 2011, the former college trustees gifted the core 20 buildings on the campus to Alaska Arts Southeast to become the permanent home of their SFAC, a summer arts program that has served thousands of Alaska kids since 1973 and has received considerable state and national recognition for the quality of its programs.

With a campus to fill and years of neglect to repair, Alaska Arts Southeast expanded its mission beyond its traditional summer fine arts programs and shared with the community a vision of a revitalized campus with the arts at its center and strong collaborations with their neighboring organizations. The Campus revitalization project is incredibly exciting for Sitka. With the help of over 1500 community volunteers putting thousands of hours into the physical restoration of the campus, it has been transformed and is no longer a derelict, boarded-up site blighting our town.

Allen Hall, a building which was the historic centerpiece of the Sheldon Jackson Campus and closed for over twenty years, is now open to the public, hosting events such as the Seafood Festival, the Health Fair, the Wild Food Potluck, and Fourth of July Races, and various SFAC events – all part of Sitka Fest, a festival celebrating arts, music, science, and humanities through community events hosted by partnering nonprofits and attended by thousands of community members and visitors.

This last summer, its 39th year, the SFAC had over 700 students participating. They came together from 28 states and four countries to learn and create, participating in a total of nine camps over the course of the summer. 104 students received \$55,485 in financial aid. During the school year, 280 students participated in the after school arts program which included visual art, theater, dance, and music classes. The Campus has become a center for community activity.

The SFAC program reaches Alaskan children and families all over the state, has been a part of the Alaskan creative process since 1973, and deserves the Governor's recognition for the many years of dedication, hard work and contributions to the arts and humanities in Alaska. Thank you for your consideration of this award to the Sitka Fine Arts Camp.

Sincerely,

Mim McConnell
Mayor

Providing for today ... preparing for tomorrow

PUBLIC WORKS ASSEMBLY UPDATE - WORK COMPLETED IN SEPTEMBER 2014

Building Department – Third Quarter 2014

- Construction activity has been steady in Sitka, with third quarter housing starts slightly lower than a year ago.
- 6 new single family dwellings were permitted this quarter.
- 5 permit applications for new housing going through the plan review process.
- 2 single family dwellings are under permit for demolition this quarter. We continue to see outdated housing stock replaced.
- 58 building permits were issued this quarter.
- As of the third quarter, more permits have been issued this year than the same period last year. Valuations are higher due to large public works projects coming on line
- The valuation of permitted construction this quarter is \$14,673,510. This includes the Kettleson Memorial Library project and the UV Treatment Facility.
- 10 fire and life safety inspections were performed under the authority of Sitka's deferral from the state fire marshal.
- 167 building inspections were performed this quarter.
- William Stortz attended National Electrical Code training in July.
- Chris Duguay attended training in August sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) on managing development in flood zones.
- The Builders Seminar is scheduled for October 9 & 10. Representatives from Boise Cascade, Glulam, Simpson Strong Tie, Malarkey Shingles, and Hilti will be presenting on code compliant installations of engineered products and fastening systems. We have an expert in building science from Anchorage presenting on insulation and vapor control in buildings. This seminar has been certified by the Alaska Department of Commerce for continuing education units (CEU) for contractor licensing. This service allows contractors to attend and satisfy State of Alaska CEU requirements for their bi-annual residential contractor license renewal.

Kettleson Memorial Library Expansion:

Milestones This Period

- Preconstruction submittals received and reviewed.
- Contractor mobilized on site and construction started.
- Excavation for foundation footings started.
- Storm sewer installation started.
- Selective demolition started.

Future Milestones

- Foundation of new addition to be complete in October.
- Selective demolition and abatement to be complete in October.
- Construction is anticipated to be complete October 2015.

Background

The State funding of \$5.7 million awarded to CBS is a direct appropriation with no funding match requirements. A private donation of \$400,000 has also been given to the project by the John J. and Eleanor Brust Family and the City has committed \$200,000 in CPET funding and \$357,000 from the General Fund. The Friends of the Library have also raised almost \$90,000. \$350,000 of the budget was allocated to the Centennial Hall Parking Lot Project to relocate the Swan Lake storm drain,

leaving a current project budget of approximately \$6.4 million for the expansion and renovation of the Library.

Ultra Violet (UV) Disinfection Facility:

Milestones This Period

- Basement excavation started.
- Kickoff meeting completed.
- New electrical power for project site and construction power installed.
- Material submittals have been received and reviewed.
- Revised schedule has been received.

Future Milestones

- Under slab waterproofing and slab pour are scheduled in October 2014.
- Construction completion anticipated by fall 2015.

Background

The Blue Lake drinking water system is a surface water system, which must comply with the EPA Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rules (ESWTRs). The UV Disinfection Facility will provide the additional microbial and disinfection controls required under the ESWTRs.

The current total project cost estimate is \$8,966,000. Funding for this project is provided by State of Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) loans and grants:

- \$4,000,000 FY 2011 ADEC Loan (Includes \$2,500,000 financed with \$1,500,000 subsidized)
 - \$2,550,000 FY 2012 ADEC Loan
 - \$3,500,000 FY 2012 ADEC Grant (30% local match requirement).
 - \$2,061,000 FY 2013 ADEC Grant (30% local match requirement).
- \$12,111,000 Total Project Funding.

Centennial Hall Renovation:

Milestones This Period

- Initial draft of 65% cost estimate for complete renovation and museum expansion came in substantially higher than the 35% cost estimate. Value engineering efforts have begun to reduce the cost and break out other project components into additive alternates in order to have a base project within the existing funding constraints.
- Design team coordination meeting held September 17- 18, 2014.
- Begun negotiations with Sitka Fine Arts Camp and State of Alaska for temporary use of their facilities as alternative venues for city/government/non-profit meetings and events and Harrigan Centennial Hall (HCH) staff during the period the HCH will be closed for construction.

Future Milestones

- Rectified/updated 65% cost estimate and cost reduction options due mid-October.
- Construction Documents and 95% cost estimate due in late fall 2014.
- Project bidding winter 2014.
- Award construction contract winter 2014.
- Begin construction spring 2015.
- Target construction completion is under review.

Background

The 35% design estimated cost for this project was \$16.6 million for the full scope of the remodel project. The preliminary 65% design estimated cost for this project is ~ \$20 million for the full scope of the remodel project. The current funding includes four State grants totaling \$11,500,000; a \$1,991,271 FY10 Legislative Grant designated for a lightering facility visitor's center (previously planned for under the O'Connell Bridge), \$1,175,000 FY 11 CPET Head Tax grant, \$1,400,000 Marine Passenger Funds, and a \$232,620 heat pump grant for a total of approximately \$16.3 million.

Jarvis Control and Crescent Harbor Shelter Re-roofing:

Milestones This Period

- Assembly awarded the Design-Build contract to CBC Construction during the September 23, 2014 assembly meeting.

Future Milestones

- Issue a Notice to Proceed in early October and begin design fall 2014.
- Review/Approve Engineered Systems and other Submittals December 2014.
- Complete construction before June 2015.

Background

The Crescent Harbor Shelter roof is the original from the 1985 construction of the Shelter and is failing. It will be replaced with architectural shingles and will match the roofs planned for Harrigan Centennial Hall and Kettleson Memorial Library. The Jarvis Substation Control Building flat (low slope) roof is leaking, under-insulated, and expensive to maintain, thus a shingled gable roof and added insulation are in this design to reduce annual operating and replacement costs.

The Assembly awarded a Design-Build contract in the amount of \$185,500 to CBC Construction for completion of this project during the September 23, 2014 assembly meeting. Total project funding includes \$105,493 from the Harbor Fund and \$120,000 from the Electric Fund for a total approved budget of \$225,493.

Lake Street / Monastery Street Lift Station Improvements:

Milestones This Period

- Project designer submitted design drawings to ADEC for review and approval.

Future Milestones

- Construction and procurement of long-lead items (pumps and control huts) will begin immediately upon ADEC approval of plans.
- Substantial Completion is anticipated by December 31, 2014, however is partially dependent upon ADEC approval of plans.

Background

The Lake Street and Monastery Street lift stations require an inordinate amount of maintenance and repair by the Wastewater staff and are in need of immediate replacement or repair. Pumps are outdated and difficult to find replacement parts for, and access to the Lake Street lift station is dangerous due to the location of the ladder rungs. Current available funding is from the Wastewater Enterprise Fund (\$350,000 for Lake Street and \$420,000 for Monastery Street) and from an ADEC loan for \$1,379,170. The Assembly approved award of a design-build contract to CBC Construction for \$841,000 on August 12, 2014.

Swan Lake Restoration / Dredging Project:

Milestones This Period

- Rip rap was placed around the spit under the United States Corps of Engineers Permit to prevent further erosion of the shoreline. The spit area impacted by dredging operations had guard rails installed and was hydrosseeded. A trail was constructed around the south side of the spit and the existing benches were relocated.

Future Milestones

- Purchase of a refurbished aquatic weed harvester was included in the grant funding. These floating machines cut and remove the vegetation to improve recreational opportunities and water flow through the lake. The search for a suitable harvester is on-going with several suppliers.

Background

The Assembly approved award of a construction contract to Island Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$399,806 for the Swan Lake Restoration – Lake Dredging project on April 23, 2013. The project includes dredging prioritized selected locations to improve water flow through the lake, winter habitat for fish, access and recreation in general. The City and Borough of Sitka received \$771,236 in Federal funds through the Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP) for this restoration project on Swan Lake. The grant is administered through the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program, CIAP Branch and runs through December 2015.

Baranof Warm Springs Dock Replacement:

Milestones This Period

- Alaska Department of Transportation submitted a 35% design to CBS for review.
- CBS review comments were returned and a teleconference was conducted to discuss the review comments.
- United States Corps of Engineers permit obtained for the new construction.

Future Milestones

- Provide review/comment for State of Alaska as needed to keep project moving forward.
- Design development through fall/winter 2014.
- Construction is anticipated in fall 2015.

Background

The City and Borough of Sitka (CBS) received a \$1,900,000 FY2013 Alaska Legislature Grant to reconstruct the Baranof Warm Springs Dock. The funding was provided with the understanding that CBS would assume ownership and maintenance responsibilities for the dock once it is reconstructed. The Assembly approved the Administrator to execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF) for completion of the Baranof Warm Springs Dock Reconstruction and Ownership Transfer. ADOT&PF will be reimbursed the cost of designing and constructing the improvements from the FY13 Legislative Grant.

Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Improvements:

Milestones This Period

- CH2M Hill provided draft report on the condition of the WWTP siding, windows and other building envelope components.
- Obtained Assembly approval and applied for Alaska Energy Authority funding to design and install heat pumps.

Future Milestones

- CH2M Hill final evaluation report due December 31, 2014.
- Complete ADEC loan questionnaire for WWTP improvements in February 2015.

Background

The WWTP is functioning properly but would benefit from efficiency improvements to the heating, ventilation and insulation systems. Specifically, staff is seeking to replace the oil-fired boilers with heat pumps that take advantage of the availability of warm, treated effluent from the plant and make concurrent improvements to the building envelope. There is no construction funding currently available. We will be seeking funding through the ADEC grant/loan process.

Gary Paxton Industrial Park Dock:

Milestones this period

- The draft alternative analysis report is now in the hands of the CBS project staff for review and comment.
- In September 2014 the consultants delivered a geotechnical data report which presents the findings of the on-site geotechnical investigations, including subsurface drilling and sampling.
- The GPIB Board of Directors has received two major proposals from private enterprise entities, each of which proposes to utilize large portions of the GPIB via either long-term lease or land purchase. The acceptance of either or both of these proposals could have some effect on the general configuration and utilization of the multi-purpose dock. In the interest of gathering all the new (proposal) information that might affect the dock project, the Consultant (M&N) has been “put on hold” for the time being, until the proper course of action is decided upon, regarding the two business proposals. This “hold” was initiated early in the month of July.

Future Milestones

- The business proposals will be reviewed, analyzed and discussed by the GPIB Board of Directors. Work will resume on the design of the multi-purpose Dock when the Board of Directors and the relevant CBS staff are satisfied that the basis of design is amenable to the activities that may develop from the business developed by either of the major proposers.
- When the CBS has reviewed the draft alternatives analysis report, and discussed with the consultant the findings presented there, a final AA Report will be prepared and submitted. At that point the CBS will decide on the specific type of structure that is preferred, and the Engineering Consultant will progress into starting the Design Phase of the Project.

Background

The project is funded by a Designated Legislative Grant, administered by the State of Alaska, Department of Commerce, Community & Economic Development, Division of Community & Regional Affairs. The total amount of the Grant is \$7.5 M. On the local level, the project is administered by Public Works and the Sawmill Cove Industrial Park Director (Mr. Garry White). The firm of Moffatt & Nichol (M&N) has been awarded a contract to provide the design for the GPIB Dock Project. By the

end of the month of June M&N had prepared a Draft Alternatives Analysis Report (AA), utilizing recently collected data, the Basis of Design document prepared in May, and site data from past projects. This report presents three possible ways to build a dock structure at the Sawmill Cove location, and provides an “opinion of Probable Construction Costs” (OPCC) for each alternative. This analysis will help the CBS to see which construction method gives the most facility for the limited funds available.

Edgecumbe Drive Street Reconstruction:

Milestones This Period

- Approved geotechnical testing program.
- Reviewed conceptual drawings that would replace the sidewalk on one side of the street with a 10-foot-wide shared-use path, similar to the one built on the ocean side of Sawmill Creek Road.

Future Milestones

- DOWL HKM, S&S’s design consultant, is expected to complete geotechnical work and final design during the winter.
- Public meeting to discuss proposed road and sidewalk layout scheduled for the winter.
- Construction to begin in April 2015. Substantial completion date is August 21, 2015. Final completion date is October 30, 2015.

Background

The project includes drainage, sidewalk, curb and gutter, road subgrade and pavement improvements on Edgecumbe Drive from Peterson Street to Cascade Creek Road. The total project budget is \$5.46 million. The Assembly approved award of a design-build contract to S&S for \$4,636,500 on May 27, 2014.

Monastery and Baranof Water and Sewer Project:

Milestones This Period

- Two consultants submitted responses to our Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to provide professional design services for this project. CH2MHill has been selected as the most qualified proposer.
- Project scope has been prepared with the cost proposal by the consultant which has been approved.

Future Milestones

- The proposed professional services contract will be presented to the Assembly for approval on October 14, 2014.
- Construction is anticipated as early as summer 2015.

Background

The project includes replacement of the water and wastewater systems, new pavement with curb and gutter, storm drain improvements and sidewalk on one side on Baranof Street.

Funding for the project is provided by the following sources:

- \$533,000 FY 2014 ADEC Sewer Loan
- \$497,000 FY2014 ADEC Water Loan
- \$763,000 FY 2015 ADEC Grant (30% local match requirement)
- \$102,000 CBS Capital Improvement Monastery Street FY15
- \$81,000 CBS Capital Improvement Baranof Street FY15

\$1,976,000 Total Project Funding

Alternative Water Source Filtration (Blue Lake Project):

Milestones This Period

- The Indian River Temporary Filtration System is continuing full-time operation.
- Water Department personnel are operating the temporary system and monitoring water quality.

Future Milestones

- Continue to operate Indian River Temporary Filtration System and monitor water quality until planned switchover October/November.

Background

Temporary surface water filtration will be required during the Blue Lake Project outage. Award of the design contract to CH2M HILL was approved by the Assembly on February 12, 2013. Construction has been completed by Barnard Construction under a change order for the Blue Lake Dam project managed by the Electric Department.

Airport Terminal Upgrades:

Milestones This Period

- Issued change order to McCool Carlson Green (MCG) to develop improvements to the terminal building to improve passenger flow.
- Obtained Assembly approval and applied for Transportation Security Administration funding to design improvements to the baggage screening room.

Future Milestones

- Host a workshop with the Airport Users Group to develop passenger-flow improvements in November.
- After improvements are fully developed, MCG will make a winter presentation to the Assembly with cost estimates and recommendations.

Background

The original project was for design of improvements to the baggage makeup and TSA baggage screening areas. Funding collected from a previous PFC program amount to \$275,000 for the design project. Public Works identified TSA as a potential funding source for this work, and is seeking to develop low-cost terminal improvement options with some of the funding intended for design of TSA screening improvements.

Centennial Hall & Crescent Harbor Parking Lot Development:

Milestones This Period

- S&S General Contractors attempted to repair a pavement “birdbath” with a technique that allows new asphalt to be incorporated into the existing material by heating it up with an infrared heater unit. The results were not acceptable. This will delay the repair of the birdbaths until next spring, when conditions will allow for grinding and paving.

Future Milestones

- Adjustments to parking lot lighting and the installation of additional guardrail near the boat harbor will be completed this fall. Pavement repairs and sealing the decorative pavers will be completed next spring.

Background

The project includes the complete reconstruction of the Centennial Hall Parking Lot and Crescent Harbor Parking lot. The improvements include storm drain, water, sewer, curb and gutter, paving, lighting, pedestrian plaza and landscaping. The project was accepted as substantially complete on September 30, 2013. S&S General Contractors was awarded the construction contract in the amount of \$2,613,651.

Seaplane Base:**Milestones This Period**

- Staff provided background information on the project to Representative Kreiss-Tompkins to assist his efforts in discussing the project with the Department of Education.

Future Milestones

- Continue face-to-face meetings with upland property owners to discuss potential for them to provide tidelands access for new seaplane facility.

Background

In August 2002, the Sitka Seaplane Base Master Plan was completed and includes a Condition & Needs Assessment and Master Plan Alternatives Report. The plan considered 12 alternative sites for a new seaplane base and concluded that the north end of Japonksi Island, between the Coast Guard Base and the cove behind the SEARHC buildings along Seward Avenue was the preferred alternative. In February 2009, the CBS Assembly unanimously approved Resolution 2009-35 "Supporting the Development of the City and Borough of Sitka Seaplane Base." This resolution approved staff applying for and executing a Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Program grant for up to \$500,000 to develop the siting plan, issues resolution, design, environmental, and permitting phases of the project. Utilizing proceeds from that grant, in June 2012 an updated Sitka Seaplane Base Siting Analysis was completed which considered another new site and redevelopment of the existing site in addition to the previously recommended Japonski site. The Japonski site was again selected as the preferred site. The findings of this study were presented to the Port and Harbors Commission on April 11, 2012 where they unanimously approved further study of the Japonski Island site. Preliminary discussions with the US Coast Guard (USCG) regarding potential Seaplane Base access from USCG property were encouraging.

Federal Land Access Program (FLAP) Grant:**Milestones This Period**

- Construction on the section from Yaw Drive back towards Gavan trail intersection is under way and moving along good.
- Starting on paperwork for third quarter reporting documents for the Western Federal Lands Access Program.

Future Milestones

- Compensatory Mitigation negotiated with a restrictive covenant (conservation easement) on a tract of City land located near the cross trail project – The Corps of Engineers has reviewed the R&M Wetlands study.
- We are filling out the Restrictive Covenant paperwork for submittal.
- The completion date is estimated around May 2015.

Background

The City and Borough of Sitka has been awarded a \$916,897 MAP-21 Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) Grant for Phase 5 Cross Trail multimodal pathway (Cross TMP), Baranof Street and Yaw Drive connectors, by Western Federal Lands (WFL). The Assembly approved submission of the grant in Resolution 2013-03 in February 2013.

Phase 4 of the project, a \$926,000 STIP Grant for a multimodal pathway reconstruction and re-routing from Yaw Drive to the CBS property was funded by the Department of Transportation in the 2009 STIP. DOT planners, with the concurrence of Western Federal Lands (WFL) and CBS, initiated action to combine the two projects as a single \$1.8 million grant and have the project managed by Western Federal Lands for greater efficiency and cost savings.

Solid Waste Management Plan:

Milestones This Period

- Updated Solid Waste Division under the public works section of the CBS website, including SWAC Group meeting minutes, presentation, and a copy of the scope of work.
- Working on gathering information that the SWAC group asked for in the September 28 meeting.

Future Milestones

- Proposed Project Schedule: SWAC meeting November 13, 2014.

Background

The City and Borough of Sitka (CBS) currently does not have a Solid Waste Management Plan to address the current or future needs of the Solid Waste Fund and general operations. As we approach the end of the current collection and off-island disposal contracts in 2015, we believe it is in the best interest of the CBS to be better prepared with a plan that details the goals and direction of our solid waste management backed with data and a financial plan. At the June 6, 2013 Assembly Meeting, the Assembly approved advertising for a Request of Qualifications and select a consultant to assist Public Works in developing a Solid Waste Management Plan. The funding for a Solid Waste Management Plan will come from the working capital of the Solid Waste Fund which is approximately \$1.3 million. The Solid Waste Management Plan is a time and materials, not to exceed \$250,000 contract. The total amount is dependent on the complexity of future goals and the amount of public process exploring options.

Sitka Transient Float Replacement:

Milestones This Period

- Four (4) consultants submitted responses to our Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to provide professional design services for this project. PND Engineers, Inc. was selected as the most qualified proposer.
- CBS and PND have begun scoping the project and negotiating fees.

Future Milestones

- Recommendation to award a professional services contract is anticipated to be on the October 28 Assembly agenda.
- Construction is anticipated to begin in fall 2015.

Background

CBS received a FY15 State of Alaska Municipal Harbor Facility Matching Grant, for the Sitka Transient Float Replacement Project, which will cover 50% of eligible construction costs not to exceed 2,700,000 in match funding. CBS has allocated a total of \$3,450,000 from the Harbor Enterprise Fund for the project for a total budget of \$6,150,000.

Hollywood & New Archangel Water, Sewer and Road Upgrades:

Milestones This Period

- None.

Future Milestones

- Bid out project in October 2014.
- Construction is anticipated in 2015.

Background

The project includes water, sewer, storm drain, pavement, curb and gutter and sidewalk improvements on Hollywood Way and New Archangel Street from Halibut Point Road to Marine Street. Funding is available from ADEC Loans (\$750,000), an ADEC Grant (\$552,300) and from the General Fund (\$232,000) for ADEC-ineligible expenses.

Water

- Water operators responded to 15 callouts; seven for locates and eight for water service leaks. Six of the leaks were on the customers' service lines, and the other two were on the city side. Several of these locates are associated with the Harbor Drive and Halibut Point Road DOT projects, which meant not one locate, but many, for installation of the road signs.
- Water and Wastewater operators responded and worked with the contractor on the DOT water main break near the airport. Operators also coordinated with DEC and the customers for water testing and a boil-water notice following the repair.
- Water operators worked with engineering to hire a contractor to abandon a problematic leaking city service that is behind a five-foot high rock wall on Edgecumbe Drive, and install a new service. That repair work will be accomplished during the first two weeks of October.
- We received the results of the semi-annual lead and copper sampling in local household's kitchen taps. Results were below the required action levels so DEC will reduce our required monitoring for next year. Soda ash (calcium carbonate) solution is added to the water before the entry point to raise the pH and alkalinity, which reduces our soft Blue Lake water's corrosiveness to household plumbing, which in turn reduces lead and copper in the water at the home taps.
- Our maintenance crew, typically thought of as WW operators, installed new PVC water piping inside the Blue Lake Water Plant while the plant is off line for the Blue Lake outage. Hopefully, this preventative maintenance will reduce emergency response to leaks for many years to come.
- Water Operators, with the help of our temporary operator John Blankenship, continued to operate the Indian River Water Plant. Reporting for this filtration system is very much more involved than when we operate on the Blue Lake supply, so Kelly from the WW side has been spending several hours each week helping summarize the individual filter rack performance data that is required to be reported to DEC monthly.

Wastewater

- WW operators drained, cleaned and winterized the seasonal WW pump stations at the lightering facility and Vilandre Field.
- Replaced two E-1 residential pumps; one on Cedar Beach Rd and one on Shotgun Alley and rebuilt the two pumps that had failed. Rebuilt pumps are kept in inventory as spares.
- Pump maintenance crew rebuilt one of the pumps in the Wortman Loop water booster station. This pump station is located on Edgumbe Drive and increases the water pressure on Wortman Loop, upper Edgumbe Drive, upper Cascade Creek Rd., Charteris Street, a portion of Georgeson Loop and Mills Street.
- During the Halibut Point Road DOT project, a leaking sewer issue was discovered along Halibut Point Road near Kuhnle Drive. WW operators spent many hours researching the issue and ultimately modified the piping in and around a manhole in HPR to install a new interior drop connection for the Kuhnle Drive line.
- The hypochlorite generation system at the WWTP experienced a couple of significant component failures with long lead time for repair parts so while the system was down, operators added powdered calcium hypochlorite to maintain odor control, and the maintenance crew replaced the PVC discharge piping with new pipe.
- In September, the WW crew began preparing for the fall household hazardous waste collection event which was held the first weekend of October. There will be more info on wastes collected and shipped out next month.



THE STATE
of ALASKA
GOVERNOR SEAN PARNELL

Department of
Health and Social Services

DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH
Section of Women's, Children's and Family Health

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October 2014

Dear Award Recipient:

The Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, Oral Health Program, congratulates the City of Sitka Water System on receiving a *2013 Water Fluoridation Quality Award* from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This award recognizes excellence in public water systems that adjust the fluoride concentration in drinking water and achieve a consistent monthly fluoride average 'optimal' level to prevent tooth decay.

Community water fluoridation has been recognized by the CDC as one of the ten greatest public health achievements of the 20th Century. Currently, nearly 75% - or 210 million people – served by community water systems in the United States have access to optimally fluoridated tap water. CDC recommends water fluoridation as a safe, effective and inexpensive method of preventing tooth decay. In fact, every \$1 invested in water fluoridation saves at least \$38 in costs for dental treatment.

We thank the City of Sitka Water System for their excellent work and for providing your community with a lifelong benefit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bradley Whistler".

Bradley Whistler, DMD
Alaska State Dental Officer



2013

Water Fluoridation Quality Award City Of Sitka Water System State of Alaska

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention commends this water system for its consistent and professional adjustment of the water fluoride content to the optimum level for oral health for 12 consistent months. Consistent, high-quality water fluoridation practice, as demonstrated by this water system, is a safe and effective method to prevent tooth decay, improving the oral health of community residents of all ages.

Presented by the
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
United States Department of Health & Human Services

National Fluoridation Engineer, Division of Oral Health
National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention
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BLUE LAKE EXPANSION PROJECT

Report No. 22

Month ending September 30, 2014

SCOPE

- 83 ft. dam raise with modified tunnel system and new 15.9 MW powerhouse (\$89 million)
- Eight supply contracts for Owner-Furnished equipment and materials (\$16 million)

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS DURING THIS MONTH

- September 1 – Began grouting the dam contraction joints below elevation 403.
- September 6 – Experience rainfall causing a slide on the Blue Lake Road.
- September 10 – Completed grouting of the dam expansion joints below elevation 403.
- September 10 – FERC (Justin Nettle) inspected the jobsite.
- September 11 – Executive Partnering meeting was held in Sitka.
- September 13 – The concrete tunnel plug was completed in the existing intake tunnel.
- September 16 – Transformer T4 was replaced in the Blue Lake switchyard.
- September 16 – Penstock anchor block 5 was completed.
- September 16 – The new FVU turbine case was placed in position.
- September 19 – BLU 5 and BLU 3 are ready for wet testing.
- September 20 – Penstock section 10 was placed.
- September 23 – Placed final spillway concrete at block M3.
- September 23 – Began flushing and rock removal from upper tunnel.
- September 25 – Completed flushing and rock removal from upper tunnel. About 70 cubic yards was removed.
- September 26 – Both tunnels were inspected for debris prior to filling tunnels.
- September 28 – Tunnel liner painting was completed.
- September 29 – Placed final spillway concrete at block M4.
- September 29 – Tunnel and penstock were closed up in preparation for filling.
- September 29 – Tunnel was filled in preparation for wet testing.
- September 30 – Water entered BL-5 and wet testing commenced.
- September – ASRC McGraw completed the grubbing and clearing the burn area at the upstream end of Blue Lake.
- September – ASRC McGraw completed the installation of the debris booms required by contract 8.
- September – ASRC continued to build out the service and raw water systems and control room.
- September – Bruce Belley completed the control station and SCADA system installation.
- September – Barnard crews completed 8 major concrete placements on the dam, including M1 crest slab, M3/425, M4/417, and 425, M5/417, Cutoff wall to El 440, M6 parapet wall and M7 parapet wall.

