

Mayor

David Allison

Council Members

Tom Bailer

Cathy Sherman

Kasey Kinsman

Wendy Ranney

David Zastrow

Kristin Carpenter

Ken Jones

City Manager

Samantha Greenwood

City Clerk

Susan Bourgeois

Deputy Clerk

Tina Hammer

**Regular City Council Meeting
August 21, 2024 @ 7:00pm
Cordova Center Comm Rooms**

A. Call to order

B. Invocation, pledge of allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

C. Roll call

Mayor David Allison, Council members Tom Bailer, Cathy Sherman, Kasey Kinsman, Wendy Ranney, David Zastrow, Kristin Carpenter, and Ken Jones



BUMPER CROP OF NAGOONS

D. Approval of Regular Agenda..... (voice vote)

E. Disclosures of Conflicts of Interest and Ex Parte Communication

- conflicts as defined in Cordova Municipal Code 3.10.010 should be declared, then Mayor rules on whether member should be recused, Council can appeal the Mayor's ruling
- ex parte should be declared here, the content of the ex parte should be explained when the item comes before Council, ex parte does not recuse a member, it is required that ex parte is declared and explained

F. Communications by and Petitions from Visitors

1. Guest Speakers - none
2. Audience comments regarding agenda items..... **(3 minutes per speaker)**
3. Chairpersons and Representatives of Boards and Commissions **(Hospital Board, School Board, etal)**
4. Student Council Report – summer vacation

G. Approval of Consent Calendar

5. Minutes:
 - a. August 7, 2024, City Council Public Hearing Minutes..... **(page 1)**
 - b. August 7, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes..... **(page 2)**
6. Per Charter Section 2-8 and Cordova Municipal Code 3.12.022, recordation of excused absence of Council member **Cathy Sherman** from the August 7, 2024, Regular Meeting

H. Approval of Minutes – in Consent Calendar

I. Consideration of Bids/Proposals/Contracts – none

J. Reports of Officers

7. Mayor's Report
8. City Manager's Report
 - a. South Harbor Rebuild, project update, **Collin Bronson**
9. City Clerk's Report

K. Correspondence..... (see primer for description page 6)

10. 08-01-24 Letter of interest from Sorenson's for remnant of USS 3345..... **(page 7)**
11. 08-01-24 Email from K Hayden regarding impound lot disposal..... **(page 8)**
12. 08-07-24 Email from J Rude of CDFU regarding Fisheries Committees and Disaster declaration.... **(page 9)**

L. Ordinances and Resolutions

13. Ordinance 1219..... (roll call vote)(page 18)
An ordinance of the Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska amending Chapter 5.38, Biennial motor vehicle registration tax, to increase the motor vehicle registration tax levied on registered vehicles within the city – 2nd reading
14. Ordinance 1220..... (voice vote)(page 23)
An ordinance of the Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska amending Cordova Municipal Code Title 5 “Revenue and Finance” to add Chapter 5.08 “Property tax of aircraft” removing the exemption for property tax on aircraft stored or landed in Cordova with a fair market value of two million dollars or more and amending CMC 5.05.030 to clarify that personal property is exempt from property tax except as otherwise stated – 1st reading

M. Unfinished Business - none

N. New & Miscellaneous Business

15. Pending Agenda, CIP List, Calendar, Elected & Appointed Officials lists..... (page 30)

O. Audience Participation

P. Council Comments

Q. Executive Session

City Council is permitted to enter an executive session if an explicit motion is made to do so calling out the subject to be discussed and if that subject falls into one of the 4 categories noted below. Therefore, even if specific agenda items are not listed under the Executive Session header on the agenda, any item on the agenda may trigger discussion on that item that is appropriate for or legally requires an executive session. In the event executive session is appropriate or required, Council may make a motion to enter executive session right during debate on that agenda item or could move to do so later in the meeting.

R. Adjournment

Executive Sessions per Cordova Municipal Code 3.14.030

- **subjects which may be considered are:** (1) matters the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the government; (2) subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person; provided that the person may request a public discussion; (3) matters which by law, municipal charter or code are required to be confidential; (4) matters involving consideration of governmental records that by law are not subject to public disclosure.
- **subjects may not be considered in the executive session except those mentioned in the motion calling for the executive session, unless they are auxiliary to the main question**
- **action may not be taken in an executive session except to give direction to an attorney or labor negotiator regarding the handling of a specific legal matter or pending labor negotiations**

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**City Council Public Hearing
August 7, 2024 @ 6:45 pm
Cordova Center Community Rooms
Minutes**

A. Call to order

Mayor David Allison called the Council public hearing to order at 6:45 pm on August 7, 2024, in the Cordova Center Community Rooms.

B. Roll call

Present for roll call were **Mayor David Allison** and Council members **Kasey Kinsman**, **Wendy Ranney**, and **Dave Zastrow**. Council members **Tom Bailer** and **Kristin Carpenter** were present via zoom videoconference. Council members **Cathy Sherman** and **Ken Jones** were absent. Also present were City Manager **Samantha Greenwood** and City Clerk **Susan Bourgeois**.

C. Public hearing

1. Ordinance 1217 An ordinance of the Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska repealing Chapter 5.36 "Property Tax" and replacing same with a new Chapter 5.05 "Property Tax", Chapter 5.06 "Property Tax Exemptions and Deferrals", and Chapter 5.07 "Property Tax Exemption and Deferral Criteria"
2. Resolution 08-24-30 A resolution of the Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, amending the Refuse Division section of the 2024 fee schedule which had been approved by Resolution 12-23-35 on December 20, 2023

Mayor Allison opened the hearing for public testimony on the ordinance and resolution. There was no public testimony. He recessed the Public Hearing at 6:48 pm.

Council member **Jones** arrived at 6:50 pm.

The Public Hearing was called back to order at 6:58 pm at which time there were still no public comments.

D. Adjournment

Hearing no objection **Mayor Allison** adjourned the public hearing at 6:59 pm.

Approved: August 21, 2024

Attest: _____
Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk

**Regular City Council Meeting
August 7, 2024 @ 7:00 pm
Cordova Center Community Rooms A & B
Minutes**

A. Call to order – **Mayor David Allison** called the Regular City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 pm on August 7, 2024, in the Cordova Center Community Rooms.

B. Invocation and pledge of allegiance – **Mayor Allison** led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Roll call – Present for roll call were **Mayor David Allison** and Council members **Kasey Kinsman**, **Wendy Ranney**, **Dave Zastrow** and **Ken Jones**. Council members **Tom Bailer** and **Kristin Carpenter** were present via zoom videoconference. Council member **Cathy Sherman** was absent. Also present were City Manager **Samantha Greenwood** and City Clerk **Susan Bourgeois**.

D. Approval of Regular Agenda

Hearing no objection to approval of the agenda, **Mayor Allison** declared it approved.

E. Disclosures of Conflicts of Interest and ex parte communications - none

F. Communications by and Petitions from Visitors

1. Guest speakers - none
2. Audience comments regarding agenda items - none
3. Chairpersons and Representatives of Boards and Commissions – none present
4. Student Council Report – none

G. Approval of Consent Calendar

5. Minutes: **a.** July 3, 2024, City Council Public Hearing Minutes; **b.** July 3, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

6. Resolution 08-24-29 A resolution of the Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, supporting the 2024 environmental and climate justice community change grant application to assist in design and engineering work for the wastewater treatment plant

Vote on the Consent Calendar: 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent. Bailer-yes; Kinsman-yes; Zastrow-yes; Carpenter-yes; Jones-yes; Ranney-yes; and Sherman-absent. Consent Calendar was approved.

H. Approval of Minutes – in consent calendar

I. Consideration of Bids/Proposals/Contracts - none

J. Reports of Officers

7. Mayor's Report – **Mayor Allison** reported: 1) he was interviewed today by the BBC, they are doing a story on migrant workers in the seafood industry; 2) NVE is having a substance abuse and domestic violence awareness event and they have asked him to speak, that is on September 7; 3) the Pioneers and the Alaska Historical Society both have conferences coming up in Cordova – in October – he has been asked to give introductory remarks to both conferences.

8. City Manager's Report – **Greenwood** reported: 1) she has been meeting regularly with **Dr. Sanders** about collaborations – EMT program maybe can work better if under the hospital, they have grant opportunities that could assist; they will start meeting with the Interim ED at NVE also, she has a medical background, from Nome

a. South Harbor Rebuild, project update, **Collin Bronson** updated Council on the project to date, including funding, MARAD reimbursements, construction progress.

9. City Clerk's Report - **Bourgeois** reported: 1) **Ruth Steele** is conducting early voting for the Primary Election which is on August 20. She is available M-F upstairs in atrium, 3rd floor, 8-4:30 until August 19; 2) **Tina Hammer** will be retiring from her Deputy Clerk position on August 30, she will staff the next regular meeting August 21 (**Bourgeois** will be away for 5 days).

10. Staff Reports – 2Q, 2024 Quarterlies:

- a. Cordova Center, **Andy Anderson**, Acting Cordova Center Coordinator
- b. City Permanent Fund, Alaska Permanent Capital Management, **Blake Phillips**
- c. Finance Department Update, **Sheryl Glasen**, Comptroller
- d. Cordova Historical Museum & Cordova Public Library, **Ashley Bivin** Museum Director, and Acting Library Director
- e. Cordova Chamber of Commerce, Executive Director **Cathy Renfeldt**
- f. Parks & Recreation Department, Director **Duncan Chisholm**

Carpenter thanked the chamber for the headway they have made in marketing the Cordova Center. **Kinsman** piggybacked off that and thanked **Andy Anderson**, who set a strong foundation for that with the MOU developed while acting as the Cordova Center Coordinator.

K. Correspondence

- 11. Lead-Safe Cordova Flyer – Self assessment information due by 8/31/24
 - 12. 07/16/24 Letter from PWSRCAC requesting project ideas from stakeholders
 - 13. 07/22/24 Email from Pacific Seafood Processors Association requesting Cordova submit comments on NMFS ESA status review of Chinook salmon
 - 14. 07/24/24 Letter from USFWS proposed IHA public comment notice for sea otter take Whittier cruise ship dock construction project
- Carpenter** asked the Mayor to submit comment for the Council on item 13. The council concurred.

