

**CITY OF CRAIG
COUNCIL AGENDA
July 7, 2022
COUNCIL CHAMBERS 6:30 PM**

ROLL CALL

Mayor Tim O'Connor, Hannah Bazinet, Jim See, Julie McDonald, Michael Kampnich, Chanel McKinley, Millie Schoonover

CONSENT AGENDA

Items listed below will be enacted by one motion. If separate discussion is desired on an item, that item may be removed and placed on the regular meeting agenda.

- Meeting Minutes June 16, 2022

HEARING FROM THE PUBLIC

- Resolution 22-17 Advocating for a Reduction of Trawl Bycatch
Resolution 22-18 Adopting Harbor Rates
- Resolution 22-19 Adopting Prince of Wales Community Advisory Committee
Resolution 22-02, Opposing an Alaska Constitutional Convention

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor	City Planner	Public Works
Administrator	Fire/EMS Coordinator	Recreation
Treasurer	Harbormaster	Parks and Public Facilities
Aquatic Manager	Library	
City Clerk	Police Chief	

READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

- Fishery managers call for deeper look at salmon bycatch, but decline to tighten rules
- With a way of life on the Y-K Delta at risk, the North Pacific Council declines to reduce trawl bycatch, and instead wants more study of climate change
- Marathon Wrap Up

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

- Resolution 22-17 Advocating for a Reduction of Trawl Bycatch
- Resolution 22-18 Adopting Harbor Rates
- Resolution 22-19 Adopting Prince of Wales Community Advisory Committee Resolution 22-02, Opposing an Alaska Constitutional Convention

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Child Care City Budget and RFP
- Fuel Tax Cap Memo June 2020
- Liberty Church Donation Memo

NEW BUSINESS – None

COUNCIL COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

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**CITY OF CRAIG
COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2022**

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Tim O'Connor called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. and the roll was taken. Julie McDonald, Jim See, Millie Schoonover, Chanel McKinley, and Timothy O'Connor were present. Michael Kamprich was absent excused. Hannah Bazinet was absent.

Staff Present: Brian Templin, City Administrator; Heather Mendonsa, City Clerk; Samantha Wilson, City Planner; V. Tsai, EMS Coordinator; Jessica Holloway, Aquatics Manager;

Audience Present: Lacie Lester, Jennifer Creighton, Donald Nickerson, Sandy Curtis, and Kimberly Wojtak attended the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Meeting Minutes June 2, 2022
2. Klawock Totem Taxi Renewal

SHOONOVER/MCKINLEY

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE
VOTE

HEARING FROM THE PUBLIC

Resolution 22-16 Pool Passes for Elected Officials

Jennifer Creighton, the Waverunner and Swim Coach, and member of Liberty Church, discussed the needs for the school lunch program, which has been discontinued for the summer. Liberty Church has been feeding the students. It is a huge financial burden to bear, and she requested help from the city. A few members of the community also spoke about the Liberty Church request for money. Sandy Curtis explained that Dockside is purchasing food for them at wholesale cost. They are also helping with the daily preparation. Brian Templin recommended that this be put on the agenda again as an action item for July. Discretionary funding will be available after July 1 for the new fiscal year. Councilwoman McDonald asked Sandy to please ask Cody, the pastor, if we can have the dollar amount they are short? Councilwoman Schoonover asked if other entities have been asked to help contribute and some possibilities of other businesses were discussed.

Jennifer also advocated to keep the pool open. She suggested creating a mission statement and strategic plan to help it function better. She would like to be a part of the committee. Councilman See clarified that there has been no discussion of the pool closing. Jessica Holloway also confirmed that the reason the pool has been closed periodically is because she has not had any applicants that meet the standards for the lifeguard position. Mayor O'Connor asked Jennifer for a list of names of parents who are involved with the swim team who might be willing to become certified and help with the pool so the hours can be extended. Councilwoman McDonald suggested putting together a pool advisory committee. Brian said there will be a restructuring of the recreation

department in October or November, so this would be a good time to look at the need for a recreation advisory committee. Jennifer was concerned with the closures because the swim team is supposed to start on August 3. She is coach certified, not lifeguard certified, but she is willing to do what is needed to obtain the lifeguard certification to help keep the pool open. Brian said this needs further discussion and he will speak with Jennifer.

READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

1. Research Shows Growing Kelp Helps Reduce Ocean Acidification
2. Craig City Food Program Funding Request, Liberty Church

The council asked that this be placed on the next meeting agenda for consideration.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Resolution 22-16, Pool Passes for Elected Officials

SCHOONER/MCKINLEY

Moved to approve Resolution 22-16 to amend the city of Craig Employee Handbook allowing pool passes for elected officials.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Comments to Senate Energy & Water Committee on Landless Bill

Councilman See said people don't understand that Sealaska and four major corporations have already impacted the island who took 120,000 acres off the Prince of Wales. Brian spoke with Steve Silver about adding previous selections to the testimony. Brian said he is currently working to clarify the number of Sealaska and village corporation selections and will include a discussion about the mental health trust and other land selections from POW and include that discussion in the testimony.

MCKINLEY/SCHOONOVER

Moved to approve the attached comments to the Senate Energy & Water Committee on Landless Bill with the added comments suggested by the council.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider confirmation of EMS Coordinator Appointment for V. Tsai

SEE/MCDONALD

Move to approve confirmation of EMS Coordinator appointment for V. Tsai

2. Liberty Church Access Permit

Councilman See and Bazinet complimented Samantha Wilson for the well thought out planning in the memo. She thanked them. Councilman See continued to say as long as it does not pre-empt city plans this looks good. The drive-in movie events will need to be approved by Jessica Holloway.

Brian mentioned that no formal action needed and reminded the council that they had asked to see access permits that may have a higher public impact before they are approved.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman See asked if the money to close out the account was sent yet? Brian confirmed it was not. See suggested with all the action going on in the stock market we should sit on the money for a few more months until the market settles. Brian agreed and said APCM is aware of the market conditions and is ok with slowly investing the money as the market conditions allow.

Councilwoman McKinley wanted clarification on the fuel tax for certain fishermen which was discussed last month. Brian responded by saying it is not for specific people. He clarified the discussion was for all fuel. An executive session will be scheduled to review this because it will contain confidential information. If something is done it will be for the entire community.

Councilwoman Schoonover asked about job openings with the city. We are currently searching for a treasurer. The police department is still down a sergeant and a full-time officer. RJ Ely has been working a lot of hours. The DMV will go back to opening on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Councilwoman McKinley asked about why the treasurer position is still open. Brian explained that the city had offered the job to two candidates. One had already accepted another position by the time the job was offered, and the other wanted more money for moving to the island and the position. He is considering offering someone a higher rate for a short contract for six months to a year. Sheri Purser is still working remotely and came up when the auditor was here. She will likely come up again to help close out the fiscal year and open up the new one. She is willing to continue working into September, if needed. Councilwoman Schoonover said one potential applicant did not want the job because overseeing the grants as well as being the head accountant was too much. Brian would like to hear more about that.

Councilwoman Schoonover is the coordinator for the High School swim team. The high school is having a fundraiser raffle.

ADJOURNMENT

SEE/SCHOONER

Moved to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED on the ____ day of _____, _____

MAYOR TIMOTHY O'CONNOR

ATTEST: _____
HEATHER MENDONSA, CITY CLERK

**CITY OF CRAIG
MEMORANDUM**

To: Craig City Council
From: Brian Templin, City Administrator
Date: June 22, 2022
RE: Resolution 22-17, Advocating for a Reduction of Trawl Bycatch

As the council is aware, the issue of trawl fleet bycatch is a significant one for both salmon (primarily in the Bering Sea/YK Delta region) and halibut (across Alaska).

In December 2021 the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council (NPFMC) voted to allow bycatch limit reductions based on biomass surveys and data. In June 2022 the NPFMC voted to allow for more climate change study before trawl bycatch limits were reduced.

There are a couple of recent articles in the July 7, 2022 meeting packet regarding these decisions and impacts to YK Delta fishermen based on salmon impacts.

The attached resolution advocates for a reduction in the trawl limits based on abundance based management.

Recommendation: Approve Resolution 22-17

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**CITY OF CRAIG
RESOLUTION 22-17**

A RESOLUTION ADVOCATING FOR A REDUCTION OF TRAWL BYCATCH

WHEREAS, it has been more than seven years since the State of Alaska and the federal North Pacific Fishery Management Council, agreed to lower Pacific halibut bycatch caps in the face of a diminishing biomass; and,

WHEREAS, in December 2021 the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council voted to allow for reductions in halibut bycatch based on biomass surveys; and,

WHEREAS, despite efforts on both sides for several years, tying the management of halibut bycatch to the halibut biomass is still not a reality; and,

WHEREAS, in June 2022 the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council again put off reducing bycatch limits in favor of more studies; and,

WHEREAS, while the federal council struggles with the abundance-based management issue, Alaska's small boat commercial, charter, sport and subsistence fleets and their coastal communities bear the short and long-term impacts that high bycatch creates; and,

WHEREAS, short-term impacts are felt every year when halibut fishermen in the Bering Sea lose a part of their annual allocation that is tied, not strictly to abundance, but to the forecasted landings of bycatch; and,

WHEREAS, long-term impacts are felt by halibut fishermen beyond the Bering Sea, as all sizes (including sub-legal-sized halibut) are removed from the entire biomass forever; and,

WHEREAS, managing the prohibited species bycatch of halibut without tying it to an accurate abundance index of the halibut stocks is a political decision, while managing bycatch using abundance indices for the stock as a whole, is a sustainability decision; and,

WHEREAS, politically based management decisions that impact a long-lived, wide-ranging species such as Pacific halibut, are incompatible with an overarching goal of sustainability, abundance-based bycatch management; and,

WHEREAS, tying halibut bycatch to abundance is especially important during low levels of abundance, and the halibut population is particularly vulnerable to high bycatch caps that lead to high-take levels that could mark a point of no return for several year-classes of Pacific halibut; and,

WHEREAS, abundance-based management (ABM) would bring immediate positive results to Alaska's rural coastal communities as ABM control of bycatch means coastal communities are more sustainable because they can rely on rigorous and informed management

strategies which are not only more consistent and responsive to the health of the resource, but are also more equitable, managing all halibut users on abundance, including those harvesting as bycatch; and,

WHEREAS, the revenue generated by Alaska's coastal communities mean the state's economy is more stable long-term, as well as more diversified when coastal communities thrive, and they cannot thrive with the uncertainty of high prohibited species catches looming over them each year.

WHEREAS, Pacific halibut is important to Alaskans culturally, economically, and socially. Halibut is among Alaska's most iconic seafoods. Coastal communities rely upon the species but are sadly losing access to them.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Craig City Council strongly encourages the Alaska Governor, Alaska State Legislature and State of Alaska Department of Fish and Game Commissioner to take the lead in this issue. Actions to reduce all halibut bycatch caps to levels that are directly tied to the best available scientifically informed indexes of abundance will ensure that all sectors share in conserving the resource.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Craig City Council encourages the Governor to extend the Governor's Fisheries Bycatch Task Force, which is due to sunset November 30, 2022 with the goal of reviewing and commenting to the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council on the benefits of ABM.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be provided to the Office of the Governor, the Alaska Fisheries Bycatch Task Force, Alaska Legislature and State of Alaska Department of Fish and Game Commissioner and the North Pacific Fishery Management Council.

This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the city council this 7th day of July, 2022.

MAYOR TIM O'CONNOR

HEATHER MENDONSA, CITY CLERK

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To: Craig City Council

From: Hans Hjort, Harbor Master

Date: June 22, 2022

RE: Consider Change to Wharfage Rate

Several months ago the council discussed application of wharfage fee to transfers of freight from city-owned docks and harbors. Staff recommends increasing the crane fee in lieu of setting wharfage rates based on weight.

Section 4.45.010 of the Craig Municipal Code states “Fees and charges, including wharfage, for the use of the dock and warehouse shall be levied according to the fees, charges and conditions set by resolution of the council.” The council has consistently over the years set wharfage rates, typically based on the weight of seafood crossing the dock.

Current wharfage rates are:

0-20,000 lbs.	\$0.005 per pound
20,001-40,000 lbs.	\$0.0025 per pound
Over 40,000 lbs.	\$0.001925 per pound

The rates are assessed monthly. Recent wharfage revenues have ranged from a high of \$2,076 in FY17 to a low of \$0 in 2020. Total wharfage revenues for previous years has been:

FY16 \$1209

FY17 \$2076

FY18 \$1195

FY19 \$750

FY20 \$0

Collection of wharfage has frequently been problematic because it relies on the operator to timely report weights transferred, usually based on fish ticket weights. It has been common practice for harbor staff to have to chase down the operator in an attempt to verify weights, and then complete the subsequent billing process.

In contrast, with the credit card system in place for crane use, virtually zero Harbor Department staff time is needed to collect crane fees. In addition, the use of the credit card system has contributed to increasing fees collected from crane use, reaching around \$10,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, more than double the crane fees collected in FY 2016. The revenue

for the current fiscal year shows that we have already made over \$11,000. The current rates are \$30 per hour, or \$7.50 per 15 minutes.

The Harbor Advisory Committee met December 16, 2021 and discussed this matter. The committee proposed a 10% increase to the crane rates in lieu of collecting wharfage. The proposal passed 3-1.

Based on FY 2021 crane activity, adding a \$1 wharfage surcharge per 15-minute interval of crane use would generate about \$1,200 of wharfage harbor revenue, without having to compile weights and subsequently bill out and collect wharfage. The city can maintain a wharfage fee for use of the boat launch ramps for loading and unloading activities, as well as establish a rate for moving freight across the docks where a city crane is not used.

