

Aleutian Islands Waterways Safety Committee

Meeting Agenda

January 23, 2025

12:00pm – 2:00pm (AKST) via Teleconference

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Invitees

Committee Members

Chris Woodley – At Sea Fish Processors, Primary
Frank Vargas – Commercial Fishing, Primary
Steven Gabelein – Passenger Vessels, Primary
Ingo Rose – Tank Vessels
Captain Seth Chase – Barges & Associated Tugs, Primary
David Ridge – Barges & Associated Tugs, Alternate
Captain Chris Iszler – Assist Tugs, Primary
Ernie Weiss – Local Government, Primary
Jennifer Tungul – Terminal Operators, Primary
Matthew Odum – Oil Spill Response, Primary
Todd Duke – Salvage, Primary
Kyle Watson – Salvage, Alternate
Andrew Hartsig – Conservation Organization, Primary
Captain David Arzt – Marine Pilots, Primary
Andrew Mew – Ship’s Agents, Primary
Morgann Machalek – Ship’s Agents, Alternate
Karen Pletnikoff – Subsistence User, Primary
Captain Steve White – Vessel Monitoring & Tracking, Primary

Managing Board

Captain Buddy Custard (USCG, Ret.), President
Peggy McLaughlin, Vice-President & WSC Chair
Shari Coleman, Secretary/Treasurer
Mayor Joe Bereskin, Member

Ex Officio

Bernie Nowicki, ADEC
Ethan Nichols, ADF&G
Jeanette Alas, ADF&G
LT Caroline Wilkinson, NOAA
Carley Lowe, NOAA
Nadine Kochuten, ABSI
Aaron Poe, ABSI
Bridget Crokus, USFWS
Jeff Williams, USFWS
USCG Sector Western Alaska & U.S. Arctic
Captain Christopher Culpepper (COTP)
CDR Scott Farr
CDR Christine Brown
BMC Stephen Braun
LT Tyler Justus
LTJG Brett Woodward
MST2 Elizabeth Burges
CIV Daniel Payne

Additional Invitees

Kelly Drummond, Skipper Science Partnership

- I. Call to Order Peggy McLaughlin, Chair
- II. Approval of Agenda..... All
- III. Approval of September 23, 2024 Summary All
- IV. Introductions and Opening Comments All
 - a. Skipper Science Partnership and Freezing Spray Forecasting Project Overview Kelly Drummond (Skipper Science Partnership)
- V. Reports to Committee
 - a. Ex Officio Reports
 - i. USCG.....CDR Christine Brown
 - ii. ADEC.....Bernie Nowicki
 - iii. NOAA..... LT Caroline Wilkinson
 - iv. USFWSBridget Crokus
 - v. ADFG Ethan Nichols

- vi. Aleutian Bering Sea Initiative.....Nadine Kochuten
- b. Work Group Reports
 - i. Storm Avoidance..... Captain Steve White
 - ii. Emergency Response Todd Duke
 - iii. Waterways Safety Plan.....Steven Gabelein
- c. Managing Board ReportCaptain Buddy Custard
- d. Facilitator’s Report..... Haley Griffin
- VI. Closing Comments
- VII. Review Action Items and Set Next Meeting..... Peggy McLaughlin
- VIII. Adjourn

Meeting Materials:

1. Meeting Protocols
2. Committee Roster
3. Meeting Summary – September 23, 2024
4. Waterways Safety Plan

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