L. Ordinances and Resolutions

15. Ordinance 1217 An ordinance of the Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska repealing Chapter 5.36 "Property Tax" and replacing same with a new Chapter 5.05 "Property Tax", Chapter 5.06 "Property Tax Exemptions and Deferrals", and Chapter 5.07 "Property Tax Exemption and Deferral Criteria" – 2nd reading **M/Kinsman S/Jones** to adopt Ordinance 1217 An ordinance of the Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska repealing Chapter 5.36 "Property Tax" and replacing same with a new Chapter 5.05 "Property Tax", Chapter 5.06 "Property Tax Exemptions and Deferrals", and Chapter 5.07 "Property Tax Exemption and Deferral Criteria"

Kinsman said he is in favor; we've discussed this and will continue with work sessions on criteria. **Jones** said he supports this. **Carpenter** asked if it wasn't being too picky, she wondered if on page 3 of the ordinance in section 5.05.060 if field cards should be changed to electronic records. City Clerk **Bourgeois** agreed and said without formal amendment, she would correct that. **Bailer** commented that he will not vote for this, he was in favor when we started down this road, when it was going to be a tax break for someone developing land or building a fourplex or eightplex, but he is not in favor of shifting the burden to others when someone gets a 5-year tax break for building a tiny home or a single family up on ski hill. **Ranney** and **Zastrow** had no comments. **Kinsman** said these are meant to incentivize building; we still have to decide the exact incentives.

Vote on the motion: 5 yeas, 1 nay, 1 absent. Carpenter-yes; Sherman-absent; Bailer-no; Ranney-yes; Zastrow-yes; Kinsman-yes; and Jones-yes. Motion was approved.

16. Ordinance 1219 An ordinance of the Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska amending Chapter 5.38, Biennial motor vehicle registration tax, to increase the motor vehicle registration tax levied on registered vehicles within the city - 1st reading

M/Kinsman S/Ranney to adopt Ordinance 1219 An ordinance of the Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska amending Chapter 5.38, Biennial motor vehicle registration tax, to increase the motor vehicle registration tax levied on registered vehicles within the city

Kinsman appreciated staff bringing this forward, we had explored this during the last budget work sessions. He had a question, did not understand the difference between section A and section B under 5.38.020 Rate of Levy. **Kinsman** said he is in favor. **Ranney** asked if this is separate from the fact that we have an open and running DMV – **Greenwood** said that is correct. We earn a portion of what our DMV processes, this is separate from that – this is collected by the state and shared back with us. **Bailer** said he supports for first reading. **Carpenter** said she supports this. **Jones** said he does not support because property tax and sales tax has been raised already. **Bourgeois** mentioned that it looked like the difference between A and B was that a person could elect to register annually, hence the prices under B or else biennially using the rates under A. **Jones** asked about all non-profits in town? Do they pay this extra amount or are they exempt? He was trying to point out that this is another tax that only half the community picks up the tab, just like property tax and sales tax.

Vote on the motion: 5 yeas, 1 nay (Jones), 1 absent (Sherman). Motion was approved.

17. Resolution 08-24-30 A resolution of the Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, amending the Refuse Division section of the 2024 fee schedule which had been approved by Resolution 12-23-35 on December 20, 2023

M/Carpenter S/Kinsman to approve Resolution 08-24-30 A resolution of the Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, amending the Refuse Division section of the 2024 fee schedule which had been approved by Resolution 12-23-35 on December 20, 2023

Carpenter said she supports this – we need procedures for getting rid of these types of batteries.

Kinsman said it was outlined well; he supports this. **Bailer, Ranney,** and **Jones** all expressed support.

Vote on the motion: 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent (Sherman). Motion was approved.

M. Unfinished Business - none

N. New & Miscellaneous Business

18. Council action on disposal and method of disposal of Lot 15A Block 5 Odiak Park Subdivision

M/Kinsman S/Jones to dispose of Lot 15A Block 5 Odiak Park Subdivision as outlined in Cordova Municipal Code 5.22.060B 1. by negotiating an agreement with Emily Anderson to lease or purchase the property.

Kinsman said this was already marked available, we do a great job publicizing that, this was not recently changed. This person noticed that, took the opportunity to explore it, and he wants to support that. **Jones** agreed and said he doesn't like when we take someone's great idea and then invite competition; he thinks that is a flaw in the City's disposal process. He agrees that directly negotiating with this applicant is the best course and he enthusiastically supports the motion. **Ranney** and **Zastrow** both said they would support the motion. **Bailer** said he will not support; he believes that everyone in the community should have the opportunity to purchase City-owned land. **Carpenter** said she would support. **Kinsman** asked for clarity if this lot has been available for a number of years. Acting Planner **Johnson** said he went back to land disposal maps as far back as 2015 where this was listed as available, and he even found a letter of interest for the lot in 2007 (which showed it available).

Vote on the motion: 5 yeas, 1 nay (Bailer), 1 absent (Sherman). Motion was approved.

19. Pending Agenda, CIP List, Calendar, Elected & Appointed Officials lists

Mayor Allison said we'd put the Fisheries Committees on Pending Agenda to decide about combining them and we will also consider a disaster declaration for the fishery this summer. Discussion was had for the need for a work session to discuss a few items like sales tax, current city financials, alternate revenues and possibility of a sales tax exemption on food.

O. Audience Participation - none

P. Council Comments

Carpenter thanked staff for reports in packet tonight.

Ranney appreciate all the signs about activities that Park & Rec has going on, *paws in the pool* was probably great. Thanked staff for the packet – she knows a lot of work goes into that prep.
Kinsman good to see all the positive things going on in our community (staff reports) – great to see our harbor – a really nice facility, he enjoys using it.
Zastrow really appreciates the harbor too and thanked staff for the reports.

Q. Executive Session - none

R. Adjournment

Hearing no objection **Mayor Allison** adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.

Approved: August 21, 2024

Attest: _____
Susan Bourgeois, City Clerk

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Council Packet Correspondence Primer: Communicating with Your Elected Cordova Officials

This primer provides an overview of City of Cordova policies regarding the submission of correspondence to the City Clerk's office for distribution to City Council. These policies are general in nature and do not preempt the application of relevant laws to correspondence distribution. To the extent you have questions regarding the distribution of specific correspondence, please contact the City Clerk's office.

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- Letters, emails, cards, or other written or electronic mail by agencies/entities that are pertinent to Council and the citizens of Cordova (e.g. population determination, full value determination, open comment periods for projects/leases in and around Cordova, etc.)
- Only correspondence received by the Clerk's Office on or before noon on the Wednesday before a regular Council meeting is eligible for inclusion in the packet for that meeting. Correspondence eligible for inclusion received after that date and time will be included in the next regularly scheduled Council meeting packet. (See CMC 3.12.035).

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July 30, 2024

City of Cordova Mayor and Council Members
P. O. Box 1210
Cordova, AK 99574

Subject: Letter of Interest for remnant of USS 3345 land on Le Fevre St.

Dear City of Cordova Mayor and Council Members

When we purchased our existing property, 26 years ago, we were informed by the City of Cordova (City) that this subdivision remnant was not a buildable lot. We did not realize the status of this property had changed until people started putting flags on it and the City Water and Sewer Department started looking for the sewer line a little over two months ago. We find the City's lack of notice of the status change to adjacent property owners unacceptable, a lack of good faith and in violation of CMC 5.22.030(D)(4).

Following our independent review, we believe it still remains non-conforming as per CMC 18.20 – R Low Density Residence District. Mainly because the sewer line bisects the lot which creates each part being less than 4,000 sq ft due to the sanitary sewer line easement. Indeed, the formation and arrangement of the existing lot lines for this remnant goes against the intent of CMC 17.16.050 and 17.16.060.

Therefore, we believe the City should consider subdividing the remnant lot and arrange the parcel consistent with the previous CMC citations into two lots on each side of the sanitary sewer line easement, and make those two non-conforming lots available to the adjacent property owners to absorb into their existing conforming lots.

If this was done, we would be interested in purchasing and absorbing the portion of the remnant of USS 3345 that is adjacent to our property.

Sincerely,



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cc: Cordova City Manager

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From: [Kelsey Hayden](#)
To: [Susan Bourgeois](#); [Ken Jones](#); [Tom Bailer](#); [Wendy Ranney](#); [Cathy Sherman](#); [Kasey Kinsman](#); [David Allison](#); [Kristin Carpenter](#); [David Zastrow](#)
Subject: Comments on Impound lot sale
Date: Thursday, August 1, 2024 5:37:01 PM

Hello Mayor Allison, Council Members and Susan,
(I think I missed the timing to hit the packet but sending anyway.)

P&Z recently recommended that the city sell or lease the old impound lot to Reuben Brown for his HVAC business, instead of selling to Bayside Storage. I support selling that lot to Bayside Storage.

Take the names off the proposals, and Bayside is the winner. Their tested business plan is solid, they have financing in hand, a waitlist for storage tenants, plan to put in 1-2 housing units to rent out, and will generate sales and property taxes sooner at \$10,000+ a year. Their building will go up quickly and be rented shortly after.

The current recommendation from P&Z to dispose of the property to Mr. Brown is more risky. Interest rates are high and financing isn't secured. We have watched people buy land and not build on it for years or even decades, meaning we miss out on years of sales and property tax. The apartment could be owner occupied and the business could take time to grow. There are also buildings in other places suitable for this new business venture to rent or buy. For instance, Bill Webber's shop is for sale, which has an additional bay and an additional apartment that would give the business more financial security to get on their feet. A shop was for rent recently in the PWS Marina that would also be suitable for getting started.

There may be a notion that the Kellys have enough real estate, and a large enough business. I think a business decision is what's necessary here, based on the business plans put forward, projected income, and timeline for being up and running. The City owes it to its taxpayers to choose the proposal with the highest tax return to the City during these times where we desperately need more revenue. Additionally, the city could have the best of both worlds by selling to Bayside and Mr. Brown purchasing or renting a different space. To be clear, I wholeheartedly support Mr. Brown's plan, and young people investing in Cordova is exciting. But Bayside is established in that location and will generate more revenue in the short term, and long run. I think there are plenty of ways to have both a new business and allow a 30 year established business to move forward, maximizing the sales and property tax for the city of Cordova.