This proposal to change crane rates will be revenue neutral, meaning that the harbor will not be making more profit from the crane.

Recommendation: Council should adopt resolution 22-18.

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CITY OF CRAIG
RESOLUTION 22-18

ADOPTING HARBOR RATES

WHEREAS, the City of Craig owns, operates, and maintains various harbor facilities and equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Harbor Department is an Enterprise Fund department within the City of Craig, and must raise revenues to cover its operational cost; and

WHEREAS, Harbor Department rates are set by the Craig City Council.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Craig council approves the harbor service rates as shown in Attachment A to this resolution, effective August 1, 2022

APPROVED _____

_____ ATTEST _____

MAYOR TIM O'CONNOR

HEATHER MENDONSA, CITY CLERK

City of Craig Harbor Fee Schedule effective 8/01/2022

Rate

Transient Moorage Rates

Daily	per foot	\$0.68
1 Month Rate	per foot	\$5.45
3 Month Rate	per foot	\$10.37
6 Month Rate	per foot	\$14.32

Permanent Moorage Rate

One Year	per foot	\$22.00
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*Invoiced transient moorage add \$5.00 billing fee

Transient Electric Power

30 amp 120V	1-15 days, per day	\$8.00
30 amp 120V	16-31 days, per day	\$5.00
50 amp single phase	1-15 days, per day	\$10.00
50 amp single phase	16-31 days, per day	\$7.00
50 amp 3 phase	per day	\$30.00
100 amp 3 phase	per day	\$50.00

Transient Electric Power Services subject to high consumption surcharge

Misc harbor services

Boat trailer rental	1st day	\$50.00
Boat trailer rental	2nd day & there after	\$25.00
Grid Use	per day	\$15.00
Pressure Washer/gas	per hour	\$35.00
Pressure Washer/gas	per day	\$75.00
Pressure Washer/electric	per hour	\$30.00
Wash down		\$10.00
Tarp Fee		\$10.00
Pump Rental	per day	\$35.00
Web Loft (Ward Cove Cannery)Net mend	per day	\$10.00
Web Loft (Ward Cove Cannery) Events	per day	\$100.00
Impound Fee		\$250.00
Crane Usage	per 15 min	\$8.50
Boat Launch Permit Daily		\$5.00
Boat Launch Permit Annual		\$35.00
Boat Launch Permit Annual - Commercial		\$250
Live-aboard fee	per month	\$75.00

Storage

Outside Storage/breakwater	per month	\$35.00
Container Rental/breakwater	per month	\$55.00
Freezer Van space rental-35'	per month	\$45.00
Regular Van space rental-25'	per month	\$25.00
Boat and trailer storage-up to 25'	per month	\$20.00
Boat and trailer storage-25' and up	per month	\$40.00

Wharfage fee to off-load product

First 20,000 lbs.	per pound	0.005
2nd 20,000 lbs.	per pound	\$0.0025
Over 40,000 lbs.	per pound	\$0.001925
Boat Launch Ramp Wharfage	per hour	\$75.00

Ice Sale

Ice delivery	per ton	\$120.00
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JT Brown Boat Yard

Boat Storage/Haul-out/Splash

Boat Haul out, Splash, & Blocking	per foot	\$11.00
Boat Haul out, Splash	per foot	\$8.00
Over Night Storage on Boat Haul Trailer	per night	\$35.00
Boat Storage up to 56 days	per foot per day	0.18
Boat Storage after 56 days	per foot per day	0.29
Boat Storage after one year	per foot per day	0.58
JTB Boat Yard Power	Up to 100 KW per month	25.00
JTB Boat Yard Power	101 - 150 KW per month	35.00
JTB Boat Yard Power	151- 200 KW per month	45.00
JTB Boat Yard Power	201 - 500 per month	110.00
JTB Boat Yard Power	500 and up per month	150.00

Float Plane Dock

Pull out ramp	per day	\$5
Pull out ramp	per quarter	\$150

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CITY OF CRAIG MEMORANDUM

To: Craig City Council
From: Brian Templin, City Administrator
Date: June 29, 2022
RE: POWCAC Resolution 22-02, Opposing a Constitutional Convention in 2022

Every 10 years a question is placed on the state ballot asking the voters whether or not the state should hold a constitutional convention to open up the Alaska State Constitution for wholesale review and changes.

Alaska has a robust method for amending the constitution for specific changes, the constitutional convention on the other hand opens the constitution for any and all changes that delegates want to propose.

Other than a badly worded question in 1970 that was struck down by the courts, most questions about the convention have been rejected, often on a 2 to 1 basis.

A statewide bipartisan group call Defend Our Constitution recently met with POWCAC members and shared their concerns if a convention passes this year. As a result of that conversation, POWCAC members voted to adopt POWCAC Resolution 22-02, opposing the constitutional convention.

As the council may recall, any POWCAC resolution that is passed by POWCAC must be approved by a majority of the governing bodies of the POWCAC membership. The attached Craig Resolution 22-19 adopts POWCAC Resolution 22-02 for the City of Craig. It will also need approval by several other communities and tribes before it will be approved overall.

Attached is a copy of POWCAC Resolution 22-02 and some information provided by Defend Our Constitution.

Recommendation: Adopt Craig Resolution 22-19.

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CITY OF CRAIG RESOLUTION 22-19

ADOPTING PRINCE OF WALES COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 22-02, OPPOSING AN ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION IN 2022

WHEREAS, The Prince of Wales Community Advisory Council (POWCAC) is made up of representatives from each community and Federally recognized Tribe on Prince of Wales Island; and,

WHEREAS, POWCAC acts on behalf of Prince of Wales communities on issues relevant to the island; and,

WHEREAS, POWCAC adopted Resolution 22-02 on June 28, 2022; and,

WHEREAS, said resolution opposes holding a constitutional convention in 2022, an item which shall be placed on the general election ballot set for the November 8, 2022 election; and,

WHEREAS, POWCAC resolutions must be adopted by the governing bodies of a majority of its members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Craig hereby adopts POWCAC Resolution 22-02, a copy of which is attached.

Adopted this 7th day of July, 2022.

Mayor Tim O'Connor

ATTEST _____
Heather Mendonsa, City Clerk

DEFEND OUR CONSTITUTION

A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION IS UNNECESSARY, EXPENSIVE, AND DANGEROUS.

The risks outweigh the rewards. Alaskans should vote “no” on the constitutional convention question this November.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHY IS A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION AN ISSUE THIS YEAR?

The Lt. Governor is required to put before voters the ballot question: “Shall there be a constitutional convention?” if a convention hasn’t been called within the last 10 years. This question will appear on the November 8, 2022, ballot.

HAS ALASKA EVER APPROVED A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION BEFORE?

Alaska’s Constitution was ratified in 1956. Since that time, the question to open the Constitution has appeared on the ballot six times and ultimately been defeated each time. The first vote on a constitutional convention was held in 1970, and while it passed by a very narrow margin, the courts found that the wording of the question was biased and threw out the results. Consequently, the question “Shall there be a constitutional convention?” was posed in 1972. That year, voters resoundingly rejected it and have voted against a constitutional convention every time since.

WHY WAS THE COALITION *DEFEND OUR CONSTITUTION* FORMED?

Defend Our Constitution is a group of Alaskans with a broad spectrum of political views. They formed this coalition to oppose the constitutional convention ballot question. In short, the Alaska Constitution isn’t broken and remains a stabilizing guide through these politically turbulent times.

WHO ARE THE MEMBERS OF *DEFEND OUR CONSTITUTION*?

There are hundreds of members from across the state who have joined, and the list continues to grow. They include your neighbors, businesses, Alaska Native organizations, and leaders from across the political spectrum.

The eight campaign co-chairs include:

- ★ Cathy Giessel – Anchorage
- ★ John Coghill – Fairbanks
- ★ Bruce Botelho – Juneau
- ★ Representative Bryce Edgmon - Dillingham
- ★ Gail Schubert – Bering Straits Native Corp.
- ★ Joelle Hall – Anchorage
- ★ Bill Corbus – Juneau
- ★ Luke Hopkins – Fairbanks

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WHAT'S AT STAKE?

A convention is **unnecessary, expensive, and dangerous** for Alaskans, businesses, and future generations. It opens the entire Constitution for revision on issues ranging from abortion to guns, climate change, environmental regulations, gay marriage, and the PFD. The unintended consequences on hot-button issues are endless.

A convention will unnecessarily create years of economic and political uncertainty at a time when we need stability.

UNNECESSARY

Alaskans have consistently voted against a constitutional convention and, instead, have opted for the more targeted, transparent constitutional amendment process for change.

Even though we face political dysfunction today, a constitutional convention is not the solution. Solving policy issues requires our elected leaders to take responsibility, roll up their sleeves, and get things done.

EXPENSIVE

A constitutional convention would cost Alaska taxpayers an estimated \$17 million dollars, and that number may be low. Associated estimated costs assume 60 days of pre-event support, a 75-day convention, and 30 days post-event wrap-up.

Alaska's economic future would be thrown into disarray, with economic, legal, and regulatory uncertainty stymieing future investment. Taxes, environmental regulations, education, and more will all be up for revision, and final approval of any changes made would come at the end of a multi-year process. We can't afford that kind of uncertainty, expense, and economic paralysis.

As the state tries to recover from COVID-19, the lack of stability will make hiring, recruitment, and retention of Alaskans far more difficult, and contribute to out-migration to more economically stable places.

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DANGEROUS

Our state government is already dealing with dysfunction and gridlock. Calling a convention will create just one more space for partisan bickering and fighting, making it even harder to move past our differences and work together to improve Alaska's future.

Public schools, hunting and fishing, the right to privacy, public services, the court system, and responsible limits on political campaign fundraising would all be at risk in political popularity contests. The unintended consequences on hot-button issues are endless.

There is also no certainty a convention and its delegates will produce meaningful change. Even still, there's no guarantee those changes will be beneficial OR that they will be approved by voters.

A convention would bring an unprecedented amount of outside special interest groups and dark money to change Alaska's laws to promote their own agendas and make Alaska a guinea pig for national political agendas.

COULD HOLDING A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION THREATEN OUR PFDs?

Yes. Currently, our Constitution protects the Permanent Fund, the ultimate source of our PFDs. Reopening the Constitution at this fragile and divisive political moment allows extremists to raid the Fund, putting our dividends at risk—an outcome we cannot afford.

Moreover, opening the Constitution solely to address concerns about the PFD opens a Pandora's box of potential problems - and there's no guarantee that changes made will ultimately be approved.



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CITY OF CRAIG MEMORANDUM

To: Craig City Council
From: Brian Templin, City Administrator
Date: June 29, 2022
RE: June Staff Report

1. Staff Updates

We are continuing to make progress in filling positions in the city.

- Our new city clerk has started working full time.
- The Finance Director position is still open and being advertised.
- We have started advertising for the part time administrative assistant position approved in the FY23 budget.
- The pool and police department still have critical vacancies. The pool has had to reduce hours and currently is not holding open swims until more lifeguards are hired and trained. We are continuing our search for police officers.

2. Grants and Other Funding Opportunities

Staff is continuing to work on grant and funding opportunities, primarily due to an influx of federal funding through federal programs and federal funding that supports various state grant programs. Department heads and the City Planner are working with the Federal delegation (primarily Senator Murkowski's office), federal agencies, and state agencies to match priority projects to funding opportunities.

We were recently notified that Senator Murkowski had included about \$1.2 million in congressionally directed spending requests (earmarks) for Craig wastewater projects. These projects still need to survive the full appropriation process, but it is a good sign that the Senator supports the projects and has included them on her directed spending request list. This funding would primarily be used for the wastewater treatment plant upgrades (including the roof) and lift station replacements.

3. Craig Cannery/Harbor Project

We recently sent balance of the \$53,500 appropriated by the council earlier this year for the non-federal match to the additional environmental work. We do not have a firm completion date, but the USACE has told us that the environmental work may be completed as early as the end of this year or early next spring. We are hoping that puts us back on track for breakwater construction in later 2023 or early 2024. Working with the federal delegation, staff will continue to pursue the federal funding required, assuming construction start in 2024.

4. Alaska State Budget

On June 28th the Alaska Governor signed the State Operating and Capital Budget with a number of line item vetoes. There were a few items that the city is particularly interested in:

- a. Department of Corrections – Contract Jails. We were notified earlier this year that the legislature was including additional funding for contract jails in the state. This item was not vetoed or reduced by the Governor. Based on early estimates we should expect about \$100,000 in additional contract revenue from the state this year. The current contract amount to the city is \$357,524.
- b. At a council meeting earlier this year, we informed the council that the state had reappropriated \$150,000 from another community project that had not been

completed or had come in under budget. These reappropriated funds were designated for POWER Building Repairs and Upgrades. These funds were included in the final budget. Past practice has been that the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development usually get grant agreements for legislative grants out to communities in late July with funds available to be spent in August. I will work with Doug and Victoria to identify improvements to be done with these funds.

- c. Revenue sharing and other transfer programs appear to have been funded as the legislature proposed.

5. Daycare Center

After the council discussion over the past couple of months we have prepared a draft budget showing the funding level required to operate the daycare center as a city department. We have also prepared a draft RFP to solicit another private provider under similar lease terms for the building. There is also some opportunity to provide startup assistance for a new operator. This item is on the agenda for the July 7, 2022 meeting.

