

State of Alaska
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
INDIVIDUAL APPLICATION FORM FOR MEMBERSHIP ON LEPC

LEPC name: Sitka Local Emergency Planning Committee

Applicant name: JOEL HANSON

Mailing address: [REDACTED] SITKA, AK 99835

Residence address: SAME

Day phone: [REDACTED] Home Phone (optional): [REDACTED]

Where employed: N/A Job title: RETIRED

LEPC category/seat that applicant seeks: 6) MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Categories: 1) Elected local officials, 2) Law Enforcement, Civil Defense, Fire Fighting, First Aid, Local Env't/Hospital, and Transportation Personnel, 3) Media/Broadcast, 4) Community Groups, 5) Owners/Operators of Facilities, 6) Members of the Public, 7) LEPC Information Coordinator/SERC liaison

New applicant X Renewal Regular member Alternate member

Qualifications for this category: * 40-YEARS RESIDENT OF SOUTHEAST AK.

* 20-YEARS RESIDENT OF SITKA * MARRIED, 1 SON

* FORMER OWNER/OPERATOR COMMERCIAL FISHING VESSEL

* LICENSED US COAST GUARD CAPTAIN 1996-2008 (1600 TON, OCEAN ENDORSEMENT)

* 15-YEARS CONDUCTING TRAINING & EMERGENCY DRILLS ABOARD

USCOAST GUARD INSPECTED PASSENGER VESSELS OF 500 TONS.

Organizations in which applicant participates (that are pertinent to the application):

NONE

Please provide enough information to demonstrate an applicant's eligibility or suitability for a particular seat on the LEPC. For the Public At Large position, please state whether an applicant qualifies for any other category on the LEPC.

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

I hereby certify that the above information is correct and that I have not misrepresented myself.

Joel Hanson
Signature

2/18/2020
Date

→ To be considered, your application must be complete AND be accompanied by either a letter of interest or resume. Return to:

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Joel H. Hanson

Sitka, AK 99835

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February 18, 2020

Re: Letter of Interest
Appointment to Local Emergency Planning Committee

Mayor Paxton and Assembly Members,

Please consider my request for appointment to Sitka's Local Emergency Planning Committee.

My wife and I are 20-year residents of Sitka, moving here from Wrangell Island where we also lived for 20 years. We are both retired. I am 69 years old.

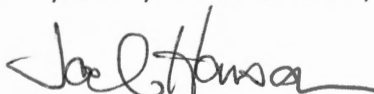
Though we have only lived full-time in Sitka for 20 years, we operated our own commercial troller for many years prior to purchasing our home here, and that brought us to Sitka seasonally. Plus, on Wrangell Island we lived remote from the community of Wrangell and when our home-schooled son was old enough, we enrolled him into Mt. Edgecumbe where he boarded during the school-year. He graduated in 1998, completing 4 years of study.

My qualifications for LEPC service include my years in the professional maritime industry. Prior to retirement in 2018, I worked for The Boat Company which has been operating a fleet of mid-size US Coast Guard inspected passenger vessels in Southeast Alaska waters since 1980. I worked in various capacities, primarily Captain, onboard all the company's vessels at various times from 1996 through 2008. Since 2008, I have served only occasionally onboard, helping with seasonal crew orientation and safety training. In recent years as Alaska Shore Support Agent for the company, I attended to all the regulatory aspects of passenger vessel operations, including compliance with ADF&G standards for guided fresh and saltwater sport fishing and US Forest Service permitting for guided recreational use of National Forest lands. I have extensive experience developing and executing safety training programs for small passenger vessel operations and wilderness guiding. I've completed both Basic and Advanced Fire Fighting courses. While employed with The Boat Company, I received 1st Aid/CPR training annually. I've conducted and logged hundreds of shipboard fire, man-overboard and abandon-ship drills. I'm familiar with Safety Data Sheets and Incident Command System procedures.

My non-professional interest is in protecting and enjoying Southeast Alaska's extraordinary wildlands and wildlife. I was a member of the Board of Directors of the Southeast Alaska Conservation Council (SEACC) for nearly 18 years. I've considered myself an environmentalist since grade school.

I am a student of all aspects of the emerging science surrounding climate change, and I understand the scale and scope of the challenges we face here in Sitka. I hope to bring that understanding to the LEPC so as to help the community prepare for new hazards. I am keenly interested in the subjects of climate change adaptation and food security.

Thank you for your consideration,


Joel Hanson