

Aleutian Islands Waterways Safety Committee

Meeting Agenda

May 27, 2025

12:00pm – 2:00pm (AKDT) 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
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

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
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

- I. Call to Order Peggy McLaughlin, Chair
- II. Approval of Agenda..... All
- III. Approval of January 23, 2025, Summary..... All
- IV. Introductions and Opening Comments All
 - a. Welcome to new members!
- V. Reports to Committee
 - a. Ex Officio Reports
 - i. USCG.....CDR Christine Brown
 - ii. ADEC.....Bernie Nowicki
 - iii. NOAA..... LCDR Caroline Wilkinson
 - iv. USFWSBridget Crokus
 - v. ADFGEthan Nichols
 - vi. ABSINadine Kochuten
 - b. Work Group Reports

- i. Emergency Response Todd Duke
 - ii. Waterways Safety Plan.....Steven Gabelein
- c. Managing Board ReportCaptain Buddy Custard
- d. Facilitator’s Report..... Haley Griffin
- VI. M/V Pan Viva Incident Briefing..... Captain Christopher Culpepper
- VII. Discussion of Draft Storm Avoidance Guidance Document.....Captain Steve White
- VIII. Closing Comments
- IX. Review Action Items and Set Next Meeting..... Peggy McLaughlin
- X. Adjourn

Meeting Materials:

- 1. Meeting Protocols
- 2. Committee Roster
- 3. Meeting Summary – January 23, 2025
- 4. Draft Storm Avoidance Guidance Document

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