6. Tentative Visit by Senator Murkowski

Senator Murkowski is scheduled to visit Craig and Prince of Wales on August 8th. We are working with Chere Klein in Ketchikan to schedule the official events. It is likely that the senator will travel from Waterfall to Craig the morning of the 8th. We are working through the schedule, but her meeting schedule will likely include a morning meeting with the Craig Mayor and City Council, a meeting with the Craig Tribal Association, meetings with Klawock, and a broader meeting with POW community leaders. The senator will be leaving POW the afternoon of the 8th so it will be a compressed schedule. I will keep the council informed as the schedule firms up.

As a side note, Steve Silver, Mayor O'Connor, Samantha Wilson, and I met with the Senator and several of her staff members recently by Zoom. The meeting went well with us talking primarily about the harbor project, the landless bill, and other Craig appropriation requests.

7. Supplemental Budget

Each year finance staff prepares a supplemental budget. The intent of this supplemental is to show actual expenses and revenues versus the amounts shown in the budget at the beginning of the year. We will bring a final supplemental budget to the council in July or August after all FY22 expenses have been completed.

At this point, the supplemental budget shows revenues above FY22 budget amounts and expenses overall below the FY22 budget. Thanks to all of the staff that has done a good job working within their department budgets this year and thanks to Sheri and her staff for their work with departments throughout the year.

8. June 28, 2022 POWCAC Meeting

POWCAC met on June 28th in Coffman Cove and talked about a number of issues, including:

- a. Klawock Heenya's plan to bring cruise ships into Klawock. Klawock Heenya talked briefly and answered questions related to the recent announcement that they will start bringing in cruise ships next year. Mary Edenshaw from Klawock Heenya told the group that they intended to schedule a public meeting later this

year to provide information and answer questions. We will keep the council informed when the meeting is set.

- b. Bridge Planning/Construction funding opportunities.
- c. Landless Bill. POWCAC had a general discussion about POWCAC submitting a letter to the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. The membership decided that it would be best to take the issue back to each of their governing bodies and talk about the letter and the July 26th meeting.
- d. Constitutional Convention. A group opposing a constitutional convention presented information and asked POWCAC to pass a resolution in opposition. The membership approved the resolution, but, as with all POWCAC resolutions it is not considered passed until a majority of the member governing bodies approve the same resolution. There is a resolution on the agenda for July 7th and a memo with more information about this item.
- e. I shared recent articles regarding the trawl bycatch issue to the membership and asked them to take the information back to their governing bodies and consider a municipal letter or resolution asking the NPFMC to reduce the allowed level of trawl bycatch.
- f. The membership talked briefly about the upcoming visit by Senator Murkowski.
- g. The next scheduled POWCAC meeting will be July 26th in Whale Pass. If any council member is interested in attending the meeting, please let me know.

9. Travel and Leave Schedule

Other than upcoming holidays and some long camping weekends, I don't have any extended travel or leave planned for the summer.

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CITY OF CRAIG
MEMORANDUM

June 29, 2022

To: City Council

From: Sheri Purser, Treasurer

Re: Monthly Report

The June monthly financials and APMC reports are included.

Christine came the first part of June to do FY21 Audit. She is finishing up the last details. I should hear from her soon.

We are preparing the statements for the property taxes and will be mailing them out on July 1st.

Tomorrow is year end for FY22. It will be a busy day tomorrow working on closing things out. Then FY23 will start July 1st.

Sales tax forms will also be emailed out on July 1st and 2nd quarter sales tax will be due by July 31.

If you have any questions please contact me at finance@craigak.com

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City of Craig
Cash Balances
6/30/2022

General Fund

Deposit Clearing Account	717,176.85
Checking - First Bank	1,170,412.72
Checking - Wells Fargo	25,218.73
Petty Cash	336.60
Petty Cash-Harbors	200.00
Petty Cash- Aquatic Center	250.00
Petty Cash - Police	134.95
Petty Cash- Library	150.00
Wells Fargo CD Saving Account	<u>510,912.14</u>
Total	<u>2,424,791.99</u>

Restricted Fund

Cares Fund Checking	169,002.08
Cash, Police Fund	40,917.41
Cash Evidence, Police	4,416.00
Police Petty Cash	781.17
Cash Hatchery Salmon Derby	2.22
MM Park Funds	7,702.76
Fish Quota Funds	15,552.70
MM POW Clinic Funds	46,429.61
MM Invest Muni Land	433.73
Hatchery Saving Account	57,302.94
Cash MMkt NFR -School FB	61,567.76
Cash Invest School Funds APCM	2,901,437.01
Accrued Interest, School	<u>9,484.00</u>
Total	<u>3,315,029.39</u>

Endowment

Cash Held Endowment	194,085.22
Fixed Inc. Investment Endowment	5,275,387.54
Accr. Int., Endowment	39,823.94
Equity Invest., Endowment	6,681,497.91
Unrealized Gain/Loss Endowment	6,753.64
Unrealized Gain/Loss Equity, Endowment	<u>4,322,401.75</u>
Total	<u>16,519,950.00</u>

Enterprise Fund

DNR Performance CD	<u>8,500.00</u>
Total	<u>8,500.00</u>

City of Craig
02. Craig Gov Revenue

June 30, 2022

	M-T-D Actual	Y-T-D Actual	Budget	Over(Under) Budget	% of Budget
01 00.4000.00 000 Property Tax	0	677,949	674,000	3,949	101
01 00.4050.00 000 Sales Tax	29,056	2,056,293	1,051,550	1,004,743	196
01 00.4051.00 000 1% Sales Tax for School	0	0	330,850	(330,850)	0
01 00.4052.00 000 Alaska Remote Sales Tax	0	131,796	75,000	56,796	176
01 00.4053.00 000 1% Sales Tax Pool & Rec	0	0	330,850	(330,850)	0
01 00.4060.00 000 Liquor Sales Tax	1,799	115,466	120,000	(4,534)	96
01 00.4061.01 000 Marijuana Sales Tax	0	300	0	300	0
01 00.4065.00 000 Transient Room Tax	0	22,710	20,000	2,710	114
01 00.4070.00 000 Property Tax Penalties	0	4,569	0	4,569	0
01 00.4080.00 000 Sales Tax Penalties	278	3,244	0	3,244	0
Total Local Taxes	31,133	3,012,327	2,602,250	410,077	116
01 00.4100.00 000 Property PILT Funding	0	312,085	300,000	12,085	104
01 00.4110.00 000 State Revenue Sharing	0	79,581	50,000	29,581	159
01 00.4111.00 000 Liquor Revenue Sharing	0	2,200	4,000	(1,800)	55
01 00.4112.00 000 Fish Bus Tax - DOR	0	81,753	50,000	31,753	164
01 00.4120.00 000 Shared Fish Tax - DCED	0	2,340	1,000	1,340	234
01 00.4142.00 000 Revenue, Small GF Grants	(3,831)	1,102	0	1,102	0
Total State Revenue	(3,831)	479,061	405,000	74,061	118
01 00.4200.00 100 COVID 19 ARPA (NEA)	0	353,129	100,000	253,129	353
01 00.4200.00 300 Fisheries Business Tax Lost Rev COVID 19	0	62,678	0	62,678	0
01 00.4220.00 000 EMS Service Fees	5,441	54,294	60,000	(5,706)	90
01 00.4250.00 000 EMS Training Fees	0	0	1,000	(1,000)	0
01 00.4255.00 000 EMS Estimated NonCollectable	0	0	(25,000)	25,000	0
01 00.4260.00 000 Aquatic Center Revenue	1,135	45,596	50,000	(4,404)	91
01 00.4270.00 000 Library Fees	7	688	1,000	(312)	69
01 00.4275.00 000 Recreation Revenue	411	18,280	15,000	3,280	122
01 00.4280.00 000 Senior Card Fees	310	12,435	3,000	9,435	415
01 00.4620.00 000 Taxi Permit Fees	0	0	100	(100)	0
01 00.4640.00 000 Building Permit Fees	30	1,604	8,000	(6,396)	20
01 00.4644.00 000 Access Permit Fees	1,290	15,343	0	15,343	0
01 00.4645.00 000 Subdivision Fees	0	60	0	60	0
01 00.4646.00 000 PSN Road Maintenance	(87)	43,693	27,000	16,693	162
Total Permits & Fees	8,537	607,800	240,100	367,700	253
01 00.4300.00 000 Property Lease/Rentals	2,014	58,842	63,000	(4,158)	93
01 00.4400.00 000 Material Sales	0	0	1,000	(1,000)	0
Total Local Revenue	2,014	58,842	64,000	(5,158)	92
01 00.4700.00 000 Police-Fines,Citation	450	8,135	10,000	(1,865)	81
01 00.4701.00 000 Animal Impound Fees	0	105	0	105	0
01 00.4702.00 000 Drivers License Fees	0	559	0	559	0
01 00.4703.00 000 Motor Vehicle Commision	6,257	63,198	60,000	3,198	105
01 00.4650.00 000 State Trooper Dispatch	0	6,500	7,200	(700)	90
01 00.4660.00 000 State Jail Contract Revenue	0	357,524	357,524	0	100
01 00.4665.00 000 Klawock Dispatch	4,424	53,088	53,088	0	100
01 00.4670.00 000 Forest Service Dispatch	0	3,000	3,000	0	100
Total Public Safety Funds	11,131	492,109	490,812	1,297	100
01 00.4820.00 000 Interest Income (A/R)	0	2,075	1,000	1,075	208
01 00.4900.00 000 Misc Revenue	12,440	24,068	5,000	19,068	481
Total Other Revenue	12,440	26,143	6,000	20,143	436

CITY OF CRAIG

Account Statement - Period Ending May 31, 2022



ALASKA PERMANENT
CAPITAL MANAGEMENT
Registered Investment Adviser

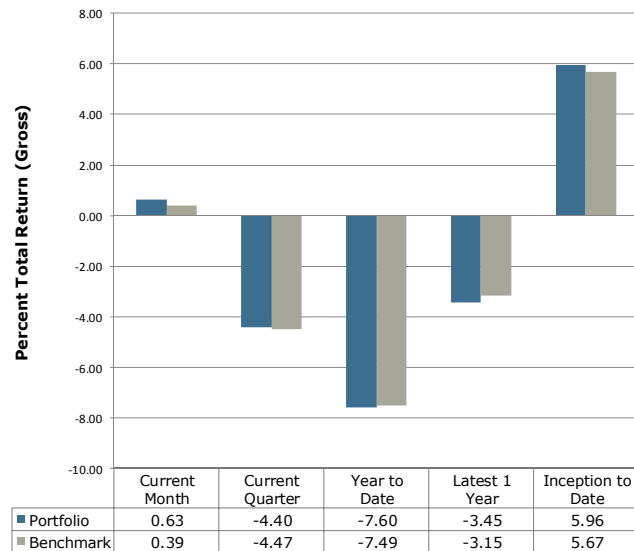
ACCOUNT ACTIVITY

Portfolio Value on 04-30-22	15,159,269
Contributions	0
Withdrawals	-3,575
Change in Market Value	86,707
Interest	8,471
Dividends	132

Portfolio Value on 05-31-22 15,251,005

INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE

Current Account Benchmark:
Equity Blend



Performance is Annualized for Periods Greater than One Year

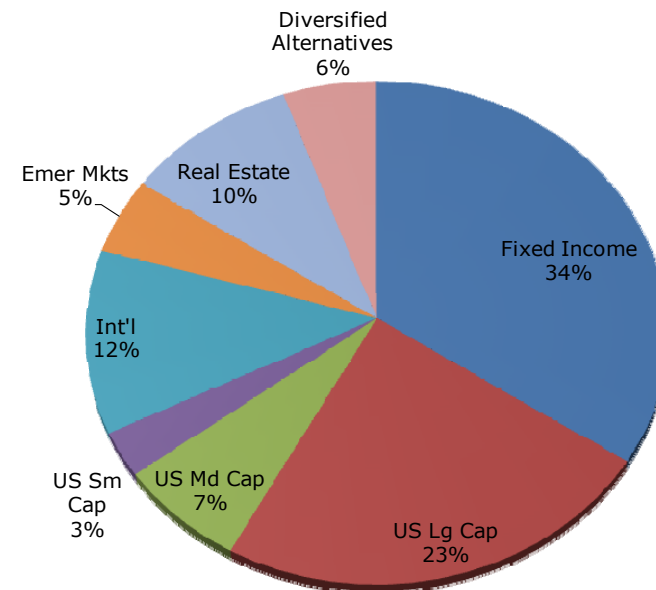
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Clients are encouraged to compare this report with the official statement from their custodian.