Thanks for your efforts!
Kelsey Hayden

Susan Bourgeois

From: Jess Rude <jess@cdfu.org>
Sent: Wednesday, August 7, 2024 2:23 PM
To: David Allison; Susan Bourgeois; Kristin Carpenter; fvserenity@gmail.com
Subject: Planning - Fisheries Disaster Declaration
Attachments: 2024-Salmon-Harvest-Update-7-1.pdf; flowchart_federal_fishery_disasters.pdf

Hi Mayor Allison, Susan, Kristin, Ken,

It's early to see the full picture of economic impact, but clear that seine fishermen will need direct financial relief based on low 2024 pink harvests. I'm keeping my eye on the chum and coho fisheries as well.





CDFU is poised to lead a request to the Governor for a disaster declaration. However it's my understanding the best process is for a fisheries disaster resolution to come directly from the City of Cordova. I wanted to check with you on any plans already in place, and offer CDFU support for resolution language and an overall strategy for a strongest request to the Governor's Office.

Jess



Cordova District Fishermen United
Jess Rude

Executive Director

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On Mon, Aug 5, 2024 at 9:47 AM Jess Rude <jess@cdfu.org> wrote:

We'll be on standby for whatever happens! Thanks.



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On Sat, Aug 3, 2024 at 7:41 PM David Allison <mayor@cityofcordova.net> wrote:

Hello Jess...

I appreciate your email...

Since I have been mayor and some time prior to that these committees have been inactive. Give me a bit of time to research how these were set up. I do agree that one active committee would benefit us rather than having two.

I will look into what it takes to convene and re-authorize this group and would certainly look to CDFU for their input and representation..stand by for further information!

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From: Jess Rude <jess@cdfu.org>
Sent: Friday, August 2, 2024 9:57 AM
To: David Allison <mayor@cityofcordova.net>
Subject: CDFU Q on Fisheries Committees

Hi Mayor Allison,

I've learned that there are two city Fisheries Committees, Advisory and Development, neither which has been recently active. Forgive me as I don't know the current makeup of these committees, or how they are appointed. What are your thoughts on revitalizing these two committees and merging them into one?

Thinking over a question you asked recently about octopus farming, and also the Halibut ABM request that urgently went through city council, I can see value in one fisheries committee, with dedicated seats held by fisheries organizations. These orgs could manage filling their seats with representatives who are either their own paid professionals or volunteers they appoint. Backend we are already working together, but perhaps not doing a great job connecting to city and council issues.





Obviously CDFU would be interested in a seat(s), and helping keep the committee active.

Independently of this, I just want to open a direct channel together! Feel free to reach out when industry topics or questions do come up. I plan on being in Cordova around Labor Day, it would be great to connect in person then.

Cheers,
Jess



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2024 Weekly Alaska Salmon Harvest Update #7

Harvest Through 8/3/2024 (Statistical Week 31)

(Thousands of fish)

	Sockeye			Pink			Keta			Coho			Chinook*		
	YTD 2023	YTD 2024	YoY	YTD 2022	YTD 2024	YoY	YTD 2023	YTD 2024	YoY	YTD 2023	YTD 2024	YoY	YTD 2023	YTD 2024	YoY
AYK	-	-	-	87	3	-97%	87	7	-92%	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Kodiak	1,203	735	-39%	2,739	769	-72%	655	437	-33%	79	7	-91%	9	-	N/A
Chignik	892	179	-80%	251	96	-62%	58	27	-53%	32	21	-34%	1	3	+200%
Alaska Peninsula	2,521	2,317	-8%	2,311	1,030	-55%	781	559	-28%	115	71	-38%	6	7	+17%
Bristol Bay	40,392	31,078	-23%	3	37	N/A	337	244	-28%	9	7	-22%	9	2	-78%
Cook Inlet	1,844	1,961	+6%	277	43	-84%	130	67	-48%	63	11	-83%	6	-	N/A
Prince William Sound	1,974	3,139	+59%	24,089	6,466	-73%	4,834	1,478	-69%	12	3	-75%	7	6	-14%
Southeast	669	414	-38%	4,894	4,223	-14%	10,382	7,953	-23%	539	169	-69%	154	130	-16%
Statewide	49,495	39,823	-20%	34,651	12,667	-63%	17,264	10,772	-38%	849	289	-66%	192	148	-23%

Note: YTD comparisons are based on statistical weeks. Statistical weeks between years do not align with calendar dates. Data are subject to revision.

Source: Alaska Department of Fish & Game . *Chinook figures exclude harvest before week 20.

- Alaska salmon harvests continue to track well behind last year for all species, but especially pinks (compared to 2022), coho, and keta.
- Salmon fishing has also been slow across the Bering Sea in Russia, according to trade publications. This represents a large drop from 2023, which was the second largest Russian salmon harvest on record.
- Alaska's pink salmon harvest is down 63% from 2022, including a 73% drop in Prince William Sound, a key pink harvesting region. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game has attributed the low pink harvest in Prince William Sound to both smaller salmon runs and fewer boats participating in the fishery.
- As sockeye salmon season wraps up around the state, harvest is down year over year for all regions except Prince William Sound (+59%) and Cook Inlet (+6%). This year's Cook Inlet harvest of 1.96 million sockeye salmon is the highest for the region since 2019.

2024 Harvest vs. Projection

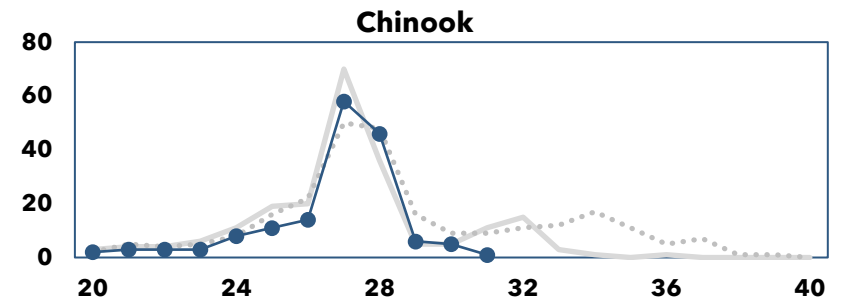
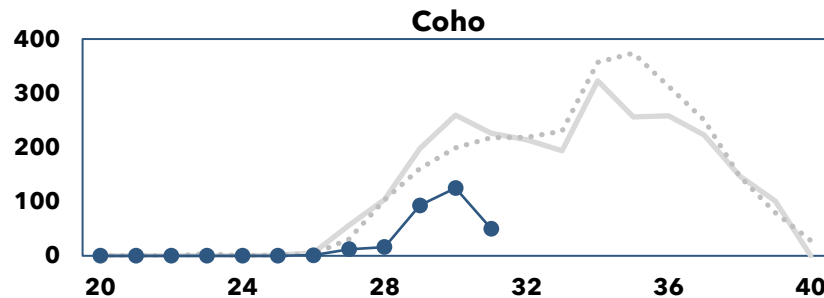
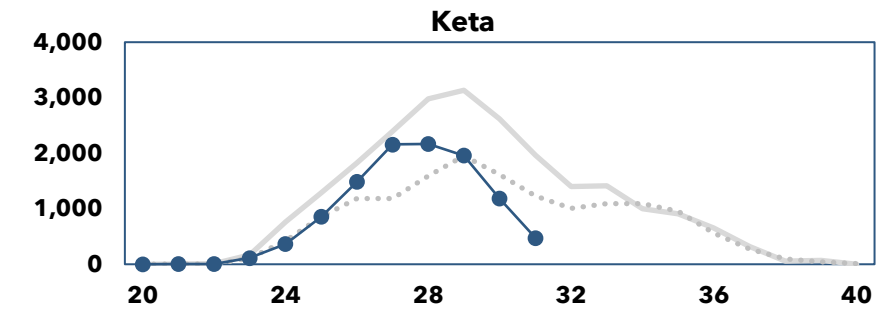
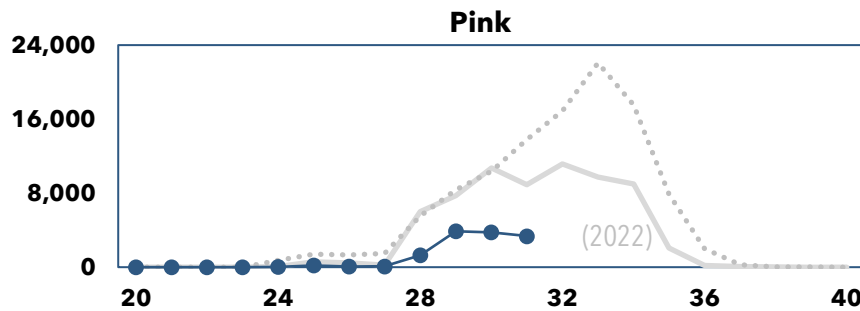
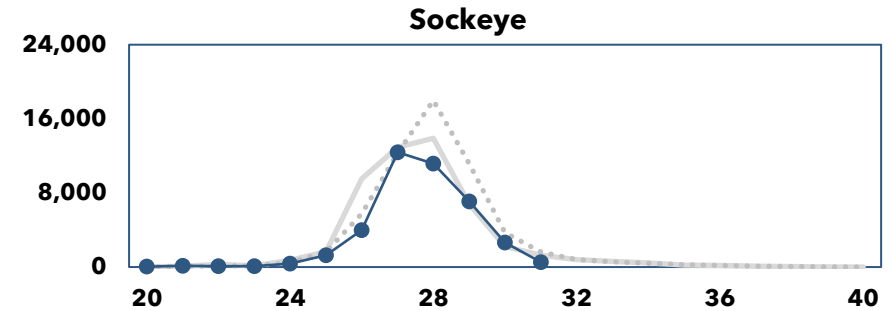
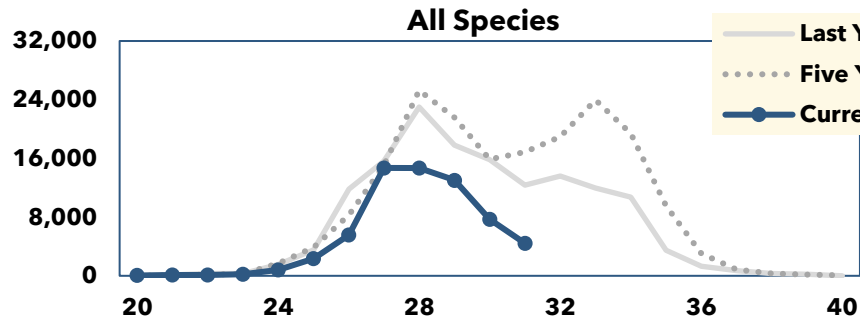
(Thousands of Fish)

	Harvest	Projection	% Realized
Sockeye	39,823	39,492	101%
Pink	12,667	69,082	18%
Keta	10,772	24,291	44%
Coho	289	2,644	11%
Chinook	148	233	64%
Total	63,699	135,573	47%



Salmon Harvest by Statistical Week, 2024

(Thousands of fish per week)



*Last year uses 2022 pink salmon instead of 2023 (most recent even-year).

