

# Aleutian Islands Waterways Safety Committee

## Meeting Agenda **DRAFT**

April 15, 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  
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  
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. USFWS .....Bridget Crokus
    - v. ADFG ..... Ethan Nichols
    - vi. ABSI .....Nadine Kochuten
  - b. Work Group Reports

- i. Storm Avoidance.....Captain Steve White
    - 1. Discussion of Draft Storm Avoidance Guidance Document
  - ii. Emergency Response ..... Todd Duke
  - iii. Waterways Safety Plan.....Steven Gabelein
  - c. Managing Board Report .....Captain Buddy Custard
  - d. Facilitator’s Report.....Sierra Fletcher
- 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 – January 23, 2025
- 4. Draft Storm Avoidance Guidance Document

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