

Manager's Update – February 15, 2024

Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) Meeting in Seattle: This meeting was attended by Assembly Member Potter, Port Director Jennings, and me. During our time in Seattle, we engaged in several productive meetings.

We met with Anchor QEA to receive an update on our MMO permit and reporting for the Ore Peninsula Redevelopment Project. We also had a meeting with the project's management team to discuss the project schedule. Another significant meeting was with a group of cruise ship representatives, geotechnical experts, and dock owners to discuss strategies for rockslide mitigation in 2024 and future rockslide mitigation efforts.

Furthermore, we had the opportunity to meet with representatives from CLIA, who encouraged our participation in their membership. We also had impromptu conversations and meetings with representatives from NCL, RCI, Holland America, and Disney.

Additionally, Port Director Jennings and I attended the Alaska Port Communities discussion hosted by the Port of Seattle and the Port of Victoria, which provided valuable insights into port community dynamics.

Rockfall Safety Work: Pursuant to the proposal approved by the Assembly on January 18, Shannon and Wilson and team will be mobilizing to Skagway at the end of February to begin work.

State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grant Applications: The SHSP is a reimbursable, federally funded pass-through grant program to assist local and tribal all-hazard preparedness activities (planning, equipment, training, and exercise) that address identified gaps or capability targets. It is anticipated that funding will be awarded in the Fall of 2024. The Municipality of Skagway has applied for the following projects that have been identified as high-priority by emergency services departments, department audits, and/or Administration:

- Virtual Small Arms Training Equipment
- Quint Fire Apparatus (i.e. Ladder Truck)
- Interoperable Communications Plan (i.e. Redundant Dispatch, Identifying Communications Equipment Needs)
- 8-Wheel Argo Search and Rescue (SAR) Vehicle
- AlaskEx Exercise Series (Participation in Regional Emergency Operations Planning and Exercises)

Southeast Conference Mid-Session Summit: Deputy Manager Deach attended the Southeast Conference Mid-Session Summit in Juneau, February 6 – 8. The following items from various presenters are of interest:

- [Southeast Alaska by the Numbers 2023 – UPDATE](#)
- [Biomass – SEC Presentation](#)
- [Mule Deer Foundation](#)

- [Juneau Tourism Survey](#)
- [AMHS Update](#)
- [The Alaska Mariculture Cluster](#)
- [Maritime Institute Training Programs](#)
- [USDA Rural Development](#) – Planning for Extension of Water/Sewer Utilities
- [AML Energy Activities](#)
- [USEPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grants](#)
- [All Presentations](#)