Source: Alaska Department of Fish & Game.

(See ADF&G Blue Sheet page for more about statistical weeks)

Statistical Week	19-22	23-26	27-31	32-35	36-39
Approximate Month	May	June	July	August	September

2024 Average Fish Weights

Bristol Bay drift gillnet sockeye: 4.2 pounds

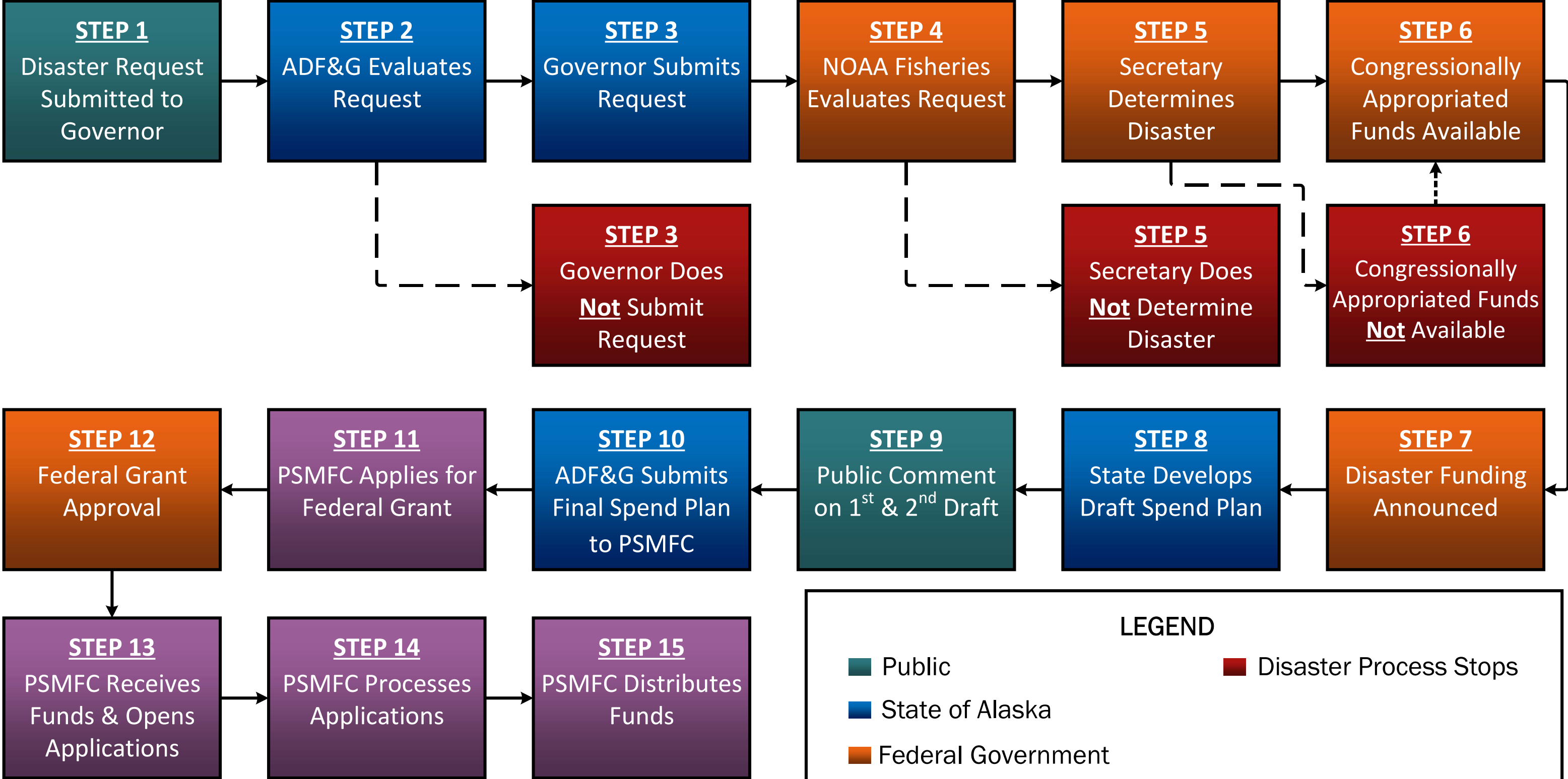
Southeast troll fisheries: Chinook 10.9 lbs., coho 4.9 lbs., keta 9.1 lbs.

Taku Inlet/Stephens Passage/Port Snettisham (Southeast) drift gillnet: keta 6.0 lbs

Prince William Sound purse seine hatchery cost recovery fishery: pink 3.5 lbs.

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OUTLINE

A federal fishery resource disaster refers to an unexpected large decrease in fish stock biomass or other change that results in significant loss of access to the fishery resource, which may include loss of fishing vessels and gear for a substantial period of time and results in significant revenue loss or negative subsistence impact due to an allowable cause. It does not include reasonably predictable, foreseeable, and recurrent fishery cyclical variations in species distribution or stock abundance or reductions in fishing opportunities resulting from conservation and management measures.

Step 1: Disaster Request Submitted to Governor

- a. Federal fishery resource disaster determinations are not automatic. An eligible entity must request a fishery resource disaster determination from the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary).
- b. Under federal law, if the Secretary has not independently determined that a fishery resource disaster has occurred, a request may be submitted to the Secretary by the Governor of an affected State, an official resolution of an Indian Tribe, or any other comparable elected or politically appointed representative as determined by the Secretary.
- c. In Alaska, requests to the Governor for consideration typically come from local governments or industry/user/community groups from the affected fishery.

Step 2: ADF&G Evaluates Request

- a. Once submitted and upon request by the Governor's Office, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) compiles information about the affected fisheries and evaluates each request relative to the criteria for a federal fishery resource disaster.
- b. This evaluation requires ADF&G to have final revenue data for the fishery in the disaster year as the Secretary will not make a determination on a disaster until final data are available.
- c. For Alaska fisheries, final revenue data are gross revenue data produced by the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission. These data are available in the Fall of the following year after the fishery occurred. If there were no commercial harvests in the affected fishery, the revenue value in the disaster year is zero, and a determination can be made with less delay.
- d. ADF&G evaluations and fishery data are then forwarded to the Governor's Office.

Step 3: Governor Submits Request to Federal Government

- a. If the State of Alaska (State) supports the public request, the Governor submits a letter to the Secretary requesting a federal fishery resource disaster determination.
- b. The request letter includes a clear description of the affected fishery(s), including identification of all fish stocks, whether the fishery is federal, non-federal, or both, and the geographical boundaries of the fishery. The letter also includes information on causes and impacts needed to support a finding of a fishery resource disaster, including
 - i. information demonstrating the occurrence of an unexpected large decrease in fish stock biomass or other change that results in significant loss of access to the fishery resource;
 - ii. significant 12-month revenue loss for the affected fishery or significant negative

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- iii. subsistence impact for the affected fishery;
- iii. information on lost resource tax revenues assessed by local communities, such as a raw fish tax and local sourcing requirements if applicable;
- iv. information on affected fishery 12-month revenue loss for charter, headboat, or processors if applicable and available.
- c. ADF&G forwards the compiled fishery data to NOAA Fisheries, which may request additional information to aid in the review.

Step 4: NOAA Fisheries Evaluates Request

- a. NOAA Fisheries evaluates the information provided by the requester to determine if the request meets the criteria for a fishery resource disaster.
- b. NOAA Fisheries provides the evaluation to the Secretary.

Step 5: Secretary of Commerce Determines Disaster

- a. The Secretary makes a determination based on NOAA Fisheries' evaluation and notifies the requester of the determination.
- b. To make a positive determination, the Secretary must find the fishery resource disaster occurred:
 - i. based on the revenue loss thresholds as defined by the Fishery Disasters Improvement Act, beginning on page 803 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023¹, amending the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA) and
 - ii. due to a natural cause, an anthropogenic cause, a combination of a natural cause and an anthropogenic cause, or an undetermined cause not more than 5 years prior to the date of a request for a fishery resource disaster determination.
- b. For charter fishing, the Secretary must also consider the economic impacts to the charter fishing industry to ensure financial coverage for charter fishing businesses.
- c. For subsistence fishing, the Secretary must evaluate the severity of negative impacts to the fishing community instead of applying the revenue loss thresholds.

Step 6: Congressionally Appropriated Funds Available

- a. Congress *may* appropriate funds for fishery resource disaster relief.
- b. There is no standing fund for disasters. To provide assistance, congressionally appropriated funding must be available to help those affected by the disaster.

Step 7: Disaster Funding Announced

- a. If funds are appropriated, the Secretary/NOAA Fisheries will announce the allocations for each fishery disaster.

Step 8: State Develops Draft Spend Plan

- a. Once allocations are announced, ADF&G on behalf of the State and in partnership with NOAA Fisheries, begins developing a draft spend plan based on high priority needs for the fishery with input from fishery participants and other affected groups.
- b. Disaster spend plan guiding principles: funds are intended to assist fishery participants harmed by the fishery resource disaster, to improve fishery information used to assess and forecast future fishery performance, and to develop

¹ [PL 117-328, December 29, 2022, 136 Stat 4459.](#)

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management approaches that mitigate the impacts of future fishery resource disasters that cannot be prevented

- c. Affected fishery participants/community groups may also develop a draft spend plan to help expedite the process. However, this should be done in coordination with ADF&G. The State must approve the final spend plan.