MANAGEMENT TEAM

Client Relationship Manager:	Blake Phillips, CFA® Blake@apcm.net
Your Portfolio Manager:	Bill Lierman, CFA®
Contact Phone Number:	907/272 -7575

PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION



City of Craig

Revenue and Expense YTD & Budget

June 30, 2022

	Y-T-D Actual	Y-T-D Encumbrance	Y-T-D Budget	Total
Administration				
Total Personnel Expenditures	342,023	0	330,652	342,023
Total Benefits Expenditures	124,447	0	124,715	124,447
Total Contract Expenditures	215,950	0	170,110	215,950
Total Travel & Expenditures	14,732	0	12,045	14,732
Total Materials Expenditures	14,483	0	6,800	14,483
Total Utilities Expenditures	16,619	0	16,850	16,619
Total Repairs & Maint Expenditures	3,961	0	3,260	3,961
Total Other Expenditures	37,261	0	26,920	37,261
Total Capital & Debt Expenditures	0	0	1,000	0
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 769,476</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 692,352</u>	<u>\$ 769,476</u>
Excess Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>\$ (769,476)</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ (692,352)</u>	<u>\$ (769,476)</u>
Council				
Total Personnel Expenditures	16,581	0	12,920	16,581
Total Benefits Expenditures	1,666	0	5,008	1,666
Total Contract Expenditures	584	0	950	584
Total Travel & Expenditures	5,701	0	2,050	5,701
Total Materials Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Total Utilities Expenditures	335	0	0	335
Total Repairs & Maint Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Total Other Expenditures	128	0	220	128
Total Capital & Debt Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 24,995</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 21,148</u>	<u>\$ 24,995</u>
Excess Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>\$ (24,995)</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ (21,148)</u>	<u>\$ (24,995)</u>
Planning				
Total Revenues	\$ 523	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 523
Total Personnel Expenditures	43,215	0	49,573	43,215
Total Benefits Expenditures	14,579	0	19,452	14,579
Total Contract Expenditures	59,086	30,000	6,500	89,086
Total Travel & Expenditures	5,870	0	0	5,870
Total Materials Expenditures	14,092	42,137	1,000	56,229
Total Utilities Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Total Repairs & Maint Expenditures	288	0	500	288
Total Other Expenditures	41,224	0	1,015	41,224
Total Capital & Debt Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 178,354</u>	<u>\$ 72,137</u>	<u>\$ 78,040</u>	<u>\$ 250,491</u>
Excess Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>\$ (177,831)</u>	<u>\$ (72,137)</u>	<u>\$ (78,040)</u>	<u>\$ (249,968)</u>
Parks & Facilities				
Total Personnel Expenditures	126,202	0	135,100	126,202
Total Benefits Expenditures	65,875	0	71,111	65,875
Total Contract Expenditures	4,659	2,868	11,100	7,527
Total Travel & Expenditures	(342)	0	0	(342)

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June 30, 2022

	Y-T-D Actual	Y-T-D Encumbrance	Y-T-D Budget	Total
Total Materials Expenditures	22,507	969	22,900	23,476
Total Utilities Expenditures	21,615	0	16,000	21,615
Total Repairs & Maint Expenditures	18,702	0	22,250	18,702
Total Other Expenditures	10,636	0	11,968	10,636
Total Capital & Debt Expenditures	<u>32,376</u>	<u>83,781</u>	<u>33,680</u>	<u>116,157</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 302,230</u>	<u>\$ 87,618</u>	<u>\$ 324,109</u>	<u>\$ 389,848</u>
Excess Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>\$ (302,230)</u>	<u>\$ (87,618)</u>	<u>\$ (324,109)</u>	<u>\$ (389,848)</u>
Public Works				
Total Revenues	\$ 18,568	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 18,568
Total Personnel Expenditures	133,542	0	155,380	133,542
Total Benefits Expenditures	83,587	0	105,171	83,587
Total Contract Expenditures	256	0	720	256
Total Travel & Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Total Materials Expenditures	31,451	5,123	30,750	36,574
Total Utilities Expenditures	18,244	0	14,900	18,244
Total Repairs & Maint Expenditures	57,232	3,982	68,200	61,213
Total Other Expenditures	9,817	0	7,798	9,817
Total Capital & Debt Expenditures	<u>126,449</u>	<u>3,285</u>	<u>129,000</u>	<u>129,733</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 460,578</u>	<u>\$ 12,390</u>	<u>\$ 511,919</u>	<u>\$ 472,966</u>
Excess Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>\$ (442,010)</u>	<u>\$ (12,390)</u>	<u>\$ (511,919)</u>	<u>\$ (454,398)</u>
Police				
Total Personnel Expenditures	545,531	0	582,521	545,531
Total Benefits Expenditures	283,161	0	354,234	283,161
Total Contract Expenditures	8,337	0	8,920	8,337
Total Travel & Expenditures	2,842	0	3,000	2,842
Total Materials Expenditures	46,511	3,089	49,500	49,600
Total Utilities Expenditures	18,531	0	27,000	18,531
Total Repairs & Maint Expenditures	789	333	0	1,121
Total Other Expenditures	35,920	587	31,614	36,507
Total Capital & Debt Expenditures	<u>26,149</u>	<u>601</u>	<u>25,650</u>	<u>26,750</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 967,771</u>	<u>\$ 4,610</u>	<u>\$ 1,082,439</u>	<u>\$ 972,380</u>
Excess Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>\$ (967,771)</u>	<u>\$ (4,610)</u>	<u>\$ (1,082,439)</u>	<u>\$ (972,380)</u>
EMS				
Total Personnel Expenditures	168,639	0	181,480	168,639
Total Benefits Expenditures	61,796	0	77,917	61,796
Total Contract Expenditures	6,599	0	4,500	6,599
Total Travel & Expenditures	7,921	306	8,400	8,227
Total Materials Expenditures	11,228	530	18,150	11,758
Total Utilities Expenditures	7,624	0	4,900	7,624
Total Repairs & Maint Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Total Other Expenditures	6,183	0	6,351	6,183
Total Capital & Debt Expenditures	<u>1,850</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,850</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 271,840</u>	<u>\$ 836</u>	<u>\$ 301,698</u>	<u>\$ 272,676</u>

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City of Craig

Revenue and Expense YTD & Budget

June 30, 2022

	Y-T-D Actual	Y-T-D Encumbrance	Y-T-D Budget	Total
Excess Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ (271,840)	\$ (836)	\$ (301,698)	\$ (272,676)
Fire Department				
Total Personnel Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Total Benefits Expenditures	1,116	0	4,186	1,116
Total Contract Expenditures	5,100	0	5,400	5,100
Total Travel & Expenditures	121	0	2,700	121
Total Materials Expenditures	4,502	0	2,600	4,502
Total Utilities Expenditures	4,761	0	5,900	4,761
Total Repairs & Maint Expenditures	0	0	1,000	0
Total Other Expenditures	3,140	0	4,827	3,140
Total Capital & Debt Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	\$ 18,740	\$ 0	\$ 26,613	\$ 18,740
Excess Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ (18,740)	\$ 0	\$ (26,613)	\$ (18,740)
Library				
Total Revenues	\$ 26,403	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 26,403
Total Personnel Expenditures	59,572	0	62,263	59,572
Total Benefits Expenditures	24,905	0	48,500	24,905
Total Contract Expenditures	5,648	0	3,175	5,648
Total Travel & Expenditures	75	0	0	75
Total Materials Expenditures	23,515	(924)	7,000	22,591
Total Utilities Expenditures	8,040	0	10,600	8,040
Total Repairs & Maint Expenditures	187	0	1,000	187
Total Other Expenditures	1,559	0	1,750	1,559
Total Capital & Debt Expenditures	2,600	0	2,500	2,600
Total Expenditures	\$ 126,101	\$ (924)	\$ 136,788	\$ 125,177
Excess Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ (99,698)	\$ 924	\$ (136,788)	\$ (98,774)
Recreation				
Total Personnel Expenditures	49,611	0	56,362	49,611
Total Benefits Expenditures	28,283	0	27,227	28,283
Total Contract Expenditures	1,800	0	1,500	1,800
Total Travel & Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Total Materials Expenditures	18,019	812	29,525	18,831
Total Utilities Expenditures	16,366	0	13,000	16,366
Total Repairs & Maint Expenditures	0	0	2,100	0
Total Other Expenditures	3,660	0	5,130	3,660
Total Capital & Debt Expenditures	1,597	0	6,439	1,597
Total Expenditures	\$ 119,336	\$ 812	\$ 141,283	\$ 120,148
Excess Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ (119,336)	\$ (812)	\$ (141,283)	\$ (120,148)
Aquatic Center				
Total Personnel Expenditures	132,830	0	166,960	132,830

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June 30, 2022

	Y-T-D Actual	Y-T-D Encumbrance	Y-T-D Budget	Total
Total Benefits Expenditures	80,206	0	116,480	80,206
Total Contract Expenditures	2,553	0	6,400	2,553
Total Travel & Expenditures	7,896	13	11,080	7,910
Total Materials Expenditures	9,074	(285)	23,720	8,789
Total Utilities Expenditures	142,114	0	126,000	142,114
Total Repairs & Maint Expenditures	2,420	0	3,800	2,420
Total Other Expenditures	11,672	0	11,800	11,672
Total Capital & Debt Expenditures	155,348	0	165,838	155,348
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 544,113</u>	<u>\$ (272)</u>	<u>\$ 632,078</u>	<u>\$ 543,842</u>
Excess Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>\$ (544,113)</u>	<u>\$ 272</u>	<u>\$ (632,078)</u>	<u>\$ (543,842)</u>
Sewer				
Total Revenues	\$ 203,951	\$ 0	\$ 290,000	\$ 203,951
Total Personnel Expenditures	90,628	0	77,087	90,628
Total Benefits Expenditures	47,709	0	43,765	47,709
Total Contract Expenditures	6,597	432	7,800	7,029
Total Travel & Expenditures	7,297	0	1,280	7,297
Total Materials Expenditures	11,075	0	8,200	11,075
Total Utilities Expenditures	40,644	0	55,741	40,644
Total Repairs & Maint Expenditures	3,326	0	4,000	3,326
Total Other Expenditures	12,367	0	9,450	12,367
Total Capital & Debt Expenditures	72,298	2,906	66,500	75,203
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 291,941</u>	<u>\$ 3,338</u>	<u>\$ 273,823</u>	<u>\$ 295,278</u>
Excess Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>\$ (87,990)</u>	<u>\$ (3,338)</u>	<u>\$ 16,177</u>	<u>\$ (91,327)</u>
Water				
Total Revenues	\$ 282,185	\$ 0	\$ 326,778	\$ 282,185
Total Personnel Expenditures	131,258	0	134,003	131,258
Total Benefits Expenditures	68,328	0	70,577	68,328
Total Contract Expenditures	10,177	0	10,000	10,177
Total Travel & Expenditures	5,626	344	3,935	5,970
Total Materials Expenditures	40,235	15,401	67,400	55,636
Total Utilities Expenditures	35,926	0	57,400	35,926
Total Repairs & Maint Expenditures	4,487	1,924	10,000	6,412
Total Other Expenditures	10,546	0	12,850	10,546
Total Capital & Debt Expenditures	65,320	15,819	76,821	81,138
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 371,903</u>	<u>\$ 33,488</u>	<u>\$ 442,986</u>	<u>\$ 405,391</u>
Excess Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>\$ (89,718)</u>	<u>\$ (33,488)</u>	<u>\$ (116,208)</u>	<u>\$ (123,206)</u>
Garbage				
Total Revenues	\$ 328,806	\$ 0	\$ 322,280	\$ 328,806
Total Personnel Expenditures	47,759	0	38,295	47,759
Total Benefits Expenditures	29,571	0	27,151	29,571
Total Contract Expenditures	162,492	0	211,500	162,492
Total Travel & Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Total Materials Expenditures	8,469	228	9,300	8,696

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Revenue and Expense YTD & Budget

June 30, 2022

	Y-T-D Actual	Y-T-D Encumbrance	Y-T-D Budget	Total
Total Utilities Expenditures	231	0	500	231
Total Repairs & Maint Expenditures	7,512	0	7,500	7,512
Total Other Expenditures	5,950	0	3,500	5,950
Total Capital & Debt Expenditures	39,857	643	40,000	40,500
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 301,841</u>	<u>\$ 871</u>	<u>\$ 337,746</u>	<u>\$ 302,711</u>
Excess Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>\$ 26,965</u>	<u>\$ (871)</u>	<u>\$ (15,466)</u>	<u>\$ 26,095</u>
Harbor				
Total Revenues	\$ 272,804	\$ 0	\$ 269,600	\$ 272,804
Total Personnel Expenditures	111,821	0	148,739	111,821
Total Benefits Expenditures	78,521	0	99,896	78,521
Total Contract Expenditures	1,101	0	900	1,101
Total Travel & Expenditures	3,229	0	2,200	3,229
Total Materials Expenditures	11,946	7,364	24,100	19,311
Total Utilities Expenditures	45,178	0	44,592	45,178
Total Repairs & Maint Expenditures	82,033	18,770	108,050	100,803
Total Other Expenditures	28,786	0	35,550	28,786
Total Capital & Debt Expenditures	2,882	33	1,650	2,915
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 365,497</u>	<u>\$ 26,167</u>	<u>\$ 465,677</u>	<u>\$ 391,665</u>
Excess Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>\$ (92,693)</u>	<u>\$ (26,167)</u>	<u>\$ (196,077)</u>	<u>\$ (118,861)</u>
JTB Industrail Park				
Total Revenues	\$ 623,796	\$ 0	\$ 592,589	\$ 623,796
Total Personnel Expenditures	122,785	0	93,421	122,785
Total Benefits Expenditures	37,780	0	35,938	37,780
Total Contract Expenditures	1,993	0	1,900	1,993
Total Travel & Expenditures	200	0	0	200
Total Materials Expenditures	12,248	250	49,975	12,498
Total Utilities Expenditures	48,915	0	53,336	48,915
Total Repairs & Maint Expenditures	15,018	6,406	17,500	21,423
Total Other Expenditures	12,246	0	12,325	12,246
Total Capital & Debt Expenditures	3,136	0	97,000	3,136
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 254,321</u>	<u>\$ 6,656</u>	<u>\$ 361,395</u>	<u>\$ 260,976</u>
Excess Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>\$ 369,475</u>	<u>\$ (6,656)</u>	<u>\$ 231,194</u>	<u>\$ 362,820</u>
Ward Cove Cannery				
Total Revenues	\$ 3,653	\$ 0	\$ 7,000	\$ 3,653
Total Personnel Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Total Benefits Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Total Contract Expenditures	74,414	0	50,000	74,414
Total Travel & Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Total Materials Expenditures	405	0	750	405
Total Utilities Expenditures	2,713	0	1,600	2,713
Total Repairs & Maint Expenditures	23	0	0	23
Total Other Expenditures	1,791	0	1,020	1,791