We expect that the surface finish on the lower spillway placements will have to be repaired.

COST SUMMARY - updated 9/30/2014

Project Element	Current Contract Total or Projected Amount	Payments	
		Paid this Month	Paid to Date*
Supply Contracts			
Contract 1 - Turbine Generator Equipment	\$11,801,058	\$437,476	\$11,791,883
Contract 2 - Switchgear	\$647,672	\$15,396	\$612,799
Contract 2A/2B - SS/Raw Water Switchgear	\$300,000	\$0	\$208,547
Contract 3 - Gates and Hoist	\$780,185	\$0	\$703,376
Contract 4 - Penstock	\$836,315	\$0	\$795,778
Contract 5 - 69 kV Transformers	\$603,406	\$0	\$543,130
Contract 6 - Bridge Crane Equipment	\$270,518	\$0	\$272,298
Contract 7 - Steel Building	\$1,145,712	\$0	\$1,090,788
Contract 8, Debris Management**	\$2,258,714	\$581,884	\$1,150,610
Contract 9, General Construction	\$94,884,196	\$5,753,259	\$82,388,232
Temporary Filtration**	\$1,651,424	\$89,000	\$698,528
Diesel Fuel	\$1,260,000	\$50,227	\$167,700
Remaining Project Costs			
License Amendment	\$1,400,000	\$2,540	\$1,296,160
Engineering	\$9,498,393	\$4,800	\$11,930,684
Construction Management	\$8,076,201	\$466,230	\$7,180,952
City Performed Work	\$1,495,000	\$131,028	\$2,257,580
Incentive Payment	\$1,600,000	\$0	\$0
Cost of Bond Issuance/Reserve Account	\$3,500,000	\$0	\$0
TOTALS	\$142,008,794	\$7,531,839	\$123,089,044
ESTIMATED TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$145,256,724		

*Paid to Date includes unpaid retainage

COST CHANGES THIS MONTH

- We have authorized a change item to install a rock trap in the lower tunnel.
The generation outage will be extended a total of 4 days to perform this work.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE MILESTONES: PLANNED/ACTUAL

Construction Start	11-20-2012 / 12-03-2012	Sub. Comp. BLU #3	10-24-2014/
Drainage Tunnel Comp.	07-01-2013 / 05-05-2013	Sub. Comp. FVU	11-12-2014/
Tunnel ex. complete	08-19-2013 / 07-24-2013	Sub. Comp. BLU#5	11-22-2014/
Intake Structure complete	06-04-2014/06-04-2014	Substantial Completion	02-01-2015/

NOTES ON PROJECT SCHEDULE

- The most recent look-ahead schedule submitted by Barnard shows the following work to be performed in October:
 - Dam contraction joint grouting above elevation 403' will begin October 20.
 - The dam concrete is scheduled to be complete the second week in October.
 - The large crane demobilization will begin late October
 - The generation outage is scheduled to be completed October 18. Barnard expects to beat that date.
- The CM team and Electric Department continue working on the City-performed work tasks to ensure these activities are completed on time.
- The contract duration of the generation outage is now 65 days.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Due to having adequate water in Green Lake we expect to continue with minimal diesel generation during the Generation Outage.
- The following Site Service representatives will be on site as required to wet test the turbine generators:
 - Currents Consulting
 - Unit Electrical Engineering
 - Clifton Labs
 - Hyundai
 - Gilkes
 - WRE
 - TS&H Automation
 - Electric Power Systems
- It will be necessary to keep the Indian River onsite for a period of about 1 month after the generation outage so that it may be operated during the final testing of the Blue Lake Units.

PROJECT RISK PROFILE

A discussion of the major risk areas follows below. As a general rule risks are measured as follows:

LOW: Probability of less than 10%, or mitigation cost less than \$1 million.

MODERATE: Probability of more than 30%, or mitigation cost up to \$5 million.

HIGH: Probability of more than 60%, or mitigation cost likely more than \$5 million.

The City's project team believes the following risk areas will dominate the potential for increases in overall Project cost. We also believe these areas pose the greatest risk for schedule delays.

Construction Schedule: In Barnard's most recent (September 30, 2014) schedule, the end of the generation outage is scheduled for October 18. Based on work progress to date we expect to beat this date. The completion of the balance of plant items (service water, cooling water, heating and ventilation, etc.) in the powerhouse are the biggest areas of concern for meeting this date.

CURRENT RISK: LOW

Weather and Lake Levels: Water levels in Blue Lake and Green Lake are better than expected at the end of September.

CURRENT RISK: VERY LOW

Temporary Water Filtration Plant: During the ongoing generation outage of the Blue Lake tunnel, the City will be getting its drinking water from a temporary water filtration plant at Indian River. The City Water Department is operating the plant with assistance from CH2MHILL and the supplier.

CURRENT RISK: VERY LOW

Other: This is a broad combination of bad things that might happen such as: earthquakes; construction site accidents; floods; extreme winter weather; fire; labor unrest; etc. We expect that many of these risks would be covered by insurance at least in part.

CURRENT RISK: LOW

PROJECT PHOTO RECORD THIS MONTH

Photos are taken of each work area each month from a fixed location to document construction progress by work area. Relevant photos of the project for this month are provided on the following pages.



Figure 1. Dam and Left Abutment Area, Barnard crews completed 8 major concrete placements on the dam, including M1 crest slab, M3/425, M4/417, and 425, M5/417, Cutoff wall to El 440, M6 parapet wall and M7 parapet wall.



Figure 2. Intake Portal and Right Abutment, The concrete tunnel plug was completed in the existing intake tunnel. Tunnel and penstock were closed up in preparation for filling.



Figure 3. Gate House Location, Began flushing and rock removal from upper tunnel by opening a valve on the bulkhead gate and opening the fixed wheel gate. The bulkhead gate was later removed for filling of the tunnel.



Figure 4. Dam Staging area, no change this month.



Figure 5. Lower Portal Area, Penstock anchor block 5 was completed.



Figure 6. Powerhouse Site, ASRC continued to build out the service and raw water systems.

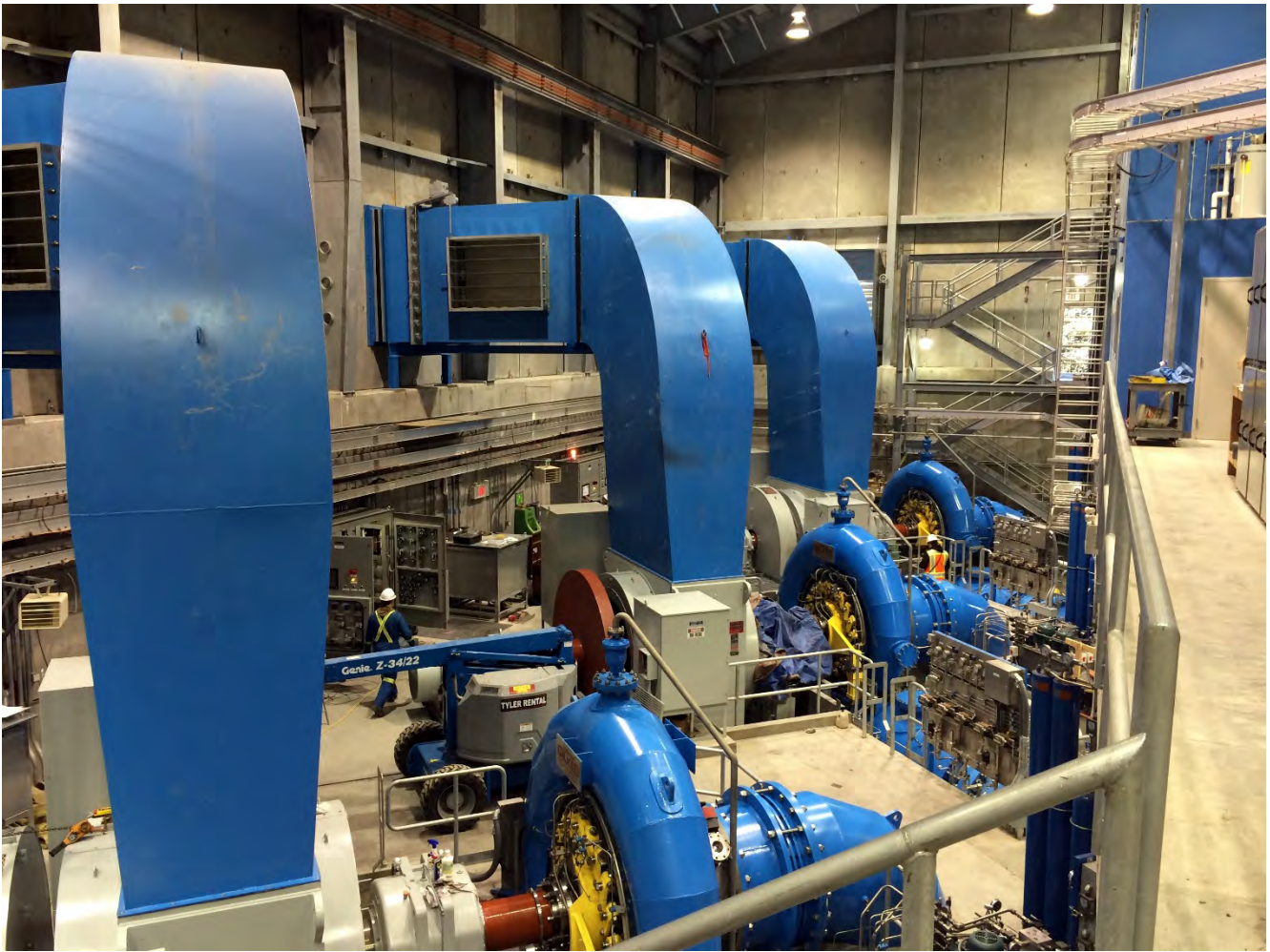


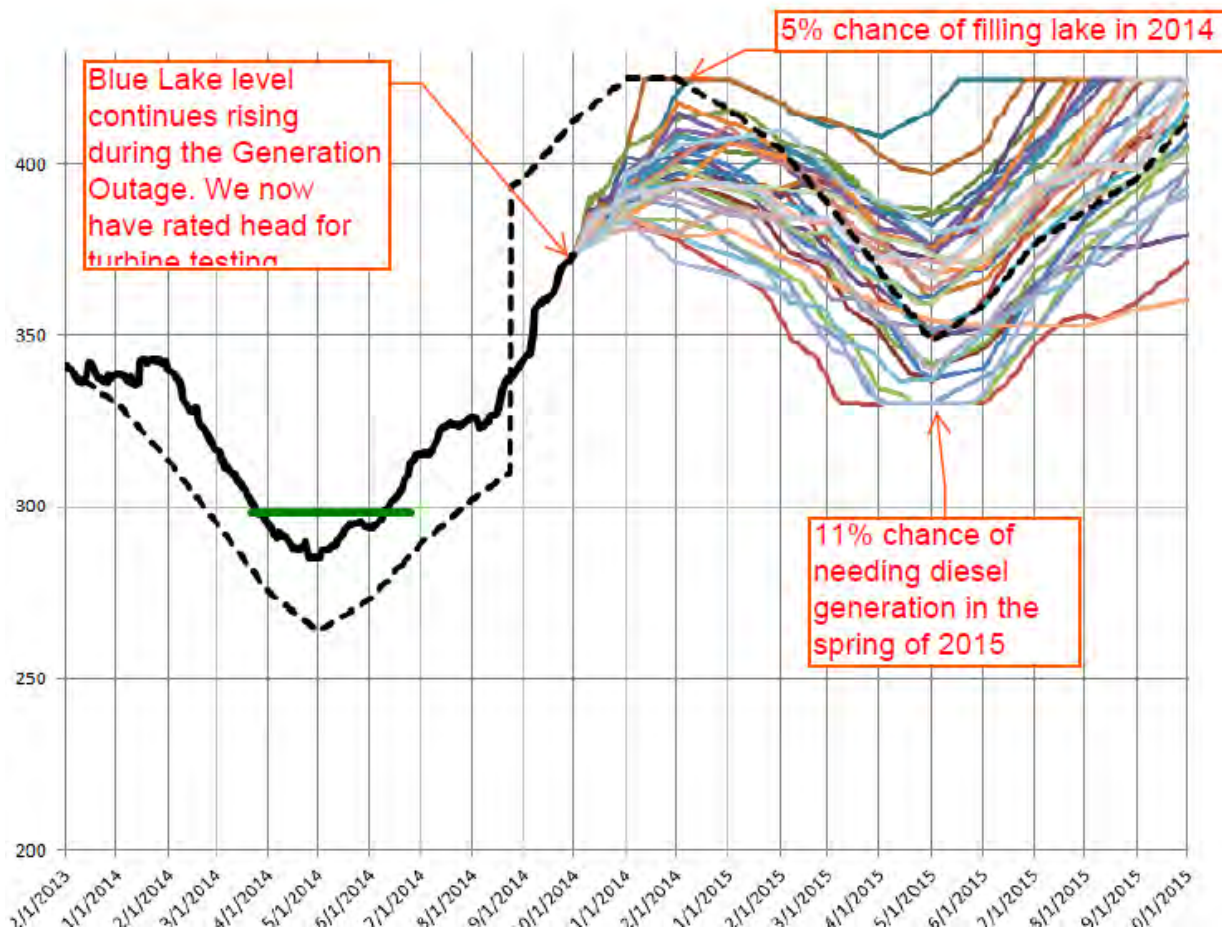
Figure 7. Powerhouse Interior, Water entered BL-5 and wet testing commenced. Bruce Belley completed the control station and SCADA system installation.

Blue Lake Level Forecast

Case 30. Start October 2, 2014. Multi-year simulation using 36 year hydrologic record. 117,000 MWH system load and dry year inflows. Blue Lake powerhouse is now shut down until mid October, 2014 at the end of the generation outage. Generation outage started on August 17, 2014, seven days earlier than previously assumed. In each of these 36 simulations, D4 diesel is run 10 hours each day during the Generation Outage at an average output of 3 MW. [This is not the current operating case in which we have virtually no diesel operation. Therefore the probability of spill is slightly over-estimated].

We have today a Blue Lake water level of el. 374 which provides the rated head for testing of the new turbines. This is very good for load testing of the new turbine-generators.

Blue Lake water level simulation

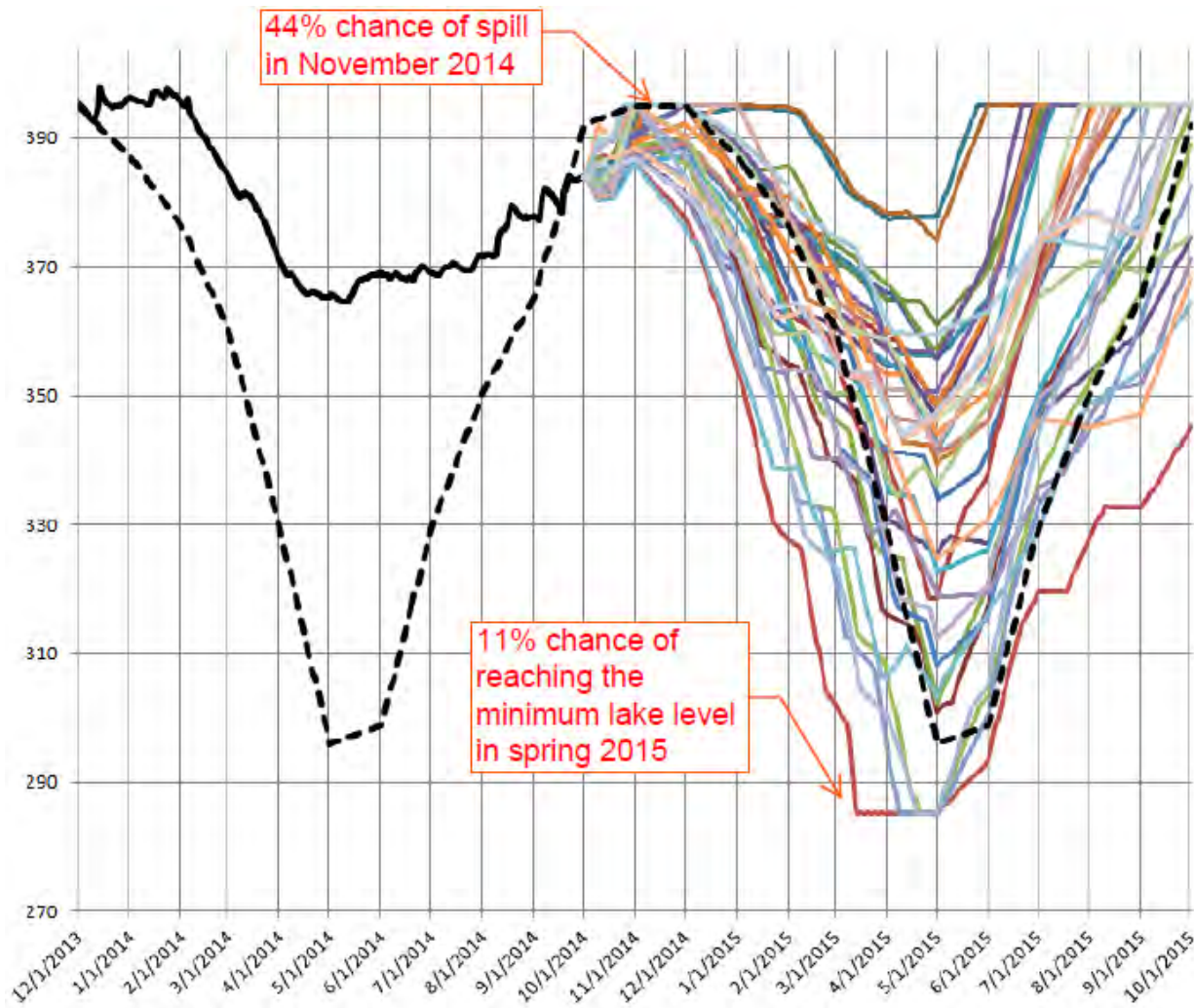


Total diesel generation predicted by this simulation:

Period	Dates	MWH of diesel	Cost at \$0.45 per kWh
Spring 2014	-	0	\$0
Generation Outage	Aug 17 – Oct 18, 2014	494	\$222,000
Spring 2015	Mar 30 – June 16, 2015	845	\$380,000

Green Lake water level simulation

With average year inflows, the likelihood of spill from Green Lake in November 2014 is 44%. If we approach spill at Green Lake this winter the generation at Blue Lake will be backed off to ensure Blue Lake fills as much as possible.



September 30, 2014

Summary of Temporary Filtration Project Status

Alternative Water Source Filtration System (Blue Lake Project):

The Temporary Filtration Plant is on line, providing the City's municipal water.

Summary of Titan 130 Diesel Turbine Project Status

- Final fuel piping to tie bulk fuel tank to Titan fuel system is complete.
- Safety rails on retaining wall are complete.
- Formal letter sent to CG Power to confirm transformer repair in April 2015.
- Bid package will go out in Nov/Dec 2014 for required emissions testing in Jan/Feb 2015.
- SPCC plan for Jarvis must be updated to include new fuel storage.
- Initial design of roof to cover Titan installation is underway.
- Solar marketing team will be releasing story on Sitka installation in November 2014.

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1. Progress of work

Environmental Protection

Barnard continues to install erosion and sediment control measures as required at the dam site, storage yard at Sawmill Cove Industrial Park and powerhouse area as ground disturbing activities continue. BMP maintenance and repair is ongoing as needed throughout the project site.

Gate Chamber

Barnard completed the punchlist work in the gate chamber in September ahead of rewatering the tunnel.

Gate House

Electrical work continued in the gatehouse. The fixed wheel gate and hoist were commissioned. The bulkhead gate was removed on September 29 to water up the tunnel for wet commissioning of the powerhouse.

Dam Raise

Barnard crews completed 8 major concrete placements on the dam, including M1 Crest Slab, M3/425, M4/417 and 425, M5/417, Cutoff Wall to EL 440, M6 Parapet Wall and M7 Parapet Wall. BCCI began installation of the permanent handrail on the left abutment thrust block and M6/M7.

Powerhouse

NAES, Gilkes and UEE continued commissioning the turbine/generator equipment through September in preparation for wet commissioning. NAES and Schmolk continued commissioning the balance of plant equipment as well.

NAES also continued installation and commissioning of all three units. NAES and Gilkes continue to work on punchlist items on all three units. NAES completed mechanical installation for the generator exhaust ducts. NAES will install the control panels for the ducts in early October.

The afterbay retaining wall was completed and staff gauge was installed. The afterbay cleaning was completed and approved. ASRC continued interior finishes as well as installation of handrail and grating on the turbine floor.

Generation Outage

The generation outage continued through September. The tunnel was re-watered on September 29. Work completed in September includes:

- South Portal
 - Completed liner installation, grout and paint
 - Re-install existing penstock section.
- North Portal

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- Completed liner installation, grout and paint
 - Completed intake tunnel plug placement and grouting
 - Flushed new tunnel.
 - Re-install penstock segment
- Lower Portal
 - Install new penstock.
 - Complete Anchor Block #5, including rock anchor installation and testing.
 - Complete liner installation, grout and paint.
 - Install new rock trap.
- Fish Valve Unit
 - Install and test TIV and TIV HPU
 - Install bypass guard valve
 - Install spiral case and draft tube and complete initial alignment
 - Form spiral case encasement and generator pad.
- Water Treatment Building
 - Complete installation of new equipment inside building
 - Electrical installation ongoing
- Rewatered Tunnel on September 29
- Flushed Tunnel through penstock drain valve.
- Commence wet Commissioning on Unit #5 on September 30.

Switchyard

T4 Transformer was installed and brought online on September 16.

Temporary Filtration Plant

The temporary filtration plant was in service throughout September providing drinking water to Sitka during the Generation Outage.

2. Status of Construction

Status of Ongoing Major Construction Activities

- Powerhouse Excavation – 99% complete
- Powerhouse Steel Building – 99% Complete
- Powerhouse Roof – 99% complete
- Precast Wall Panels – 99% complete
- Dam Raise – 53 of 53 monolith blocks placed.
- Dam Spillway – 8 of 9 placements
- Dam Parapet Walls and Crest Slab – 7 of 15 placements
- Left Abutment Thrust Block and Cutoff Wall – 9 of 9 placements completed.
- Powerhouse Concrete – 3320 CY placed to date.

See Section 1 above for construction work completed in September 2014.

3. Construction Issues

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The debris boom anchor at EL 424 failed in September. Analysis is on-going as to the root cause of the failure. An alternate design has been completed and will be installed in early October.

4. Contract Status

Barnard's key subcontractors for the Blue Lake Project are as follows:

Name	Scope
ASRC McGraw Constructors, LLC	Powerhouse Construction
Southeast Earthmovers, Inc.	Excavation
Blue Lake Tunnelers	Underground Construction
Crux Subsurface	Foundation Grouting, Micropiles, PRW's
O'Neill Surveying and Engineering	Land Survey
Baranof Materials Test Lab	Quality Control
NAES Power Contractors	Turbine-Generator Installation/Electrical

Barnard's key material suppliers for the Blue Lake Project are as follows:

Name	Scope
ASRC McGraw Constructors, LLC	Concrete Supply
Gerdau Reinforcing Steel	Concrete Reinforcing Steel
Haskell Corporation	Misc. Metal Fabrication

5. Critical Events and Dates

Please see attached summary progress schedule updated August 31, 2014.

Critical Dates for the Blue Lake Project are as follows:

Milestone	Date	Required Status of Construction
1	07/01/2013	Drainage Tunnel Complete – Completed May 6, 2013
2	08/19/2013	Initial Intake Excavation Complete – Completed July 21, 2013
3	06/04/2014	Intake Structure Complete – Completed June 4, 2014
4	08/24/2014	Ready for Generation Outage – Completed August 16, 2014
5	65 days after start of Generation Outage	Substantial Completion of 1 st Blue Lake Turbine Generator
6	91 days after start of Generation Outage	Substantial Completion of 2 nd Blue Lake Turbine Generator
7	80 days after start of Generation Outage	Substantial Completion of Fish Valve Unit

6. Reservoir Filling

The reservoir continues to fill and is now on the new dam – approximate elevation at end of September is 375.

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7. Foundations

Not applicable for this report.

8. Sources of Major Construction Material

The City and Borough of Sitka will be providing most of the major construction materials for this project. Please see list below.

Contract No.	Vendor	Scope of Supply
1	Gilbert Gilkes and Gordon, Ltd.	Turbines and Generators
2	Myers	12.47 kV Switchgear
3	Linita Design and Manufacturing	Bulkhead Gate, Fixed Wheel Gate and Hoist
4	T Bailey, Inc.	Penstock and Manifold
5	WEG Electric	69kV Transformers
6	Benchmark Industrial Services	Powerhouse Bridge Crane
7	CHG Building Systems	Powerhouse Building

Materials Received this Period:

9. Material Testing and Results

Concrete testing is ongoing for the dam raise, gate chamber and powerhouse concrete.

No issues have been encountered to date.

10. Instrumentation

Not applicable for this report.

11. Photographs

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Figure 1: Dam Raise



Figure 2: M4 Spillway Finish

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Figure 3: Lower Portal and Anchor Block #5



Figure 4: Penstock Drain Testing

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Figure 5: Powerhouse Panorama

12. Erosion Control and Other Environmental Issues

Barnard is continuing to install the required environmental protection measures on the project site ahead of ground disturbing activities. Ongoing maintenance of dewatering system at powerhouse excavation site will be required to maintain water quality in Sawmill Creek.

13. Other Items of Interest

Memo

Thru: Mark Gorman, Municipal Administrator
To: City and Borough of Sitka Assembly
From: Jay Sweeney, CFAO 
Date: October 13, 2014
Re: Jarvis Street Diesel Improvements Project Budget

Mayor McConnell and Assembly Members,

I wanted to ensure you were appropriately notified that, in a strict sense, the Jarvis Street Diesel Improvements Project was over budget at June 30, 2014.

As of June 30, 2014, the project had exceeded its \$15,643,675 budget by \$386,477, or 2.8%.

It is the intention of staff to seek a budget increase for this project, at a future Assembly meeting, once the full amount of additional funds is determined. The source of the additional funding will be interest earnings on electric revenue bond proceeds, whose expenditure has heretofore not been budgeted for.

In a broader sense, however, there are several procedural issues which staff will be also be bringing forward, for discussion and possible direction, at a future Assembly meeting. These procedural issues include the following:

- Budget execution policy and guidelines are contained as provisions of the City and Borough of Sitka Home Rule Charter (the Charter). As such, budget execution provisions in the Charter are quite broad and general in nature, especially in regards to capital projects. As mentioned before, the Charter does not define what an appropriation is. In addition, the Charter is not specific as to what procedures are to be followed when a capital project exceeds its authorized budget. In the case of a complex capital project such as the Jarvis Street turbine project, in which significant portions of the project are self-constructed, it would be extremely difficult to determine the exact point in which a project is exceeding its authorized budget. Furthermore, it would be imprudent and expensive to delay or halt a complex capital project while seeking a budget increase. With such a large investment already having been made, it would be illogical not to bring the project to completion.
- The Charter does not address how interest earnings on bond issuance proceeds are to be budgeted for and spent. Such interest earning can only be used to pay for debt service on the bonds, or, to finance infrastructure; they are not available to pay for normal operating costs.
- Finally, how much of a budget overrun is material and significant? If a complex capital project with a \$15 million plus budget has a \$1 budget overrun, for example, is it material and significant enough to warrant Assembly attention?

Given the procedural issues raised above, staff intends to make proposals for interpretative guidelines for Assembly approval. The intent of such interpretative guidelines will be to ensure that control over the expenditure of public funds remains with the Assembly while, at the same time, striving to strike the right balance between reporting and approval to ensure the Assembly is not being asked to deal with immaterial minutiae.