Step 9: Public Comment

- a. The State supports an open and transparent process for distributing disaster relief funds, and ADF&G works with affected stakeholders and NOAA Fisheries to identify funding priorities and develop spend plans for each positive fishery disaster determination.
- b. ADF&G has developed a process that includes releasing both an initial and second draft spend plan for public comment.

Step 10: ADF&G Submits Final Spend Plan to PSMFC

- a. ADF&G finalizes the spend plan after considering public comment on the second draft spend plan and submits a final draft spend plan to the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC).
- b. Questions about the spend plan should be directed to ADF&G.

Step 11: PSMFC Applies for Federal Grant

- a. PSMFC has been selected to administer federal grants for Alaska's fishery resource disaster programs because of its significant expertise with the process and low administrative costs, which makes more funds available for those affected by the disaster.
- b. PSMFC uses the spend plan developed by ADF&G as a basis for the federal grant application.

Step 12: Federal Grant Approval

- a. The federal grant must be approved by NOAA Fisheries and the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB).
- b. NOAA Fisheries and OMB may request edits to the spend plan and grant application prior to approval.

Step 13: PSMFC Receives Funds & Opens Application Period

- a. Once approved, the disaster relief funds are released from the Treasury to PSMFC which can then begin the application and distribution process.
- b. PSMFC will announce the open application period.
- c. All applications must be postmarked or otherwise received by PSMFC before the deadline set by PSMFC.
- d. Questions on completing an application should be directed to PSMFC.

Step 14: PSMFC Processes Applications

- a. Once the application period closes, PSMFC must process and verify all applications before funds can be distributed.
- b. PSMFC typically attempts to contact applicants if there are errors or omissions on applications. Errors and incomplete applications can cause significant delays in PSMFC's ability to process applications and distribute funds.
- c. Currently, ADF&G does not have access to any applications submitted to PSMFC. Questions about the status of applications should be directed to PSMFC. Applicants submitting an electronic application have the option to receive notification by email

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upon successful submission of the application.

- d. In addition to serving as the administrator for Alaska’s fishery relief programs, PSMFC administers federal fishery relief programs for Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Step 15: PSMFC Distributes Funds

- a. Once all applications are processed and verified, payment distribution can begin.
- b. PSMFC may distribute funds by fishing sector as each sector’s applications are processed, or it may distribute funds to all sectors once applications are processed, depending on the volume of applications and the details of a particular spend plan.

OTHER RESOURCES

Federal Fishery Disasters, Alaska Department of Fish and Game

- ADF&G’s webpage provides information on Alaska fishery disasters determinations and includes information for the public on how to participate in the spend plan drafting process.

Fishery Disaster Determinations | NOAA Fisheries

- NOAA Fisheries webpage shows a list and summary of pending and approved fishery disasters determinations.

Fishery Disaster Assistance | NOAA Fisheries

- NOAA Fisheries webpage provides an overview of fishery disaster assistance with links to the Fishery Disaster Improvement Act, NOAA’s policy on Disaster Assistance, and frequently asked questions.

Fishery Disaster Administration – Fisheries Relief (psmfc.org)

- PSMFC’s webpage provides the status of approved fishery disasters in Alaska and links to applications once available.

CONTACTS

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

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Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission

- fishdisaster@psmfc.org

MEMORANDUM

**TO: CORDOVA CITY COUNCIL
SAMANTHA GREENWOOD, CITY MANAGER**

FROM: JESSICA J. SPUHLER

**RE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA,
ALASKA, AMENDING CHAPTER 5.38, BIENNIAL MOTOR VEHICLE
REGISTRATION TAX, TO INCREASE THE MOTOR VEHICLE
REGISTRATION TAX LEVIED ON REGISTERED VEHICLES WITHIN
THE CITY.**

CLIENT: CITY OF CORDOVA

FILE NO.: 401777.291

DATE: AUGUST 2, 2024

This memorandum provides a brief overview of Ordinance 1219, amending Chapter 5.38 of the Cordova Municipal Code to increase the Biennial Motor Vehicle Registration Tax (“Vehicle Tax”), beginning January 1, 2026. Per statute, the tax may only be imposed or changed upon a year’s notice to the State, calculated from January 1 (meaning this Ordinance would need to be passed prior to January 1, 2025, in order to implement the change on January 1, 2026). The City may not change the tax schedule more than once every two years, and each change submitted will trigger a fee from the State to implement the changes.

The City of Cordova elected to impose the Vehicle Tax in 1999, as permitted by AS 28.10.431(j). Cordova’s existing code does not specify the tax schedule to be imposed. Presumably the City has received its allotment of the Vehicle Tax based on the State’s schedule since 1999. Municipalities are authorized to impose adjustments to the State’s tax schedule by ordinance under state statute.

Ordinance 1219 imposes rates that are slightly elevated from the State’s current schedule, as set forth in AS 28.10.431(b) and (1). The State statute showing the State’s schedules is attached here for comparison, as is a chart showing various municipality’s tax rates from 2022. The City Attorney has calls into the State to better understand how the State sets the tax rate (depreciation appears to be inconsistently considered, etc.). Municipalities across the State apply a patchwork of rates, some simply tying their municipal rate to the State schedule, others elevating certain or all categories of vehicles. All categories of vehicles are considered on an escalated basis for Council’s consideration in the Ordinance at introduction. The Ordinance also imposes a tax on permanently registered trailers within the City, which is also authorized by State statute and ensures that tax is collected upon permanent registration.

**CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA
ORDINANCE 1219**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA,
AMENDING CHAPTER 5.38, BIENNIAL MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION TAX, TO
INCREASE THE MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION TAX LEVIED ON REGISTERED
VEHICLES WITHIN THE CITY.**

WHEREAS, the City of Cordova elected in 1999 to come under the provisions of AS 28.10.431 which provides for the levy and collection by the State of a municipal motor vehicle registration tax for municipalities that elect to come under the provisions of that statute; and

WHEREAS, the City is authorized by statute to change the rates otherwise established by the State for the motor vehicle registration tax; and

WHEREAS, the City has not adjusted the municipal vehicle registration tax schedule set by statute since 1999; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that upward adjustments should be made to reflect current economic conditions in order to collect those taxes necessary to better maintain and service City roads.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Cordova, that:

Section 1. Cordova City Code Chapter 5.38, Biennial Motor Vehicle Registration Tax is amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 5.38 BIENNIAL MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION TAX

5.38.010 ~~Biennial motor vehicle registration tax.~~ **Election.**

5.38.020 ~~Rate of levy.~~

5.38.030 ~~Permanent registration – Trailers.~~

5.38.010 – ~~Biennial motor vehicle registration tax.~~ **Election.**

A. The city hereby elects the levy of a **biennial** motor vehicle registration tax under AS 28.10.431, as amended. This election shall become effective as of January 1, 2001.

B. Motor vehicles subject to registration tax under AS 28.10.431 are exempt from use and ad valorem taxes.

5.38.020 Rate of levy.

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A. Pursuant to AS 28.10.431 there is levied in the City a biennial motor vehicle registration tax on those vehicles subject to the State’s motor vehicle registration fee under AS 28.110.411 and 28.10.421. Pursuant to AS 28.10.431(j) the City modifies the scheduled amount of tax imposed under subsections (b) and (l) of the statute according to the following schedules: The tax due is based on the age of the vehicle as determined by model year in the first year of the biennial period, in the amount set forth below:

Tax According to Age of Vehicle Since Model Year								
<u>Motor Vehicle</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>5th</u>	<u>6th</u>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th or over</u>
<u>Motorcycle</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>
<u>Vehicles specified in AS 28.10.421(b)(1)(A) or (3)(A): Noncommercial passenger vehicles, motor homes, and low speed vehicles</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>140</u>	<u>130</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>110</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>70</u>
<u>Vehicles specified in AS 28.10.421(b)(1)(B): Taxicabs</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>140</u>	<u>130</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>110</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>70</u>
<u>Vehicles specified in AS 28.10.421(c)(1)-(4): commercial vehicles for hire based on unladen weight of:</u>								
<u>5,000 pounds or less</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>140</u>	<u>130</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>110</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>70</u>
<u>5,001-12,000 pounds</u>	<u>220</u>	<u>210</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>190</u>	<u>180</u>	<u>170</u>	<u>160</u>	<u>150</u>
<u>12,001-18,000 pounds</u>	<u>450</u>	<u>390</u>	<u>350</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>260</u>	<u>230</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>170</u>
<u>18,001 pounds and over</u>	<u>550</u>	<u>460</u>	<u>420</u>	<u>340</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>260</u>	<u>220</u>	<u>190</u>
<u>Vehicles specified in AS 28.10.421(b)(3)(B): Motor buses with a seating capacity for 20 or more persons and used</u>	<u>220</u>	<u>210</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>190</u>	<u>180</u>	<u>170</u>	<u>160</u>	<u>150</u>

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<u>exclusively for commercial purposes in the transporting of visitors or tourists</u>								
<u>Vehicles specified in AS 28.10.421(i)</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>Vehicles specified in AS 28.10421(d)(8): Amateur mobile radio station vehicles</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>140</u>	<u>130</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>110</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>70</u>
<u>Vehicles eligible for dealer plates under AS 28.10.421(d)(9)</u>	<u>100</u>							

B. Notwithstanding subsection A of this section, there is an annual tax levied in the City upon motor vehicles specified in AS 28.10.421(c) and subject to the registration fee under AS 28.10.411 and AS 28.10.421 if the owner elects to register the vehicle annually as allowed under AS 28.10.108(f). The annual tax under this subsection shall be according to the following schedule:

<u>Tax According to Age of Vehicle Since Model Year:</u>								
<u>Motor Vehicle</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>5th</u>	<u>6th</u>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th or over</u>
<u>5,000 pounds or less</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>35</u>
<u>5,001-12,000 pounds</u>	<u>110</u>	<u>110</u>	<u>110</u>	<u>110</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>55</u>
<u>12,001-18,000 pounds</u>	<u>165</u>	<u>165</u>	<u>165</u>	<u>165</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>85</u>
<u>18,001 pounds or over</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>232</u>	<u>214</u>	<u>196</u>	<u>178</u>	<u>160</u>	<u>142</u>	<u>125</u>

5.38.030 - Permanent registration—Trailers.