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Revenue and Expense YTD & Budget

June 30, 2022

	Y-T-D Actual	Y-T-D Encumbrance	Y-T-D Budget	Total
Total Capital & Debt Expenditures	0	0	1,000	0
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 79,346</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 54,370</u>	<u>\$ 79,346</u>
Excess Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>\$ (75,693)</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ (47,370)</u>	<u>\$ (75,693)</u>
PSN Hatchery				
Total Personnel Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Total Benefits Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Total Contract Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Total Travel & Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Total Materials Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Total Utilities Expenditures	707	0	0	707
Total Repairs & Maint Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Total Other Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Total Capital & Debt Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 707</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 707</u>
Excess Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>\$ (707)</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ (707)</u>
School Support				
Total Revenues	\$ 473,078	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 473,078
Total Personnel Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Total Benefits Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Total Contract Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Total Travel & Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Total Materials Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Total Utilities Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Total Repairs & Maint Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Total Other Expenditures	557,875	0	0	557,875
Total Capital & Debt Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 557,875</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 557,875</u>
Excess Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>\$ (84,797)</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ (84,797)</u>
GF Revenue				
Total Revenues	\$ 4,676,207	\$ 0	\$ 3,808,162	\$ 4,676,207
Total Personnel Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Total Benefits Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Total Contract Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Total Travel & Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Total Materials Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Total Utilities Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Total Repairs & Maint Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Total Other Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Total Capital & Debt Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
Excess Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>\$ 4,676,207</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 3,808,162</u>	<u>\$ 4,676,207</u>

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City of Craig

Revenue and Expense YTD & Budget

June 30, 2022

	Y-T-D Actual	Y-T-D Encumbrance	Y-T-D Budget	Total
Other Fund Sources	(350,000)	0	0	(350,000)
Other Funding Sources/Outflows	(350,000)	0	0	(350,000)
Inter Governmental Transfers				
Total Personnel Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Total Benefits Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Total Contract Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Total Travel & Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Total Materials Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Total Utilities Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Total Repairs & Maint Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Total Other Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Total Capital & Debt Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
Excess Revenue Over (Under)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Expenditures	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Other Fund Sources	847	0	0	847
Other Funding Sources/Outflows	847	0	0	847

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**City Of Craig
Memorandum**

To: Mayor Tim O'Connor and Craig City Council
From: Jessica Holloway, Aquatic Manager
RE: July report
Date: June 30, 2022

As of today's date, I have yet to hire any staff. I am expecting Ben Dill to return to work the week of Aug 8th, when that happens I will get an open swim on the schedule. Im hopeful that I can get somebody else hired throughout the month to help with scheduling programs and get them back up and running. This week I have been prepping the pool and the building for the closure.

I plan to start and drain the pool the night of the 4th . This process will take us to full empty by the morning of the 6th, when Doug will come in and replace the two lights in the pool that need to be fixed and time for me to pressure wash and scrub the surface before I start refilling the pool the morning of the 7th. We are unable to leave the pool empty for too long due to the new surface and the possibilities of damage if left dry for too long. While the pool is draining and empty I will also be fixing some of the grates that have broken. I will be working mostley in the afternoons during this time except for the first week.

I have a list of about 60 items that are going to be completed within the month of this shut down from deep cleaning, painting and just general up keep.

The fitness room only will be open from 6 am to 8 am for the bulk of the time we are closed but I have already received some push back that this is not enough time and a few very upset that they are unable to use the hot tub or Sauna. For safety purposes anyone wanting to use the fitness room will enter through the side door and the restrooms are not going to be in use. This was what I was able to offer to help alleviate some of people's gripes about the shutdown.

As always if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to email or call.

CITY OF CRAIG MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor O'Connor and the Craig City Council
From: Heather Mendonsa, City Clerk
Date: June 29, 2022
RE: 2022, June Staff Report

City Council Meetings:

Most of the clerk's time is spent compiling information for the council, setting up council meetings, preparing council packets, staff reports, and creating council meeting minutes.

Municipal Elections:

The Clerk is learning the Municipal Election procedures. She will attend a training at the VOTEC center on June 30 in preparation for the upcoming elections.

Notary:

The clerk will be trained and set up as a notary by the end July.

Other duties:

Klawock Totem Taxi is now running. Their approval process is complete. The surplus sale is now complete and several vehicles sold.

Next Craig City Council Meeting:

The next meeting will be on July 21, 2022. This is a regularly scheduled third Thursday of the month meeting.

Personal leave and Travel:

There is no personal leave or travel scheduled at this time.

CITY OF CRAIG MEMORANDUM

To: Craig Mayor and City Council
From: Samantha Wilson, City Planner
Date: June 30, 2022
RE: Planning Department Staff Report – July 2022

1. Army Corps funding of \$406,000 has been approved for the required environmental work on the harbor and the City of Craig has submitted its match of \$45,200.
2. Senator Murkowski 2022 Appropriation Requests: two of our appropriation requests have moved forwards as congressionally directed spending requests championed by Senator Murkowski and her staff. This includes wastewater treatment plant improvements (\$360,000) and the replacement of up to three deteriorating wastewater lift stations (\$760,000). These requests must still be passed by the house, the senate, and receive the President's signature.
3. POWER Building funding: \$150,000 funding to repair the POWER building may be secured soon as part of Bill HB 281. This money is a collection of unused State funds from previous projects that are being reappropriated for this purpose. Awaiting signature of the Governor, passed first round of vetoes.
4. Emergency Management Performance Grant:
 - a. **DHSEM Grant Inventory** (Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management): inventory complete, all items on the list were accounted for with the three new trailers added to the inventory.
 - b. **WCIF** (Whole Community Input Form): Completed with Tsai's assistance. This form examines hypothetical disaster scenarios and looks at how our community would propose dealing with them and identify capability gaps. Required documentation for EMPG.
 - c. **NIMS** (National Incident Management System): Completed. This form examines our efforts to meet NIMS requirements, improve capabilities, and address any reduced capabilities. Required documentation for EMPG.
 - d. **EMPG 2022 Application**: Tsai completed the 2022 application to continue the EMPG, which pays up to ¼ of the salary of emergency preparedness workers.
5. Grant Research:
 - a. WaterSMART: 50/50 cost share funding requires project to be completed within three years. Application due July 28th. Does not appear to be viable for hydropower project until intake pipe is redone as part of water treatment improvements and/or engineer work can determine a way to fit it into existing system.
 - b. SS4A (Safe Streets For All): 80/20 (federal/local) match. Minimum \$200,000. Due September 15, 2022. Implementation grants require an

- established action plan. Action plans also funded by grant. CTA contacted regarding interest in program. No interest from the CTA.
- c. Bridge Investment Program Grant: 80/20 (federal/local) match. Three levels of grants with no funding limit for planning level. Otherwise, there is a minimum grant amount \$2,500,000. Due July 25 for planning, September 8th otherwise. Too big for one POW community, but we could possibly partner with another community.
6. Cemetery Expansion: We have received some draft designs of the proposed cemetery expansion and columbarium. At least one public “open house” is being scheduled in June with an open comment period so the public can comment on which design elements they like best. Planning Commission reviews are being planned for August with the City Council review planned on September 1st.
 7. Tsunami Brochure: I met with Dr. Elena Suleimani, James Benzschawel, and Curtis Johnson on June 8th regarding development of the tsunami brochure and inundation line. Later that evening, I hosted a tsunami lecture in City Hall presented by Dr. Elena Suleimani.
 - a. An adjusted inundation line was required to make evacuation zones clearer, part of a standardized procedure in making these brochures. A proposed inundation line was presented at the Planning Commission on June 23rd and altered with some recommendations. More communication with the Planning Commission finalized the adjusted inundation line which was returned to Elena and James for integration into the brochure.
 - b. Curtis also revealed that NOAA weather radios are available to communities that could use them. These radios are one way to monitor natural disasters like tsunami warnings before official warnings are issued.
 8. SHSP Grant Progress (Emergency Disaster Trailers):
 - a. All three cargo trailers have been purchased and have their new titles and registration.
 - b. Trailer Supplies: research for shelter supplies continues. Cots and blankets will be prioritized. The Red Cross was contacted to see if grant costs could be offset by available cots set aside for Craig.
 9. Craig Child Care Center: Allison Weyhmiller has stated that the Craig Child Care board meeting decided that the official closing date will be on August 31st. The Craig Child Care Center will work to distribute their assets to other non-profits on the island in the meantime.
 10. Lot 3A Murphy/Salmonberry Subdivision Land Sale: Maranda Hamme signed and turned in a Land Sale Agreement form. We are awaiting final payment which is due August 22nd.
 11. Barbara Stanley CUP. A conditional use permit application was submitted by Barbara Stanley to construct three accessory buildings on a lot without a principal use. PC Resolution 600-22 was approved by the Planning Commission June 23rd.

12. Building Permits.

- a. Patrick Murphy: Continued construction of a single-family residential structure on Tract 6, Lot 5A.
- b. Arrowhead, Gordon Harang: Demolition of existing structure and construction of new commercial building and truck shed on Tract S, USS 2612. Still need Fire Marshall Approval and site plan.

13. Access Permits:

- a. Liberty Church: an access permit to allow for the temporary use of the Craig Aquatic Center parking lot for recreational events including bounce houses and drive in movies was approved by the City Administrator after review by the City Council. The first event is a bounce house event scheduled during the 4th of July celebrations.

EMS Report / June 30th, 2022

Submitted by Tsai, EMS Coordinator

Calls to Date

June 2022 Calls: 16

2022 Calls to date: 126

Crew Status

One EMT will be chartering in July, August. He will not be on the schedule until late August.

I will be gone from July 14th - July 29th.

All EMTs are responding as scheduled or to back up crew as needed.

Training

The EMS office is now a training room for anyone to come in and practice.

In person training is going to be started every 1st Wednesday of the month.

3 EMT 1's are attending the EMT 2 Class. Class will be ending around Mid-July.

Recruitment

Looking for 1 part time EMT and additional volunteers.

Hired a part time employee, he is in the ETT class and will continue obtaining his EMT 1 certification.

Other Responsibilities:

EMPG:

- Applications/Work Plan Projects for FY2022
- WCIF submission with City Planner
- FEMA courses

SHSP:

- SCBA tanks ordered

Reviewing AFG Grant requirements

Keeping reports up to date with EMS System/Billing and State of Alaska

Updating and maintaining Team Schedule

Working on revised On Call Policy

Creating Incentive Policy for Volunteers/Employees

06/01/22-06/30/22

Patron Visits: 812

Circulation: 2645

Computer Usage: 110

WiFi Usage: 315 unique visitors, 1,568 total visits

Story Times: Craig Public Library Story Time (57 Children)

Inter-Library Loans: 50

Volunteer Hours -12 hours

New-

- Summer Reading Program in Library programming (10 participants):
 - Constellation Jars 12 participants
 - Birdhouse 14 participants
 - Journals 13 participants
 - Marshmallow Jar 108 participants
 - Tween/Teen Minecraft Program 34 participants

Project-

- Working on the summer reading program.
- Working on the ALA Grant
- Working on State report
- Inventory/Ordering



Submitted by Patricia Gardner, Library Director

**CITY OF CRAIG
MEMORANDUM**



Date: 06/30/2202
To: Honorable Tim O'Connor, Craig City Council
Fr: RJ Ely, Police Chief
Re: Staff Report / June 2022

RJ Ely

ACTIVITY

Activity from May 26, 2022 through June 30, 2022, the Dispatch Center took the following amount of calls for service.

Craig	898
Klawock	330
AST	7

DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

DMV is back open, twice a week, still by appointment. Wednesday & Fridays. Still doing drop offs, which has increased, and staff is opening "batches" on non DMV Day's to keep up with drop offs.

We are now offering the motorcycle driving test, by appointment. Email Travis at TJT@craipd.com to schedule this exam.

DISPATCHER(S)

Dispatcher Kazez has completed FTO Training and is working solo shifts.

McKenna Holloway is still on maternity leave. She will be returning to work, July 2022.

OFFICER(S)

Still advertising for an officer and Sergeant.

OTHER

Stancil, departments voice logger recording system went down, May 31, 2022. After attempts to repair failed, a new system has been purchased, received, and installed on June 21, 2022. With backup system in place, all prior recordings were recovered and are still accessible.

Magistrate Kay Clark has retired, last day June 30, 2022. She worked at the Craig Court House, Prince of Wales Court House for over 35 years. We will be on rotation with other Magistrates, until the POW Position is filled.

Effective in August, POW Courts are going to a digital uploading/filing of all complaints, DVPO's, Protective Orders, Search Warrants and Stalking Orders. This should minimize the number of trips CPD Officers will be required to travel to Klawock. I will be attending training on this new software, mid-July.

Public works Report

6.29.2022

Streets and Alleys:

- a. Continued brushing of PSN road
- b. Street sweeping as needed.
- c. Spring cleanup completed as of May 20th. Volumes are as follows:
 - Wood; 30,000 lbs.
 - Metal/Garbage; 67,680 lbs. at a cost of 0.08\$/lb. was \$5,414.40.

Sewer:

- a. Daily and Monthly General maintenance and sampling at the wastewater treatment plant as required.
- b. Monthly Sludge removal as required.
- c. Working with Architect on WWTP roof Project. Review/ approval of draft concept design.

Water:

- a. "Water Operator Report". Daily and Monthly General maintenance and sampling at the water treatment plant and distribution system as required.
- b. Water meter repair and/or replace as required.
- c. Monthly Bacti samples collected as required.
- d. Continuous work with radio reads meter system.
- e. Public works Dept. has begun water main valve exercising on the west side of the city.

Equipment:

- a. Opening Public Bids for surplus vehicles was conducted at 3:30 pm on June 21st. All but three vehicles were sold.

