

# Aleutian Islands Waterways Safety Committee Meeting Agenda

**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. USFWS .....Bridget Crokus
    - v. ADF&G .....Ethan Nichols
    - vi. ABSI .....Nadine Kochuten

- b. Work Group Reports
  - i. Waterways Safety Plan.....Steven Gabelein
  - ii. Storm Avoidance.....Captain Steve White
    - Committee Vote on Approval of Guidance Document
  - c. Managing Board Report .....Captain Buddy Custard
  - d. Facilitator’s Report..... Haley Griffin
- VI. Introduction to SWIFR.....Nadine Kochuten
- 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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