The City elects to allow permanent registration of trailers under AS 28.10.421(j). Pursuant to AS 28.10.431(j), there is established a tax on any trailer that is permanently registered under AS 28.10.421(j). The tax levied under this subsection is equal to the biennial rate established in subsection A., and is payable only once at the time a trailer is permanently registered in the City. The option for permanent registration under this subsection shall be available on January 1, 2026 and thereafter.

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Section 2. This ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after its passage and publication, however, the tax levied herein will not be imposed until 2026, per AS 28.10.431(j). This ordinance shall be enacted in accordance with Section 2.13 of the Charter of the City of Cordova, Alaska, within ten (10) days after its passage.

1st reading: August 7, 2024

2nd reading and public hearing: August 21, 2024

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2024.

David Allison, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk

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MEMORANDUM

**TO: CORDOVA CITY COUNCIL
SAMANTHA GREENWOOD, CITY MANAGER**

FROM: HOLLY C. WELLS

**RE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA,
ALASKA AMENDING CORDOVA MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 5
“REVENUE AND FINANCE” TO ADD CHAPTER 5.08 “PROPERTY
TAX OF AIRCRAFT” REMOVING THE EXEMPTION FOR PROPERTY
TAX ON AIRCRAFT STORED OR LANDING IN CORDOVA WITH A
FAIR MARKET VALUE OF TWO MILLION DOLLARS OR MORE AND
AMENDING CMC 5.05.030 TO CLARIFY THAT PERSONAL
PROPERTY IS EXEMPT FROM PROPERTY TAX EXCEPT AS
OTHERWISE STATED**

CLIENT: CITY OF CORDOVA

FILE NO.: 401777.291

DATE: AUGUST 14, 2024

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide a brief overview of Ordinance 1220 and its proposed terms.

The City of Cordova currently only imposes a property tax on real property, effectively exempting all personal property from property tax. Unlike other property exempted from the City’s property tax provisions, the Cordova Municipal Code does not require persons seeking an exemption for personal property to file an application for exemption. In order to clarify the exemption afforded personal property, the Ordinance revises CMC 5.05.030 to clearly state that personal property is exempted from tax except as otherwise provided in the Code and to clarify that no application for an exemption shall be required for personal property. These changes do not change the City’s practice or the tax imposed by the City; They only clarify the general exemption adopted for personal property.

The most substantial change proposed in the Ordinance is the adoption of CMC Chapter 5.08 entitled “Personal Property Tax On Aircraft.” Generally, this chapter lifts the exemption from taxation on aircraft with a fair market value of \$2,000,000 or more and clearly identifies aircraft as “personal property” subject to taxation under the Code. Additionally, the Ordinance adopts specific formulas for determining the assessed value of aircraft taxed under proposed Chapter 5.08

and the remedies and consequences for failing to pay the property tax or timely file aircraft personal property tax returns. Specifically, the Ordinance adopts penalties and interest provisions specific to aircraft taxation. If adopted, failure to pay the tax will result in 8% interest on the tax owed. Under the Ordinance, failure to timely pay the tax in full when due results in a penalty of \$50 for each month and a failure to provide required information is punishable by a \$300 fine. (See proposed section 5.08.050).

While the Ordinance substantially mirrors the aircraft tax adopted by the City of Dillingham, there are some notable differences. The Ordinance only applies to aircraft that has a fair market value of \$2,000,000 or more. Additionally, while the Ordinance requires that the owner of the aircraft file a tax return, it does not otherwise impose reporting or registration requirements on the aircraft owner. Additionally, the failure to timely pay the tax owed results in a \$50 per month penalty rather than a \$25 per month penalty. While this ordinance proposes the same taxation formulas adopted by Dillingham, we are still in the process of researching the basis for these formulas and the propriety of them for taxation in Cordova. Before Council adopts the Ordinance, we recommend that the City consult with the FAA and a tax consultant regarding the appropriate formula for apportioning taxation in Cordova, the anticipated revenue that this tax will generate, and the burden it will place on the affected taxpayers. The City is also exploring the resources and mechanisms necessary to enforce and administer this tax.

As proposed, the Ordinance attempts to avoid the tax limitations under AS 29.45.820, which prohibits the levy or collection of a fee on the air transportation of individuals or goods by a federally certified air carrier other than a tax authorized under 49 USC 40166(e) or 401117. That said, most communities imposing a tax on aircraft do so only after consulting a person specializing in federal aviation taxation. For this reason and the reasons stated above, and to ensure that the proposed provisions fully comply with all provisions of federal and state law, we recommend the retention of such a consultant to review the terms and procedures proposed in the Ordinance and ensure compliance with all relevant laws. Currently, our team is working with the City Manager and City Clerk to identify and retain a consultant with experience in and knowledge of federal aviation taxation. Once that review has been secured, the Ordinance will be updated as necessary.

**CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA
ORDINANCE 1220**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA
AMENDING CORDOVA MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 5 “REVENUE AND FINANCE” TO
ADD CHAPTER 5.08 “PROPERTY TAX ON AIRCRAFT” REMOVING THE EXEMPTION
FOR PROPERTY TAX ON AIRCRAFT STORED OR LANDED IN CORDOVA WITH A
FAIR MARKET VALUE OF TWO MILLION DOLLARS OR MORE AND AMENDING
CMC 5.05.030 TO CLARIFY THAT PERSONAL PROPERTY IS EXEMPT FROM
PROPERTY TAX EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE STATED**

WHEREAS, the City of Cordova (“City”) imposes a tax on real property within the City subject to specified exemptions; and

WHEREAS, AS 29.45.050(b)(2) authorizes the City to “classify as to type and exempt or partially exempt some or all types of personal property from *ad valorem* taxes;” and

WHEREAS, all personal property has been exempted from *ad valorem* tax in the City; and

WHEREAS, aircraft with a fair market value of Two Million Dollars or more represent personal property with an assessed value that far exceeds other personal property in the City warranting the imposition of a property tax on the portion of the assessed value of that property attributed to the presence of that property in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City currently exempts all personal property tax from *ad valorem* taxes but does not expressly identify this exemption in the Cordova Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, it is in the City’s best interest to amend the Cordova Municipal Code to expressly address the personal property tax exemptions adopted and applied and to repeal the exemption on property tax that applies to aircraft stored or landed in the City with a fair market value of \$2,000,000 or more,

NOW, THEREFORE, it is ordained as follows:

Section 1. Cordova Municipal Code Title 5 “Revenue and Finance” is amended to add Chapter 5.08 entitled “Property Tax on Aircraft” and renumber 5.08 “Business Prohibited to Persons Indebted to the City until Debt is Paid” to Cordova Municipal Code Chapter 5.09.

Section 2. Cordova Municipal Code Section 5.05.030 “Applicability of Provisions” is amended to read as follows:

5.05.030 Applicability of Provisions.

All real property in the City is subject to taxation, except real property exempt under the constitution of the State, the applicable laws of the State, including all properties listed in AS 29.45.030, the City Charter or the ordinances of the City. **Personal property shall be exempted from tax except as otherwise expressly provided in this code. No application for an exemption shall be required for personal property.**

Section 3. Cordova Municipal Code Chapter 5.08 “Property Tax on Aircraft” is adopted to read as follows:

Chapter 5.08 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX ON AIRCRAFT

5.08.010 Definitions.

5.08.020 Personal Property Tax-Aircraft.

5.08.030 Aircraft Property Tax Return.

5.08.040 Assessor’s Right to Investigate.

5.08.050 Penalties and Interest.

5.08.060 Application of Payments.

5.08.070 Collection of Taxes, Penalties and Interest.

5.08.080 Appeal.

5.08.010 Definitions.

A. For the purpose of this section:

1. “Scheduled air carrier” shall mean any certified air carrier which maintains a regular schedule of flights to and from the City.

2. An aircraft is “based outside of the City” if the airport at which the aircraft is usually based, as indicated by that aircraft’s tax return, lies outside the City limits, unless the city has reason to believe that the aircraft is in fact based within the City limits.

5.08.020 Personal property tax-Aircraft.

A. For the purpose of assessing, levying, and collecting taxes, any aircraft which is used for personal or commercial purposes within City limits or which is stored within City limits at any time in a tax year shall be considered personal property. All aircraft with a fair market value of \$2,000,000 or more shall be subject to property tax under this title.

B. All owners of an aircraft with a fair market value of \$2,000,000 or more must file a personal/business property tax return indicating the value of the aircraft as of January 1st of each tax year. The property tax return form shall be available on the City’s website and at the City Clerk’s office.

C. Aircraft are assumed to be present within the City year-round unless demonstrated otherwise. If the owner of an aircraft can demonstrate the aircraft was absent one or more days during the tax year, the owner shall file a return indicating (1) the fair market value of the aircraft, and (2) the number of days the aircraft was not in Cordova. The assessed value of such aircraft shall be determined by the following formula:

$$\text{Assessed value} = \frac{\text{fair market value}}{365 \text{ days}} \times \text{number of days [including partial days] in Cordova}$$

D. An aircraft that is in transit and does not receive any benefit or services in Cordova during the year is not subject to taxation under this section.

E. Any aircraft which is based outside of the City and is operated by a scheduled air carrier shall be assessed in proportion to the number of landings by that aircraft in the City. This value shall be determined by the following formula:

$$\text{Assessed value} = \frac{\text{fair market value}}{17,520} \times \text{total landings}$$

For purposes of determining the assessed value of the aircraft, the assessor shall use the fair market value of the aircraft as of January 1st of the current tax year, and shall use the total number of landings in the City by the aircraft in the previous tax year.

F. It shall be the responsibility of the air carrier to provide the City with a return documenting the total landings for each aircraft. In the event the air carrier fails to provide such documentation, the assessor shall assess the aircraft based on its full value as of January 1st of the tax year.

