

Aleutian Islands Waterways Safety Committee

Meeting Agenda **DRAFT**

November 4, 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, Primary
Captain Seth Chase – Barges & Associated Tugs, Primary
Patrick Burns – Barges & Associated Tugs, Alternate
Captain Chris Iszler – Assist Tugs, Primary
Branden Kroon – Assist Tugs, Alternate
Ernie Weiss – Local Government, Primary
Jennifer Tungul – Terminal Operators, Primary
Matthew Odum – Oil Spill Response, Primary
John Silva – Oil Spill Response, Alternate
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
Karen Pletnikoff – Subsistence User, Primary
Shannon Carroll – At Large, Primary
Captain Steve White – Vessel Monitoring & Tracking, Primary
Jordan Boghosian – Vessel Monitoring & Tracking, Alternate

Managing Board

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

Ex Officio

Bernie Nowicki, ADEC
Ethan Nichols, ADF&G
Jeanette Alas, ADF&G
LCDR Caroline Wilkinson, NOAA
Laura Pagano, NOAA
Carley Lowe, NOAA
Nadine Kochuten, ABSI
Aaron Poe, ABSI
Bridget Crokus, USFWS
Jeff Williams, USFWS
U.S. Coast Guard
Captain Christopher Culpepper (COTP)
CDR Christine Brown
CDR Scott Farr
BMC Stephen Braun
LT Brett Woodward
LT Annabelle Gagnon
CIV Daniel Payne

- I. Call to Order Peggy McLaughlin, Chair
- II. Approval of Agenda..... All
- III. Approval of May 27, 2025, Summary All
- IV. Introductions and Opening Comments All
- V. Reports to Committee
 - a. Ex Officio Reports
 - i. USCG.....CDR Christine Brown
 - ii. ADEC.....Bernie Nowicki
 - iii. NOAA.....TBD
 - iv. USFWSBridget Crokus
 - v. ADF&GEthan Nichols
 - vi. ABSINadine Kochuten

- b. Work Group Reports
 - i. Emergency Response Todd Duke
 - ii. Waterways Safety Plan.....Steven Gabelein
 - iii. Storm Avoidance.....Captain Steve White
 - Committee Vote on Approval of Guidance Document
 - c. Managing Board ReportCaptain Buddy Custard
 - d. Facilitator’s Report..... Haley Griffin
- VI. Introduction to SWIFR..... Karen Pletnikoff
- VII. New Business
 - a. Establishment of a New Forecasting Zone for Akutan Pass
- VIII. Closing Comments
- IX. Review Action Items and Set Next Meeting..... Peggy McLaughlin
- X. Adjourn

Meeting Materials:

- 1. Committee Roster
- 2. Meeting Summary – May 27, 2025
- 3. Draft Storm Avoidance Guidance Document
- 4. Waste Management in the Aleutians SWIFR Flyer

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