Solid Waste:

- a. Weekly pick-up process performed as require.
- b. New garbage truck is in service.

Public works Report

6.29.2022

Projects:

- a. Safety Program review (work in progress)
- b. North & South Cove Harbors back-flow preventer installation project bid (work in progress)
- c. Dam inspection by engineers. (in progress)
- d. Water line road bridge replacement (working to replace bridge May thru August 2023).



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Fishery managers call for deeper look at salmon bycatch, but decline to tighten rules

Incidental catches of salmon in nets harvesting pollock have skyrocketed, but scientists say that is not the driver of poor returns

By: [Yereth Rosen](#) - June 15, 2022 5:55 am



Salmon dries on a traditional rack on the beach in the Seward Peninsula village of Teller on Sept. 2, 2021. Salmon is a dietary staple for Indigenous residents of Western Alaska, and poor runs have created hardship. (Photo by Yereth Rosen/Alaska Beacon)

Western Alaska villagers have endured the [worst chum salmon runs](#) on record, several years of anemic Chinook salmon runs in the Yukon and Kuskokwim rivers, harvest closures from the Bering Sea coast to Canada's Yukon Territory and such dire conditions that they relied on [emergency shipments](#) of salmon from elsewhere in Alaska just to have food to eat.

Many of those suffering see one way to provide some quick relief: Large vessels trawling for pollock and other groundfish in the industrial-scale fisheries of the Bering Sea, they say, must stop intercepting so many salmon.

Advocates for tighter rules on those interceptions, known as bycatch, made their case over the past several days to the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, the organization that manages fish harvests in federal waters off Alaska.

'Like fishing in the desert'

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It's getting even harder to go out and fish and catch those one or two salmon that we need. ... We need it. That's our identity. That's been my identity since I was born.

– **Walter Morgan, of the Yup'ik village of Lower Kalskag, in online testimony**

"The numbers are really low. There's nothing out there. It's like fishing in the desert," Walter Morgan, of the Yup'ik village of Lower Kalskag, said in online testimony to the council, which met in Sitka.

He described how conditions have deteriorated since his childhood in the 1960s, when his family could put a single net in the water and pull out enough fish to fill their boat. "It's getting even harder to go out and fish and catch those one or two salmon that we need," he said. "We need it. That's our identity. That's been my identity since I was born."



Two chum salmon show the distinctive stripes that emerge after they enter freshwater to spawn. Chum salmon are important to the diets of Indigenous residents of Western Alaska. (Photo provided by NOAA)

The council declined to impose any new bycatch rules that would affect the current season. Instead, they [approved](#) what members characterized as a rigorous research program to include the formation of a working group with tribal representatives and others from affected communities. The research will also consider recommendations from a [bycatch task force](#) formed by Gov. Mike Dunleavy. The council also urged more voluntary bycatch reduction by the pollock industry, the nation's largest single-species commercial harvest and supplier of the ubiquitous whitefish found in fish sticks, fast-food fish burgers and imitation crab meat.

The issue is tough, said Bill Tweit, the Washington state representative on the council. "This is certainly one of the hardest natural resource issues that I think I've ever dealt with. It doesn't look like it's going to get any easier, at least in the near future," he said.

But he, like the other council members, backed the idea of more research and consultation over new mandates.

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“As a council, we’ve had successes when we remain science-based. And that science can be broad and should be broadened, not just our Western knowledge but also traditional knowledge. But we do need to remain science-based as we move forward,” Tweit said.

Bering Sea bycatch of salmon has increased dramatically in the past two years, especially for chum salmon, a species that has traditionally been a dietary staple in western Alaska.



Alaska pollock, shown here from a harvest, make up the nation’s top-volume single-species commercial seafood catch. Alaska pollock, harvested mostly in the Bering Sea but also in the Gulf of Alaska, are processed into fish sticks, fish burgers, imitation crab meat and other common fish products. (Photo provided by NOAA)

Last year, the Bering Sea and Aleutians Island trawl fishery caught 546,043 chum salmon in nets intended to harvest pollock, twice the 10-year annual average, according to a [report](#) by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Analysis of genetics revealed that 9.4% were from Western Alaska and the Yukon River, compared to an average of about 20%, so the total number of chum salmon originating from those Alaska regions and netted as bycatch was closer to averages. The majority of the chum salmon netted in bycatch turned out to be from Asia, according to the report.

In absolute volume, nonetheless, the Alaska-originating chum dwarfs the harvests along the Yukon and Kuskokwim rivers. On the lower Kuskokwim last year, [only about 50,000 salmon in total](#) were harvested, and only about 4,220 of them were chum, according to the Kuskokwim River Intertribal Fish Commission, with the remainder nearly evenly divided between sockeye and Chinook salmon. Commercial harvests last year were likewise [paltry](#) – only 5,845 chum and 2,582 Chinook in the Kuskokwim and absolutely no commercial harvest on the Yukon, according to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

Science points beyond bycatch

But scientific analysis so far points to something much larger than bycatch as the force behind Western Alaska salmon declines, experts told the council.

Fishery scientists from both [NOAA’s Alaska Fisheries Science Center](#) and the [Alaska Department of Fish and Game](#), in presentations to the council, described a myriad of problems related to warming conditions and climate change.

Those include marine heat waves that scrambled food supplies, forcing salmon at sea to switch from high-quality food like oil-packed capelin to low-quality food like jellyfish; low fat reserves carried over from summers to winters; skewed growth rates and smaller fish sizes for both Chinook and chum; and heat stress in rivers that triggered large die-offs of fish before they were able to spawn.



The Yukon River is seen from the air near the Yup’ik village of St. Mary’s and the Bering Sea coast. (Photo by Ryan Toohey/USGS)

The disruptions to Western Alaska runs coincided with the arrival six years ago of a multiyear marine heat wave in the Bering Sea, said biologist Katie Howard of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. “We do know that something dramatic happened starting in 2016,” she told the council.

But of all the factors, bycatch is the one that the council can control, said advocates for stronger action.

“The council doesn’t have the jurisdiction to take action on climate change. The council is supposed to be taking care of the fishery,” said Lindsey Bloom of the nonprofit organization SalmonState.

What SalmonState and similar organizations wanted, Bloom said, was a firm cap on bycatch to be in effect this year, full coverage of the industry – both in the Bering Sea and the Gulf of Alaska – by onboard observers who can monitor catches and their effects and some mandates for specially designed nets used on some ships that trap pollock but allow 30% to 40% of salmon to escape.

Any single salmon netted at sea by the trawl fleet hurts the salmon harvesters, said Amy Daugherty of the Alaska Trollers Association, a group representing smaller-scale fishermen.

“We’re the other end of the stick from trawlers because we catch one fish at a time, so each fish has significant value to us,” she told the council.

Representatives of the pollock industry have pushed back against the idea that they’re responsible for the salmon crashes.

Stephanie Madsen, executive director of the At-Sea Processors Association, a trade group of operators of huge ships that both harvest and process fish, said that although the situation in Western Alaska is “heartbreaking,” bycatch is “clearly not the driver of the decline.”

“I understand from public testimony and reality that it really is at this time the only thing that is controllable. You can put your hand on the dial and you can turn it down and hope there will be an impact to those that are in crisis,” she told the council on Saturday. But that will not address the real culprits, she said, listing climate change, lack of food and possible competition with hatchery fish. “I’m concerned that as you turn the dial down potentially on the pollock fishery and incidental catch, the results are not what folks are hoping for and disappointment will continue,” she said.



Elizabeth Ahkivgak of Utqiagvik carries a sign urging protection of salmon. She participated in a lunchtime rally in Anchorage on June 14 outside of the center where the National Congress of American Indians was holding its midyear conference. (Photo by Yereth Rosen/Alaska Beacon)

Doug Vincent-Lang, commissioner of Alaska’s Department of Fish and Game, said drastic changes to control bycatch could have “unanticipated impacts.”

“In the Bering Sea, our bycatch management is complex. We manage based on latitude, longitude, depth and temporal vectors,” Vincent-Lang told the council last week. “Changing any vector impacts the bycatch of other species. For example, closing an area for crab could increase halibut bycatch. Or moving trawl gear off the bottom could increase salmon bycatch. Or moving the fleet temporally to reduce chum bycatch could push the fleet to times when Chinook are present.”

As the council wrapped up its June meeting, there were more developments showing the dismal state of salmon in the Yukon and Kuskokwim areas.

Early returns into the Lower Yukon River have been consistent with the [forecasts](#) of another poor season there. And Dunleavy on Tuesday announced the [first 2022 shipment](#) of emergency salmon to the Yukon-Kuskokwim region, continuing a series of deliveries that started last year.

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With a way of life on the Y-K Delta at risk, the North Pacific Council declines to reduce trawl bycatch, and instead wants more study of climate change

Posted by KCAW News | Jun 17, 2022



A fish wheel on the Yukon River in 2012. (Flickr photo/Joseph)

Despite hours of testimony from residents living along the Yukon and Kuskokwim rivers who called for urgent action to curb the bycatch of chinook and chum salmon in the Bering Sea trawl fisheries, the North Pacific Fishery Management Council decided to approach the problem more methodically.

In a unanimous vote near the end of its five-day meeting in Sitka (6-13-22), the Council recommended further study of salmon declines in the Bering Sea, and a closer look at their connection to climate change.

When you look at the bar graphs of salmon abundance in the Yukon River, the third-largest river in North America, you do a double-take. The graphs are scaled to millions, and the bars, which show peaks and valleys over the years, just disappear in 2020 and 2021.

The forecast is no better this season.

“At this point, there should be alarm bells going off all over not only in our communities, but all over the state and federal government agencies,” said Vivian Korthuis, chief executive officer for the Association of Village Council Presidents.

The AVCP is a consortium of 56 federally-recognized tribes on the Yukon-Kuskowim Delta. Among the region’s 27,000 residents, Korthuis said 98-percent of households harvested salmon. North Pacific Fishery Management meetings typically involve hours of presentations on the scientific research into stock decline, but Korthuis pointed out a glaring oversight.

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“What your reports don’t show are the families in Western Alaska who are worrying about putting fish away to feed their children throughout the winter,” she said, “and parents and grandparents who are unable to pass our way of life down to our children and future grandchildren.”

The salmon collapse may be a cultural crisis, but it’s also quantifiable.

“I normally put away 2,000 chum salmon to feed my dog team,” said Mike Williams, Sr. “Last year I caught only two.”

Williams is from Akiak. He chairs the Kuskokwim River Intertribal Commission, which represents 33 tribes in the Kuskokwim River drainage. The salmon collapse is nearly as dire on the Kuskokwim. Williams was discouraged that pollock trawlers – so far this year – had already caught and discarded 5,100 chinook salmon, and last year caught and discarded 540,000 chum. He said, “The waste of a single fish is unjust for indigenous fishermen.”

Nevertheless, Williams recognized that the problem was complex.

“We understand that is not every salmon caught by pollock fisheries is bound for Western Alaska,” he said. “We understand that other factors like climate change, and competition with hatchery fish have impacts on our salmon in their marine environment. But we know that this council has the power to enact regulations... to reduce salmon bycatch.”

Thirty-seven people signed up to testify before the Council on the issue, by far and away most of them urging the Council to reduce the amount of allowable bycatch of chinook and chum salmon by the pollock fleet. But it was clear from reports about conditions in the Bering Sea, that although the bycatch numbers are significant, they’re still a fraction of the overall decline in salmon.

Stephanie Madsen, the director of the At-Sea Processors Association, sympathized with the crisis faced by the villagers of Western Alaska. But she suggested that it was a mistake to pin the blame on trawlers, if at all.

“I understand from public testimony and reality that it really is at this time, the only thing that is controllable,” Madsen said. “You can put your hand on the dial and you can turn it down and hope that there will be an impact to those that are in crisis. But Mr. Chairman, I’m concerned that although we are controllable, that the dial doesn’t have the ability to address all the variables that we have heard today that appear to be causing the decline: Climate change, the lack of food, competition with the hatchery fish.”

Madsen argued that the decline in salmon was a coast-wide issue, and that if the Council took steps to reduce the incidental catch of salmon by trawlers, and the results were “not what folks are hoping for ...disappointment will continue.”

The effort to play down the significance of trawl bycatch did not sit well with representatives of other fishing industry sectors who testified on the issue. Sitka resident, and former Council member, Linda Behnken, is the executive director of the Alaska Longline Fishermen’s Association.

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She felt it was the Council's responsibility to address the disproportionate impact of the salmon collapse.

"Clearly, the way we're inhabiting this planet is unsustainable," Behnken said. "The people of the AYK (Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim) minimally participate in that unsustainable culture, but they're bearing the brunt right now of those impacts in Alaska."

Behnken was a key figure in working to ban trawling off the coast of Southeast Alaska. She didn't believe that trawling – although an important provider of protein to the world – was in any way sustainable, even when Council member Anne Vanderhoeven, who works for the Seattle-based Arctic Storm Management Group, argued that trawling was environmentally friendly.

"Are you familiar with the peer-reviewed lifecycle assessment of the pollock fishery that was released last year showing it was one of the lowest carbon footprints of any protein both land based and marine based?" she asked Behnken. "Granted, it may be higher than a local subsistence fishermen. But compared to other fisheries?"

Behnken's answer may not have been the concession that Vanderhoeven was looking for.

"Yes, there's certainly a lower carbon footprint when you have the kind of mass of fish that's being harvested in the pollock fishery," Behnken observed, "but it is a system that doesn't localize that access. And what I'm hearing with people I'm working with — throughout the state, we've done a lot of seafood distributions in the last few years to communities in need — and what those people want is their local foods. I mean, you can send them pollock and say it's a low carbon footprint, but it doesn't meet their need. It doesn't meet their culture. It doesn't meet their connections to that place. So I guess that's what I'm just asking you to think about."