5.08.030 Aircraft Property Tax Return.

A. Every person with an aircraft with a fair market value of \$2,000,000 or more shall submit to the city an aircraft personal property return, postmarked on or before the first business day in February, of any aircraft with a fair market value of \$2,000,000 or more stored or landed in the City in the year for which the return is being filed. The return shall be based on property values existing as of January 1st of the year in which the return is made. The person making the return in every case shall state the address to which all notices required to be given to that person under this chapter may be mailed or delivered. The return shall show the nature, quantity, description, amount and value of the aircraft subject to taxation, and the place where the property is stored or landed in the City. The return shall be in such form and include such additional information as the assessor may prescribe, and shall be signed and verified under oath by the person liable or the authorized agent or representative for that person.

B. The assessor may require a person to provide details and information regarding personal property subject to tax under this chapter beyond the details and information included in a tax return. Any request for additional details and information required by the assessor shall be identified by the assessor in a written request for supplemental information mailed to the owner of the property. The owner must respond to the request by providing

the additional details and information to the assessor no more than 30 days after the request was mailed.

5.08.040 Assessor's Right to Investigate.

The assessor may personally examine and investigate taxable property pursuant to AS 29.45.130.

5.08.050 Penalties and Interest.

A. The following penalties shall be cumulative and shall be imposed, due and payable, as indicated:

1. If the personal property tax assessed and due under this Chapter has not been paid in full when due, a penalty of Fifty Dollars shall be due and payable for each month following the due date until paid in full. Following each due date of taxes, seven calendar days shall elapse before any penalty is added to the tax. At the expiration of the seven-calendar-day grace period, the penalty will be added.

2. For failure or refusal to comply with the reporting or disclosure of information required by this chapter, a penalty of Three Hundred Dollars may be assessed by the City.

B. For failure to pay taxes as required under this chapter, interest at the simple rate of eight percent per year shall accrue on all taxes due and payable. Interest shall be calculated and applied on a monthly basis.

5.08.060 Application of Payments.

Any payments received for an assessment year shall be applied first to costs and attorney fees of collection, penalties, interest and tax.

5.08.070 Collection of Taxes, Penalties and Interest.

A. The City may collect all taxes, penalties and interest due and payable under this chapter by action and in the case of the owner against either or both the aircraft and its owner.

B. The personal property tax and all penalties and interest due and payable under this chapter shall be a lien upon the aircraft and the City Manager may file a lien for the tax owed and all penalties and interest due with the Federal Aviation Administration and record such lien with the Recorder of the state of Alaska. Such lien may be foreclosed by the City as provided by law.

5.08.080 Appeal.

A taxpayer under this chapter may appeal a determination of the City regarding the filing of a return or the amount due the City under this chapter directly to the superior court as provided by rules of court applicable to appeals from the decisions of administrative agencies or may first appeal to the Board of Equalization as provided by law.

Section 4. This ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after its passage and publication. This ordinance shall be enacted in accordance with Section 2.13 of the Charter of the City of Cordova, Alaska, within ten (10) days after its passage.

1st reading: August 21, 2024

2nd reading and public hearing: _____

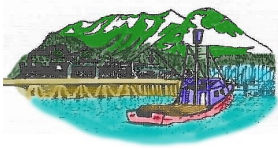
PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2024.

David Allison, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk

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City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska
Pending Agenda
August 21, 2024 Regular Council Meeting

A. Future agenda items - topics put on PA with no specific date for inclusion on an agenda initially put on or revisited

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| 1) Public Safety Resources - discussion | 1/20/2021 |
| 2) Ordinance change (Title 4) to ensure Council has a role in CBA approval process | 9/6/2023 |
| 3) Council discussion about incentives for investment in Cordova | 11/3/2021 |
| 4) Revenues (head tax, <u>mv reg tax</u> , <u>airline landing tax</u> , etal) - explore alternate revenues in '24
<u>mv reg tax (2nd reading 8/21/24) aircraft landing - (1st reading 8/21/24)</u> | 8/7/2024 |
| 5) Facility condition assessments part 2 work session (did P&R on 4-19-23) - Oct '23 | 9/6/2023 |
| 6) City Code re: procurement, Manager spending limit trigger in a code provision | 4/19/2023 |
| 7) Discuss/create a policy for established timeframes for review of City ongoing contracts | 9/6/2023 |
| 8) Explore methods to capture tourism dollars by requiring arriving RVs to use paid facilities | 9/6/2023 |
| 9) Strategic planning work session (goal setting), to include Permanent Fund and other priorities | 2/21/2024 |
| 10) Bonding for City streets - explore for when asphalt plants will be in town during other projects | 4/3/2024 |
| 11) Work Session-2024 financials, sales tax code re-write, alternate revenues, sales tax (exemption on food) | 8/7/2024 |
| 12) Fisheries Committees (combining them) - also emergency declaration for 2024 fisheries to be considered | 8/7/2024 |

B. Resolutions, Ordinances, other items that have been referred to staff date referred

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| 1) Disposal of PWSSC Bldg - referred until more of a plan for north harbor so the term of RFP would be known | 1/19/2022 |
| 2) Res 12-18-36 re E-911, will be back when a plan has been made | 12/19/2018 |

C. Upcoming Meetings, agenda items and/or events: with specific dates

- 1) Capital Priorities List, Resolution 01-24-01, is in each packet - if 2 council members want to revisit the resolution they should mention that at Pending Agenda and it can be included in the next packet for action
- 2) Staff quarterly reports will be in the following packets:

10/16/2024	1/15/2025	4/16/2025	7/16/2025
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- 3) Joint City Council and School Board Meetings - twice per year, May & October
 before Council mtg in **May** 6pm @ CHS before Sch Bd mtg **Oct. or Nov.**
- 4) Clerk's evaluation - each year in **Feb** (before Council changeover after Mar election) - next **Feb '25**
- 5) Manager's evaluation - each year in **Jan** - next one **Jan '25**
- 6) In **May** each year City will provide public outreach regarding beginning of bear season photo by Wendy Ranney
- 7) Ord 1217 Title 5 rewrite - first reading property tax portion on **6/5/24** 2nd reading **7/3 & 8/7/24**
 * sales tax portion of this forthcoming **late summer/fall 24**
- 8) Each year in **June** Council will approve by Resolution, the School's budget and City's contribution
- 9) Land disposal decision - impound lot - **9/4/24** regular meeting



D. Council adds items to Pending Agenda in this way:

item for action	tasking which staff: Manager/Clerk?	proposed date
1) ...		
2) ...		
3) ...		

Mayor Allison or the City Manager can either agree to such an item and that will automatically place it on an agenda, or a second Council member can concur with the sponsoring Council member.



**City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska
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E. Membership of existing advisory committees of Council formed by resolution:

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| <p>1) Fisheries Advisory Committee:
re-auth res 01-20-04 approved Jan 15, 2020
auth res 04-03-45 approved Apr 16, 2003</p> | <p>1-John Williams (fisheries educ/Mar Adv Prgm)
3-vacant (processor rep)
5-Chelsea Haisman (fish union/CDFU)</p> | <p>2-Jeremy Botz (ADF&G)
4-Jim Holley (marine transportation/AML)
6-Tommy Sheridan (aquaculture)</p> |
| <p>2) Cordova Trails Committee:
re-auth res 11-18-29 app 11/7/18
auth res 11-09-65 app 12/2/09</p> | <p>1-Elizabeth Senear
3-Dave Zastrow
5-Stormy Haught</p> | <p>2-Toni Godes
4-Ryan Schuetze
6-Michelle Hahn</p> |
| <p>3) Fisheries Development Committee:
authorizing resolution 12-16-43
reauthorization via Res 11-19-51
approved 11/20/2019</p> | <p>1-Warren Chappell
4-Gus Linville
7- Ron Blake</p> | <p>2-Andy Craig
5-vacant
8- John Whissel
3-Bobby Linville
6-Bob Smith</p> |

F. City of Cordova appointed reps to various non-City Boards/Councils/Committees:

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| <p>1) Prince William Sound Regional Citizens Advisory Council</p> | <p>David Janka appointed March 2024</p> | <p>2 year term until May 2026</p> |
| <p>2) Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation Board of Directors</p> | <p>Tommy Sheridan appointed June 2024</p> | <p>3 year term until Sept 2024</p> |
| <p>3) Alaska Mariculture Alliance</p> | <p>Sean Den Adel appointed March 2024</p> | <p>no specific term</p> |

**CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA
RESOLUTION 01-24-01**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA,
DESIGNATING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, the Cordova City Council has identified several Capital Improvement projects that will benefit the citizens of Cordova, and in several cases the entirety of Prince William Sound; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Cordova has identified the following Capital Improvement projects as being critical to the future well-being and economy of Cordova and the surrounding area:

Port and Harbor

- North Harbor Efficiency and Safety
 - Stabilize Breakwater Ave through sheet piling to create usable uplands for industrial, commercial, Harbor and associated uses.
 - Improve pedestrian safety by creating a sidewalk and boardwalk system to navigate between the north and south harbors.
 - Provide additional cranes, laydown areas, and in-harbor fuel services.
- Waste Oil/Maintenance Building
- Shipyard Expansion
- Harbor Basin Expansion

Water Upgrades

- Improve water delivery during peak water usage.
- Booster station at Murchison tank to improve water delivery during peak flow.
- Permanent siphon at Crater Lake to improve water delivery during peak flow.
- Upgrade Pipe Infrastructure.
- Upgrade pump stations and equipment.
- Feasibility Study services and Fire Protection (hydrants) to Outlying Areas
- Water distribution upgrades

Sewer Upgrades

- Replacement/upgrade of Wastewater plant and Scada.
- Replacement/Upgrades of Lift Stations.
- Replacement of Force main in Odiak Slough.
- Upgrade Pipe Infrastructure.

Streets Infrastructure and Equipment

- 6th and 7th Streets Upgrades
- Chase Avenue Upgrades
- Replace/Upgrade pedestrian walkways (4th and Adams) (Council Street), and (2nd Street to Main)
- Wheeled Loader
- Road Grader
- Backhoe

Water Services and Fire Protection (hydrants) to Outlying Areas – Feasibility Study

Public Safety

- E-911 Implementation
- Acquire and integrate new hardware to fully utilize the new E-911 addressing.
- Replace Failing RMS
- Replace Dispatch Console
- Replace Radio Structure on Ski Hill
- Engineering and Preliminary Design of Public Safety Building
- Prep Site

Recreational Safety and Development

- Pool Infrastructure
 - Door and Siding Replacements and CMU Joint Repairs
 - Pool Cover Replacement
 - Pool Roof Replacement
 - Ventilations Remodel/Replacement
 - Electrical Distribution System Replacement
 - ADA Compliance and Parking Area re-grade.