Project Expense Performance Report

Fiscal Year-to-Date And Life-to-Date To: 6/30/2014

Project Number	Description	Status	Budget	Expenses	Encumbrances	Balance	% Used
Project: 90646	Jarvis St Diesel Capacity Incr.	Active					
Sub Project: 0200	Electric Dept	Active					
Sub Project 0200 Total:			YTD \$0.00	\$2,442,549.01	(\$566,742.00)	(\$1,875,807.01)	+++
			LTD \$0.00	\$2,664,290.38	(\$350.00)	(\$2,663,940.38)	+++
Sub Project: 0220	Wastewater Dept	Active					
Sub Project 0220 Total:			YTD \$0.00	\$1,711.45	\$0.00	(\$1,711.45)	+++
			LTD \$0.00	\$1,711.45	\$0.00	(\$1,711.45)	+++
Sub Project: 2106	Construction	Active					
Sub Project 2106 Total:			YTD \$15,643,675.00	\$11,621,442.95	\$0.00	\$4,022,232.05	74%
			LTD \$15,643,675.00	\$13,364,500.50	\$0.00	\$2,279,174.50	85%
Project 90646 Total:			YTD \$15,643,675.00	\$14,065,703.41	(\$566,742.00)	\$2,144,713.59	86%
			LTD \$15,643,675.00	\$16,030,502.33	(\$350.00)	(\$386,477.33)	102%
Grand Total:			YTD \$15,643,675.00	\$14,065,703.41	(\$566,742.00)	\$2,144,713.59	86%
			LTD \$15,643,675.00	\$16,030,502.33	(\$350.00)	(\$386,477.33)	102%



CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

100 Lincoln Street,
Sitka, Alaska 99835

Legislation Details

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Type: Ceremonial Status: AGENDA READY
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Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
City & Borough of Sitka

Proclamation

FOOD DAY

WHEREAS, the health and well-being of our citizens is a concern for the City and Borough of Sitka; and

WHEREAS, promoting safer, healthier diets is a critical factor in improving citizens' overall health; and

WHEREAS, supporting sustainable family gardening and local agriculture efforts benefits the local economy; and

WHEREAS, expanding access to food and reducing hunger is of critical importance; and

WHEREAS, 77% of Sitka Food Security Survey (SFSS) preserve or put up food for later use; and

WHEREAS, 48% of SFSS respondents access fish and game through actually hunting and fishing and another 24% receive it as donation from family and friends.

NOW, THEREFORE, we the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, do hereby proclaim Thursday, October 24, 2014 as

FOOD DAY

in Sitka and urge all citizens to be aware of the benefits of a healthy diet, home grown foods and providing food for the hungry.

Signed and sealed on this 14th day of October 2014.

Mim McConnell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Colleen Ingman, MMC
Municipal Clerk



SITKA COMMUNITY FOOD ASSESSMENT INDICATORS REPORT



2014

SITKA COMMUNITY FOOD ASSESSMENT INDICATORS REPORT



INTRODUCTION

The Sitka Community Food Assessment project was birthed at the Sitka Health Summit held in late September 2012. A work group quickly formed and pursued the Community Transformation grant funding through the SouthEast Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC). The work group was awarded a \$15,000 grant which was used to hire a Food Assessment Coordinator, contract with a data specialist, and help with survey costs and publishing of the *Sitka Community Food Assessment Indicators Report*.

The work group agreed to use the USDA Community Food Security Assessment Toolkit as a framework to guide our process. The Toolkit includes four parts:

- completion of a community food resource profile,
- conducting focus group research,
- surveying households on a variety of food security issues and
- collecting food cost data.

The work group decided early on that we needed to add Sitka specific harvest data for wild fish and game to the framework, work to collect information on gardening/foraging and to substitute the UAF Cooperative Extension Service's Food Cost Survey for the Food Store Survey. Courtney Bobsin, Jesuit Volunteer with the Sitka Conservation Society (SCS), completed the Community Food Resource Profile by early February 2013 thanks to the generous donation of her time by the Sitka Conservation Society. Sitka's Food Assessment Coordinator, Lisa Sadleir-Hart contacted Dr. Philip Loring in the UAF Center for Cross-Cultural Studies for permission to adapt the Kenai Peninsula Food Security Survey to use in place of the USDA Household Food Security Survey.

The Sitka Food Security Survey, an adaptation of Kenai's survey tool, was launched in March 2013. It was available online at Survey Monkey as well as a hard copy available at the Kettleson Memorial Library, Alaska Department of Health & Social Services' Public Assistance office, Salvation Army and the end-of-season celebration of the Sitka Native Education Program. In addition to questions on fish and seafood modeled after the Kenai Peninsula Food Security Survey, the questionnaire included questions on game hunting, foraging, wild harvesting, gardening, food preservation and shopping. 484 Sitkans completed the survey, but only 422 verified their zip code. The smaller number was used in the analysis of the survey and select results are provided in the Sitka Community Food Assessment Indicators Report.

The work group set an ambitious goal of completing seven focus groups in Sitka over late spring and early summer. The focus groups targeted key informants (elected leaders, clergy, public assistance and public health staff, concerned citizens), food producers, food shoppers, and those potentially at risk for household food insecurity. We were unsuccessful in recruiting Sitkans who were currently participating in food assistance programs for a focus group, so the decision was made to conduct individual phone interviews with participants on the WIC program in its place. A total of 49 Sitkans participated in the focus groups and interviews. Summaries of the focus groups are provided in this report.

The work group felt strongly that we needed to create an opportunity for Sitkans to respond to our findings about our food system and to ground truth our findings. This would allow the community's voice to resonate in the final writing of the Sitka Food Assessment Indicator Report. To that end, we undertook the planning and implementation of the Inaugural Sitka Food Summit on November 14, 2013. Close to 60 Sitkans attended the event and participated in a "food data walk" that allowed attendees to interact and comment on the data gathered by the work group. The data walk was followed up with facilitated, spirited discussions on a range of food data themes which pointed to the potential energy that may be garnered to address Sitka's food system issues and laid the foundation for future food focused strategic planning.

We hope the Sitka Community Food Assessment Indicators Report can guide future food system planning and plant seeds for innovative responses that will strengthen Sitka's food landscape. The Sitka Community Food Assessment Indicators Report uncovers many weaknesses in our food system as well as some incredible assets that define Sitka's food culture - a rich ecosystem filled with nutritious gems from the land and sea plus a generous spirit of sharing with our neighbors. Now that we've defined the current foodscape in Sitka, let's work together to build a more resilient food system that can deeply nourish the entire community for generations to come.

Thank you for the opportunity to cultivate hope for a more resilient Sitka food system,

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Sitka Community Food Assessment Coordinator
31 March 2014



Sitkans at November 2013 Food Summit

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SITKA FOOD FACTS

Did you know that....

52% of Sitka Food Security Survey respondents garden.

75% of Sitkans eat less than 5 fruits and vegetables per day. The recommendation is to eat 9-13 servings of fruits and vegetables each day.

77% of Sitka Food Security Survey respondents preserve or put up food for later use.

22% of Sitka Food Security Survey respondents had less than a week of food stored in case of an emergency or natural disaster.

415 of **422** Sitka Food Security Survey respondents reported that they shopped locally for food.

60% of STA's Tribal Needs Assessment respondents reported not being able to consume as much of their traditional and customary foods as they'd like.

48% of Sitka Food Security Survey respondents access fish & game through actually hunting and fishing. Another **24%** receive it as a donation from their family or friends.

132,748 pounds of deer meat was harvested in 2011 in Game Management Unit 4.

7,274 pounds of halibut was harvested in 2010 & 2011 in Sitkans.

7,351 pounds of king salmon was harvested in 2010 & 2011 by Sitkans.

9,998 pounds of sockeye salmon was harvested in 2010 & 2011 by Sitkans.

One high tunnel was approved for Sitka by the USDA in 2012.

Six high tunnels were approved for Sitka by the USDA in 2013.

8% of Sitka Food Security Survey respondents borrow money or food to feed their households each week.

\$1,645,702 Food Stamp dollars were redeemed in Sitka in 2012. That's a **\$201,000** increase over 2011.

1,410 Sitkans and **766** households participated in the Food Stamp program in 2013.

229 individuals received food pantry assistance from the Salvation Army in **2013**.

7,243 meals were served Monday-Friday at the Salvation Army in 2013. That's up from **5,513** meals in 2012.

56 children at Baranof & Keet Goshi' Heen Elementary schools participate in the Blessing in a Backpack program during the 2013-14 school year. That's up from **50** the 2012-13 year.

26% and **56%** of Sitka School District and Mt. Edgecumbe School High School, respectively, qualify for free or reduced price lunch.

DEMOGRAPHICS OF SITKA AND FOOD SECURITY SURVEY PARTICIPANTS

What?

The Sitka Food Assessment work group launched the Sitka Food Security Survey (SFSS) in March 2013. The work group used an online venue as well as printed hard copies that were distributed at the Kettleson library, Office of Public Assistance and at the Sitka Native Education Program end-of-year celebration. 484 Sitkans completed the survey, but the selected results shared in the food assessment only used data from the 422 surveys who verified their zipcode.

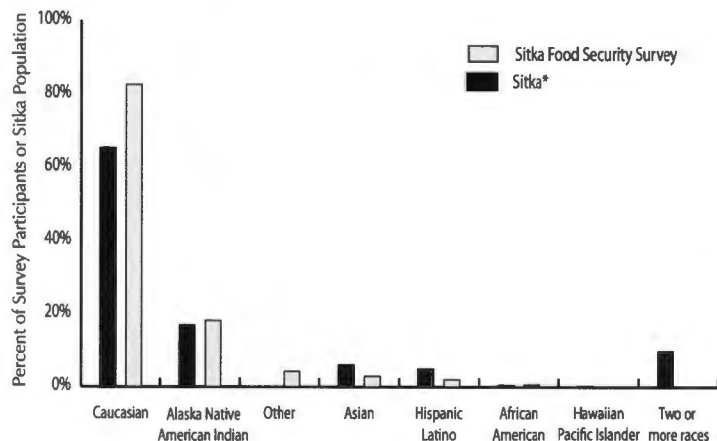
Two of these charts compare the survey participants to the overall Sitka population. Survey respondents were more likely to be Caucasian. Alaska Native representation was consistent with Sitka's overall population profile, but the survey didn't effectively reach the other Sitka ethnic minority populations.

In terms of income, participants who were lower or higher income were under represented in the survey. Low-middle, middle and high-middle income were either on par or over represented in the convenience sample.

So What?

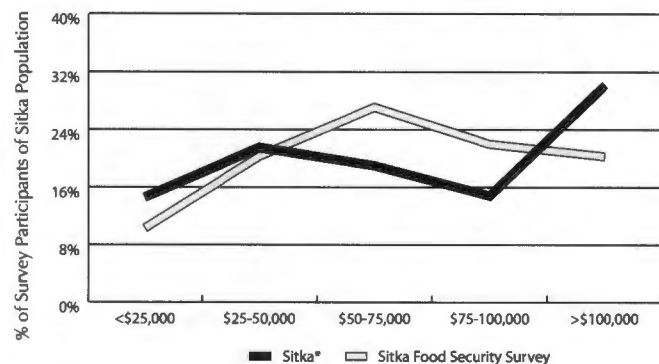
While there were pockets of under and over representation, the work group feels that the survey results provide important data about the food environment in Sitka. Additional indicators were selected to help us paint a truer reflection of the food "climate" for Sitkans who are struggling financially. These included running focus groups aimed at household food security at the Swan Lake Senior Center and Sitkans Against Family Violence shelter.

Ethnicity of Sitka Food Security Survey Participants Compared to Sitka Population



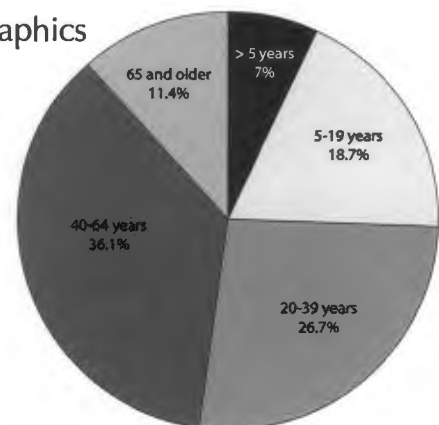
(Source: 2010 Sitka Census Quick Facts)

Household Income of Sitka Food Security Survey Participants Compared to Sitka's Population



Source: *2007-2011 American Community Survey 5-year Estimates U.S. Census

Sitka Age Demographics



Source: factfinder2census.gov

HUNT, FISH, GATHER, GROW

What?

The privilege to hunt and fish in the forests around Sitka is critical for people who want to have a healthy diet of wild fish and game. A strong community tradition of sharing extends this benefit to those who don't have access or the ability to gather for themselves. Although various species of fish are available for purchase for those who can afford it, wild game is not. This makes the informal economy of sharing and bartering important for people of lower incomes and people unable to hunt for themselves.

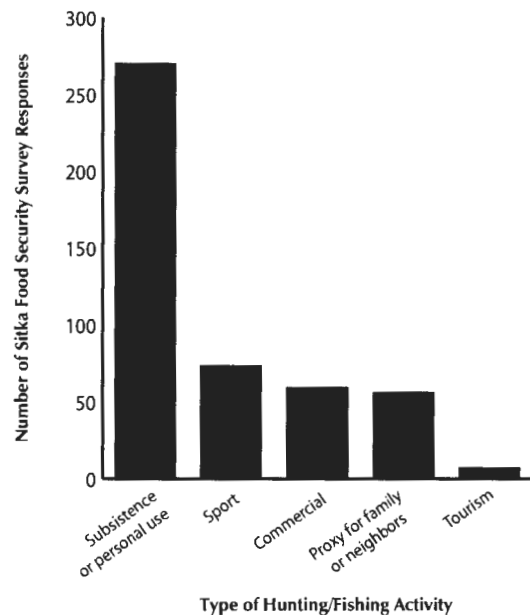
So What?

Wild fish and game are traditional foods among Sitka's Native population and widely used by others as well. Sustaining the abundance of these resources and assuring community access to them are vital for health, economic, and cultural reasons.

What Next?

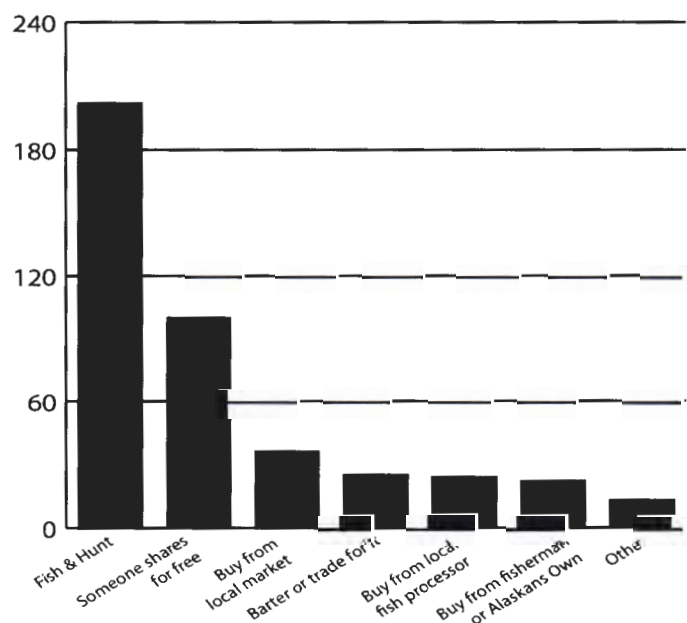
The State of Alaska Department of Fish & Game offers fishing and hunting by proxy for elders and the disabled (http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static-sf/statewide/pdfs/07_proxy.pdf). The proxy program may be another way to get wild fish and game into the diets of elder and disabled Sitka households. Helping spread the word about the proxy program and connecting hunters with elder and disabled households could improve food security for this part of Sitka's population.

Type of Sitka Hunting & Fishing Activity



Source: Sitka Food Security Survey

Most Common Ways Sitkans Access Fish & Game



Source: Sitka Food Security Survey

HUNT, FISH, GATHER, GROW

Frequency of Fish and Game Intake in Sitka

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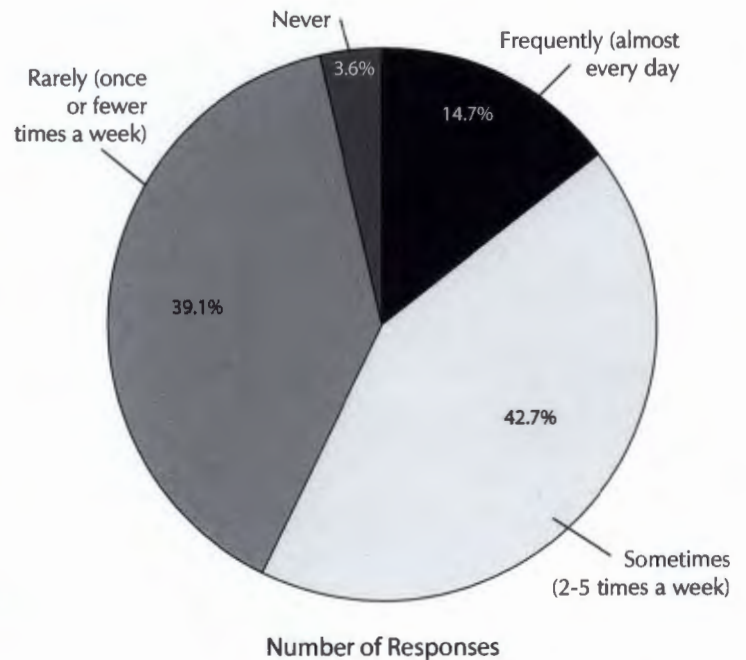
The fact that 57.4% of Sitkans eat wild fish and game several times a week speaks to the importance of these traditional local foods. They are integral to maintaining strong cultural traditions; they provide ways to offset family food budgets; and they provide healthy alternatives to other protein sources found in grocery stores.

So What?

Access to the abundant food resources in the forests and waters surrounding Sitka is an essential factor in the well-being of the community. Healthy oceans and forests are key factors, as is Sitka's "Rural Status" under federal subsistence regulations, allowing Sitkans to fish and hunt on nearby federal lands.

What Next?

Participants in the Inaugural Sitka Food Summit noted that many community members don't have boats or struggle to fuel their boat when living on tight budgets. The idea was floated to consolidate fishing trips with other traditional and customary harvesting i.e. rockfish and seaweed. Finding sponsorships for community fishing trips or pooling resources was also offered up as a way to creatively fund the high cost of fishing.



Source: Sitka Food Security Survey



Sitka Conservation Society

HUNT, FISH, GATHER, GROW

What?

Sitkans rely heavily on wild harvested deer and fish to fill their freezers, cupboards and bellies. Deer, king salmon, halibut and rockfish are some of the most common species harvested. These four species amounted to an estimated 155,734 pounds of high quality protein available to Sitkans who fish and hunt. As part of the Food Assessment, the work group estimated what it would cost to replace these sources of protein if Sitkans were to purchase them or a similar food at local grocery stores (see estimates below).

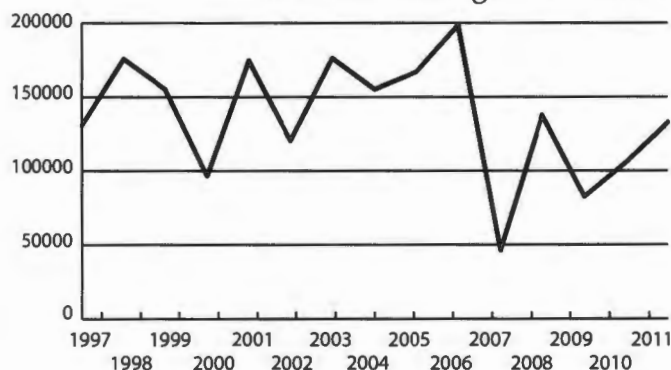
So What?

Sitkans have abundant access to superior sources of protein that are both low in fat (eg. deer, rockfish and halibut) and rich in omega-3 fatty acids (salmon). Purchasing products of this quality in the grocery store would be cost prohibitive for many households in Sitka. This data also speaks to the need to sustainably manage the resource for years to come and the need to maintain Sitka's federal subsistence status, thus insuring future access to these gems from our foodscape.

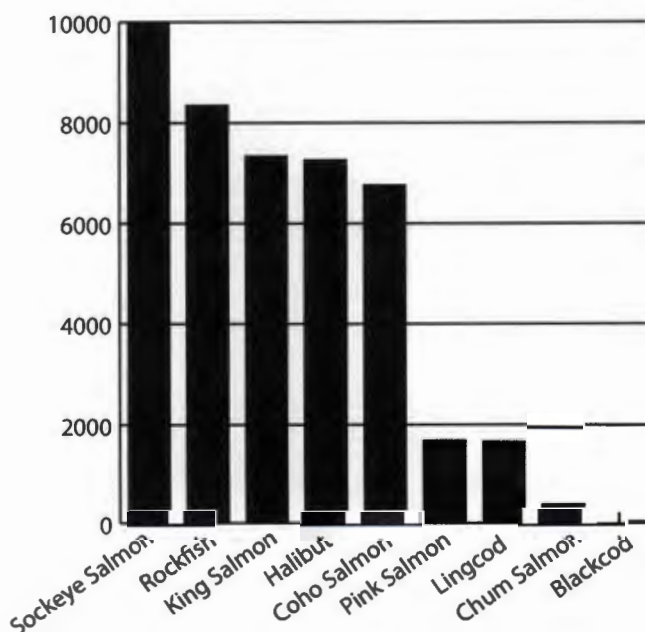
What Next

Working with the Alaska Department of Fish & Game, US Forest Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, US Fish & Wildlife Service and Sitka-based conservation groups to sustainably manage wild fish and game resources is vital to ensuring future stocks will be available for Sitkans to harvest. For more information about the Sitka Management Area, look up the Sitka Sound LAMP or visit the Alaska Department of Fish & Game. The Sitka Tribe of Alaska's Resource Protection program is another good resource as is the Sitka Conservation Society.

Estimated Pounds of Deer Meat over Time
in Game Management Unit 4



Average Fish Harvest for Personal Use
in Pounds for 2010-2011



Estimated Costs to Purchase Equivalent Pounds of Fish and Deer Harvested in 2010/11

Deer	\$1,279,691	Halibut	\$147,668
King Salmon	\$88,212	Rockfish	\$21,498

What?

Sitkans access local and wild fruits and vegetables primarily through purchases at the Sitka Farmers Market or as recipients of the generous donations of their family, friends or neighbors. Residents are also taking advantage of the Down-to-Earth-U-Pick garden and direct purchases at St Peter's Fellowship Farm.

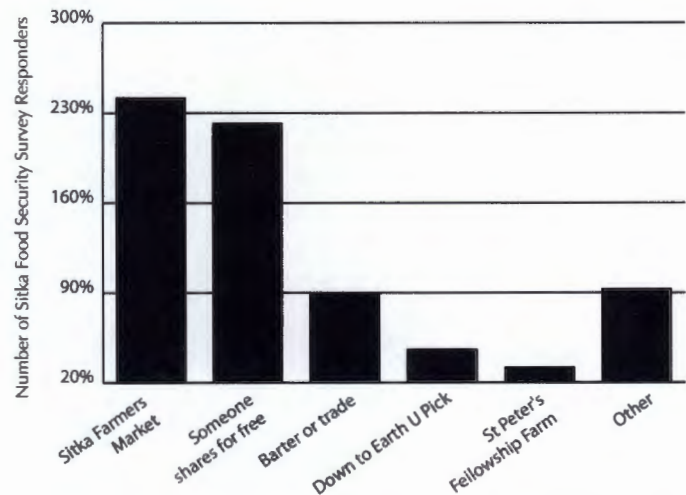
So What?

Increasing access to locally grown and harvested fruits and vegetables helps prevent chronic diseases like cancer and heart disease. It also speaks to the potential of local food as an economic generator in our community. Additionally it demonstrates the generous spirit of Sitka residents and the importance of non-currency exchanges in Sitka.

What Next?

Participants at the Inaugural Sitka Food Summit pointed out that low income Sitkans using programs like Food Stamps or WIC may not have transportation to the Sitka Farmers Market. Currently, the Community Ride bus service doesn't offer public transportation on Saturdays. To address this barrier, the Sitka Local Foods Network requested City of Sitka grant funding to assist with transportation to the market during the 2014 Farmer's Market season.

Most Common Ways Sitkans Access Wild and Local Fruits and Vegetables



Source: Sitka Food Security Survey



Gardening in Sitka



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What?

Responses to this question were almost evenly split, with 52% reporting that they garden. Of those who garden, 8.4% use the community garden. For those who don't garden, they overwhelmingly gave lack of time and capacity as reasons why they don't garden.

Another barrier was lack of community garden space. Sitka has one community garden with 50, 6' by 12' plots located behind Blatchley Middle School, managed by Sitka Community Schools. All spaces are used by 30 participants who have one or two plots. The cost is 50 cents per square foot per season. There is consistently a wait list for these garden plots.

So What?

Fruits and vegetables are a vital component of a healthy diet AND Sitkans don't eat enough of them. Most fruits and vegetables are imported into Sitka and are expensive. Growing more gardeners in Sitka is crucial to the community's food security. So is educating Sitkans on less time intensive gardening strategies that can work in small spaces, and creating more public spaces to garden.

What Next?

There is a dire need for more community spaces to garden. Could public and private spaces be made available to Sitkans who want to garden? Approaching the City of Sitka, Sitka School District, US Forest Service, University of Alaska Southeast, SEARHC, Sitka Tribe of Alaska and Shee Atika' with requests to allocate public and/or private spaces for gardening was a suggestion offered up at the Inaugural Sitka Food Summit. Additionally, identifying a space to locate a community greenhouse and education center would be another concrete step to increase Sitka's gardening capacity.

Frequency of Intake of Wild Harvested Fruits and Vegetables

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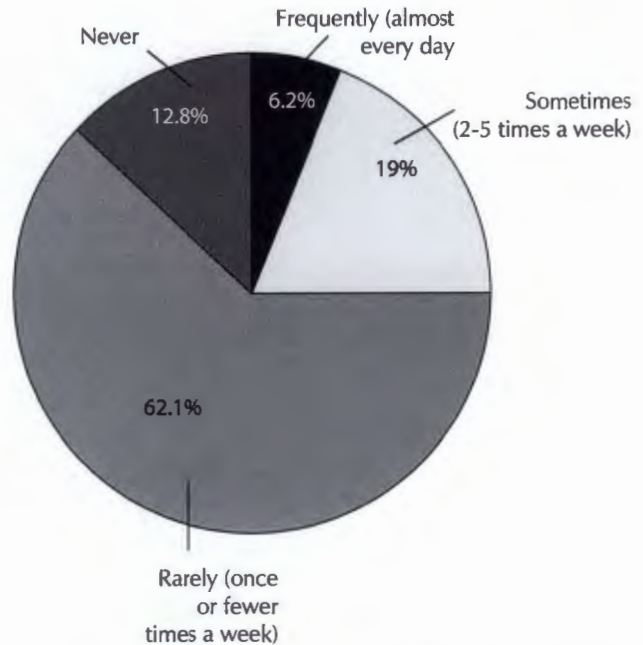
About 25% of Sitkans who took the Sitka Food Security Survey reported that they consume wild harvested fruits and vegetables at least twice each week. When asked about barriers, respondents cited inconvenience, lack of local knowledge, insufficient time, and safety as why they didn't forage. Fear of hiking alone and/or running into wildlife intimidated others when accessing wild foods.

So What?

Locally grown produce or wild harvested plants have a significantly lower impact on the environment. They require little to no transport, especially in a small community like Sitka. From a health and nutrition standpoint, local foods are cleaner and offer the added bonus of exercise when working to produce, gather or harvest these foods. Additionally, higher fruit and vegetable intakes have been cited as a protective factor against chronic diseases such as cancer and heart disease.

What Next?

Participants at the inaugural Sitka Food Summit pointed to the need for more education focused on foraging wild foods, gardening and storing their bounty. Participants also suggested creating a "garden mentor" program where Sitka's seasoned gardeners could provide on-site coaching on how to best use space or on best gardening practices. It may make sense for UAF Cooperative Extension Service, University Alaska Southeast Continuing Education and the Sitka Local Foods Network to partner and offer more food growing, storage and preservation education. One web-based resource Sitkans may want to access is Preserving Alaska's Bounty (www.uaf.edu/ces/preservingalaskasbounty).



Source: Sitka Food Security Survey



HUNT, FISH, GATHER, GROW

What?

Traditional foods are important not only because they help sustain cultural lifestyles, but because they are healthy. Access to traditional foods depends on being able to get into the woods to hunt or gather or out on the water to fish. Those who are unable to hunt, fish, or gather depend on tribal food-sharing programs or friends or family to provide for them.