Given the intensity of the feelings around bycatch, the motion brought forward by the Council's Advisory Panel was tepid. Advocates hoped to see the allowable bycatch of chinook cut from 45,000 to 16,000; they wanted the bycatch of chum halved from 500,000 to 250,000. Instead, they got an extensive document that boiled down to this, as introduced by Rachel Baker, of the Alaska Department of Fish & Game:

"The council commits to continued improvements in bycatch, with the goal of minimizing bycatch at all levels of salmon and public abundance."

There was also a call for further research to tease out whether lowering the current caps on the trawl bycatch of chinook and chum would make any difference at all to the recovery of the stocks in Western Alaska. And, as a concession to the many affected residents who testified from Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim region, the motion included language to incorporate more traditional knowledge into the decision-making process in the future.

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STORIES FROM THE 2022 POW MARATHON

SATURDAY, MAY 28, 2022.

The 21st Prince of Wales Island Marathon and the 9th Half Marathon were highlighted by the presence of participants, supporters and spectators from all over the United States. Each brought their stories with them, and wrote another chapter during their time among us.



Andrea Peet finishes her 50th of 50 state marathons under the arch of 49 medals held up by family and supporters, and finally under the arch of the POW Island Marathon.

The most poignant story of all is the one told by Andrea Lytle Peet, one in which all of POW was honored and privileged to take part.

Andrea was diagnosed with ALS in 2014 at the age of 33. At the time, she and her husband David were living in the DC area and had just bought a house to start a family. She was a triathlete, having just finished her first 70.3-mile half Ironman. In 8 months, she went from the strongest she'd ever been to walking with a cane after falling in the middle of a busy street.

ALS attacks the nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord, eventually taking away the ability to walk, talk, eat, move and breathe. Every 90 minutes, someone is diagnosed with ALS and someone dies from it. The average survival time after an ALS diagnosis is 2-5 years. For 90% of cases, there is no known cause. There is no cure or effective treatment.

Facing these grim facts, Andrea bought a recumbent trike to do one last triathlon. Although she came in last by almost an hour, so many people stayed to cheer her on that she realized she could use her story to inspire others. She wanted her friends and family to have the incredible feeling of crossing the finish line too. Thus, Team Drea was born!

In 2019, when Andrea reached 5 years living with ALS – a milestone that only 20% of people live to see – she set a crazy goal: a marathon in all 50 states. At the time, she was only at state #7. “I had no idea whether my body would sustain me long enough to complete all 50 races,” Andrea says. “The point was more about saying ‘I refuse to let ALS rule my life anymore.’ But that was the hardest part – being brave enough to start.”

Since Alaska was the state she was most excited about, Andrea readily agreed to be the guest speaker at the 2020 Prince of Wales Marathon. It would be state #21 and the filming finale of her documentary, *Go On, Be Brave*. Of course, no one expected a global pandemic.

Throughout covid, Andrea kept riding her trike (including 270 miles in her culdesac) and driving to races that had not been canceled – managing to do 12 marathons in 2020 and 21 races in 2021.

“I never forget that I have been given the gift of time, which most people with ALS don’t get,” Andrea says. “The best way I know to honor the friends I’ve lost and others with ALS is to celebrate what my muscles can do and raise money so no other families have to go through this awful disease.” The POW Marathon course had signs honoring loved ones lost to ALS and friends who are still fighting. These were placed early Saturday morning by Dr. Dave Peet, her father-in-law!

Andrea and David now live in Raleigh, NC. David is an attorney and Andrea manages the day-to-day operations of the Team Drea Foundation. The foundation has raised more than \$750,000 for ALS research, primarily supporting the ALS Therapy Development Institute and Duke University. For more information or to donate, visit www.teamdrea.org.

2022 POW MARATHON

Full Marathon winners!



Bib #71, Tonya Busse, age 27, born and raised in Klawock, AK, now lives in Fountain, Colorado. Finished in 3:42:05.



Bib #60, Jillaine Baker, age 42, from Durham, North Carolina. Finished in 4:29:52.



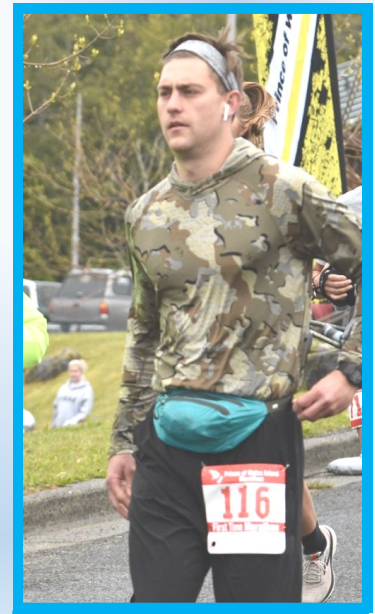
Bib #68, Jodi Klyn, age 40, from Homewood, Illinois. Finished in 4:29:52.



Bib #65, Matthew Boedeker, age 45, from Grosse Pointe, Michigan. Finished in 3:26



Bib #76, William Sechrist, age 44, from Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Finished in 3:34:53.



Bib #116, Matthew Hall, age 25, from Petersburg, Alaska. Finished in 3:39:28.



2022 POW MARATHON

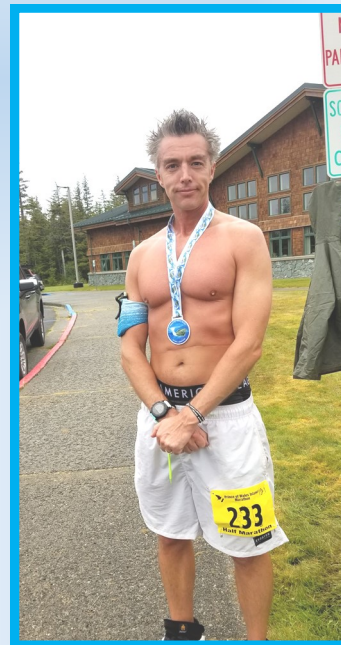
Half Marathon winners!



Bib #282, Christopher Brenk, age 25, from Sitka, AK finished in 1hr 11 minutes! A blistering new course record!



Bib #296, Rogan Hanson, age 18, from Craig, AK. Finished in 1:28:05. Pictured here with his proud mom Jackie!



Bib #233, Joey Prestidge, age 38, originally from England, now lives in Charlotte NC finished in 1:29:51.



Bib # 220, Molly Allen, age 39, from Washington DC finished in 1:47:09



Bib # 294, Bobbi Rooney, age 26, from Racine, WI, finished in 1:47:37.



Bib # 250, Shianne Beer, age 36, from Craig, AK, finished in 1:53:01.



Men's FULL Marathon

Bib #	Name	Time
65	Mathew Boedeker	3:26
76	William Sechrist	3:34:53
116	Mathew Hall	3:39:28
74	Troy Sharp	3:41:35
82	Iosif Rytikov	3:53:01
61	Dale McMurren	3:53:48
72	Mark Middleton	4:25:22
73	Forrest Johnson	4:46:23
77	Seth Feldman	4:59:26
113	Justin Taylor	5:10:04
56	Thomas Ousley	5:12:34
83	Ryan Abram	5:52:06
67	Chris Anderson	6:18:25
69	Royce Veater	6:18:26
64	Edward Collins	6:18:29
54	Glen Maramoto	6:40:05
51	John Smith	6:47:23



Men's HALF Marathon

Bib #	Name	Time
282	Christopher Brenk	1:11
296	Rogan Hanson	1:28:05
233	Joey Prestidge	1:29:51
257	Kyle Packer	1:53:56
286	Quinn Tracy	2:02:15
251	Mike Nelson	2:08:17
290	Stephen Ayers	2:10:58
262	Keyan Bird	2:12:03
246	Jonathan Baker	2:15:32
281	Max Mercer	2:35:00
259	Randolph Knowles	2:40:37
248	Artak Davtian	3:18:02
210	Mike Carlin	3:25:35
278	Richard Adams	4:20:10



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Women's Results

Women's FULL Marathon

Bib #	Name	Time
71	Tonya Busse	3:42:05
60	Jillaine Baker	4:29:52
68	Jodi Klyn	4:29:52
115	Cystal Schleiff	4:39:08
112	Brooklyn Plagge	4:45:59
75	Kayla Hamme	4:50:05
106	Deandra Banie	4:53:00
179	Andrea Peet	5:03:30
78	Savannah Bird	5:19:59
105	Jamie Guthrie	5:25:13
107	Alexandra Parise	5:25:13
114	Victoria Feldman	5:40:50
79	Ruthie Veater	6:18:27
66	Juliana Fulton	6:18:30
48	Debbie Wennerstorm	7:22:28
49	Kay Kistenbroker	7:23:26

Women's HALF Marathon

Bib #	Name	Time
220	Molly Allen	1:47:09
294	Bobbi Rooney	1:47:37
250	Shianne Beer	1:53:01
258	Kristina Harkins	1:59:25
287	Heather Parker	2:02:15
285	Anne Blodgett	2:02:59
280	Chelsie Hobart	2:03
228	Jo Blake	2:04:29
256	Holly Katchuk	2:06:11
213	Andrea Laughlin	2:06:45
230	Laura Coleman	2:06:45
247	Ludmilia Vitovitz	2:08:06
253	Annika Lehenbaver	2:08:34
260	Erin Knowles	2:10:27
208	Elizabeth Spitz	2:13:15
235	Michelle Martin	2:16:51
252	Catherine Sechrist	2:17:01
207	Linda Dozier	2:17:08
215	Julie Decker	2:19:03
231	Misty Reid	2:24:49
221	Faith Horner	2:27:39
226	Rickele Bird	2:32:06
277	Melissa Hartford	2:32:47
279	Chelsie Coffman	2:38:51
211	Jamie Felton	2:43:32
244	Abby Lund	2:43:47

Women's HALF Marathon-continued

Bib #	Name	Time
240	Jennifer Cox	2:47:57
297	Reyna Abreu-Vigil	2:54:37
284	Gina Cavaretta	2:55:05
274	Sarah Warner	2:59:02
226	Fran Cook-Mahood	3:03:59
204	Erin Thompson	3:04:20
292	Peggy Fort	3:23:38
293	Kelly Keegan	3:12:46
275	Nanette Stumpf	3:16:26
276	Kennedy Stumpf	3:16:26
209	Barbara Carlin	3:25:35
272	Makenzy Bird	3:28:25
273	Makaylee Bird	3:28:46
271	Ginger Bird	3:28:46
298	Julie Olmstead	3:29:49
202	Amy Jensen	3:31:05
295	Michaela McKeown	3:34:48
283	Stacy Sanford	3:36:30
269	Jan Stevens	3:37:37
270	Patty Howard	3:37:37
291	Cheryl Fecko	3:37:37
206	Brandy Schmitz-Prefontaine	3:41:35
261	Diane Scott	3:42:05
205	Shelly Davis	3:42:43
225	Lucy Aragon	3:43
224	Teresa Lindseth	3:43:39
236	Kimberlee Ratliff	3:56:55
267	Delores Alander	4:12:43
229	Michelle Brack	4:16:57
241	Abby Twyman	4:23:49
249	Vanessa Richter	4:23:50
265	Becky Moots	4:48:48
264	Isabell Priddy	4:49:00
263	Jessica Priddy	4:49:59

Relay Results

4-person relay

Bib #	Name	Time
419	Insert Name Here- Sam Bass, Colin Rice, Daniel Aspery, Keegan Hanson	3:00:57
418	Chick'n Butts- Trina Nation, Jane Holien, Emily Harding, Ansley Dahlstrom	3:21:56
416	The Walkers- Ada Creighton, Aulis Nelson, Ethan Dill, Ben Dill	3:54:38
420	The Super Four-The Nelsons-Daniel, Johanna, Sabrina, Sierra	4:11:17
415	The Black Sheep-The Conatsers-Trampus, Trish, Madison, Jack	4:58:12
421	The Stragglers-Stephanie Jurries, Ashley Knock, Winston Johnson, Nicole Endsley	5:49:52
417	Blister Sisters-Karen Packer, Teresa Busse, Connie Trotter, Marilyn Ems	6:47:03

8-person relay

Bib #	Name	Time
814	Goofy Goobers-Kenai Holien, Emmett Fairbanks, Jacob Isaacs, Dalton Wyzykowski, Marley Kness, Bella Hoppe, Lexi Johnson, Dante Huffine	3:46:43
828	Game On-Kade Anderson, Jayla Edenshaw, Denali Holien, Raymond Fairbanks, Avery Goheen, Quintin Bagly, Marcie Clark, Gracie Clark	4:07:07
815	SISD 8-Megan Christopher, Michael Jones, Colton Collins, Amanda Kiely, William Collins, Landon Bozeman, Olen Orde, Meliah Cook	4:56:26
817	Braver Things-Jeanne Anderson, Chace Anderson, David Peet Jr., Shannon Murphy, Jillian Carl, Katie Bauer, Jody Escaravage, Elizabeth Westley	5:15:19
819	Keepin' up with the Joneses-Jayme Jones, Pippin Owen, William Jones, Aurora Jones, Jennifer Mooney, Tehya Carle, Whitney Jenkinds, Myleigh Jenkins	6:15:57
820	When I Wake Up-Kimberly Rice, Sheri Wylie, Kay Clark, David DeWeber, Tully Rice, Stephanie Haseltine, Allison Sartori, Kate Hall	6:31:31
829	Walkie Talkies-Monica Newcomb, Kimberly Swainson, Keilani Stockton, Lacie Lester, June May, Evelyn Carter, Rodney Schaffer, Gayle Townsend	7:37:06
827	Worst Pace Scenario-Starleen Jones, Anthony Christenson, Joylin Young, Tim Young, Louella Peele, Erin Wright, Ted Peele, Kaitlyn Fowler	7:58:22
813	Team Sxeen—Cecelia Armour, Angela Hoppe, Lenny Armour, Lea Armour, Wendy Hulstine, Rebecca Chafin, Amber Armour, Thomas James	8:02:38
826	Klawalkers—Adeline DeCastro, Rudy Smith Jr., Jason Smith, Sherry Preston, Alicia Smith, Judith Sellards, Charlene Mackie	OPEN
830	Double Trouble—Jeannie McFarland, Cynthia Egelston, Sheryl Alfson-Kerkof, Karen Petersen, Melody Moen, Dennis Moen, Libby Nieland	OPEN

YOUTH relay

Bib #	Name	Time
1511	TEAM GO	4:16:57
1512	SISD 15	4:56:15
1513	Boys and Girls Club of Klawock	4:57:33

CITY OF CRAIG MEMORANDUM

To: Craig City Council
From: Brian Templin, City Administrator
Date: June 17, 2022
RE: Craig Childcare Center Discussion

At the June 2nd council meeting the council discussed the closure of the Craig Child Care Center (CCCC). At that meeting the council asked staff to prepare a baseline budget to show the cost of city operation and to prepare a draft Request for Proposals to solicit new private management of the facility as a daycare center.