- Bidarki Recreation Center
 - Structural Repair
 - Code and Ada Compliance
 - Facility Improvements

- Eyak Lake Skater’s Cabin
 - Demolish and replace.

- Playground Renovations
 - Replacement of swing set at Noel Pallas Children’s Memorial Playground

- Parks Restrooms/Buildings/Structures
 - Ballfield/Cordova Municipal Park Restroom/Concession Stand – Code and ADA Compliance
 - Fleming Spit Restroom Replacement
 - Odiak Pond Boardwalk and Gazebo – Code and ADA Compliance
 - Odiak Camper Park Restrooms/Facility Improvements – Code and ADA Compliance.
 - Parks Maintenance Shop Facility Improvements – Code Compliance

- Ski Hill Improvements

Land Development

- Housing
- Cold Storage
- Harbor Basin Expansion

and;

WHEREAS, some or all of these projects will be submitted to State or Federal legislators and/or agencies as Capital Improvement projects for the City of Cordova, Alaska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, hereby designates and prioritizes the above listed projects as Capital Improvement projects.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 17th DAY OF JANUARY 2024



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David Allison, Mayor

ATTEST:



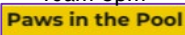











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Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk

most recently approved capital improvements list

August 2024







CALENDAR MONTH **AUGUST**
 CALENDAR YEAR **2024**
 1ST DAY OF WEEK **SUNDAY**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
						  10am-3pm
4 10am-3pm  	5  8am-3pm	6	7 6:45 Public hearing 7:00 Council reg mtg CCAB	8	9  Hanseatic Spirit in Cdv 8/9 2pm-12am	10
11	12  8am-3pm	13	14 6:30 P&Z CCAB 6:00 Harbor Cms CCAB 7:00 Sch Bd HSL	15	16  ALASKA STATE FAIR AUGUST 16 - SEPTEMBER 2	17
18	19  8am-3pm	20  August 20, 2024 5:30 CTC Board Meeting CCER	21 CSD school year starts FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL 7:00 Council reg mtg CCAB	22	23	24 10am-2pm  
25	26  8am-3pm	27	28 6:00 P&R CCM 6:00 CEC Board Mtg CCER	29	30  ALASKA STATE FAIR AUGUST 16 - SEPTEMBER 2	31
1	2	Notes Legend: CCAB-Community Rms A&B CCM-Mayor's Conf Rm HSL-High School Library CCA-Community Rm A CCB-Community Rm B CCRG-Copper River Gallery HCR-CCMC Conference Room				

Cncl - 1st & 3rd Wed
 P&Z - 2nd Tues
 SchBd, Hrb Cms - 2nd Wed
 CTC - 3rd Tues
 P&R - last Tues
 CEC - 4th Wed
 Hosp Svcs Bd - last Thurs

September 2024

CALENDAR MONTH	SEPTEMBER
CALENDAR YEAR	2024
1ST DAY OF WEEK	SUNDAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  ALASKA STATE FAIR AUGUST 16 - SEPTEMBER 2	2  8am-3pm Sept 2 Labor Day Holiday City Hall Offices Closed	3	4 7:00 Council reg mtg CCAB	5 	6	7
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22	23	24 6:00 P&R CCM	25 6:00 CEC Board Mtg CCER	26 12:00 Hosp Svc Bd HCR	27	28
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6	7	<p>Notes</p> <p>Legend: <u>CCAB</u>-Community Rms A&B <u>HSL</u>-High School Library <u>CCA</u>-Community Rm A</p>	<p><u>CCB</u>-Community Rm B <u>CCM</u>-Mayor's Conf Rm <u>CCER</u>-Education Room</p>	<p><u>LN</u>-Library Fireplace Nook <u>CRG</u>-Copper River Gallery <u>HCR</u>-CCMC Conference Room</p>	<p>Cncl - 1st & 3rd Wed P&Z - 2nd Tues SchBd, Hrb Cms - 2nd Wed CTC - 3rd Tues</p>	<p>P&R - last Tues CEC - 4th Wed Hosp Svcs Bd - last Thurs</p>
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City of Cordova, Alaska Elected Officials & Appointed Members of City Boards and Commissions

Mayor and City Council - Elected

seat/length of term	email	Date Elected	Term Expires
Mayor: 3 years	David Allison Mayor@cityofcordova.net	March 1, 2022	March-25
Council members:			
Seat A: 3 years	Tom Bailer CouncilSeatA@cityofcordova.net	March 1, 2022 March 5, 2019	March-25
Seat B: 3 years	Cathy Sherman CouncilSeatB@cityofcordova.net	March 7, 2023 March 3, 2020	March-26
Seat C: 3 years	Kasey Kinsman, Vice Mayor CouncilSeatC@cityofcordova.net	March 7, 2023	March-26
Seat D: 3 years	Wendy Ranney CouncilSeatD@cityofcordova.net	March 5, 2024 July 5, 2023	March-27
Seat E: 3 years	David Zastrow CouncilSeatE@cityofcordova.net	March 5, 2024	March-27
Seat F: 3 years	Kristin Carpenter CouncilSeatF@cityofcordova.net	March 1, 2022	March-25
Seat G: 3 years	Ken Jones CouncilSeatG@cityofcordova.net	March 1, 2022	March-25

elected by cncl

Cordova School District School Board of Education - Elected

length of term		Date Elected	Term Expires
3 years	Barb Jewell, president bjewell@cordovasd.org	Mar 1, 2022, Mar 5, 2019, Mar 1, 2016, Mar 5, 2013	March-25
3 years	Henk Kruithof hkruithof@cordovasd.org	March 5, 2024 March 2, 2021	March-27
3 years	Terri Stavig tstavig@cordovasd.org	March 1, 2022	March-25
3 years	Peter Hoepfner phoepfner@cordovasd.org	Mar 5, 2024, Mar 2, 2021, Mar 6, 2018, Mar 3, 2015, Mar 6, 2012, Mar 3, 2009, Mar 7, 2006	March-27
3 years	David Glasen	March 7, 2023	March-26

seat up for re-election in Mar '25	vacant
board/commission chair/vice	
seat up for re-appt in Nov '24	

(updated 07-29-24)

City of Cordova, Alaska Elected Officials & Appointed Members of City Boards and Commissions

Hospital Services - Board of Directors - Elected

length of term		Date Elected	Term Expires
3 years	Diane Ujioka CCMCBoardSeatC@cdvcmc.com	March 5, 2024 December 19, 2023	March-27
3 years	Ann Linville CCMCBoardSeatA@cdvcmc.com	March 1, 2022	March-25
3 years	Shelly Kocan CCMCBoardSeatB@cdvcmc.com	July 25, 2023	March-25
3 years	Liz Senear CCMCBoardSeatD@cdvcmc.com	March 5, 2024 March 2, 2021	March-27
3 years	Kelsey Appleton Hayden, Chair CCMCBoardSeatE@cdvcmc.com	March 7, 2023 March 3, 2020	March-26

Library Board - Appointed

length of term		Date Appointed	Term Expires
3 years	Mary Anne Bishop, Chair	Nov '06, '10, '13, '16, '19, Dec '22	November-25
3 years	Debra Adams	Dec '21	November-24
3 years	Sherman Powell	June '18, Feb '20, Jan '23	November-25
3 years	Mark Donachy	Dec '23	November-26
3 years	Krysta Williams	Feb '18, Dec '20, Dec '23	November-26

Planning Commission - Appointed

length of term		Date Appointed	Term Expires
3 years	Kris Ranney	Dec '22	November-25
3 years	Mark Hall, Vice Chair	Nov '19, Dec '22	November-25
3 years	Sarah Trumblee	Dec '20, Dec '23	November-26
3 years	Tania Harrison, Chair	Mar '22	November-24
3 years	Gail Foode	Dec '23	November-26
3 years	Chris Bolin	Sep '17, Nov '18 Dec '21	November-24
3 years	Sean Den Adel	Dec '23	November-26

seat up for re-election in Mar '25	vacant
board/commission chair	
seat up for re-appt in Nov '24	

(updated 07-29-24)

City of Cordova, Alaska Elected Officials & Appointed Members of City Boards and Commissions

Harbor Commission - Appointed

length of term		Date Appointed	Term Expires
3 years	Ryan Schuetze	Dec '23	November-26
3 years	Andy Craig, Chair	Nov '16, '19 & Dec '22	November-25
3 years	Garrett Collins	Dec '23	November-26
3 years	Ken Jones	Feb '13, Nov '16, Nov '19, Dec '22	November-25
3 years	Christa Hoover	Dec '21	November-24
3 years	Hein Kruithof	Dec '23	November-26
3 years	Tommy Sheridan	Sept '22	November-24

Parks and Recreation Commission - Appointed

length of term		Date Appointed	Term Expires
3 years	Jim Fritsch	May '24	November-24
3 years	Henk Kruithof	Nov '19, Dec '22	November-25
3 years	Aaron Hansen, Chair	Dec '21	November-24
3 years	Kara Rodrigues	Dec '23	November-26
3 years	Marvin VanDenBroek	Feb '14, Nov '16, Nov '19, Dec '22	November-25
3 years	Jason Ellingson	Mar '23	November-25
3 years	Erin Cole	May '24	November-26

Historic Preservation Commission - Appointed

length of term		Date Appointed		Term Expires
3 years	Kris Ranney, PC member	Mar '23	appt'd by PC	November-25
3 years	Heather Hall, professional member	Aug '16, Feb '20, Mar '23		November-25
3 years	Sylvia Lange, NVE member	Nov '22, Nov '19	appt'd by NVE	November-25
3 years	Christy Mog, professional member	Dec '23		November-26
3 years	Ashley Bivin, historical society member	Dec '23		November-24
3 years	Nancy Bird, professional member	Nov '17, Nov '18		November-24
3 years	Jim Casement, public member	Dec '21		
3 years		Dec '23		November-26

seat up for re-election in Mar '24	vacant
board/commission chair	
seat up for re-appt in Nov '24	

(updated 07-29-24)