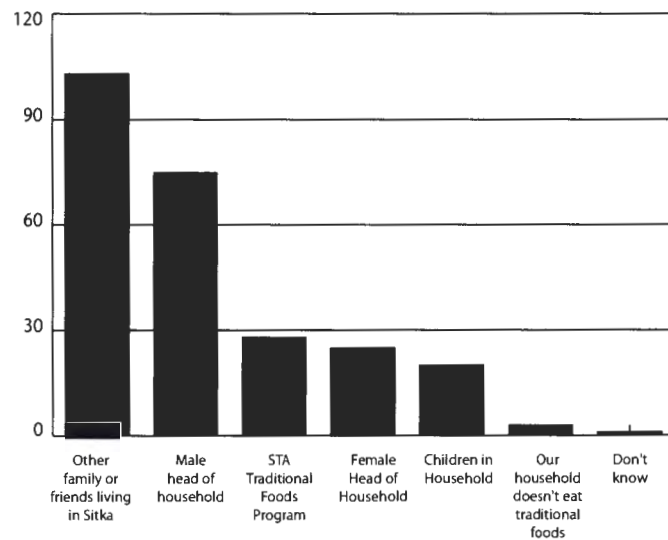
So What?

Households that don't get enough traditional foods are often forced to substitute less healthy foods—foods that can contribute to diseases such as diabetes and obesity. The loss of traditional food traditions can also lead to the degradation of cultural knowledge and values.

What Next?

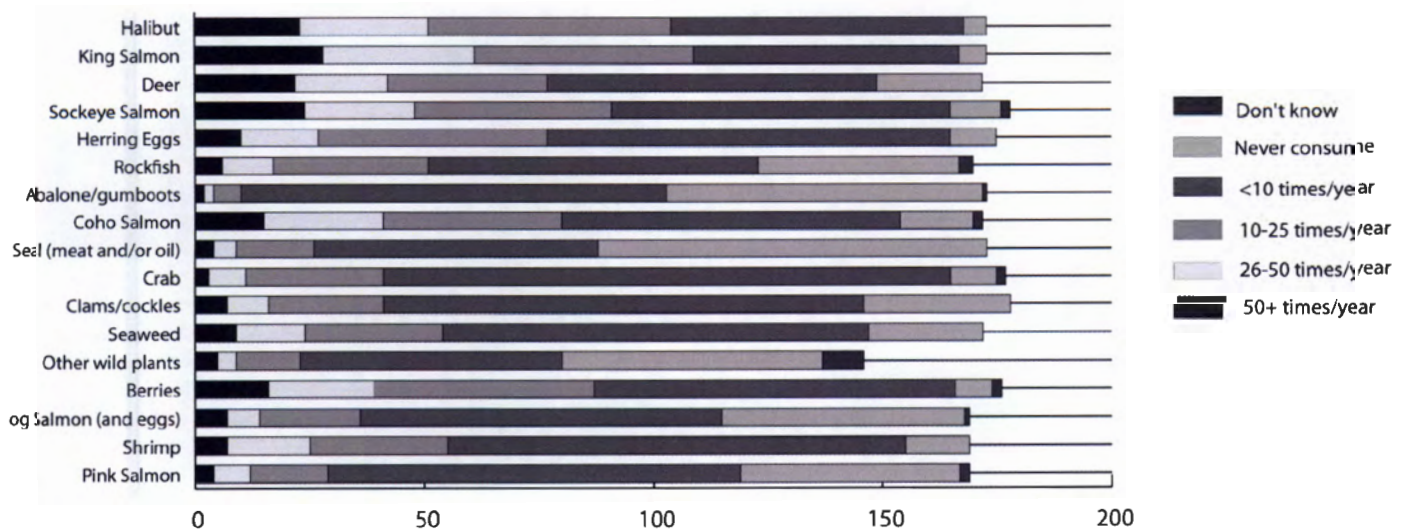
The Sitka Tribe of Alaska recently conducted a new needs assessment among its tribal citizens. It will be important to revisit this data when the new 2013 Tribal Assessment is completed and see if access to traditional and customary foods has changed and to what extent these foods are part of tribal citizen's diets.

Main Providers of Traditional Foods



Source: 2008 STA Tribal Needs Assessment

Frequency of Traditional Foods Consumption and Rank of Importance



Source: 2008 STA Tribal Needs Assessment

FOOD SHOPPING

What?

Food costs in Sitka have steadily increased in Sitka over the last 10 years. Between September 2003 and 2011, food costs rose 43.6%. Additionally, market basket costs were 57% higher than Portland, Oregon, 37% higher than Anchorage, and 21% higher than Juneau.

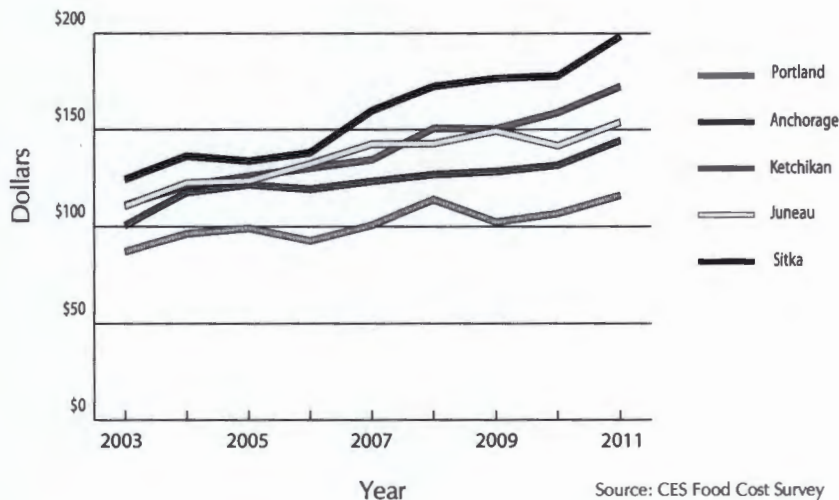
So What?

Rising food costs often require households to make hard choices about what foods they can afford. In the case of elders and others on fixed incomes, higher food costs may force them to choose between paying for heat, medications or food. Sitkans find themselves looking for ways to stretch their food buying power and explore less expensive buying options.

What Next?

Participants in the inaugural Food Summit confirmed that food is expensive in Sitka. They also asked lots of questions, like why does Sitka's food cost 21% more than in Juneau? why is food taxed like other groceries? does food need to be taxed in Sitka? Others wanted to see what the comparisons were to Wrangell and Petersburg. Additionally there was lots of interest in Do It Yourself (DIY) education focused on household resiliency that could mitigate rising food costs like gardening, food preservation, and root cellaring.

Family of 4 Weekly Food Cost Data in Sitka 2003-2011

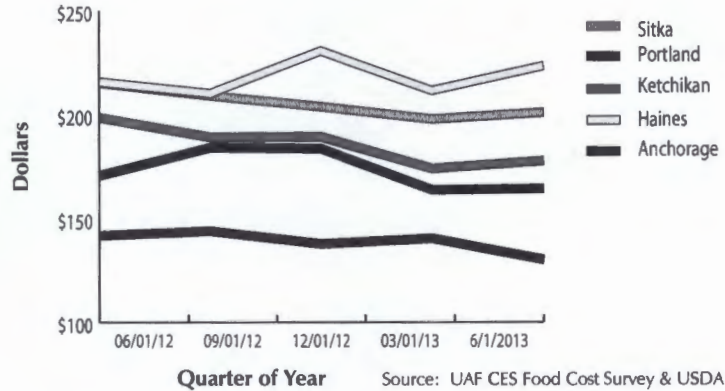


FOOD SHOPPING

What?

The UAF Cooperative Extension Service (CES) changed the market basket survey approach in 2012. It now uses the USDA Thrifty Menu Equivalent for a Family of 4 rather than the market basket of 38 foods it had used since the mid-1990s. The survey is now better able to compare to national surveys. It's also important to point out that the costs are for what's outlined in the Thrifty Food Plan which is often a portion of the cost of an item rather than the entire unit the item is sold as.

Food Cost Data for Family of Four
June 2012 to June 2013 Using Thrifty Food Plan



So What?

As the CES works with this new approach, it's become clear that a significant change in several foods can drastically alter the overall cost of the market basket. During this timeframe coffee prices sharply declined which partially explains the overall decline in food prices between June 2012 and March 2013. Sitka's food costs in March 2013 were 10.4% higher than Juneau, 13.6% higher than Ketchikan, 21.5% higher than Anchorage, 40.9% higher than Portland, OR and 35.1% higher than the US average. What's contributing to these higher food costs? Increasing food costs worldwide? A truer reflection of the "real" costs of food? Higher fuel costs to move food here? Lack of competition in Sitka?

What Next?

The City & Borough of Sitka, Sitka Economic Development Association and concerned Sitkans need to continue to monitor food prices and explore what's contributing to higher prices in Sitka. Higher food prices adds to the high cost of living in Sitka that can force people out of Sitka or keep people from moving here. Additionally, helping community members investigate lower cost ways of accessing food like establishing neighborhood buying clubs or participating in the Sitka Food Co-op (<https://www.sitkafoodcoop.org>) makes sense for motivated Sitkans who want to reduce their monthly food costs.



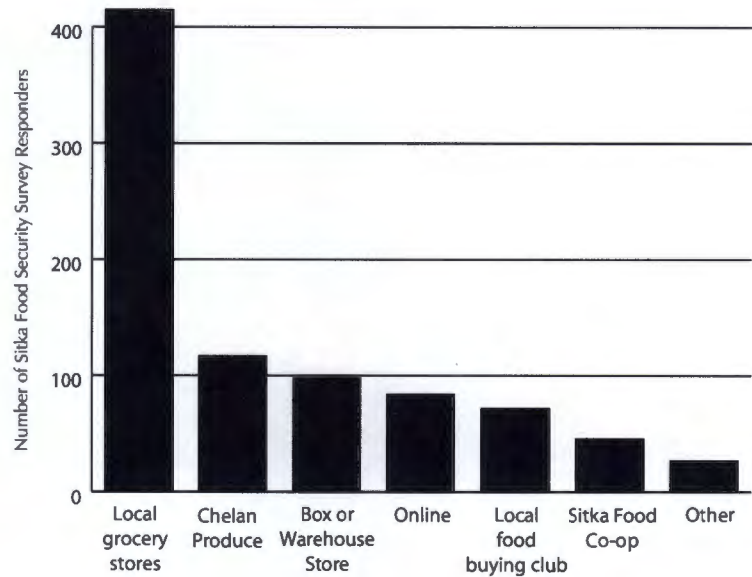
Where Food Security Survey Responders Shop

What?

Sitkans continue to do the majority of their grocery shopping locally. They also support Chelan Produce, a Petersburg based produce vendor that has served Sitka between April and October for close to 35 years.

So What?

While Sitkans grocery shop locally, rising food costs have led many to begin exploring alternate venues for accessing food that is less expensive. Additionally, small pockets of Sitkans are exploring other shopping mechanisms that line up with their sustainability and cooperative values namely through the Sitka Food Coop and food buying clubs. The Sitka Food Coop emerged in 2011 and currently serves 114 households and had \$74,020.37 in sales in 2012.



Source: Sitka Food Security Survey



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FOOD SHOPPING

What?

While over 50% of Sitkans reported household emergency food stores that would last up to two weeks, one in four community members don't have enough food to last even a week. This dovetails with Food Assessment focus group comments which reinforced that low income households and households with limited storage are unlikely to have food to support them if Sitka was faced with an emergency situation, especially if required to evacuate.

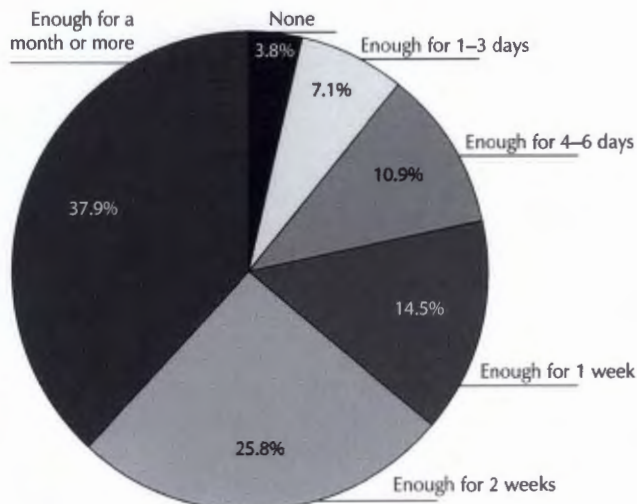
So What?

While it's important for every Sitka household to prepare for an emergency by having the recommended seven day supply of food and water for each household member and pet, it's clear that some households are not in a position either secondary to a shortage of space or resources or both to amass emergency food and water stores. Additionally, given that the primary Sitka food preservation practice is freezing, household bounties of frozen fish, deer, berries and other foods are likely to be lost if the power is out for an extended period of time.

What Next?

Is it time for Sitka to explore a community food caching system to safeguard food for emergency situations? The City of Cannon Beach, Oregon recently undertook a project that may prove useful to the Local Emergency Planning Commission or other community group who wants to tackle the creation of a community food cache system. Additionally, the Emergency Preparedness Work Group of the Alaska Food Policy Council has created a template for community groups to use to create a Food Emergency and Community Resilience Plan. Use of this tool might be a good starting point for the LEPC or interested community group.

How Much Food Households Have on Hand in Case of an Emergency



Source: Sitka Food Security Survey

Preserving Food in Sitka

What?

The overwhelming majority of Sitka Food Security Survey responders preserve food to use at a later time. The primary way Sitkans preserve food is to freeze it.

So What?

As a subsistence community, it's common place for Sitkans to harvest more than they can consume within a reasonable period of time. Preservation of these resources is key to having reliable access to quality food later in the year. The fact that the preferred preservation method is freezing means food stores are vulnerable if Sitka loses power during an emergency.

What Next?

Participants in the inaugural Sitka Food Summit requested more opportunities to learn about food preservation. Is it time to consider the creation of a community canning corps or to increase food preservation education in Sitka? Could the UAF Cooperative Extension Service resurrect the Master Canning/Food Preservation program?

FOOD ASSISTANCE

What?

There is a wide variety of alternate food assistance that takes place in Sitka ranging from eating at friends and relatives to showing up for community meals. The primary food assistance program survey responders use though is Food Stamps followed by free and reduced price school meals and WIC.

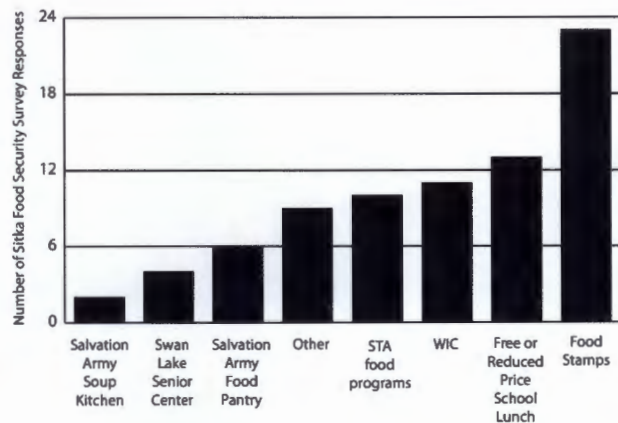
So What?

The data speaks to the resourcefulness of many Sitkans who struggle with food security. It also draws attention to the need to continue to outreach to the community about underutilized programs. Additionally, former WIC Nutrition Educator, Clara Gray, asserts that many families do not meet the income guidelines for programs, but they still need food assistance.

What Next?

Seven Sitkans who participate in food assistance programs were interviewed as part of Sitka's Food Assessment during the summer of 2013. They were unanimous in their agreement that applying for programs was easy to navigate and that the programs were easy to use. However, they did point out that Sitka could do better in our outreach to the community. The creation of a Sitka Food Guide was offered up one way to consolidate all food program information in one place by Sitka Food Summit participants.

Number of Sitka Food Security Survey Respondents
Who Participate in Food Assistance Programs



Source: Sitka Food Security Survey

Focus Group Findings

Household Food Security

Two groups of a total of 15 people met to discuss how serious food insecurity and hunger may be in Sitka (although some were not from Sitka). The groups discussed different topics. A majority of younger participants with small children ran out or worried about not having enough food for their family at times. They skipped meals, bought cheaper and less nutritious food, asked for help or relied on others, participated in community events that provide food or access public assistance programs. The senior group planned for going without at times, budgeted food/money and were used to going without, so were not generally concerned about food security.



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FOOD ASSISTANCE

What?

The number of individual Sitkans and Sitka households participating in the Food Stamp program has steadily increased since 2007. Individual participation increased 59.6% between 2007 and 2013; the number of households, 78.6%. This amounts to 16% of Sitka's population and 22% of Sitka's households based on 2010 US census data.

So What?

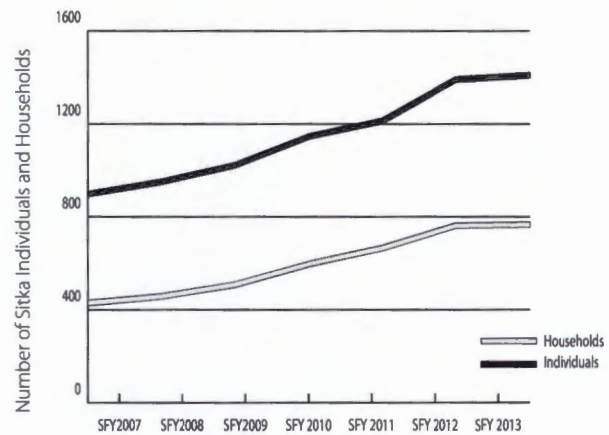
The rise in Food Stamp participation speaks to increasing household food insecurity in Sitka. Benefits in Sitka for an individual are \$226 per month; \$755 is the maximum benefit for a family of four or about \$2.10 per meal per person. To eat in Sitka on this amount of money means a "no frills" diet and requires lots of scratch cooking which means more time in the kitchen using predominantly unprocessed items.

What's Next?

As part of their No Kid Hungry Campaign, Share our Strength developed programming called Cooking Matters and Shopping Matters. These two programs teach meal planning, shopping and cooking skills to food stamp families with children. A program like Cooking Matters or Shopping Matters could assist low-income Sitkan households in stretching their limited food stamp dollars.

Sitkans need to keep abreast of changes in food stamp policies in the Farm Bill and advocate for strong anti-poverty programs. In November 2013, the boost in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP aka Food Stamps) benefit created by the American Recovery and Economic Act in 2009 ended. The reduction was about 5.5 percent of the maximum allotment, so the amount of the decrease depended on the household size. For example, a one person household lost \$11 and a four person household lost \$36, the equivalent of almost two days of food per month.

Food Stamp Participation 2007-2013



Source: USDA Food & Nutrition Service

Food Stamp Redemption Trends

What?

Sitka has seen an approximate \$200,000 increase in Food Stamp expenditures per year in the community since 2010. This reflects both the increase in the number of program participants as well as food price increases.

So What?

The Food Stamp program provides needed grocery money for food insecure households in Sitka. Additionally, it generates revenue for the three primary grocery stores in Sitka. SeaMart and Market Center plus Cascade Convenience Centers are owned and operated by the Sitka-based Hames Corporation. AC Value Center aka Lakeside is owned and operated by the Canadian-based Alaska Commercial Company owned by the North West Company.

What's Next?

Sitka food retailers and City of Sitka leaders need to consider the economic implication of cuts to the Food Stamp program. The benefit reduction that took effect in November 2013 due to the sunset of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and ongoing deep cuts proposed by Congress could translate to reduced revenue for Sitka's food retailers. Is it time for the business community and municipality to weigh in on the consequences of cuts to Food Stamps?

FOOD ASSISTANCE

Salvation Army Soup Kitchen Meals Provided January 2012–December 2013

What?

The Salvation Army has provided increasing numbers of meals since Captain and Major Wright have taken the helm. There has been a 35% increase in the number of meals for the months of January through July between 2012 and 2013.

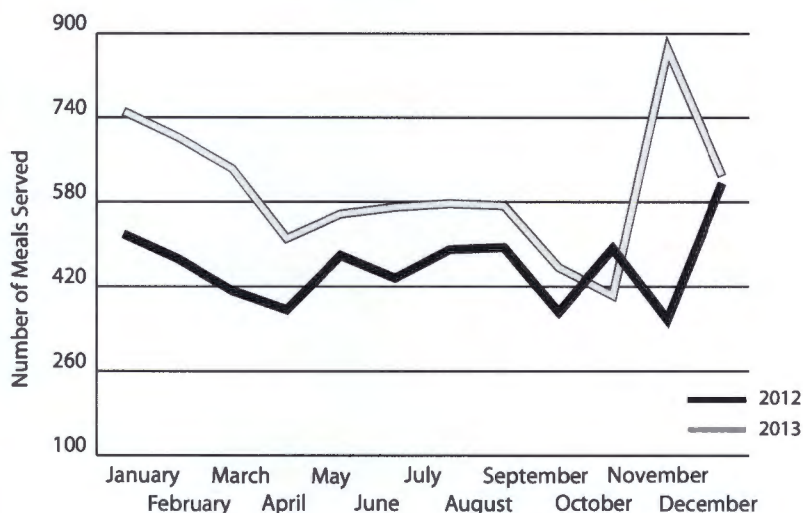
So What?

Increases in emergency meals speaks to increasing food insecurity in Sitka. Major Evadne Wright noted that usually rates go down when folks are out fishing, but participants are not fishing this year. So why aren't the most vulnerable Sitkans able to fish?

She also noted that rates go down when children return to school and Permanent Fund Dividends are distributed.

What Next?

The Salvation Army needs ongoing support by the community to feed Sitka's hungry. How can the community provide consistent resources beyond the efforts focused in the month of November? Could various religious and community organizations each pledge monetary or food support to help Salvation Army carry out its mission?



Source: Sitka Salvation Army

Focus Group Findings

Food Assistance

Seven participants were interviewed on the phone to discuss their experiences with food assistance programs in Sitka. All agreed that they were very important to them and without them they would struggle to feed their families and are able to purchase more nutritious food. The majority said that there were no problems applying for, using or trying to use the various programs although the local stores seem to have problems. Concerns included not enough food at school, hope that school meals become healthier, and some assistance programs locations are inconvenient.



FOOD ASSISTANCE

What?

The number of requests for emergency food assistance as well as Thanksgiving and Christmas food assistance is on the rise. These numbers include holiday food assistance for 2011, 2012 and 2013 but not 2010. Major Evadne Wright reports that their organization ran out of their food stores mid Summer 2012 due to escalating demand and had to turn families away.

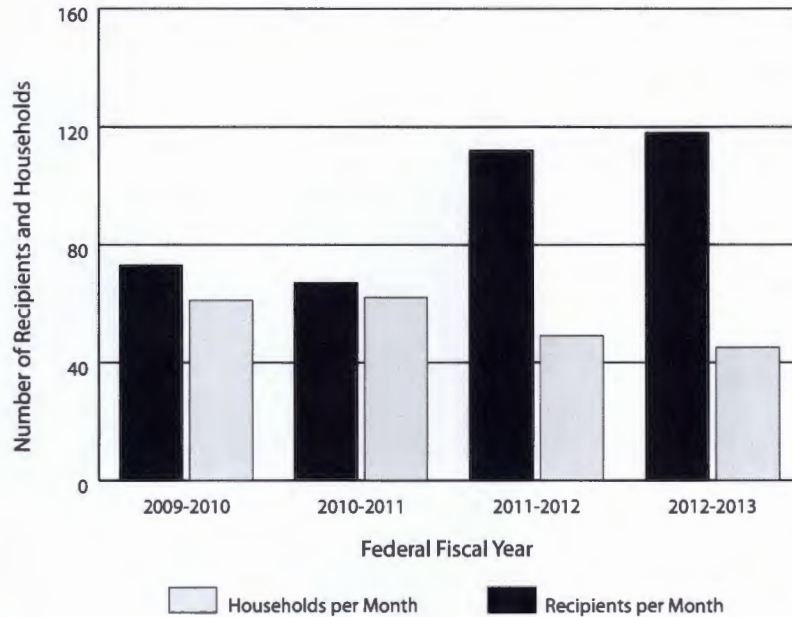
So What?

The increasing number of requests for emergency food assistance point to rising rates of food insecurity in Sitka. The Salvation Army is the primary provider of emergency food assistance after friends and family. Sitkans Against Family Violence and Sitka Tribe of Alaska offer satellite USDA commodity distribution sites. The Salvation Army has seen decreases in what's available through the USDA commodity program, which historically has provided surplus food. The Salvation Army struggles to get available surplus food from Food Bank of Alaska due to the shipping costs associated with moving food into Southeast Alaska.

What's Next?

Given the rising cost of living in Sitka, need for food assistance is expected to continue to increase. One of the 2013 Sitka Health Summit goals included food insecurity and hunger. Two pressing issues for food assistance expansion are high transportation costs to get surplus food into Sitka and lack of sufficient food storage. One of the 2013 Sitka Health Summit work groups is exploring increasing food storage in Sitka.

Salvation Army Food Pantry Participation 2009–2013



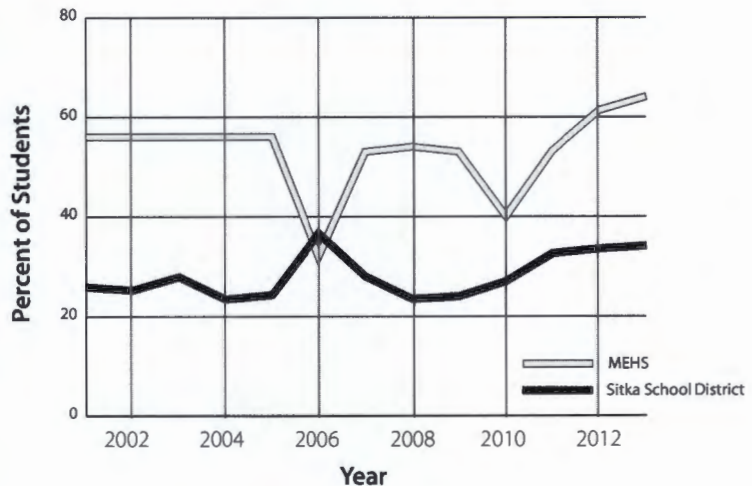
Sitka Local Foods Network

SCHOOL FOOD ENVIRONMENT

What?

Both the Sitka School District and Mt. Edgecumbe High School have seen an 8% increase in eligibility for free and reduced price school lunches between 2001 and 2013. The Sitka School District offers a small reimbursable breakfast at Baranof Elementary and Keet Goshi Heen Elementary (KGH); the district business manager reported that 10-15 students participate at Baranof and 20-25 at KGH. The K-2 social worker reported that they are able to offer breakfast at Baranof and KGH to students who are not qualified for free or reduced price meals through donations from the White E Thrift Store. An informal breakfast program also exists at Blatchley Middle School and is run with donations from the Easter Group.

Free & Reduced Price Lunch Eligibility 2001-2013



Source: Alaska Department of Education and Early Development

So What?

Increases in free and reduced price lunches point to increased food insecurity in the community. Children and youth who are hungry often experience difficulties with learning in the classroom as well as exhibit behavioral issues.

What Next?

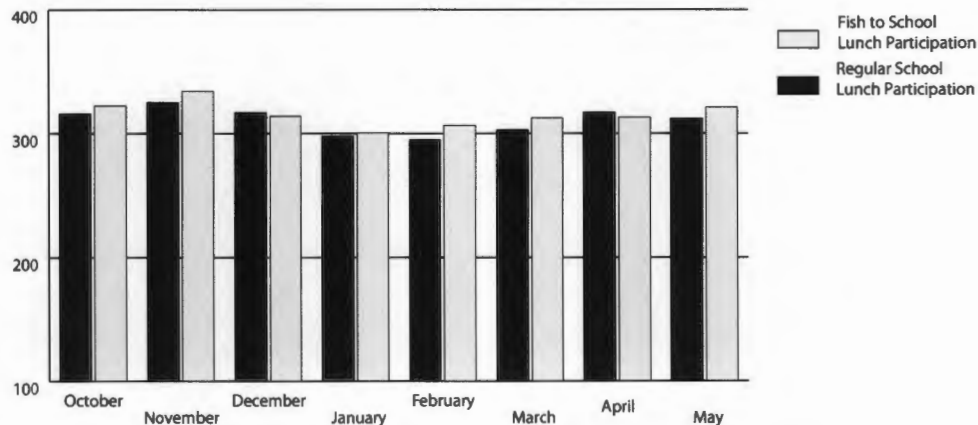
According to the Food Research and Action Center, "Expanded availability, accessibility, and participation in the School Breakfast Program is one of the best ways to support the health and academic potential of children, particularly low-income children. Adequate nutrition and freedom from hunger are absolutely essential for good health and academic success, and yet these goals are not always achievable for families who are struggling to make ends meet...Whether breakfast is served in the classroom, from carts in the hallways, or before second period, the flexibility to allow children to eat in the morning during the school day is essential to ensure optimum participation."