A draft budget as a city department is attached. The budget shows that even at near maximum capacity (20 children), it would cost upwards of \$1,500 per month per child to cover expenses. One of the biggest differences between city management and private management is the cost of benefits for employees. With only ten children enrolled in the center the cost rises to as much as \$3,000 per month per child, or requires that the city operate the center at a loss.

Also attached is a draft Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit a private operator to reestablish a daycare center at the current location under a lease agreement with the city, very similar to how the CCCC operated. The RFP allows for either a private non-profit, or a private for-profit structure.

Section 3 of the draft RFP includes a number of items that we have provided in the past. The council may also want to consider some additional assistance or incentives that may help with successful operation of a center. These include, but are not limited to:

- **Startup Financial Assistance.** Startup grant or low/no interest loan to help with startup costs until staff is in place and enrollment levels are up. If the council wants to consider this assistance we have some funds remaining from previous year's salmon derbies that could be used for a non-profit grant. If the successful proposal is a for-profit entity staff will have to work through the details and funding. If the council chooses to include this incentive, staff recommends that it is on a cost/reimbursement basis and not an up front grant. If the council is inclined to provide this financial startup assistance, staff suggests setting aside \$15,000 - \$20,000 for this purpose.
- **Technical Assistance.** Previous non-profit boards operating the center have struggled with time and technical ability to do some of the bookkeeping, payroll, and other assistance. If the council is inclined, city staff may be able to provide some of this assistance as part of regular city duties. Staff will have to look at the specific technical assistance and staffing/capability levels before we can commit.
- **Ongoing Financial Assistance.** The council may want to consider ongoing financial assistance of a limited nature. For example:

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- Using a portion of funds such as salmon derbies to support a non-profit center. The council can also set a level of general funds in future budgets to support the center.
- Committing to pay for some specific items such as staff training, insurance, electricity, heating fuel, or some other regular recurring expense.

In short, the council needs to determine the level of interest and financial capability to determine how much, if any additional assistance the city should provide.

The council should give specific direction to staff to take the next step from the following options:

1. Direct staff to take no action or to do additional research on some item and bring information back to the council at a future meeting for more discussion.
2. Direct staff to continue working on city management of the center.
3. Direct staff to solicit proposals based on the attached draft RFP (including any council changes or additions).

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CITY OF CRAIG REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO OPERATE THE CRAIG DAYCARE CENTER

PROPOSALS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN 3:00 PM LOCAL TIME, THURSDAY, JULY 28, 2022

The City of Craig, Alaska, is seeking proposals from qualified proposers to operate a childcare center in Craig Alaska. The daycare center will be operated as a private non-profit or for-profit corporation, not as a department of the city.

Section 1: Proposal Requirements

Proposers will provide the City of Craig a detailed proposal containing the following items:

1. The proposers credentials, experience and work history related to managing/operating a licensed daycare center.
2. Proposed method and timeline to secure state licensing, insurance, staffing and other required items to open for service.
3. Proposed general salary ranges for all center employees and employee benefits.
4. Proposed hours/days of operation and staffing levels.
5. Proposed budget for first two years of operation.
6. General description of intended activities, age groups, and programs that will be incorporated into the program operations.
7. Proposed fee structure.
8. Any other information pertinent to the proposers experience or plans for the center operations.

Section 2: Successful Proposer Provided

The successful proposer will be required to complete the following items and provide the following services within six months of selection:

1. Completion of a lease application and signed lease agreement with the city.
2. Proof of an active business license with the State of Alaska, including proof of non-profit status if the operator intends to operate as a non-profit.
3. Proof of a current license to operate a daycare center issued by the State of Alaska Daycare Program Office.
4. A list of board members (for non-profits) or management executives (if for-profit).
5. If the center is formed as a non-profit, the city shall have a minimum of one voting board seat reserved for a board member appointed by the Craig Mayor.
6. The center shall be open for business and soliciting for clients.
7. If the center is operated as a non-profit, the successful proposer shall also submit an annual budget, approved by the board, to the city. In addition the center shall submit an annual budget and report of service days and expenditures on an annual basis.

In addition to items required within the first six months, the operator shall be responsible for:

1. Cost of operations of the center (not otherwise provided by the city).
2. Current insurance coverage.
3. All payroll and staff costs (daycare center staff will be employed by the operator, not employees of the city).
4. Cost of maintenance and most improvements for the interior of the daycare center building.

5. Cost of heating fuel.
6. All utilities and other costs not covered by the city as shown below.

Section 3: City of Craig Shall Provide

The city shall provide various services and facilities to assist in operations of the center. These include, but are not limited to:

1. A lease of the childcare center building with terms and conditions agreeable to both parties.
 - a. For operations formed as a non-profit corporation, the lease rate shall be set at a below market value rate (\$1 per year).
 - b. For operations formed as a for profit corporation, the lease rate shall be set at 8% of the appraised market value of the property (or similar property in Craig).
2. Water, sewer, and garbage services will be provided by the city at no charge to the center.
3. The city will maintain the outside of the building and major maintenance on building systems not related to normal wear and tear and routine maintenance of the interior.
4. Access to the fenced playground located adjacent to the center.
5. Access to the City Gym, adjacent to the center (with prior arrangement with the Craig Recreation Department).
6. ???
7. ???

Proposals must be received at Craig City Hall (500 Third Street – Craig, Alaska) by 3:00 p.m. local time Thursday, July 28, 2022. Late submittals will not be considered. The city will hold a pre-proposal teleconference on July 21, 2022 to discuss the proposals and answer questions. Contact the Craig City Administrator at 907-826-3275 or by email at administrator@craigak.com if you have questions or would like to attend the pre-proposal conference.

Award

The City of Craig will evaluate all proposals and the Craig City Council will approve the selected successful proposal at the ?????? council meeting.

**CITY OF CRAIG
MEMORANDUM**

To: Craig City Council
From: Brian Templin, City Administrator
Date: June 21, 2022
RE: Fuel Sales Tax Cap Discussion

At the June 2nd council meeting the council considered a letter from a local resident regarding putting a cap on fuel prices. While the request was for relief for a certain industry, the council asked staff to gather information on a more general impact of putting a cap on sales tax charged for fuel.

After discussing the issue with our Local Government Specialist in Juneau, it was confirmed that the city council can put a cap on tax for fuel by ordinance. This would not constitute a change to the tax rate, just a cap for fuel, similar to the cap for values on boats and cars over \$5,000.

Staff informed the council at the June 2nd meeting that determining the overall impact to tax revenue would be difficult to do without needing to provide confidential data in an executive session (individual sales tax data is held confidentially by the city). I have run some numbers based on a number of assumptions totaling all fuel providers together for the council to consider. Detailed data would require substantial work by the fuel providers since there are other taxable items sold by the providers and targeting a certain fuel type (i.e. heating fuel) would be difficult without very detailed information from the provider.

The numbers below represent overall city-wide totals with some assumptions about the percentage of revenue from fuel and using \$4.00 per gallon as the average cost of fuel at the end of 2021. The council can either choose to proceed with this information or ask staff to get more details and schedule an executive session.

Based on the assumptions above, we collected approximately \$212,000 in calendar year 2021 from taxable fuel sales in Craig. These numbers are consistent with their contribution to the sales tax revenue projections in the FY2023 budget. As fuel prices continue to increase, so does the sales tax collected on each gallon sold. As a reminder, fuel is subject to the regular 5% sales tax. At \$5 per gallon the city would collect \$265,620 in sales tax (\$53,100 more than projected) and at \$6 per gallon the city would collect \$318,744 in sales tax (\$106,250). For each additional dollar per gallon the city would collect an additional \$53,100 over the course of a year.

The current budget, while not predicated on \$4/gallon fuel, has revenue projections that are consistent with fuel prices at the end of 2021. Recently unleaded and diesel prices in Klawock sit at about \$6/gallon.

Placing a cap on the amount of tax that we collect per gallon of fuel would provide relief to local residents. It would also provide relief to other island residents and visitors who purchase fuel in Craig. Fuel delivered by the provider outside of Craig is currently exempt from sales tax.

In addition, since the current budget projections are somewhat tied to fuel at \$4 per gallon, it would likely not have a significant impact on the projected sales tax revenue.

It is important to note however, that increased fuel prices also have a major impact to the expenses in our budget and additional tax collected helps to offset our costs for fuel. Staff used \$6/gallon when calculating vehicle fuel, equipment fuel, and heating fuel in the city budget this year.

The council has a number of options moving forward, including:

1. Take no action.
2. Direct staff to draft an ordinance for council consideration that would set a tax cap on fuel. For example:
 - a. Exempt sales tax on fuel (either across the board or directed, such as only for heating fuel) above a set amount.
 - b. Determine an amount to set the cap. As an example, the council could set a cap stating that fuel costs above \$4.50 per gallon (or any amount the council sets) are exempt from sales tax. Or, more simply put, that sales tax on fuel will not exceed \$0.225 per gallon.
 - c. Set a sunset date that would have to be extended by the council.
3. Direct staff to gather additional data and set an executive session at a future council meeting. I will note, that separating types of fuel, exempt and non-exempt sales, and other factors may be very difficult and time consuming. Especially considering that one of the providers included in the calculation is no longer in business.
4. Schedule further discussion in an open council meeting.

Recommendation: The council should discuss the issue and provide direction to staff based on the recommendations above. At this time, given the difficulty in providing enough detail to impact our estimates, staff recommends that the council give staff direction related to recommendations 1, 2, or 4.

At this point, staff is looking for direction and no formal action is required. Regardless of the direction that the council gives, ultimately an ordinance will be required to enact the change which will give the council additional opportunity for discussion prior to adoption.

**CITY OF CRAIG
MEMORANDUM**

To: Craig City Council
From: Brian Templin, City Administrator
Date: June 17, 2022
RE: Liberty Church Food Program

At the June 16th council meeting the council discussed the request from Liberty Church for a donation to help support the summer lunch program that the church is doing in lieu of the regular school summer lunch program.

The school district is not running the program this year due to lack of staffing.

The original letter set the program budget at \$1,575 per week for about 12 weeks with a total budget of \$18,700.

I have asked Pastor Cody Schwegel to provide some additional information based on the council discussion. A letter from Cody is attached. I have also asked Cody to have a representative at the July 7th meeting to answer any other questions.

In the adopted FY23 budget, staff included \$10,000 in discretionary spending for the council to use for these kinds of requests.

Staff recommends that the council consider a \$1,575 donation from the discretionary spending line item to Liberty Church summer food program.

If the council chooses to make a donation, staff will work with Pastor Schwegel to get monthly participation and spending/fundraising updates through the summer.

Recommended Motion: Move to make a \$1,575 donation to Liberty Church to support the summer lunch program and to direct staff to work with Liberty Church on monthly updates. Funding will be drawn from the council discretionary fund contained in the FY23 capital budget.



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Dear Council Members,

In response to your questions resulting from the regular scheduled meeting 6/16/2022. We have a few anonymous donors in the church that have given \$700 as of 6/17/2022, and Shaan Seet has donated \$250. We have been notified that HOPE plans to add this opportunity their agenda for next weeks meeting. This is very early into the program, and we have reached out to several companies, and we are still working on reaching the rest of them. We have "borrowed" money from our Backpack Ministry and our Christmas Gift Ministry to temporarily fund the food ministry.

With regards to the backpacks, we purchase backpacks and supplies for all of the kids on the island and the Christmas ministry is an opportunity to give gifts to all of the children on the island, so we do not want to cancel those, if possible. We are not recording names of children receiving the meals as to not discourage them. We have volunteers from the community as well as the Prince of Peace Church, The Church of God and of Course Liberty Church. Dockside Café has been the biggest sponsor of this program, lending equipment and handling the food orders.

This is the first week of the food program. We scheduled it for Mon, Wed, and Friday, until we have enough volunteers to scale out to 5 days a week. We had 68 children the first day, 65 children the second day, and we expect 72 children on the third day. The school expected between 40-80 and on some days, they hit 100. We have not seen a decline due to the venue change.

As we understand the funding for the school cannot leave the school and it has some very interesting and complicated requirements that make in nearly impossible to use.

Sincerely, Pastor Cody Schwegel
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