Maybe it's time to advocate for expansion of Sitka's limited school breakfast program. Perhaps the community can work with the district's new obesity prevention and control program to make expanded school breakfast and other school food initiatives a reality?



SCHOOL FOOD ENVIRONMENT

Average School Lunch Participation on Regular School Lunch Days Compared to Fish to Schools Days



Source: Sitka Conservation Society

What?

Sitka's Fish to School (F2S) program was birthed at the 2010 Health Summit. The Sitka Conservation Society took the lead on the initiative and worked with local seafood processors, Food Service, and the Sitka School District to secure donations for the first F2S meals in the spring of 2011 at Blatchley Middle School. Now F2S offers local fish meals twice a month at Blatchley Middle School, Keet Gooshi Heen Elementary, Pacific High, Sitka High, Mt. Edgumbe High School, and the SEER School. Fish lunches made up 28% of the total lunches served on F2S days during the 2012-13 school year.

So What?

Fish to Schools deepens understanding of local seafood resources by integrating locally-caught seafood into the school lunch program, introducing stream to plate curricula, and fostering a connection to the local fishing culture. F2S connects students to their local food system and helps them understand the impact of their food choices on their body, the economy, and the environment. Local fish has been historically absent from school lunches even though Sitka is the ninth largest seafood port in the United States. Increasing access to nutritious, local food has the potential to improve the local economy, decrease the need for feedlot meats and build a more resilient, regionally-adapted school lunch program.

What Next?

Currently dependent on grants and on fishermen donations, Fish to Schools is looking at sustainable solutions for permanent funding and policy reform. In 2012 a state-funded pilot program, Nutritional Alaskan Foods to Schools (NAFS), was introduced to reimburse school districts for their Alaska food purchases. The Sitka Conservation Society is advocating for permanent state funding so SSD, MEHS, and schools across the state can integrate and plan their meal programs around Alaska foods, like seafood.

SCHOOL FOOD ENVIRONMENT

Blessings in a Backpack

What?

Blessings in a Backpack was launched during the 2012-13 school year by the Falvey family. The program is part of a non-profit that targets children eligible for free and reduced price lunches. High-risk children are provided with kid-friendly food for the weekend. \$100 per child provides weekend supplemental food for the academic year. The program provided food support to 50 Keet Goshi Heen students the first year, and was expanded to Baranof Elementary, and 56 total students (43 at Keet and 13 at Baranoff) in 2013-14 school year.

So What?

Children who are nourished over the weekends are more likely to show up ready to learn on Monday morning. Program evaluation has shown improvement in test scores, reduction in behavioral issues and improved school attendance.

What Next?

Is it possible for Sitka through charitable donations or other giving to expand the program to meet all the need in Sitka? How do we define this need? How do we overcome the stigma of accepting supplemental food? How do we work to increase healthier foods in the packs given their heftier pricetag?



Sitka Sentinel

FOOD PRODUCTION IN SITKA

What?

The number of food producers in Sitka—especially small scale growers—is increasing. The fish and seafood industry seems to be steady, with three large producer operations and two steady retailers. It's harder to grasp what's happening at the household level in terms of gardens and backyard animal husbandry.

So What?

If Sitka is to move toward a more resilient food system, we need to expand the number of growers and food processors. For example, we currently do not have a USDA approved slaughtering facility which makes moving into animal husbandry challenging on anything but a household level. Additionally, if we are going to increase local foods in our school and senior programs, we will need to embrace school and senior center-based gardens. These food-focused endeavours will require capital, education and technical support to succeed.

What Next?

What else could Sitka undertake to increase our food resiliency? Here's what Sitkans who attended the inaugural Food Summit suggested:

1. Encourage the Sitka School District and Sitka Fine Arts camp to incorporate gardens in their green spaces.
2. Encourage SAFV to use its property for a community garden.
3. Advocate for use of public green spaces especially those accessed by foot to be used for food production activities.
4. Develop a Food Bank garden at Salvation Army for their use.
5. Educate/encourage commercial fishermen to pursue permits that allow them to sell direct to consumers from the dock using web-based apps or social media to connect them to markets.



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Sitka Local Foods Network

Community Food Production

Focus Group Findings

Eight local producers met for a focus group to discuss community food production, specifically ways to improve Sitka systems to ensure that every household gets the foods they require and in the quantities that they need. Changes in food production resources noted include an increased number of personal gardens, an increase in regulations and expenses and more food being imported while more seafood is being exported. The group noted that major barriers to making the Sitka food system successful included high costs, lack of access to gardening such as land, knowledge and supplies, and media and government subsidies to make food cheap. They were concerned about the lack of local political support and note individuals and organizations addressing improvement and our informal barter system to take care of each other.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The Sitka Community Food Assessment Indicators Report is the result of the focused, hard work of a small dedicated group of current and former Sitkans. These tireless volunteers truly carried the food security torch this last year. They include Abby Long (VISTA Volunteer), Andrianna Natsoulas, Caitlin Blaisdell (AmeriCorps Volunteer), Carole Knuth, Carolyn Servid, Clara Gray, Courtney Bobsin (SCS Jesuit Volunteer), Garrett Bauer (AmeriCorps Volunteer), Jean Frank, Kerry MacLane, Sabrina Cimerol (AmeriCorps Volunteer), Renae Mathson, Lauren Havens (AmeriCorps Volunteer), Marjorie Hennessy, Peter Bradley, Sherie Mayo, Tracy Gagnon, Lauren Fetzer, Walleen Whitson, Christine Davenport, and Charles Bingham. Additionally, we want to thank the following organizations for their collaborative spirit as they supported the project by providing time for many of the aforementioned volunteers to participate:

- Alaska Sustainable Fisheries Trust
- Sitka Community Schools
- Island Institute
- Sitka Conservation Society
- SouthEast Alaska Regional Health Consortium

We'd also like to thank the following individuals and organizations for assisting us with getting our hands on Sitka specific data or with other features of Sitka's food assessment: Philip Loring with the UAF Cross-Cultural Studies Center; Bret Luick with UAF Cooperative Extension Service; Philip Mooney, Eric Conradt, Troy Tydingco, and Karin McCoy with the Alaska Department of Fish & Game; Terry Suminski with the US Forest Service; Samia Savell with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service; Georgina Castillo with the USDA Food and Nutrition Service; Tim Homan with the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services; Major Evadne Wright with the Sitka Salvation Army, and the Sitka Tribe of Alaska. And thanks to Sara Beaber-Fujioka with SEARHC's Planning Department for consultation on the layout of the data charts.

To ground-truth the twenty-nine food assessment indicators, we undertook the creation of a first ever Sitka Food Summit on November 14, 2013. We are in deep gratitude to our sponsors: Alaskans Own, Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association, SEARHC's Diabetes Prevention and Community Transformation programs, Sitka Community Hospital, Sitka Local Foods Network, and the Southeast Alaska Soil and Water Conservation District. We also want to thank our table hosts Peter Bradley, Jasmine Shaw, Martha Pearson and Lauren Havens, as well as our seasoned moderator, Mollie Kabler.

And finally, we need to thank the Sitka Health Summit for creating an avenue for this type of public health work to take seed and bear fruit.



(<http://sitkalocalfoodsnetwork.files.wordpress.com/2013/07/alaskafoodpolicycouncillogo.jpg>) Three Sitka residents will have prominent roles during the inaugural Alaska Food Festival and Conference (<http://akfoodpolicycouncil.wordpress.com/conference/>) on Friday through Sunday, Nov. 7-9, at the University of Alaska Anchorage's Lucy Cuddy Center. This event is hosted by the Alaska Food Policy Council (<http://akfoodpolicycouncil.wordpress.com/%20>).

Sitka Local Foods Network Board President Lisa Sadleir-Hart will deliver one of the two keynote speeches during lunch on Friday, when she will discuss food security and the results of the Sitka Community Food Assessment (<http://sitkalocalfoodsnetwork.files.wordpress.com/2014/04/food-assessment-indicator-report-web-version.pdf>).

Keith Nyitray, president of the Sitka Food Co-op (<https://sites.google.com/site/sitkafoodcoop/home>) board, will participate in a panel discussion Friday afternoon about the future of food cooperatives in Alaska. Gordon Blue, the president/executive director of the Alaska Sustainable Fisheries Trust (<http://thealaskatrust.org/>) (which operates the Alaskans Own Seafood (<http://thealaskatrust.org/alaskans-own.php>) community supported fishery program), will participate in a Friday afternoon panel discussion about innovations to enhancing local fishing livelihoods in coastal Alaska.

This event has a different theme for each of the three days. Friday is the Alaska Food Policy Conference, which features local and national speakers who will present and lead discussions on a variety of food security, production, business and community issues. Saturday is the Alaska Food Festival, which gives participants to sample a variety of Alaska food products, attend short classes on various food topics, shop at the farmers market, etc. The event wraps up Sunday with the Food System Open House, where participants can visit sites in Anchorage that are doing exciting work in our food system.

To register for the Alaska Food Festival and Conference use this link, <http://akfoodpolicycouncil.wordpress.com/conference/register/> (<http://akfoodpolicycouncil.wordpress.com/conference/register/>). Registration is \$125, or \$75 for students. For questions or more information, please feel free to contact the Alaska Food Policy Council at 1-907-269-8072 or akfoodpolicycouncil@gmail.com.



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REPORT(S)



- Krisanne Rice – Sitka's Exchange Students
 - Introductions
 - Amina Kudzieyev (Russia)
 - Klementina Mato (Albania)
 - Kasfia Nahreen (Bangladesh)
 - Daniela Artiromov (Moldova)
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CEO Jeff Comer, Introduction and Update



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POSSIBLE MOTIONS

I move to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of
Items A, B, C & D

I wish to pull Item(s) ____, ____.

Should this item be pulled from the Consent Agenda the following motion
would be in order:

POSSIBLE MOTION

I MOVE TO approve the minutes of the
September 23, 2014 Assembly meeting.



CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS
330 Harbor Drive
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Minutes - Draft City and Borough Assembly

Mayor Mim McConnell
Deputy Mayor Matt Hunter
Vice-Deputy Mayor Phyllis Hackett, Pete Esquiro, Mike Reif,
Benjamin Miyasato and Aaron Swanson

Municipal Administrator: Mark Gorman
Municipal Attorney: Robin L. Koutchak
Municipal Clerk: Colleen Ingman, MMC

Tuesday, September 23, 2014

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Hunter, Hackett, Esquiro, Reif, and Swanson

Excused: 2 - McConnell, and Miyasato

IV. CORRESPONDENCE/AGENDA CHANGES

14-194

Airport Long Term Parking and Alaska Marine Highway Schedule

Administrator Gorman informed that additional long-term parking has been authorized at the far end of the paved airport parking lot.

14-193

Reminders & Calendars

V. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

Mr. Reif offered his gratitude to special individuals that he had the pleasure to work with through his tenure on the Assembly and offered special thanks to his wife Melanie for her support. He was humorous with the audience displaying a younger and an older Mike attributing his aging to service on the Assembly. He was given a picture taken during the Assembly ALS Challenge with a caption that read "Beam Me Up Assembly My Work Here is Done," Mr. Reif added that he may serve again someday.

VI. SPECIAL REPORTS: Government to Government, Municipal Boards/Commissions/Committees, Municipal Departments, School District, Students and Guests (time limits apply)

STA Director Lawrence Spotted Bird relayed that at a recent meeting STA approved

three actions: 1) A resolution to support of bilingual signage throughout Sitka, 2) Get out to Vote effort for all elections, and 3) CBS Staff recommendation for locating the ceremonial canoe outside Centennial Hall. They recently celebrated 20 years for Tribal Tours and Naa Kahidi Dancers. He noted this Friday a documentary would be shown "Walking in Two Worlds" at 6:00 PM at the Community House. He reminded people to fill the Bus Food Drive Saturday.

VII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Garry White, Gary Paxton Industrial Park (GPIP) Director, announced two upcoming meetings: September 24 to discuss proposals received for the GPIP and the Economic Innovation Forum to be held September 30.

Chamber Director, Jennifer Robinson, mentioned the Seasons End Celebration to be held September 27.

VIII. REPORTS

a. Mayor, b. Administrator, c. Attorney, d. Liaison Representatives, e. Clerk, f. Other

Deputy Mayor Hunter reported Mim was attending the Northwest Community Land Trust Coalition conference this week and had asked Hunter to read her activities report for her.

She recently attended the Local Emergency Planning Commission meeting and also attended the inaugural celebration of the Carnival Miracle cruise ship with Mark Gorman. Last week she attended SE Conference in Wrangell. This is what she has to say about it: "It was a very good conference with interesting reports and good networking. Some high lights were the two reports presented by Meilani Schijvens, owner of Rain Coast Data. One was the annual **Southeast by the Numbers** and the other was a new report on **Arts and the Southeast Economy**. Another interesting presentation was done by a group of SE residents on Food Sustainability. The reports from Kasaan and Thorne Bay were of particular interest. The Southeast Islands School District is converting all ten of their schools to heating with wood. This energy is being used to produce food at the Thorne Bay School in a hydroponic greenhouse and the produce is being used in other schools in the district or sold. Other presentations were on the marine industry, mariculture, electric vehicles in Juneau, and alternative energy. Sitka has the most heat pumps in the state, around 100. We received updates on regional hydro projects and Chris Brewton and Jay Sweeney were highlights of the day with their presentation on the Blue Lake Hydro Dam Expansion Project. We also learned about the elements of a modern mine from university professor Robert Loeffler.

I had the opportunity to speak with DOT's Andy Hughes in the hallway at SE Conference about our poor ferry service. I told him that I'm tired of the excuses as to why we can't get equitable service, especially considering the size of our community compared to others in the region that are smaller but getting much better service. I also said I think the state's highest priority should be keeping our roads open, not keeping costs down. Their choices are adversely impacting our economy. Garry White was with me during this conversation if you would like another perspective about the discussion. I think it's time for Sitka to take a stand for equitable ferry service." Also attended the Tribal Tours 20th Anniversary party.

Mayor's upcoming activities:

Helping at the Season's End Celebration next Saturday.

Attending the SEDA Innovation Summit September 30th.

Attending Health Summit Planning Day October 3rd.

Administrator - Mentioned the Quarterly Partners Meeting with Blue Lake Dam contractors was going well. Reported the State allowed for additional 7 day parking rows at the Airport. There was a water main break at the airport last week. It was the state's responsibility but they contracted with the city to fix the leak. Gorman noted the airport expansion plans could not happen until the lines were upgraded. Recently hired was Ron Duvall, IT Director, and Rob Farmer, Library Director. After the retirement of Wells Williams, Scott Brylinsky will serve as acting Planning Director while recruiting for a new Director. Sales tax reverts to 5% October 1 through March 31.

Attorney - Received Mike Gatti's report on tax possibilities and will be reviewing with a report to follow.

Liaisons - Hunter attended the Port and Harbors meeting where a number of issues were discussed.

Clerk - Reminded citizens of the upcoming Municipal Election on October 7 and announced that advanced voting was available now for those folks who would be out of town. Additionally, the Greater Sitka Chamber of Commerce luncheon September 24 would host the candidates for Assembly.

Other - Mike Reif asked Brewton about diesel fuel usage and wondered if we would stay under budget. Brewton said yes. He also inquired when we would be off Indian River water. Brewton estimated sometime after October 6th. The tunnel needs to be flushed and several other things have to be accomplished before we can make the shift back over to Blue Lake Water. Brewton didn't see any unknowns that would make us go over budget. Reif complimented all involved. Hackett attended the Sitka Community Hospital Board meeting and informed that their new CEO Jeffery Comer had started.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

- A** 14-185 Approve the minutes of the September 9, 2014 Assembly meeting
- This item was APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA.**
- B** 14-192 Reappoint Gwen Lazzarini and appoint Lisa Baugher to terms on the Police and Fire Commission
- This item was APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA.**
- C** 14-189 Award a Design/Build Contract to CBC Construction Inc. for Net Shed and Jarvis Street Roofs and transfer funds (\$10,000) - Bid \$185,500
- A motion was made by Reif that this Item be APPROVED. The motion PASSED by the following vote.**
- Yes:** 5 - Hunter, Hackett, Esquiro, Reif, and Swanson

Excused: 2 - McConnell, and Miyasato

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

D ORD 14-29 Authorizing the extension of the lease of the land at 323 Seward Street to November 1, 2046 to White Elephant Shop, Inc.

Mayor read the title.

Alice Johnstone, a volunteer at the White Elephant Shop, spoke to Dorothy Breedlove's letter and stated the easement had caused problems for 50 years. She reminded the easement was not the agenda item, the lease extension was. Johnstone said the non-profit had given over \$1,000,000 to the community. Further, Johnstone added the Shop did its best to control the general public's use of the garbage dumpster. Johnstone stated the volunteers made sure to request folks dropping off items did not block the driveway.

Scott Harris, a nearby neighbor, stated his issue was with the drop off location. He asked the Assembly to not forget the conditional use process and believed the White Elephant Shop needed to go through the permitting process.

Dorothy Breedlove, a nearby neighbor, agreed with Harris and would like to see the drop off location moved to the other side of the building. She offered the relocation of the drop off area could be a condition of the lease.

Reif asked Planning Director, Wells Williams, if there was a conditional use permit. Williams responded that nothing was on file as far back as thirty years ago and the White Elephant predated that. He stated it was currently considered a non-conforming use. Williams added if the structure was expanded it would need to go through a CUP process. The Shop was considered grandfathered until an expansion change was made.

Esquiro believed the neighbors were entitled to some relief and wondered if there was a plan to expand the White Elephant building. Esquiro thought the solution was moving the drop off point and would like to see a timeline for relief. Williams pondered whether it would be prudent for the Assembly to make an amendment to the lease. Municipal Attorney Koutchak explained a couple options. The only thing this ordinance authorized was a new lease. She believed it was prudent for the Assembly to send this ordinance back to staff to develop a resolution and come back with a lease that all parties were happy with, or pass it with the understanding that the administrator was authorized to sign this with the understanding concerns would be addressed when the lease was drawn up.

A motion was made by Esquiro that this Ordinance be POSTPONED until the City, White Elephant Shop and neighbors can come up with a solution. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 5 - Hunter, Hackett, Esquiro, Reif, and Swanson

Excused: 2 - McConnell, and Miyasato

E ORD 14-32 Proposing to amend Title 1, Administration, of the SGC by adding Section 1.04.90 Use of City Seal

A motion was made by Swanson that this Ordinance be APPROVED. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 5 - Hunter, Hackett, Esquiro, Reif, and Swanson

Excused: 2 - McConnell, and Miyasato

XI. NEW BUSINESS:

F 14-187

Decision on whether to allow any sales tax free day(s) following the Thanksgiving Holiday and set day(s)

Greater Chamber of Commerce Director, Jennifer Robinson, expressed their sincerest gratitude for supporting this.

Hackett stated she struggled with this every year and was more eager to support one day on Saturday and join other communities in Small Business Saturday. Reif spoke in support and was glad a policy was put in place.

A motion was made by Reif that this Item be APPROVED. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 5 - Hunter, Hackett, Esquiro, Reif, and Swanson

Excused: 2 - McConnell, and Miyasato

G 14-188

Convene as the Board of Adjustment - Consider a Conditional Use Permit filed by Brian Jardine for a two-bedroom Bed & Breakfast at 105 Shelikof Way

Staff - Planning Director, Wells Williams, informed that the action came from the Planning Commission. Planning Commission Chair, Chris Spivey, spoke to how the Commission reached its decision. All findings were met for the Planning Commission to issue the Conditional Use Permit (CUP), so every finding was voted on. Mr. Spivey felt the Commission had been given plenty of information on the history and how the applicant had tried in the past to get a conditional use permit and how each time it had failed. There was a large outpouring on both sides of the issue. The Commission voted on only two finding in the affirmative. Based on the information that the Municipal Attorney provided; it was not legal and opened up the City and Commission to law suits.

Applicant - Michelle Peterson represented Brian Jardine telephonically and was on hand primarily to address any questions related to the application.

Board - Reif disclosed that he was a charter fisherman like Brian Jardine and they did communicate during the season. It was determined that that relationship in itself did not define a conflict of interest on Reif's part. Reif surmised that essentially Mr. Jardine had been operating this as a B&B when he wasn't permitted to do so. Reif inquired if Jardine had ever paid bed tax. Municipal Attorney clarified that the board was not able to inquire into financial matters. When someone came forward that had been told twice before no, but kept doing it anyway, and now said they were going to follow the rules would be defined as an "unclean hands doctrine," which holds as a rule of law that someone bringing a lawsuit or motion or asking the court for equitable relief must be innocent of wrongdoing or unfair conduct relating to the subject matter of their claim. Koutchak noted bad behavior should not be awarded. Jardine had, it was believed, run this de facto lodge for almost 10 years-even after repeated denials." The bottom line came down to the easement. Koutchak planned to add enforcement provisions and rewrite the Zoning Code. There was no enforcement Right of Action for an aggrieved property owner. Right now they were to exhaust all

administrative remedies. Jardine said he did not charge his charter clients housing or lodging fees, so he was not running a bed and breakfast in his opinion.

Applicant - Reif tried to inquire on financial matters of Michelle Peterson - Brian Jardine's girlfriend, and she stated that she wouldn't know that part of the business. Attorney Koutchak interjected that the City was working with Brian and had copies of his records but any questioning along those lines of Ms. Peterson was not proper and were not to be made. Peterson felt they made some legitimate points regarding a Memorandum of Law and the fact that the City had been describing them as lodges similar to Dove Island, Island View etc., was not accurate. Peterson referred to their operation as a small B&B. She stated Mr. Mulligan's petition misrepresented what they were applying for.

Public - Michelle Putz, a neighbor, was not supportive of their request. They did sign a petition, understood what Jardine was proposing, and did not appreciate the number of people coming and going. Space was limited. Putz supported reviewing the Code.

Staff - Williams reviewed the key findings and stressed the City could not monitor the property closely enough in his opinion.

Applicant - Peterson argued that the business was not detrimental to the neighborhood and did not adversely affect it. They have had the same number of vehicles for the last 10 years. The petitioner Mr. Mulligan had more traffic than they did. She felt like the Commission and Board had been given a lot of incorrect information from Mr. Mulligan and the City Attorney about easement laws and didn't understand why they were asked to apply. She felt people wanted them to just go away.

Board - Hunter stated he did not like this process and was not looking to hurt the business. Given all this evidence, the discussion from the Planning Commission, he agreed that all the necessary findings could not be met. Hackett agreed with Hunter. She stated she had faith in the Planning Commission and knew they were very diligent and that they had looked at this seriously.

A motion was made by Hackett to deny a conditional use permit request filed by Brian Jardine for a Two-bedroom Bed and Breakfast at 105 Shelikof Way as recommended by the Planning Commission because a majority of the following required conditions and findings could not be met in accordance with that Commission. Further, in accordance with Sitka General Code the Planning Commission shall not recommend approval of a proposed development unless it can first meet the following findings, conditions and conclusions and further considers that the Planning Commission recommended denial of the conditional use permit because the majority of required findings cannot be met and neighborhood concerns cannot be mitigated. The Board of Adjustment supports the Planning Commission's decision and denies the conditional use permit; and request that they be made a part of the final decision of record:

1. a. not be detrimental to the public health, safety, and general welfare;
b. not adversely affect the established character of the surrounding vicinity;
c. not be injurious to the uses, property, or improvements adjacent to, and in the vicinity of, the site upon which the proposed use is to be located.

2. That the granting of the proposed Conditional Use Permit is consistent and compatible with the intent of the goals, objectives and policies of the Comprehensive Plan and any implementing regulation.

3. That all conditions necessary to lessen any impacts of the proposed use are conditions that can be monitored and enforced.

4. That the proposed use will not introduce hazardous conditions at the site that cannot be mitigated to protect adjacent properties, the vicinity, and the public health, safety and welfare of the community from such hazard.

5. That the conditional use will be supported by, and not adversely affect, adequate public facilities and services; or that conditions can be imposed to lessen any adverse impacts on such facilities and services.

6. Burden of Proof. The applicant has the burden of proving that the proposed conditional use meets all of the criteria to include 1. b above.

The City may approve, approve with conditions, modify, modify with conditions, or deny the conditional use permit. The city may reduce or modify bulk requirements, off-street parking requirements, and use design standards to lessen impacts, as a condition of the granting of the conditional use permit. In considering the granting of a conditional use, the assembly and planning commission shall satisfy themselves that the general criteria set forth for uses specified in this chapter will be met. The City may consider any or all criteria listed and may base conditions or safeguards upon them. The assembly and planning commission may require the applicant to submit whatever reasonable evidence may be needed to protect the public interest.

The general approval criteria are as follows:

1. Site topography, slope and soil stability, geophysical hazards such as flooding, surface and subsurface drainage and water quality, and the possible or probable effects of the proposed conditional use upon these factors;
2. Utilities and service requirements of the proposed use, including sewers, storm drainage, water, fire protection, access and electrical power; the assembly and planning commission may enlist the aid of the relevant public utility officials with specialized knowledge in evaluating the probable effects of the proposed use and may consider the costs of enlarging, upgrading or extending public utilities in establishing conditions under which the conditional use may be permitted;
3. Lot or tract characteristics, including lot size, yard requirements, lot coverage and height of structures;
4. Use characteristics of the proposed conditional use that affect adjacent uses and districts, including hours of operation, number of persons, traffic volumes, off-street parking and loading characteristics, trash and litter removal, exterior lighting, noise, vibration, dust, smoke, heat and humidity, recreation and open space requirements;
5. Community appearance such as landscaping, fencing and screening, dependent upon the specific use and its visual impacts.

Conditional uses.

E. In evaluating the inputs of a proposed conditional use permit, the municipality may consider a commercial conditional use to be inappropriate for residential neighbors while the same conditional use may be acceptable when it is located along an arterial or collector street. The additional vehicular traffic generated by conditional uses, such as professional offices, may not be able to be adequately mitigated in residential areas.

1. Criteria to Be Used in Determining Impacts of Conditional Uses.

- a. Amount of vehicular traffic to be generated and impacts of the traffic on nearby land uses.
- b. Amount of noise to be generated and its impacts on surrounding land uses.
- c. Odors to be generated by the use and their impacts.
- d. Hours of operation.
- e. Location along a major or collector street.
- f. Potential for users or clients to access the site through residential areas or substandard street creating a cut through traffic scenario.
- g. Effects on vehicular and pedestrian safety.
- h. Ability of the police, fire, and EMS personnel to respond to emergency calls on the site.
- i. Logic of the internal traffic layout.
- j. Effects of signage on nearby uses.
- k. Presence of existing or proposed buffers on the site or immediately adjacent the site.
- l. Relationship if the proposed conditional use is in a specific location to the goals, policies, and objectives of the comprehensive plan.
- m. Other criteria that surface through public comments or planning commission assembly review.

The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 5 - Hunter, Hackett, Esquiro, Reif, and Swanson

Excused: 2 - McConnell, and Miyasato

H 14-186

Approve transfer of available working capital in the General Fund to the Public Infrastructure Sinking Fund and Permanent Fund

Sweeney explained that the CBS General Fund had exceeded its revenues and under spent its budget, in particular salaries and wages. One reason for this was CBS budgeted for 100% employment when there was always transition within the workforce. Reif was very supportive and pleased there was a mechanism in place for this. He was also pleased to put money into Sitka's Permanent Fund. Hackett was also supportive and wanted to hear more about the Permanent Fund transfer and wondered when they were going to hear back from the Investment Committee. Sweeney noted the Committee planned to meet soon and would come forward with a recommendation. Esquiro mentioned he had been waiting for this for a long time. He added this was a good direction to take and encouraged those Assembly members that were here in the future to keep this going.

A motion was made by Reif that this Item be APPROVED. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 5 - Hunter, Hackett, Esquiro, Reif, and Swanson

Excused: 2 - McConnell, and Miyasato

I 14-191

Discussion/Direction on the Non-profit Grant Allocation Process for FY 2016

Hackett supported the direction in the memo provided. She stated the recommendations were spot on. Reif agreed. Deputy Mayor Hunter reviewed the memo. The Assembly directed Administration to put in place the changes outlined in the Administrator's memorandum.

This item was REFERRED to the Administrator's Office due back on 6/30/2015

XII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Planning Commission Chairman, Chris Spivey, expressed concern that one of the public opinion's was that the Commission was anti-business and Spivey assured that was not the case. Secondly, he stressed the importance that the City get someone with a good knowledge base and background to fill Planning Director Wells William's position upon retiring. Spivey stated he wouldn't feel comfortable making any decisions until a long-term person was in place with credentials.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business Reif made a motion to ADJOURN, hearing no objections the meeting ADJOURNED at 8:17 PM.

ATTEST:

Colleen Ingman, MMC
Municipal Clerk



Legislation Details

File #: 14-203 Version: 1 Name:

Type: Appointment Status: AGENDA READY

File created: 10/7/2014 In control: City and Borough Assembly

On agenda: 10/14/2014 Final action:

Title: Reappoint 1) Patrick Williams to a term on the Health Needs and Community Services Commission;
and Appoint 2) Mike Reif to a term on the Investment Committee

Sponsors:

Indexes:

Code sections:

Attachments: [Appointment Motion](#)
[Appointment](#)
[Appointment Mike Reif](#)

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Should this item be pulled from the consent the following motion would be in order:

POSSIBLE MOTION

I MOVE TO reappoint 1) Patrick Williams to a term on the Health Needs and Community Service and 2) Mike Reif to a term on the Investment Committee



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

Board/Commission/Committee: Health Needs Commission
Name: Patrick R. Williams Daytime Phone: 907-747-0349
Address: 209 Maler Avenue Evening Phone: 256-453-7469
Email Address: pwilliams@sitkacommunityhospital.org Fax Number: 907-747-1760
Length of Residence in Sitka: 1 year, 7 months Registered to vote in Sitka? ☒ Yes ☐ No
Employer: Sitka Community Hospital

Organizations you belong to or participate in:

Sitka Health Summit Coalition, Sitka Community Hospital (SCH) Program coordinator, SCH Tobacco coordinator, SCH Injury Prevention coordinator, SCH SBIRT coordinator, SCH TeamSTEPPS master trainer, SCH Educator, SCH Substance/Behavioral counselor, Baranof Barracudas Assistant Head Coach

Explain your main reason for applying:

To finish the goals we listed as a Health Needs Commission - mainly a Community Health Needs Assessment. Representative for Sitka Community Hospital.

Main goal: To better the Quality of Life for all Sitkans focusing on Preventative services.

What background, experience or credentials will you bring to the board, commission, or committee membership?

Extensive experience in Public Health Policy implementation, Bachelors of Science in Education/Health Science - CDCI-TTS - Exercise specialist (Gwu 2011)
Background in community health from North Carolina, Alabama & Alaska.

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: 9/8/2014 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. Applications received after the deadline will be considered but will not be included in the Assembly packets for review prior to appointment.

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

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Pwilliams@sitkahospital.org

Summary of Qualifications:

- More than five years' experience.
- Excellent knowledge of the principles, philosophy, and practices of administration (e.g., program planning, leadership, risk management, budgeting, marketing & public relations).
- Uncommon understanding of the needs and interests of the community and the ability to meet such needs with innovative programs and services that promotes participation in healthy and enjoyable experiences.
- Remarkable ability to plan, promote and evaluate services.
- Strong leadership skills for a wide range of activities and special events.
- Exceptional ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with officials and staff, Citizen Action Committee, special interest groups, agencies, and individuals.
- Profound ability to assimilate into a rural environment for the duration of a project.
- Excellent ability to communicate effectively orally and written.

Professional Experience:

Sitka Community Hospital (May 2013-Present)

Health Educator/Chemical Dependency Counselor/Program Coordinator

Programs Supervised: *Injury Prevention, Tobacco Cessation, SBI Alcohol Prevention (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines)*

- Developed policies and strategies for promoting health at local, regional or national level;
- Planned, developed, implemented, monitored and evaluated projects to promote health improvement;
- Facilitated and supported a wide range of statutory, voluntary, charitable and commercial organizations in their delivery of health promotion activities
- Developed the health awareness of individuals, groups and organizations and empowering them to make healthy choices
- Lead, supported and cooperated in multi-agency projects to promote a healthy context or social environment;
- Ran training courses and workshops in areas such as mental health, accident prevention, cancers and heart disease
- Developed and supported local partnerships to broaden the local response to health inequalities;
- Identified training needs arising from strategic and local agendas and developing and delivering appropriate training for people such as health professionals and volunteers;
- Provided specialist advice and resources to other agencies, such as schools and local communities;
- Ensured that work is underpinned by sound, up-to-date knowledge of health promotion theory and making sure that projects are based on evidence of effectiveness;
- Lobbied for increased recognition of preventative and promotional measures that can take place at a population level and which have a positive impact on the health of a community;
- Wrote and produced leaflets, posters, videos and brochures to aid health promotion in different environments.

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Cardiac Rehabilitation:

- Worked with patients with Doctor Orders to strengthen cardiac impulse through exercise
- Worked alongside: Physical therapists, Nurses and Cardiologists
- Monitored and maintained cardiac equipment: monitor leads and vital signs

Public Relations/Media:

- Scripted radio ads for Health promotion and Hospital programs
- Hosted informational health television shows
- Hosted informational radio interviews for calls and questions

Sitka Health Summit:

- One of six steering committee members
- Model for the state of Alaska in Public Health intervention
- Top 6 community programs in the nation: Robert Wood Johnson Pathways to Health Prize
- Started community programs: Meth-free Sitka, Sitka Food-Hub, Walk-friendly community, Bicycle-friendly community, Downtown revitalization

Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium. (January 2013-May 2013)

Health Educator/Counselor

- Implement health education strategies, interventions in the Sitka Community
- Increase public awareness and advocacy for reduction of chronic diseases.
- Act as a resource person for the community.
- Helped raise awareness on dangers of tobacco use
- Met with clients both over the phone and in-person on a daily basis
- Administered Nicotine Replacement Therapy when needed.
- Helped clients deal with behavioral health including stress and other issues regarding tobacco cessation
- Completed necessary courses in order to maintain current knowledge of tobacco cessation
- Used motivational skills in dealing with clients
- Learned cultural awareness of Alaskan Natives

Baranof Barracudas Swim Club (February 2013-present)

Assistant Head Coach

- Managed kids from ages 4-18
- Managed swim lessons
- Ran practices that spanned from beginner-elite levels
- Administered website information: TeamUnify

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Talladega Parks and Recreation: Talladega, Alabama. (June 2011-Janurary 2013)

Programs and Facility: (June 2011-January 2013)

- Developed effective written program plans for Summer Fun in consultation with leaders of the community.
- Based on community interests/preferences, coordinated the development and implementation of at least three community wide special events that are available to anyone in the community.
- Assured that equipment and facilities were safely and properly prepared and maintained for use by program participants and staff.
- Effectively supervised youth and children; and Coached and mentored the youth and children.
- Help recruit needed volunteers and contract service volunteers (e.g., special guests such as athletes and sports camp participants etc).
- Promoted and publicized special event programs and services by utilizing all forms of available media.
- Garnered publicity for the recreation program and special events by distributing and following up on a number of news releases to local and regional media.
- Determined and recommended fees to be charged as required for special events.
- Maintained accurate and detailed financial records.
- Assisted with the evaluation of specific programs.
- Prepared oral and written reports on all aspects of the recreation program as required.

Fitness for Life: Talladega Recreation Center. (November 2011-August 2012)

- Designed Fitness Program: Weight Loss, Nutrition and Health Safety

Assistant Pool Program Manager: (June 2011-January 2013)

- Helped with numerous pool programs
- Managed City of Talladega swim lesson program for children on individual and group levels
- Helped manage the Talladega Swim Team program
- Coach for Special Olympic Swim team program

University of Alabama at Birmingham Hospital, Birmingham, Alabama (May 2009- August 2009; May 2010-August 2010)

Patient Coordinator/Observer:

- Responsible for client interaction, and maintaining accurate files
- Perfected people skills, client interaction, and confidentiality
- Worked alongside health professionals including: Doctors, Nurses, Physical Therapists, and Occupational Therapists.
- Recommended necessary changes within scope of practice
- Maintained excellent relationships with patients
- Maintained excellent relationships with Health specialists

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References

Kay Turner. Director of Outpatient Services Sitka Community Hospital. 907-747-3241
Brian Hutton. City of Talladega Parks and Recreation: Assistant Director. 256-362-0514
Nicole Parker: Department of Human Resources Director Talladega Alabama. 256-761-6600

Additional Information:

Community Service

Special Olympics Coach 2011-2012. Swim instructor for underprivileged children, 2004-2006.
Anniston Alabama & Talladega, Alabama: Young Men's Christians Association (Anniston)
/Talladega Parks and Recreation

Certifications/Licensures:

- Chemical Dependency Counselor: Alaska Behavioral Health Certification: March 2014
- Tobacco Treatment Specialist: University of Massachusetts: September, 2013
- Tobacco Educator: University of Maryland: May, 2013
- Management of Aggressive Behavior Instructor: June, 2013
- United States Swimming Coach: 2013-present
- Exercise Specialist (GWU: 2011)
- *American Heart Association:*
- Basic Life Support Instructor: November 5th 2013
- First Aid: November 5th 2013
- *American Red Cross*
- First Aid: May 2013
- CPR: May 2013

Notable Achievements

NCAA Division 1 Collegiate Swimmer 2008, 2009
NCAA Division 1 Collegiate Runner 2010, 2011

Education:

B.S. Gardner-Webb University, Boiling Springs, N.C. (2011)
Health Education/Science/Exercise



Health Needs and Human Services Commission

NAME	CONTACT NUMBERS	TERM STARTS	EXPIRES	CATEGORY
WILLOW MOORE 700 Etolin St	747-4600 w 738-9082 c willow@braveheartvolunteers.org	10/22/13	10/22/14	CHAIR
PAUL BAHNA, MD 600 DeGroff St #A	747-7749 w 623-0945 h bnbahna@uas.alaska.edu	11/12/13	10/22/15	VICE-CHAIR <i>Leccese term</i>
MYRON FRIBUSH, MD PO Box 303	738-1489 c 747-5377 h rfribush3@gmail.com	10/22/13	10/22/16	
AMY ZANUZOSKI PO Box 1991	747-3636 w 805-390-4194 c amyz@scpsak.org	10/22/13	10/22/14	
GALADRIEL MORALES 429 Katlian St	747-7221 w 738-0630 c glade.morales@sitkatriben-sns.gov	10/22/13	10/22/15	
VICKI D'AMICO PO Box 2191	747-3370 w 747-4729 h vdamico@safv.org	10/22/13	10/22/16	
PATRICK WILLIAMS 209 Moller Avenue	747-0349 pwilliams@sitkahospital.org	5/13/14	10/22/14	Hample's term
Phyllis Hackett 500 Lincoln Street #B4 <i>Alternate: Mim McConnell 215 Smith Street Apt G</i>	738-1991 c assemblyhackett@cityofsitka.com 747-2860 h 738-2888 c assemblymcconnell@cityofsitka.com			Assembly Liaison

Established by Ordinance 2013-23

7 members 3-year terms (except for first commission): The first members appointed to the Commission shall, upon appointment, determine the length of the terms so that the terms of three (3) members shall be for one year, the terms of two (2) members shall be for two years, and the terms of two (2) members shall be for three years, resulting in staggered terms for members subsequently appointed. A vacancy on the commission shall be filled by appointment by the Assembly for any remainder of an unexpired term.

Meeting Schedule: 2nd Tuesday of each month – noon at Brave Heart Volunteers Office; meet a minimum of four times per year.

Revised: May 15, 2014



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

Board/Commission/Committee: Investment Committee

Name: Michael Reif Daytime Phone: 907-738-6005

Address: P.O. Box 2346 Evening Phone: Same

Email Address: reif@ak.net Fax Number: 907-747-6005

Length of Residence in Sitka: 37 years Registered to vote in Sitka? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Employer: Reif's Hammers & Pipes and Sitka Sea Roamer Charters (self employed)

Organizations you belong to or participate in:

Assembly of the City & Borough of Sitka, Alaska Longline Fisherman Association, Southeast Charter Boat Association, Southeast Regional Dive Association,

Explain your main reason for applying:

Please see the attached letter of interest

What background, experience or credentials will you bring to the board, commission, or committee membership?

Please see the attached letter of interest

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: October 1, 2014 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. Applications received after the deadline will be considered but will not be included in the Assembly packets for review prior to appointment.

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Letter of Interest

Investment Committee Application

Mike Reif

Fifty nine years ago I was born in East Detroit, Michigan. Early in life I worked for my father in a number of the residential building trades. It was college at Michigan Technological University that provided me the opportunity to leave the large city and pursue a passion of earning a BS degree in Forest Management. That degree was my ticket to a dream opportunity in Sitka and seasonal employment with the Forest Service in 1977, working in the remote regions of the Tongass. That experience led me to further my forestry career and schooling in Eastern Washington, completing graduate studies from which I earned a certificate in Forest Silviculture. I enjoyed my time down South, but a place named Sitka was luring me back.

In 1981, I returned to Sitka and have remained ever since, 35 plus years now. Sitka was alive with opportunities and I was young and ambitious with an entrepreneurial spirit. It was not long before I created Reif's Hammers & Pipes, a residential home building and mechanical "plumbing & heating" business enterprise. After over 20 years as a thriving business, the home building accomplishment I am most proud of is receiving the "Alaskan Craftsman Builder of the Year Award in 1991 for outstanding construction of energy efficient homes." It was also a proud moment in 2002 when our innovative heating system was featured in a national trade journal. In addition to these land based businesses, the oceans surrounding Sitka also beckon me.

After years of sport fishing and being a deck hand, in 1991, I had a small boat built and started another business, Sitka Sea Roamer. It is a business that keeps me on the ocean engaged in both charter and commercial fishing. I enjoy sharing Sitka's beauty with visiting charter guests, and working with our fishing industry in the harvest of halibut and black cod, and diving for sea cucumbers. In addition to work, Sitka is a great community to volunteer.

I have a passion to volunteer in local city governance. From 1991-1994, I was a member of the Sitka Assembly and Deputy Mayor for two years. For many years I was a member of the Sitka Planning and Zoning Commission, serving both as a member and Chair. I was also the Chairperson to the Sitka Charter Review Commission in the mid 90's and for years a member of the Sitka Investment Committee. Very recently, I was a member of the Sitka Assembly with my term expiring just minutes before you consider me for another opportunity to work for this community. Also I have been inspired by fellow Sitkans to serve overseas. Prior to my most recent term on the Assembly, I have volunteered in both the Philippines and Cambodia.

What I hope the snap shot of me present above reveals is a person who has been successful as a self employed business person every year for 33 years and also has been dedicated in volunteering to various boards, commissions, committees, & Assemblies of the City and Borough of Sitka for close to 20 years. That combination of experience is important as we solidify the future of the Sitka Permanent Fund and other City assets to provide for the needs of the community both today and tomorrow. I hope to be a member of your Investment Committee to follow the directives of the Assembly and provide solid recommendations for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted to the Assembly
Mike Reif



Legislation Details

File #: 14-196 Version: 1 Name:

Type: Item Status: AGENDA READY

File created: 10/7/2014 In control: City and Borough Assembly

On agenda: 10/14/2014 Final action:

Title: Approve a Budget Adjustment for Pacific High School - \$31,000

Sponsors:

Indexes:

Code sections:

Attachments: [Pacific High School](#)

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


Should this item be pulled from the consent agenda, the following motion is suggested:


POSSIBLE MOTION

I MOVE to approve a budget increase for the Pacific High School project for \$31,000 to cover the contractor's claim for equitable adjustment

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor McConnell and Assembly Members
Mark Gorman, Municipal Administrator

From: Michael Harmon, P.E. Public Works Director 
Dan Tadic, P.E. Municipal Engineer 
Stephen Weatherman, P.E. Senior Engineer 
Jay Sweeney, Chief Finance and Administration Officer 

Reviewed: Tori Fleming, Contract Coordinator 

Date: October 8, 2014

Subject: Budget Adjustment for Pacific High School

Background:

Sitka Voters passed Proposition No. 5 in the October 2010 Election approving the City to use proceeds from the seasonal sales tax revenue to fund the 35% match required by the State of Alaska for the renovation of Pacific High School. The State of Alaska has provided 65% of the project budget funded through a grant. The project agreement between the State of Alaska and CBS was signed in March 2011.

A construction contract with Sunland Development was awarded by the Assembly on October 9, 2012 for \$1,943,963.00. The Notice to Proceed was issued October 26, 2012 and construction began immediately. Substantial Completion was attained September 11, 2013. As the project was being completed the Contractor submitted claims for additional compensation for work completed and delays due the unplanned foundation replacement.

Analysis:

During early construction activities it became apparent that the existing four foot tall concrete pony walls did not contain rebar where the as-builts indicated rebar was present. The consultant had tested one area which had rebar present however the majority of the walls did not have rebar as it turned out. This unforeseen condition required a redesign of the foundation and new pony walls.

In addition, the project design had a conflict between the plans and specifications on the size of the sill plate. This required additional reinforcement of the sill plate which delayed the completion of the building walls. We have worked with the Contractor to develop an equitable cost for the uncompensated work and delays. The CBS and Contractor are in agreement that there will be no additional claims on the project beyond the current claim. The quality of the project is good and the school principal is very happy with the school renovation.

Fiscal Note:

A claim for equitable adjustment on the Pacific High School contract is appropriate and has been recommended for approval by the Municipal Engineer. The amount of additional project funding required is approximately \$31,000. The Municipal Attorney has agreed that seasonal sales tax proceeds may be used as the source of funds for the additional claim; the intent of the ballot proposition approved by voters was that seasonal sales tax proceeds would be used to cover any required matching costs.

Recommendations:

Approve a budget increase for the Pacific High School project to account for the Contractor claim for equitable adjustment.



CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

100 Lincoln Street,
Sitka, Alaska 99835

Legislation Details

File #: 14-197 Version: 1 Name:

Type: Item Status: AGENDA READY

File created: 10/7/2014 In control: City and Borough Assembly

On agenda: 10/14/2014 Final action:

Title: Approve a design build contract award for the Monastery and Baranof Street Water and Sewer Project to CH2M Hill - not to exceed \$119,500

Sponsors:

Indexes:

Code sections:

Attachments: [Monastery Baranof Design Build](#)

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
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Should this item be pulled from the consent agenda, the following motion is suggested:




POSSIBLE MOTION

I MOVE to approve and award a design contract for the Monastery and Baranof Street Water and Sewer Project to CH2M Hill with a not to exceed amount of \$119,500.00

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor McConnell and Members of the Assembly
Mark Gorman, Municipal Administrator

From: Michael Harmon, P.E., Public Works Director 
Stephen Weatherman, P.E., Senior Engineer

Reviewed: Dan Tadic, P.E., Municipal Engineer 
Jay Sweeney, Chief Finance and Administration Officer 
Tori Fleming, Contract Coordinator 

Date: October 8 , 2014

Subject: Monastery and Baranof Street Water and Sewer Project
Approval to Award Design Contract

Background:

A Request for Qualifications for design of the Monastery and Baranof Street Water and Sewer Project was published in accordance with City and Borough procurement policy. The project includes replacement of water and sewer mains within Monastery and Baranof between Sawmill Creek Road and Degroff Street. The project also includes curb and gutter, sidewalk and paving where applicable. Two (2) proposals were received and scored by a Selection Committee consisting of CBS Public Works Department staff. A project team led by CH2M Hill was selected as the most qualified firm to complete the design.

CH2M Hill has provided a fee proposal for a not to exceed time and expense cost of \$119,500.00 for the design of the Monastery and Baranof Street Water and Sewer Project. A copy of that proposal is attached.

Analysis

Public Works has set a design completion date of February, 2015. Construction is currently planned to begin spring 2015. The total project cost is estimated to be \$1,232,050.00.

Fiscal Note

The project is funded by way of the following sources.

- 2014 ADEC Loans
 - ADWF Loan Monastery & Baranof Water – SMCR to DeGroff \$497,000
 - ADCW Loan Monastery & Baranof Sewer – SMCR to DeGroff \$533,000
- 2015 ADEC Grants
 - MMG Grant Monastery & Baranof Water & sewer – SMCR to DeGroff \$763,000

- City and Borough of Sitka Capital Funding 2015

Monastery Street

\$102,000

Baranof Street

\$81,000

Total

\$1,976,000

Recommendation:

Approve award of a design contract for the Monastery and Baranof Street Water and Sewer Project to CH2M Hill with a not to exceed amount of \$119,500.00.



Scope of Work for Baranof and Monastery Sewer and Water Main Replacement Project

CH2M HILL (Consultant) shall provide the City and Borough of Sitka (CBS) the services presented herein related to the water and sewer main and associated road reconstruction along Baranof and Monastery Streets between Sawmill Creek Road and De Groff Street.

This scope of work includes survey, geotechnical investigation, design, and ADEC compliance document assistance. This scope does not include bidding services or services during construction. The detailed scope for each task related to the design of bid-ready documents for this project are detailed below.

Task 1. Review Existing Data

This task will review the utility location, potholing and surveying work completed to-date and provide focused areas of attention to the survey sub-consultant where potential horizontal utility conflicts may occur. In addition, existing geotechnical data for the area will be requested and examined to assist with the development of the geotechnical data collection identified in Task 3.

Deliverables

Notes to surveyor and meeting notes.

Task 2. Survey and Base Map (Subconsultant)

This task will be performed by O'Neill Surveying and Engineering (Subconsultant). Prepare a right of way basemap and a topographic survey of existing ground and utilities along Baranof and Monastery Streets between Sawmill Creek Road and DeGroff Street. Survey datum and coordinate system will tie into that established for the rest of the City. Ground shots, elevations, and existing surface structures information will be collected within the project area, including areas outside of the right of way. Temporary traffic control will be provided by the Subconsultant to support surveying on an as-needed basis.

Prepare AutoCAD basemapping in accordance with assumptions and accuracies as set forth in the Scope of Services.

Utility locate requests will be submitted to CBS prior to field survey measurements.

The survey control and base maps will be sealed by a Professional Land Surveyor (PLS) registered and in good standing in the state of Alaska.

Deliverables

- Topographical and utility basemap of project area, including utility pothole and geotechnical test pit locations.
- Right of way basemap of project area, showing existing right of way and parcels.
- Survey Control Sheet.

Task 3. Geotechnical Data Collection

CH2M HILL will perform geotechnical investigation by drilling test holes on both Baranof and Monastery streets utilizing Blakeley's Drilling or other subcontractor available and approved by CBS. Test holes will be drilled within the right-of-way. Test holes will be backfilled with sand and cold patched. The level of effort assumes that the geotechnical investigation field work will be completed in one day, and that the drill rig will be utilized for 8 hours. Test hole locations will be surveyed as part of Task 2.

Laboratory testing and engineering analysis/evaluation will be performed. Field test hole log data, information, and conclusions of the analysis/evaluation will be summarized in the Geotechnical Data and Analysis Technical Memorandum.

CH2M HILL will identify locations for test holes, witness drilling and log results, collect samples for laboratory analysis. CH2M HILL will also request locates of ACS and GCI lines buried in the roadway.

Responsibilities of the Subconsultant will be to provide traffic control, drill and operator, sand for backfilling holes, and placing the cold-patch material.

CBS will provide locates for water, sewer, and power lines in the road and provide cold-patch material. The locate information can be combined with the survey locate requests in Task 2.

Deliverables

Geotechnical Data and Analysis Technical Memorandum

Task 4. Design

The design will be completed in three stages:

- Predesign Report
- 60% Design
- 100% Design

Predesign Report and 30% Drawings

The Predesign Report will summarize the basis of design including code compliance, pipeline materials and sizes, and road criteria. Drawings will include plan, profiles and details. The drawings will be prepared using AutoCAD computer software. A design review workshop will be conducted in Sitka after completion of the 30% design to discuss any alternatives and finalize the design going forward. The project water/sewer engineer and project roadway engineer will attend the workshop.

Deliverables

- 30% Drawings
- Predesign Report
- Design workshop meeting notes

60% Design

The CBS 30% design comments will be incorporated into the 60% Design. This package will include 60% design of the drawings and specifications.

Deliverables

- 60% Drawings and Specifications
- 60% Cost Estimate

100% Design

The CBS 60% design comments will be incorporated into the 100% Design. This task will advance the design to a bid-ready package with all plan/profile drawings, details and general sheets (cover, index, legends).

Deliverables

- 100% Drawings and Specifications
- 100% Cost Estimate

Coordination with ADEC

The 100% design will be submitted to ADEC drinking water and wastewater reviews. Required submission forms will be prepared. One set of responses to comments and updates to drawings and specifications is included.

Deliverables

- ADEC Drinking Water Permit Application
- ADEC Wastewater Permit Application

Task 5. Services During Bidding

CH2M HILL will prepare bid-ready documents in electronic format, including electronic signatures.

CBS will be responsible for all bid advertising and other bidding related costs during the bidding phase. CBS will be the primary point of contact for bidders during the bid phase. CBS will provide bidding services including bid package preparation, conducting the pre-bid conference, review of contractors' questions, preparation of addenda, and a recommendation for the apparent low bidder for the project.

CH2M HILL will participate via conference call in the pre-bid conference. CH2M HILL will provide technical interpretation of the contract bid documents and will prepare proposed responses to bidders' questions and requests, which may be in the form of addenda. CH2M HILL shall assist CBS in issuing Addenda to the Bid Documents. CBS will distribute the addenda to the bidders. All Addenda shall be approved by CBS.

Task 6. Services During Construction

Services during construction can be added to the scope of this project as a change order if desired.

Task 7. Project Management

The scope of this task is to provide the overall project planning, management, and coordination of efforts and the day-to-day administrative tasks required for the project.

CH2M HILL will prepare invoices for work completed and submit them to the City, approximately monthly. Additionally this task includes planning and coordination of design activities and setup of project files. It also includes the development of Field Safety Instructions for Consultant's staff that address site visits.

Deliverables

- Progress reports and billing summary
- Monthly invoices for work completed

Assumptions

The following assumptions were utilized in developing the scope and budget:

- The project is assumed to require three months for design and approval.
- Open-cut construction methods and lane shutdown will be the basis of design. Construction staging will require periods where the streets are closed to through traffic.
- No easements or new right of way are anticipated to be required. Temporary construction easements/permits will likely be required, but their number and characteristics are unknown. If temporary construction easements/permits are determined to be required, the contract will be amended. The Consultant and Subconsultant will provide parcel plats to CBS.
- New water services from the new main will connect to existing valves, assumed to be at the property line. New sanitary sewer services from the new main will connect to existing services at the property line.

- New storm drain will connect to existing storm drain on adjacent streets. Capacity and condition of the existing system is adequate for the additional volume and reconstruction of the system will be limited to tying into the nearest existing manhole.
- Subsurface utilities in the project area will be located and marked by CBS prior to the topographic survey. This includes water lines (mains, services, and valves), sanitary sewer lines (mains, services, and cleanouts), electrical lines, communication lines, gas lines, and any other utilities in the project area.
- Utilities in conflict with the project work will be adjusted by lowering or minimal relocation.
- Two different roadway cross sections will be presented at the Predesign submittal for each of the streets to maximize use of the ROW utilizing the CBS standard details. Selection of the project roadway cross sections will be made at the 30% design review meeting.
- Temporary Erosion and Sediment Control Plans are the responsibility of the construction contractor during their preparation of the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan.
- The design approach assumes use of CBS 2002 Standard Details and Specifications.
- CBS will provide existing CAD drawings in electronic format.
- The following preliminary drawing list is the basis of the budget.

Preliminary Drawing List

Sheet No.	Title	Scale (full size)
1	Title Sheet	NA
2	Location Map and General Notes	NA
3	Survey Control	1"=40
4	Roadway Typical Sections	NA
5	Baranof Street Plan and Profile (Roadway and Storm)	1"=20
6	Baranof Street Water Plan and Profile	1"=20
7	Baranof Street Sewer Plan and Profile	1"=20
8	Monastery Street Plan and Profile (Roadway and Storm)	1"=20
9	Monastery Street Water Plan and Profile	1"=20
10	Monastery Street Water Plan and Profile	1"=20
11	Traffic Control Plan – Baranof Street	1"=20
12	Traffic Control Plan – Monastery Street	1"=20
13	Details	NA
14	Details	NA

Budget

Work will be time and materials with a not to exceed limit as listed below. Additional breakdown of hours and staff is included in Attachment A. This breakdown is provided for information only. Actual hours and staff may vary within the total project not to exceed amount.

Task	Budget
Task 1: Review Existing Data	\$2,500
Task 2: Survey and Base Map	\$22,500
Task 3: Geotechnical Investigation	\$19,000
Task 4: Design	\$64,500
Task 5: Services During Bidding	\$3,000
Task 6: Services During Construction	TBD
Task 7: Project Management	\$8,000
Total (not to exceed)	\$119,500

Schedule

Our CH2M HILL team is available to begin work upon Notice to Proceed (NTP). We propose the following schedule for completion of this project. The schedule is subject to change.

Submit plans to ADEC for Approval to Construct	December 2014
Construction Bid Advertising	February 2015
Bid Opening	March 2015
Assembly Approval to Award Construction Contract	April 2015

	Week							
	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April
Notice to Proceed	●							
Review Existing Data	■							
Survey and Base Map	■	■						
Geotechnical Data Collection	■	■						
Prepare Bid Documents								
PreDesign		■						
60% Design			■					
100% Design			■	■				
ADEC Review and Approval				■	■			
Advertise						■		
Bid Opening							●	
Assembly Approval								●

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September 16, 2014

Matthew Haapala, P.E.
CH2M HILL
Anchorage, Alaska

RE: Sitka Baranof & Monastery Water/Sewer Main Replacement

Hello Matt,

Stephen Weatherman has asked for justification for the price differential between our proposed survey of Baranof and Monastery Streets, and that done earlier on Baranof St. between Lincoln St. and SMC. We have many reasons.

For the proposed survey, there are 24+ parcels involved, only 12 on the earlier survey. The proposed survey area was developed many years earlier than the area between SMC and Lincoln -- the pavement is old, the edge of asphalt dirt covered in places and difficult to locate, many more trees inside or near the right of way, more landscaping obstacles, many fences, and many more services to recover (and some are likely to be buried). In short, it will take longer and there will be more objects to locate per unit length of roadway than on the earlier survey. Also, the earlier survey was made during the summer. We will be working on this project in September and October, with fewer daylight hours and much wetter weather. Our prices have also gone up since 2011 -- as has the cost of insurance and the cost of living in Sitka.

I hope this adequately explains the cost differential. Again, if I have overestimated the effort required, the City will benefit by paying less for the project in the end.

Any questions?

Regards,

Pat O'Neill
O'Neill Surveying & Engineering



CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

100 Lincoln Street,
Sitka, Alaska 99835

Legislation Details

File #: 14-201 Version: 1 Name:
Type: Item Status: AGENDA READY
File created: 10/7/2014 In control: City and Borough Assembly
On agenda: 10/14/2014 Final action:
Title: Approve the Municipal Clerk's Certification of Election
Sponsors:
Indexes:
Code sections:
Attachments: [Election Certification Motion](#)
[Certificate of Election 2014](#)

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
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POSSIBLE MOTION

I move to formally accept the Certification of Election for October 7, 2014 Regular Municipal Election according to the results set forth in the attached election certification prepared by the Municipal Clerk and request that the official tally be included in the minutes as part of the permanent record.

Note: The certification will be emailed to you and uploaded on Monday. This will allow for the canvass board/election officials to complete the advanced/absentee/question ballot counting on Friday afternoon and complete a race audit.



City and Borough of Sitka

100 Lincoln Street Sitka, Alaska 99835

Coast Guard City, USA

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT the results of the Regular Election held on October 7, 2014, has been certified by the Municipal Clerk and accepted by the Assembly on October 14, 2014 at a regular meeting.

The total number of ballots issued was 1798 and the number of ballots counted was 1757. 1518 ballots were cast and counted Election Day. An additional 235 question, absentee and special needs ballots were counted on October 10, 2014. An additional four ballots were hand entered. A total of 41 ballots were spoiled, ineligible or not returned, broken down as follows: 28 spoiled, 6 ineligible and 7 not returned. The results are tabulated below:

# ISSUED	BALLOT TYPE/DISPOSITION	COUNTED/CAST	REMARKS
1540	REGULAR	1518	Of regular ballots issued <22 were spoiled on election day
258	QUESTION, ABSENTEE AND SPECIAL NEEDS	235 +4 hand counted	Of the Q, A, & SN ballots issued: <6 ineligible <6 spoiled <7 not returned
1798	←ISSUED COUNTED→	 1757	41 total ballots not counted for the reason(s) indicated above.

The following are the final results:

For Mayor one to be elected: 1 - two year term

Mim McConnell	1007 ELECTED
Orion Hughes-Knowles	670

For Assembly two to be elected: 2- three-year terms:

Steven Eisenbeisz	771 ELECTED
Tristan Guevin	748 ELECTED
Thor Christianson	729
Lillian R. Feldpausch	579
Aaron Wamsley	304

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Two other Assembly candidates dropped out after filing:
Richard Parmelee and Dennie Daniels

For School Board two to be elected: 2 - three year terms:

Tim J. Fulton	1436 ELECTED
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Thomas Conley	1340 ELECTED
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Dated this 14th day of October, 2014

ATTEST



Colleen Ingman, MMC
Municipal Clerk

Attachments

MUNICIPAL REGULAR ELECTION - OFFICIAL RESULTS (10/12) OCTOBER 7, 2014

CANDIDATES	PRECINCT		PRECINCT		ABSENTEE/ QUESTION		PERCENTAGES	
	NO. 1	NO. 2	NO. 1	NO. 2	COUNT 10/10	TOTALS	%	%
MAYOR (1 - TWO YEAR TERM)								
ORION HUGHES-KNOWLES	308	292			70	670		39.3%
MIM MCCONNELL	378	479			150	1007		59.0%
Write-ins	14	13			3	30		1.8%
ASSEMBLY (2 - THREE YEAR TERMS)								
LILLIAN R. FELDPAUSCH	282	243			54	579		18.0%
TRISTAN J. GUEVIN	287	368			93	748		23.2%
THOR CHRISTIANSON	304	317			108	729		22.6%
AARON S. WAMSLEY	127	129			48	304		9.4%
STEVEN EISENBEISZ	326	340			105	771		23.9%
RICHARD PARMELEE (W)	1	30			11	42		1.3%
DENNIE DANIELS (W)	6	24			3	33		1.0%
Write-ins	4	8			2	14		0.4%
SCHOOL BOARD (2 - THREE YEAR TERMS)								
THOMAS CONLEY	547	616			177	1340		47.1%
TIM J. FULTON	599	657			180	1436		50.4%
Write-ins	30	38			3	71		2.5%



CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

100 Lincoln Street,
Sitka, Alaska 99835

Legislation Details

File #: 14-198 Version: 1 Name:
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Title: Recognize outgoing Assembly Members followed by a short recess
Sponsors:
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Code sections:
Attachments: [Service Certificate](#)

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Service Award

is hereby awarded to

PETE ESQUIRO

*On behalf of the citizens of Sitka we hereby express our sincere appreciation to
Pete Esquiro for his diligence, dedication and community service during his tenure
as an Assembly Member serving the City and Borough of Sitka from
2010 to 2014.*

ATTEST:



Colleen Ingman, MMC
Municipal Clerk

10-14-14

Date





CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

100 Lincoln Street,
Sitka, Alaska 99835

Legislation Details

File #: 14-199 Version: 1 Name:
Type: Item Status: AGENDA READY
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Title: Swearing in of the Newly Elected Officials
Sponsors:
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Code sections:
Attachments: [Swearing in of new officials](#)

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OATH OF OFFICE

I, _____, do solemnly swear or affirm that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America, the Constitution of the State of Alaska, and the Laws and Ordinances of the City and Borough of Sitka, and that I will faithfully discharge my duties as Mayor for the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska, to the best of my ability.

Signature

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of October, 2014.

*Colleen Ingman, MMC, Municipal Clerk
City and Borough of Sitka*



OATH OF OFFICE

I, _____, do solemnly swear or affirm that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America, the Constitution of the State of Alaska, and the Laws and Ordinances of the City and Borough of Sitka, and that I will faithfully discharge my duties as Assembly Member for the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska, to the best of my ability.

Signature

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of October, 2014.

*Colleen Ingman, MMC, Municipal Clerk
City and Borough of Sitka*



Legislation Details

File #: RES 14-16 Version: 1 Name:

Type: Resolution Status: AGENDA READY

File created: 10/7/2014 In control: City and Borough Assembly

On agenda: 10/14/2014 Final action:

Title: Urging the US Government to work with the International Commission (IJC) and the Alaska/British Columbia (BC) Transboundary Region and to utilize any and all powers under the Boundary Waters Treaty to ensure that Alaska Resources are not harmed by upstream development in BC

Sponsors:

Indexes:

Code sections:

Attachments: [RES 2014-16 Transboundary](#)
[Transboundary and salmon-reduced](#)

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
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POSSIBLE MOTION

I MOVE TO approve Resolution
2014-16 on first and final reading.

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA URGING THE US GOVERNMENT TO WORK WITH THE INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION (IJC) AND THE ALASKA/BRITISH COLUMBIA (BC) TRANSBOUNDARY REGION AND TO UTILIZE ANY AND ALL POWERS UNDER THE BOUNDARY WATERS TREATY TO ENSURE THAT ALASKA RESOURCES ARE NOT HARMED BY UPSTREAM DEVELOPMENT IN BC

WHEREAS, The transboundary rivers of the Northwest British Columbia/Southeast Alaska region, including the Taku, Stikine and Unuk rivers, are of tremendous and unique economic, ecological, cultural and recreational value. The clean water and intact habitat of these river systems make them some of the most productive wild salmon rivers on the entire west coast of North America; and

WHEREAS, With the BC Northwest Power Line bringing in power, these rivers and their tributaries are facing a significant increase in new, large-scale development and industrialization that will transform the area and impact these rivers. Several open-pit mine projects, in known acid-generating ore bodies, along with associated waste rock piles, tailings dams, energy projects, and roads, all threaten the productivity of the rivers and health of the region. Major threats to water quality, salmon and wildlife include accidents and spills, tailings dam breaches, long-term acid mine drainage, and habitat fragmentation; and

WHEREAS, the proposed mines include Tulsequah Chief in the Taku watershed; Galore Creek, Red Chris and Schaft Creek in the Stikine watershed; and the Kerr-Sulphurets-Mitchell (KSM) project in the headwaters of the Unuk River; and

WHEREAS, Some of these mines would require an unprecedented level of water treatment and could pose the threat of acid mine drainage for centuries, if not in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, There has been little transparent dialogue between the Canadian and U.S. governments regarding the proposed projects and specific ways to ensure our interests are protected; and

WHEREAS environmental laws and permitting processes in BC and Canada have been weakened over the past decade. The ongoing acid mine drainage from the Tulsequah Chief mine and the tailings dam failure at the Mt. Polley mine demonstrate weaknesses in monitoring and enforcement; and

WHEREAS Commercial fishermen, subsistence and recreational users, local communities, elected leaders and native tribes on both sides of the Canadian/U.S. border have all raised concerns about the pace and scope of the proposed industrial development in British Columbia and the potential for harm to water quality, fish and wildlife, and local economies; and

WHEREAS A major part of Sitka's economic base is commercial and sport charter ocean fishing with 570 resident commercial permit and 536 crew license holders, that deliver salmon, halibut, and black cod to three major processing plants employing 769 processing jobs, with a first wholesale value of \$167 million in 2012, and

WHEREAS maintaining and protecting healthy wild salmon populations throughout these river systems must be a priority. The concerns of local communities, individuals and user groups

downstream from these projects must be integral to any transboundary watershed development decisions making; and

WHEREAS The Canadian and BC permitting processes have not been adequate to address our concerns; and

WHEREAS the Boundary Waters Treaty states "waters flowing across the boundary shall not be polluted on either side to the injury of health or property on the other" and provides a mechanism to address transboundary river concerns known as the International Joint Commission.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka strongly urge the government of the United States to work with the government of Canada to refer the issue of transboundary development in the BC and Alaska region to the International Joint Commission and to utilize any and all powers under the Boundary Waters Treaty to ensure that Alaska resources are not harmed by upstream development in BC; and

BE IT FURTHER REOLVED, that affected communities and governments be consulted with and represented in any policy discussion related to impacts to these watersheds.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska on this 14th day of October 2014.

Mim McConnell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Colleen Ingman, MMC
Municipal Clerk

Our civilization can't run on pixie dust, unicorn farts or ultra-alternative energy generated by howling wolf puppies for very long. One would have difficulty building a truck or fishing boat out of hemp. Ever try to go hunting with a hand-carved atlatl from a tree you cut down with a stone ax? I've always wanted to, but I have a hard enough time getting game with my rifle.

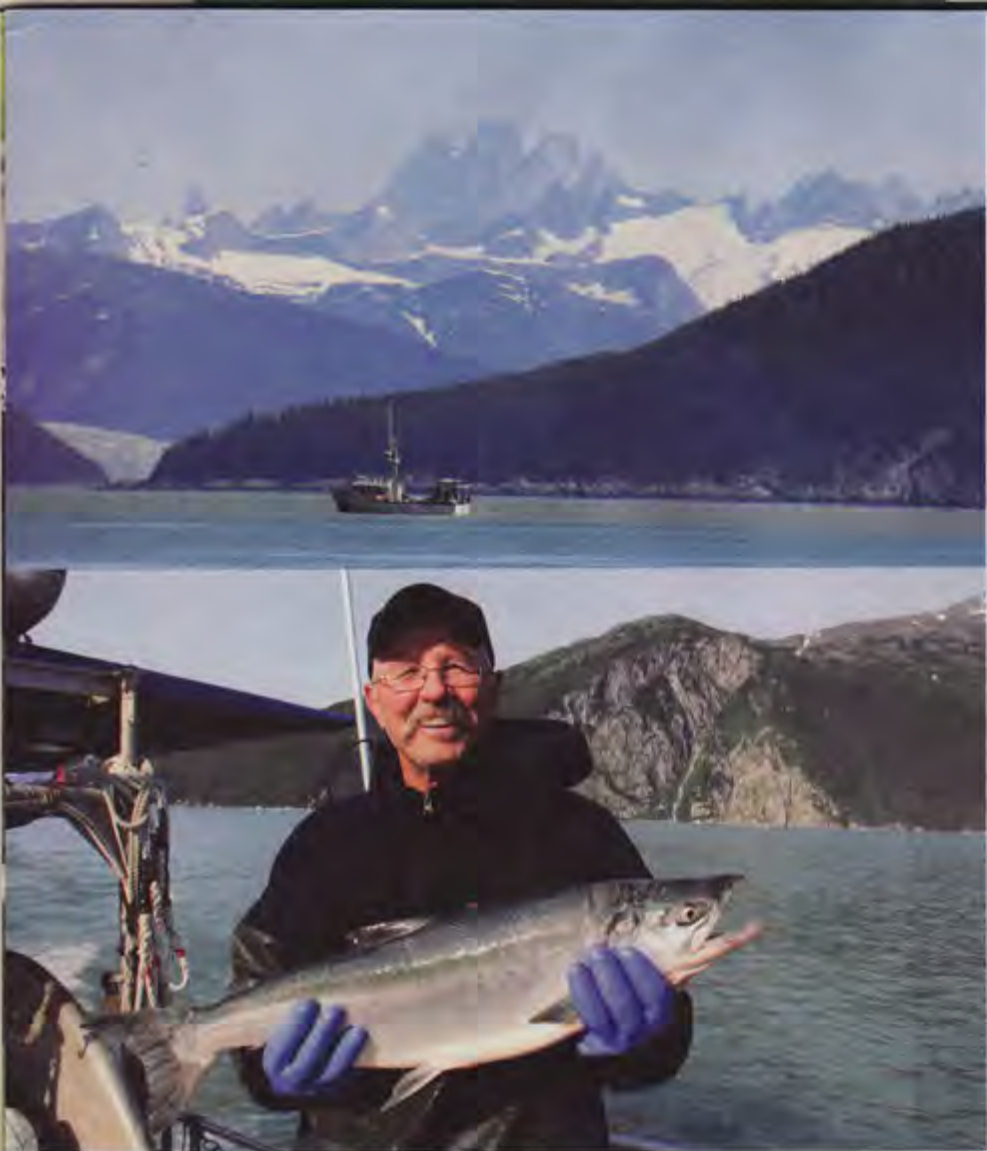
Most of us benefit from the mining industry. If done in a properly regulated and considerate manner, mining can have minimal negative effects on the environment and be a part of a sustainable and healthy economy. But if we try to develop mega projects in certain places, such as the Pebble Mine near Bristol Bay, or if proper mitigation isn't in effect to ensure surrounding watersheds aren't polluted long after a mine is closed, mining can spell disaster for water quality, fish and our economy.

My dad and mom moved to southeast Alaska in their early twenties because their home state of California had exterminated all its brown bears, dammed its rivers and killed off most of its wild stocks of salmon. The rest of the world's wild salmon runs had died off or were vastly diminished, but in Alaska and northern British Columbia populations remained healthy. For 12,000 years before my dad and mom arrived—beginning at the end of the Pleistocene when the massive glaciers receded from what is now



Southeast—Tlingit, Haida, Tsimshian and other Native people lived here, largely depending on the bounty of salmon to sustain their rich cultures. To this day salmon are an intricate part of the cultures of the Tlingit, Haida, Tsimshian and many other people who live along the rain-sodden coast and rivers snaking deep into the rainforest. Salmon are our food and a big part of our livelihoods. Paula Dobbyn, Director of Communications for the Alaskan chapter of Trout Unlimited, wrote in an *Indian Country* article that southeast Alaska seafood industry produced \$641 million worth of fish in 2011, which created 17,500 jobs and \$468 million in wages. A million visitors tour the area every year, spending about a \$1 billion. Many come hoping to hook into a salmon.

Sometimes when I'm away too long from my home, the smell of salmon will suddenly permeate me. When I'm really homesick the stench becomes particularly rich—like a spawned-out and rotting chum carcass. To this day my



Top to bottom: A gillnet fishing vessel drifts in the mouth of the Taku River. The 8,584-foot, Devil's Paw, the high point of the Juneau Icefield, on the Alaska-British Columbia border rises in the distance. Gillnet fisherman, Greg Turner, holds a sockeye caught in Taku Inlet.

mom sometimes chases me with a stick of deodorant upon my homecoming—kind of embarrassing when you're 32 years old. But smelling fishy is something I've learned to be proud of, so much so that if I see or experience something good or cool, I often just say "that's fishy." I'm hoping the term catches on. Smelling fishy will finally become a good thing.

Lame jokes aside, last winter I heard a murmuring of something very unfishy going on in northwest British Columbia along the sensitive headwaters of the Taku, Stikine, Iskut, Skeena, Unuk, Nass and other salmon-rich rivers. A nearly billion-dollar, 214-mile-long transmission line, heavily subsidized by Canadian taxpayers, was coming to completion. It wasn't being built to save money for the village of Iskut, population 400, or get them off using diesel for their generators like some press relations folks touted. It was being built to power a wave of mining, petroleum and hydro projects

that have the buzz and none of the charm of the Klondike gold rush.

At first I shrugged the gloom and doom off—as much as I appreciate wild places and want them preserved so future generations might have some sanctuary from civilization, it wasn't my place to get worked up over what was happening in another country. Every country deserves a chance to develop its resources and better its economy. My retirement plan may be living under a tarp on Admiralty Island while growling at brown bears, but I know other people have different ideas about how they'd like to live out their golden years. Over beers and halibut nachos, Chris Miller, who works as a commercial fisherman and photographer, shot me a questioning look when I expressed my tentativeness to get involved in another country's affairs.

"But the mining developments in B.C. are one of the biggest environmental threats southeast Alaska and our fish have

ever faced," Miller said.

I brushed off the morbidity of the statement the best I could, but my halibut and beer buzz rapidly faded when I began to research what's going on. British Columbia's economy is firmly rooted in mining—there are at least 1,200 mining exploration companies in Vancouver alone—and the province has rolled out a blueprint that shows that northwest B.C. will be the focal point of its future mining interests. As I've already said, I believe a country has every right to develop its resources, but there's a problem in this case. Many of the mines—one projected to be one of the largest open pit mines in the world—are along the headwaters of Southeast's biggest producing salmon rivers. The potential for billions of tons of contaminated tailings to mix with some of the last wild salmon rivers in the world is a serious threat to a 12,000-year-old legacy of salmon giving themselves to people, our economy and way of life.

I'm not a biologist, or particularly intelligent for that matter—and, if I'm going to be honest, I'm a lousy sport fisherman. I frequently mooch off my brothers, who fill their freezers with king, sockeye and coho salmon every summer. But I'm intelligent enough to know that Southeast's fisheries—a sustainable resource that nets millions for the state's economy, feeds millions of people and provides multitudes with the only real meaning they have in life—is something worth standing up for and protecting. Richard Peterson, newly elected President of Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, made it very clear at a May 14 meeting in Juneau of some of the Tahltan, Tlingit and Haida leaders that he believed some of the mega mining projects will have devastating effects on Southeast. He said he's pro-development, but "not at the sake of our resources." Peterson, other Native Alaskans, First Nation people of Canada, sport- and commercial fishermen, biologists, Trout Unlimited, Rivers Without Borders and other non-profits are working together to try to slow, and in certain cases prevent, developments in B.C.

Beginning in the late 1990s a "tsunami" of development, driven by Asian markets hungry for minerals, had begun rolling across northwest British Columbia. Previously protected by its remoteness, the region has been the home to Tahltan, Gitanyow and other First Nation people for thousands of years. The 214-mile-long Northwest Transmission Line will soon be completed and able to power close to two dozen mega-projects the Province wants to build. According to the

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B.C. Environmental Assessment Office's (EAO) job plans, the province aims to get eight new mines operational and aims to expand and upgrade nine mines by 2015. One, Kerr-Sulphurets-Mitchell (KSM) mine—a project that is arguably the most worrisome—is being called the next Pebble. Annita McPhee, Tahltan Central Council President, stated there is "so much development" going on in her B.C. homeland that she has a hard time keeping track of what's going on—as many as 250 exploration permits at any given moment.

"Some we're saying yes to. Some we're definitely saying no to. Some we don't know enough about," McPhee said at the meeting. The Tahltan's greatest concern, which McPhee said her people speak with one voice against, is fracking and mining developments in the "sacred headwaters" of the Stikine, Skeena and Nass rivers. McPhee introduced her elder, Mary Dennis, who along with several other Tahltan people was arrested while peacefully protesting Shell Oil Company's proposed fracking in the "sacred headwaters." Recently, Shell withdrew its interests in the region, a testament that people like Mary Dennis, who stand up for what they believe, do have the power to stop big corporations. Now Dennis, McPhee and many others are trying to prevent a massive open pit coal mine from being built by Fortune Minerals in the same area.

During the last few years the Canadian government has been hard at work slashing and weakening its environmental regulations. In 2012 Canada made a very controversial move and significantly revised its Fisheries Act—doing away with a prohibition on "harmful alteration, disruption or destruction of fish habitat." That same year, hundreds of Canadian scientists sent a letter to the prime minister stating their disapproval of axing the habitat protection from the Fisheries Act. "We believe...that the weakening of habitat protection in section 35 of the Fisheries Act will negatively impact water quality and fisheries across the country, and could undermine Canada's attempt to maintain international credibility in the environment," they wrote.

Anne Casselman, a respected science writer, wrote in an article for *Nature: International Weekly Journal of Science* that "A 1989 study of North American fish extinctions found that almost three-quarters of extinctions in a 100-year period were caused by habitat alteration."

In 2012, Canada's prime minister, Stephen Harper, also weakened the Navigable Waters Protection Act. B.C.

Premier Christy Clark and the EAO are working to shorten the environmental assessment process as well as using provincial reviews instead of federal whenever possible. Christopher Pollon, a Canadian environmental journalist, wrote in a December, 2012 issue of *High Country News* that "Some of northwestern B.C.'s key rivers—the Taku, the Unuk, the Nass and the Stikine—will no longer be protected." The article goes on to say that "Harper (also) repealed the Canadian Assessment Act... thousands of projects that would have undergone federal environmental scrutiny will no longer be assessed."

There are no boundaries separating B.C.'s water from Alaska's water. Our fisheries are interconnected—much of the salmon we catch were born in Canada before migrating to Alaska and out into the Pacific Ocean. Both countries are dependent on the other to keep our shared resource healthy—harkening back to the Boundary Water Treaty of 1909 between the U.S. and Canada. The treaty essentially states that neither country should generate water pollution that causes injury to the health or property of its neighbor. With many of the proposed mines and existing mining projects along the Taku, Stikine, Iskut and Unuk rivers, the probability of Canada violating the treaty and significantly impacting southeast Alaska's fisheries is high. Furthermore, in the case of all these mines, Alaska will see none of the economic benefits but will assume a tremendous amount of the environmental and economic risk. An overwhelming concern is who is going to pay the billions of dollars once these mines close down to prevent acid mine leakage into watersheds—and if they'll stay good to their word. The mining industry's track record is remarkably poor in this regard. Many mining companies have cashed out huge dividends to employees in the upper ranks and shareholders before declaring bankruptcy and leaving the mess for taxpayers to deal with. Cleanup and water treatment mitigation



Top to bottom: Acid drainage from the Tulsequah Chief Mine discolors a leaking contaminate pond next to the Tulsequah River in British Columbia, Canada. Sandy Craig, a Cross Sound troller and long-liner, holds a nice king salmon. Coho salmon on the cleaning table of a Cross Sound troller.

programs' incredible costs frequently make this impossible for taxpayers to accomplish. British Columbia has offered no believable guarantees their mines will be cleaned up after they're shut down.

Alaska's government appears lackadaisical, even apathetic over what's happening in the transboundary region.

THE FIVE MOST WORRISOME MINING PROJECTS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA THAT HAVE SIGNIFICANT POSSIBILITIES OF NEGATIVELY IMPACTING SOUTHEAST'S FISHERIES ARE:

1. Kerr-Sulphurets-Mitchell Mine (KSM): Located on a tributary of the Unuk River, the most productive salmon river in southern southeast Alaska and a spawning ground for all five species of Pacific salmon, hooligan and other species of fish. This project poses the single greatest threat. The mine, being developed by Seabridge Gold, Inc., if approved, may produce 10 billion pounds of copper, 133 million ounces of silver, 38 million ounces of gold and 200 million pounds of molybdenum, making it one of the biggest undeveloped gold projects in the world. Three massive pits would be mined, and one would be as deep, at nearly a mile, as the deepest mine in the world. Over its projected 52-year life, it's estimated to produce more than 2 billion tons of tailings, more than 80% of which would produce acid. Two dams, as tall—nearly a thousand feet—and wider than the Hoover Dam, would be needed to contain tailings and contaminated water. Water treatment costing an estimated \$25 million a year would be needed for at least 200 years after the mine closes down, meaning someone is going to have to pay at least \$5 billion for treatment, zero structural failures can occur, no significant natural catastrophes can happen and no human error can occur in order to keep the Unuk River from becoming polluted.

The KSM mine, with its gargantuan scale and likely potential for disaster, has much of southeast Alaska horrified. The *Juneau Empire* editorial board wrote on KSM: "Leaving Alaskans with all risk, zero benefit" on April 27, 2014: "It's what happens once the mine closes down that garners the greatest concern. In short, it doesn't make good business sense for Seabridge, or whomever is deemed responsible for the defunct mine, to continue to pay the estimated \$25 million each year (that's assuming no maintenance is needed) to maintain full functionality of the water treatment facility."

2. Galore Creek Mine: This open pit mine, and its network of roads and pipelines in the Stikine/Iskut watershed, would fragment and degrade a huge swath of fish and wildlife habitat. According to NovaGold Resources Inc., which owns the mine with Teck Resources LTD, the mine would produce 6.2 billion pounds of copper, 4 million ounces of gold and 65.8 million ounces of silver over an approximate 18-year mine life. It's one of the world's largest undeveloped copper-gold-silver deposits. It would be the largest copper mine in Canada. It would generate around 650 million tons of potentially acid-generating waste rock. Rivers Without Borders wrote in a 2012 statement, "The proposed mine would impact Galore, Scud, Scotsimpson, Sphaler, Porcupine, More and Iskut drainages, all of which flow into the Stikine River, an important transboundary system that supports 19 fish species, including all five species of Pacific Salmon...A mine or tailings impoundment failure in a region prone to avalanches and moderately high seismic activity could be catastrophic." The Stikine River is generally considered the second most productive salmon river in southeast Alaska.

3. Tulsequah Chief Mine: Located on the Tulsequah River, flowing from the Juneau Icefield and a tributary of the Taku River, this mine was closed down in 1957 when its owner declared bankruptcy. It's been leaking acid into the Taku ever since. Different mining companies have been ordered by the Canadian government to clean the mine up, but it's yet to happen. B.C.'s current plan is to redevelop and expand the existing Tulsequah Chief and Big Bull mines. The mine is expected to produce three million tons of tailings over its eight- to ten-year life cycle.

The Taku River is considered to have the biggest salmon run of any river in Southeast. It supports a large fleet of gillnetters and contributes to the catch of trollers, seiners, sport- and subsistence fishermen in Alaska. On the Canadian side, numerous fishermen setnet both commercially and for subsistence. The Taku River Tlingit First Nation, who heavily depend on the salmon for subsistence, filed a suit in the B.C. Supreme Court to stop further development of the mine.

4. Schaft Creek Mine: Located off Schaft Creek in the Stikine/Iskut watershed, the proposed open pit mine would be built by Copper Fox Metals and Teck Resources LTD. According to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, the mine would have a proposed ore production of up to 150,000 tonnes per day over a minimal 15-year operating life. A tonne equals 2,200.6 pounds.

According to Rivers Without Borders, "The proposed mine will generate over 1 billion tonnes of waste rock, the majority of the waste material being placed right along the east side of Schaft Creek (which drains into the Stikine watershed). Preliminary studies of the waste rock suggests that 100 million tonnes is assumed to be acid generating...If the mine is developed as planned, the mine, road access and infrastructure required by it will destroy and contaminate wildlife and fish habitat in a very wild, remote part of the transboundary region that is currently without industrial intrusions of any kind."

5. Red Chris Mine: This open pit mine, owned by Imperial Metals, would be near the Stikine, Nass and Skeena rivers—three major salmon rivers in the Tahltan's "sacred headwaters" region. It's projected to produce 300 million tons of tailings over its 28-year life. There are serious questions over the feasibility of dams and water treatment programs that would keep the tailings from polluting watersheds. Tailings would need to be submerged in water and treated in perpetuity. The Red Chris mine was at the center of MiningWatch Canada's case against the Canadian government. The Supreme Court of Canada ruled against the Canadian government, stating that "the federal government cannot split projects into artificially small parts to avoid rigorous assessments."

The Tahltan and Imperial Minerals appear to be coming closer to an agreement, but there's still an overwhelming amount of concern across the border over how salmon will be affected and whether or not Imperial Metals will honor its word to maintain the tailings impoundments in perpetuity.

LOCATION OF MINING PROJECTS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA MENTIONED TO THE LEFT



WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

You can write or email Senator Lisa Murkowski, Senator Mark Begich and House Representative Don Young, urging them and the U.S. Department of State to engage with Canadian officials and take an active role in the development of the southeast Alaska/British Columbia transboundary region and to protect southeast Alaska's wild salmon. Visit www.salmonbeyondborders.org for more information and to sign a statement of concern to Secretary of State John Kerry.

Numerous Canadian and American biologists, fishermen and concerned citizens have sent letters to both Canadian and U.S. governments stating their concern and asking for assistance to assure both countries' fisheries, economies and

cultures are not damaged in the mining boom. As of writing this, our state and federal branches of government have failed to get involved and stand up for Southeast's interests. Kyle Moselle, large-project coordinator for the Alaska

Department of Natural Resources, in a 2014 *Juneau Empire* article essentially defended the plan to construct the KSM mine. Seabridge Gold (the company currently behind the KSM project) or the unknown company that will buy the mine, has offered no believable guarantees it would pay \$5 billion to assure the water is treated and doesn't pollute the Unuk River for the 200 or however many years necessary after the mine closes. Trying to brush off the concern for the environment and a sustainable economy, Moselle said, "B.C. has water guidelines; they also have mining regulations. They have an environmental review process." He went on to state Canada's guidelines and regulations are similar to those in the U.S. Why Moselle and other state officials appear to support large foreign industries with no investment in southeast Alaska's fisheries and tourism jobs leaves me baffled.

I'm not sure what the future has in store for wild salmon, Alaska's cultures and economy. It won't be good if we don't stand up, like Mary Dennis, the Tahltan elder who's been fighting for years to protect her home. At 71, she hunts her own moose, sheep and caribou. She catches her own fish, tans her own moose hides and wants to see her young people doing the same thing.

"As long as I'm standing, I'll be protecting our sacred headwaters," Dennis said during the meeting of Tahltan, Tlingit and Haida leaders in Juneau. Also at the meeting was Wade Davis, an acclaimed author, National Geographic Explorer in Residence and part-time resident of northwest B.C., who spoke of "our haunting capacity to forget" to what's happened to fish and wildlife populations around the world. He referenced how a number of species, like the passenger pigeon that once darkened the sky and the American bison that once stretched in the millions across the Great Plains, were exterminated in just a few short years. It seems unfathomable that southeast Alaska and northern B.C.'s wild salmon could disappear, but people thought similarly about recently depleted or extinct animal species. It's up to us, those who know the blessing of southeast Alaska's 12,000-year-old legacy of salmon and people, to ensure that it's not our generation that is the last to catch and eat a wild Taku, Stikine or Unuk river salmon.



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POSSIBLE MOTION

I MOVE TO approve Resolution
2014-17 on first and final reading.

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-17

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA OPPOSING THE NEWLY
PROPOSED RULE ON THE DEFINITION OF WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES
UNDER THE CLEAN WATER ACT**

WHEREAS, the proposed "Waters of the U.S." rule may increase the number of Sitka's maintained public infrastructure conveyances, such as water quality, bulk water sales, roadside ditches, floodwater and storm water that would fall under federal authority; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rule would amend the definition of waters of the U.S. in the Clean Water Act (CWA). Enacted in 1972, which would adversely affect Sitka and our ability to market and sell bulk water; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rule would give the federal government jurisdiction over CBS and State of Alaska waters. The cost impact to comply by completing all the needed permits, perform maintenance and required water monitoring would be substantial and the potential penalty(s) for not complying would also pose a financial hardship on the CBS; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rule would increase the asserted scope of CWA jurisdiction, in part due to a declaration that some types of waters are categorically jurisdictional, and by application of new definitions which are ill-defined, extremely broad, ambiguous, and prone to abuse, and

WHEREAS, the CBS provides essential water, wastewater and storm water control services to our community and the proposed rule could serve to impose additional regulatory burdens on our community without any concomitant environmental benefits; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rule uses U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) draft report on Connectivity of Stream and Wetlands to Downstream Waters: A Review and Synthesis of the Scientific Evidence, is currently undergoing review by EPA's Science Advisory Board, as a scientific basis for the new definition; and

WHEREAS while the proposed rule aims to clarify confusion over Section 404 jurisdiction in the field stemming from several U.S. Supreme Court decisions, the definitional change applies to all CWA programs, not just the Section 404 permit program and impacts nine regulatory programs, including Section 402, which establishes the nation's storm water management program and Section 401, which governs water quality certifications

39 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of the City and Borough of
40 Sitka, Alaska by this resolution opposes the proposed rule on the definintion of "Waters of
41 the United States" under the Clean Water Act.
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43 **PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the assembly of the City and Borough
44 of Sitka, Alaska on this 14th day of October, 2014.
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47 Mim McConnell, Mayor
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49 ATTEST:
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52 Colleen Ingman, MMC
53 Municipal Clerk

County Action Needed

New “Waters of the United States” Definition Released

Counties are strongly encouraged to submit written comments on potential impacts of the proposed regulation to the Federal Register

On April 21, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) jointly released a new proposed rule – **Definition of Waters of the U.S. Under the Clean Water Act** – that would amend the definition of “waters of the U.S.” and expand the range of waters that fall under federal jurisdiction. The proposed rule, published in the Federal Register, is open for public comment until November 14, 2014.

The proposed rule uses U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) draft report on *Connectivity of Stream and Wetlands to Downstream Waters: A Review and Synthesis of the Scientific Evidence*, which is currently undergoing review by EPA’s Science Advisory Board, as a scientific basis for the new definition. The report focuses on over 1,000 scientific reports that demonstrate the interconnectedness of tributaries, wetlands, and other waters to downstream waters and the impact these connections have on the biological, chemical and physical relationship to downstream waters.

Why “Waters of the U.S.” Regulation Matters to Counties

The proposed “waters of the U.S.” regulation from EPA and the Corps could have a significant impact on counties across the country, in the following ways:

- **Seeks to define waters under federal jurisdiction:** The proposed rule would modify existing regulations, which have been in place for over 25 years, regarding which waters fall under federal jurisdiction through the Clean Water Act (CWA). The proposed modification aims to clarify issues raised in recent Supreme Court decisions that have created uncertainty over the scope of CWA jurisdiction and focuses on the interconnectivity of waters when determining which waters fall under federal jurisdiction. **Because the proposed rule could expand the scope of CWA jurisdiction, counties could feel a major impact as more waters become federally protected and subject to new rules or standards.**
- **Potentially increases the number of county-owned ditches under federal jurisdiction:** The proposed rule would define some ditches as “waters of the U.S.” if they meet certain conditions. This means that more county-owned ditches would likely fall under federal oversight. In recent years, Section 404 permits have been required for ditch maintenance activities such as cleaning out vegetation and debris. **Once a ditch is under federal jurisdiction, the Section 404 permit process can be extremely cumbersome, time-consuming and expensive, leaving counties vulnerable to citizen suits if the federal permit process is not streamlined.**

- **Applies to all Clean Water Act programs, not just Section 404 program:** The proposed rule would apply not just to Section 404 permits, but also to other Clean Water Act programs. Among these programs—which would become subject to increasingly complex and costly federal regulatory requirements under the proposed rule—are the following:
 - **Section 402 National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program**, which includes municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s) and pesticide applications permits (EPA Program)
 - **Section 303 Water Quality Standards (WQS) program**, which is overseen by states and based on EPA’s “waters of the U.S.” designations
 - Other programs including **stormwater, green infrastructure, pesticide permits and total maximum daily load (TMDL) standards**

Background Information

The Clean Water Act (CWA) was enacted in 1972 to restore and maintain the chemical, physical and biological integrity of our nation’s waters and is used to oversee federal water quality programs for areas that have a “water of the U.S.” The term navigable “waters of the U.S.” was derived from the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 to identify waters that were involved in interstate commerce and were designated as federally protected waters. Since then, a number of court cases have further defined navigable “waters of the U.S.” to include waters that are not traditionally navigable.

More recently, in 2001 and 2006, Supreme Court cases have raised questions about which waters fall under federal jurisdiction, creating uncertainty both within the regulating agencies and the regulated community over the definition of “waters of the U.S.” In 2001, in *Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County v. United States Army Corps of Engineers* (531 U.S.159, 2001), the Corps had used the “Migratory Bird Rule”—wherever a migratory bird could land—to claim federal jurisdiction over an isolated wetland. The Court ruled that the Corps exceeded their authority and infringed on states’ water and land rights.

In 2006, in *Rapanos v. United States*, (547 U.S. 715, 2006), the Corps were challenged over their intent to regulate isolated wetlands under the CWA Section 404 permit program. In a 4-1-4 split decision, the Court ruled that the Corps exceeded their authority to regulate these isolated wetlands. The plurality opinion states that only waters with a relatively permanent flow should be federally regulated. The concurrent opinion stated that waters should be jurisdictional if the water has a “significant nexus” with a navigable water, either alone or with other similarly situated sites. Since neither opinion was a majority opinion, it is unclear which opinion should be used in the field to assert jurisdiction, leading to further confusion over what waters are federally regulated under CWA.

The newly proposed rule attempts to resolve this confusion by broadening the geographic scope of CWA jurisdiction. The proposal states that “waters of the U.S” under federal jurisdiction include navigable waters, interstate waters, territorial waters, tributaries (ditches), wetlands, and “other waters.” It also redefines or includes new definitions for key terms—adjacency, riparian area, and flood plain—that could be used by EPA and the Corps to claim additional waters as jurisdictional.

States and local governments play an important role in CWA implementation. As the range of waters that are considered “waters of the U.S.” increase, states are required to expand their current water quality designations to protect those waters. This increases reporting and attainment standards at the state level. Counties, in the role of regulator, have their own watershed/stormwater management plans that would have to be modified based on the federal and state changes. Changes at the state level would impact comprehensive land use plans, floodplain regulations, building and/or special codes, watershed and stormwater plans.

Examples of Potential Impact on Counties

County-Owned Public Infrastructure Ditches

The proposed rule would broaden the number of county maintained ditches—roadside, flood channels and potentially others—that would require CWA Section 404 federal permits. Counties use public infrastructure ditches to funnel water away from low-lying roads, properties and businesses to prevent accidents and flooding incidences.

- The proposed rule states that man-made conveyances, including ditches, are considered jurisdictional tributaries if they have a bed, bank and ordinary high water mark (OHWM) and flow directly or indirectly into a “water of the U.S.,” regardless of perennial, intermittent or ephemeral flow.
- The proposed rule excludes certain types of upland ditches with less than perennial flow or those ditches that do not contribute flow to a “water of the U.S.” However, under the proposed rule, key terms like ‘uplands’ and ‘contribute flow’ are undefined. It is unclear how currently exempt ditches will be distinguished from jurisdictional ditches, especially if they are near a “water of the U.S.”

Ultimately, a county is liable for maintaining the integrity of their ditches, even if federal permits are not approved by the federal agencies in a timely manner. For example, in 2002, in *Arreola v Monterey* (99 Cal. App. 4th 722), the Fourth District Court of Appeals held the County of Monterey (Calif.) liable for not maintaining a levee that failed due to overgrowth of vegetation, even though the County argued that the Corps permit process did not allow for timely approvals.

The National Association of Counties’ policy calls on the federal government to clarify that local streets, gutters, and human-made ditches are excluded from the definition of “waters of the U.S.”

Stormwater and Green Infrastructure

Since stormwater activities are not explicitly exempt under the proposed rule, concerns have been raised that Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) ditches could now be classified as a “water of the U.S.” Some counties and cities own MS4 infrastructure including ditches, channels, pipes and gutters that flow into a “water of the U.S.” and are therefore regulated under the CWA Section 402 stormwater permit program.

This is a significant potential threat for counties that own MS4 infrastructure because they would be subject to additional water quality standards (including total maximum daily loads) if their stormwater ditches are considered a “water of the U.S.” Not only would the discharge leaving the system be regulated, but all flows entering the MS4 would be regulated as well. Even if the agencies do not initially plan to regulate an MS4 as a

“water of the U.S.,” they may be forced to do so through CWA citizen suits, unless MS4s are explicitly exempted from the requirements.

In addition, green infrastructure is not explicitly exempt under the proposed rule. A number of local governments are using green infrastructure as a stormwater management tool to lessen flooding and protect water quality by using vegetation, soils and natural processes. The proposed rule could inadvertently impact a number of these county maintained sites by requiring Section 404 permits for non-MS4 and MS4 green infrastructure construction projects. Additionally, it is unclear under the proposed rule whether a Section 404 permit will be required for maintenance activities on green infrastructure areas once the area is established. In stakeholder meetings, EPA has suggested local governments need to include in their comments whether an exemption is needed, and if so, under what circumstances, along with the reasoning behind the request.

Potential Impact on Other CWA Programs

It is unclear how the proposed definitional changes may impact the pesticide general permit program, which is used to control weeds and vegetation around ditches, water transfer, reuse and reclamation efforts and drinking and other water delivery systems. According to a joint document released by EPA and the Corps, *Economic Analysis of Proposed Revised Definition of Waters of the United States* (March 2014), the agencies have performed cost-benefit analysis across CWA programs, but acknowledge that “readers should be cautious in examining these results in light of the many data and methodological limitations, as well as the inherent assumptions in each component of the analysis.”

Submitting Written Comments

NACo has prepared draft comments for counties. Go to NACo’s “Waters of the U.S.” hub for more information, www.naco.org/wous.

Written comments to EPA and Corps are due no later than November 14, 2014. *If you submit comments, please share a copy with NACo’s Julie Ufner at jufner@naco.org or 202.942.4269.*

Submit your comments, identified by **Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2011-0880** by one of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments
- E-mail: ow-docket@epa.gov. Include EPA-HQ-OW-2011-0880 in the subject line of the message
- Mail: Send the original and three copies of your comments to: Water Docket, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 2822T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460, Attention: Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2011-0880.

For further information, contact: Julie Ufner at 202.942.4269 or jufner@naco.org



CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

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I MOVE TO approve Resolution
2014-18 on first and final reading.

Sponsors: Mayor/Hackett

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

RESOLUTION 2014-18

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA JOINING ALASKA
CONFERENCE OF MAYORS IN RECOMMENDING AN AMENDMENT TO ALASKA
STATUTE 35.30.010 PROVIDING FOR STRONGER AUTHORITY BY LOCAL
PLANNING AUTHORITIES AND ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR PUBLIC PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, Alaska Statute 35.30.010 – Review and Approval by Local Planning Authorities, requires the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to obtain approval from local planning authorities and elected officials before commencing construction of a public project, such as a highway improvement; and

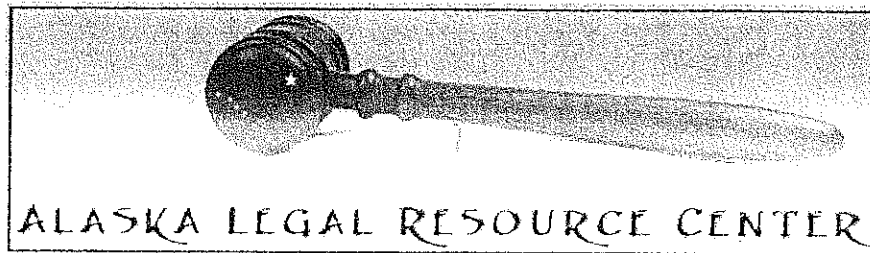
WHEREAS, “before commencing construction” of a public project allows the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to advance a public project without local planning authority until the project plan is final, ready for construction, which is at a point of no return for the department and gives little meaning to the statute; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities needs to obtain local planning review and approval for public projects before the final design or alternative is approved and accepted by the department, to meet the intent of the statute; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka recommends an amendment to Alaska Statute 35.30.010 providing for stronger authority by local planning authorities by deleting “before commencing construction: and by inserting, “before plans are approved by the department and an approved alternative is accepted by the department.”

Signed: _____
Mim McConnell, Mayor

Attest: _____
Colleen Ingman, MMC
Municipal Clerk



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Section 20. Compliance With Municipal Ordinances.

previous: Section 10. Review and Approval By Local Planning Authorities.

next: Section 30. Waiver.

AS 35.30.020. Compliance With Municipal Ordinances.

A department shall comply with local planning and zoning ordinances and other regulations in the same manner and to the same extent as other landowners.

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AS 35.30.010. Review and Approval By Local Planning Authorities.

(a) Except as provided in (b) of this section, before commencing construction of a public project,

(1) if the project is located in a municipality, the department shall submit the plans for the project to the planning commission of the municipality for review and approval;

(2) if the project is located within two miles of a village, the department shall submit the plans to the village council for review and comment;

(3) if the project is located within one-half mile of the boundary of an area represented by a community council established by municipal charter or ordinance, the department shall submit the plans to the community council for review and comment.

(b) Prior approval by a municipal planning commission may not be required before the commencement of construction of a highway or local service road if

(1) the department and the municipality have entered into agreement for the planning of the project under AS 19.20.060 or 19.20.070 and the plans for the project are completed in accordance with the terms of that agreement;

(2) the municipality has adopted a municipal master highway plan under AS 19.20.080 and the highway or local service road is consistent with the plan adopted; or

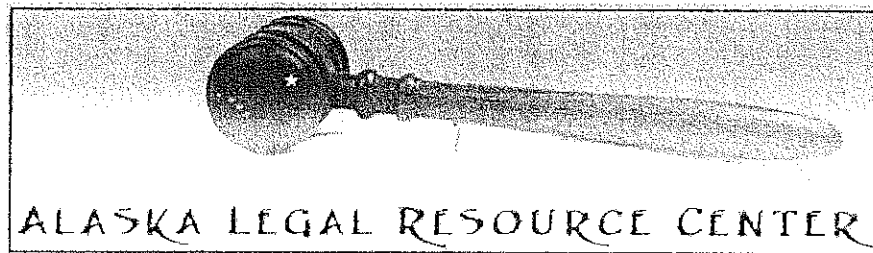
(3) the department has entered into agreement with the municipality for the planning of transportation corridors under AS 19.20.015 and the plans for the project are completed in accordance with the provisions of that agreement.

(c) If final disapproval by resolution of the governing body of the affected municipality or village is not received within 90 days from the date the project was submitted to the municipality or village, the department may proceed with the project.

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Chapter 20. Cooperation By and With the State

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AS 19.20.080. Municipal Master Highway Plan.

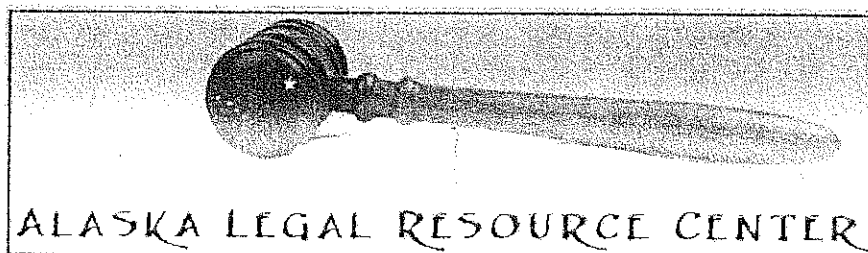
A municipality of over 5,000 population, according to the latest available census, together with the department, shall develop and adopt a master highway plan, which shall insure the proper location and integration of the Alaska highway connections in the municipality. In selecting and designating the master highway plan, they shall take into account the important principal streets that connect residential areas with business areas and the streets that carry important rural traffic into and across the municipality, in order to ensure a system of highways upon which traffic can be controlled and protected in a manner to provide safe and efficient movement of traffic in the municipality.

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Title 19. Highways and Ferries

Chapter 20. Cooperation By and With the State

Section 15. Local Control of State Transportation Corridors.

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AS 19.20.015. Local Control of State Transportation Corridors.

(a) A municipality, by resolution of its governing body, may request of the department the assumption of the department's responsibilities relating to planning of transportation corridors that are to be located within the boundaries or operating area of the municipality. After receipt of the request, the department shall provide by agreement for assumption by the municipality of the department's responsibilities relating to planning of transportation corridors, unless the commissioner determines that assumption of responsibilities by the municipality is not practicable or not in the best interests of the state. The parties may by mutual agreement provide for joint or cooperative assumption of responsibilities by the department and the municipality.

(b) If the commissioner determines that assumption of responsibilities by a municipality under this section is not practicable or not in the best interests of the state, the commissioner shall notify the municipality of that finding and specify reasons for it. If the municipality requests reconsideration of the decision, the commissioner shall hold a hearing in the municipality within 30 days following mailing of the request. Following the hearing the commissioner may affirm, modify, or reverse the initial decision and shall specify in writing the reasons.

(c) Provisions of this title governing planning of transportation corridors by the department, and regulations adopted under the provisions, govern the administration of projects assumed by a municipality under this section, and for that purpose supersede any conflicting provisions of ordinance or charter.

(d) The commissioner may require terms or conditions in an agreement under this section necessary to ensure compliance with the requirements of this section and otherwise considered to be in the public interest. If necessary, the commissioner may require as a condition of an agreement under this section approval of the agreement by the federal government.

(e) The provisions of this section apply only to the extent permitted by federal laws and regulations.

(f) [Repealed, Sec. 88 ch 74 SLA 1985].

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Title 35. Public Buildings, Works, and Improvements
Chapter 5. Administration
Section 40. Powers of Department.

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AS 35.05.040. Powers of Department.

The department may

- (1) acquire property;
- (2) exercise the power of eminent domain;
- (3) take immediate possession of real property, or any interest in it under a declaration of taking or by other lawful means;
- (4) acquire rights-of-way for present or future use;
- (5) dispose of excess property or property rights;
- (6) accept and dispose of federal funds or property available for public works construction, maintenance, or equipment;
- (7) enter into contracts or agreements relating to public works with the federal government and political subdivisions, and also enter into contracts with a foreign government if approved by the federal government;
- (8) exercise any other power necessary to carry out the purpose of this title;
- (9) lease or grant land or any interest in land to the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation for a purpose set out in AS 18.55.100 - 18.55.960 on terms and conditions prescribed by the department;
- (10) procure directly materials, labor, and contractual services for planning, designing, and constructing public facilities of the state.

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POSSIBLE MOTION

I move to approve donating Sitka's old ambulance to the city of Hollis, Alaska



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and Assembly
From: Mark Gorman, Municipal Administrator *MG*
Subject: Old Ambulance
Date: October 8, 2014

As you all are aware, we recently purchased a new ambulance to replace our 1995 GMC unit. Based upon comments I heard earlier in the year from some Assembly members, I have directed staff to prepare the old unit for sale. I am told that the estimated value of this vehicle is approximately \$2500 – \$5000. That said I have also been informed that there is not much of a market for 20-year-old ambulances. If sold, it is anticipated the ambulance would be converted to some kind of utility vehicle.

Recently, we have received a request from the community of Hollis on Prince of Wales Island that we gift this unit to it. I have also been encouraged by staff at the Southeast Regional Emergency Medical Services (SEREMS) to reconsider selling the ambulance and instead provide it to Hollis.

I am mindful that in this time of tight budgets and increasing expenses that this would be a significant donation to one of our Southeast communities. This said, I think it is important that the Assembly consider this request.

If the Assembly directs staff to make this donation to Hollis, we will work with the community to facilitate the transfer of the ambulance in the near future.

Thank you for your consideration.

HOLLIS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT/EMS

P.O. Box 706, Craig, Alaska 99921-0706

September 12, 2014

Fire Chief Dave Miller
Sitka Fire Department
209 Lake Street
Sitka, Alaska 99835

Dear Chief Miller:

Bobbi Leichty, Director of SEREMS, informed us that you are purchasing a new ambulance and will no longer need your 1995 GMC ambulance. We are in dire need of an ambulance and respectfully request that you consider us when you decide to dispose of the 1995 GMC. We presently rely on the Klawock EMS to respond to emergencies and transport patients to the Klawock Clinic about 22 miles from Hollis. They do a good job, but valuable time is lost for them to travel to Hollis and then to the Klawock Clinic--a total of 44 miles. With the 1995 GMC ambulance, Hollis EMS could cut that time in half, and perhaps save a life or two in so doing.

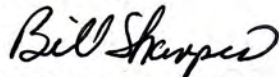
Hollis is classified as an unorganized community and therefore we do not have a tax base. Our source of revenue is from yard and bake sales, an annual raffle, and cash donations from members of the community council, fire department and residents. We do receive approximately \$35,000 in revenue sharing from the state each year, but the bulk of that is absorbed by insurance and maintenance of the fire hall, fire vehicles, utilities, fuel, etc. Some of the revenue sharing funds also go to the Hollis Library and some towards road maintenance and snow plowing.

Hollis is in a small community of about 200 residents and is experiencing a small growth pattern due to three state land sales over the past four years. At least 12 new homes have been built and new homes are under construction, and construction of others will inevitably follow.

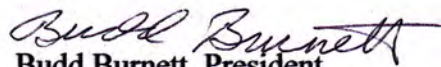
Having an ambulance such as yours would improve the moral and efficiency of our EMS staff and would greatly improve the morale of Hollis residents as well.

Any consideration given our request will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your time and help.

Sincerely,



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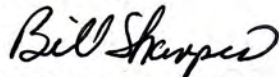
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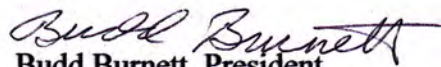
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