



Aleutian & Pribilof Islands LEPC Meeting

Date: 4/26/2024 from 1 PM to 2:15 PM

Location: Unalaska Library – Community Room

**Attendees:** Peter Gurney, Lauren Adams, Laresa Syverson, Zac Schasteen, Kerry Mahoney, Erica Aus, Rachel Alinsunurin, Shari Coleman, Heidi Lucking, Wayne Jackson, Tyler Justus, Greg Peters (Zoom), Lynn Crane (Zoom), Aviva Braun (Zoom), Layton Lockett (Zoom), William Dushkin (Zoom), Ed Hammond (Zoom), Greg Walz, Sasha Rankin, Kristi Wallace (Zoom)

### 1. Introduce new Members

1. Layton Lockett –City Manager of Adak, Alaska.
2. VPSO William Dushkin—City of Atka, AK
3. Wayne Jackson—Delta Western Petroleum -- Dutch Harbor Site Manager
4. VPSO Kevin Davis – Saint Paul Island, Alaska

The Aleutian and Pribilof Islands LEPC consists of the communities of Unalaska, Adak, Atka, Saint Paul, Saint George, and Nikolski. We are excited to have Adak City Manager Layton Lockett, City of Atka VPSO William Dushkin, and VPSO Kevin Davis of Saint Paul on our committee. We look forward to sharing information with all of the communities in our district to increase all hazards preparedness throughout our area.

Additionally, we are very fortunate to have Delta Western Site Manager Wayne Jackson as part of our committee. He was a strong contributor in his first meeting and we look forward to working with him.

**More new members:** After the meeting, we received membership applications from Laresa Syverson and Tom Wray of the Ounalashka Corporation. This is great news for our committee as the OC is a crucial stakeholder within Unalaska. Additionally, Delta Western Petroleum Operations Supervisor Greg Walz joined our committee shortly after the meeting.

### 2. Logo Contest Winner / Website

1. Displayed our new logo to the membership. It can be viewed on our website and about LEPC page. Some features on the new logo include the following:
  1. Sea life and mountain to represent Aleutian & Pribilof Islands
  2. Displays Aleutian & Pribilof Islands on top with acronym LEPC written below it

3. The 6 dots surrounding LEPC are representative of the 6 communities within our committee: Unalaska, Adak, Atka, Nikolski, Saint Paul, and Saint George
4. Local Emergency Planning Committee written out on bottom
5. Shows hazards present in our area such as Volcano, Earthquake, Hazmat, Tsunami, and Hurricane Force winds.

### **3. LEPC Funding / Raffle**

1. Our committee currently has no source of funding. In the meeting we discussed requesting funding via sponsorship from different local entities. After hearing of our financial issues, Delta Western representatives advised that they may be able to sponsor us in some capacity or potentially help with fundraising. Additionally, we discussed the possibility of applying to become a 501c3 non-profit organization. There are currently no 501c3 LEPC's in the State of Alaska, but we will be looking into how to go about this.
2. To raise money for LEPC, discussed conducting a \$10,000 raffle (500 tickets / \$20 per ticket). The members who spoke on the raffle idea felt it was a good idea and something we should consider. It was mentioned that we could have the drawing at the July 4, 2024 event. During meeting, KUCB General Manager/LEPC member Lauren Adams advised that KUCB has a raffle permit and would be happy to let the Aleutian and Pribilof Islands LEPC conduct a raffle via their permit. This would be a great opportunity for us!

### **4. Discussed LEPC bylaws**

1. The bylaws will give structure to our group and provide us with the power of having a living document that dictates how our committee is run.
2. As a group, we did a brief overview of the Anchorage LEPC bylaws and discussed how we can use what they have put together as a framework to develop bylaws that will meet our needs.

### **5. Hazardous Materials Emergency Plan**

1. This is something we need to prioritize with a goal of completing by October. I have reached out to the Fire Chief in an attempt to collaborate on this plan. As a group, we did a brief run through of the Hazardous Materials Emergency Plan checklist that was provided by Kathy Shea with DEC. This is an important project for us to work together on in partnership with the City of Unalaska over the next few months. Delta Western representatives expressed interest in helping with this plans development as they have a thorough plan already developed.

6. **Introduce Kristi Wallace with Alaska Volcano Observatory:** Alaska Volcano Observatory personnel are planning to be in Unalaska from June 26<sup>th</sup> to June 28<sup>th</sup>. They would like to meet with our committee during that time. Kristi Wallace spoke to the group about Unalaska's Hazard Mitigation Plan and Emergency Operations Plan having Volcano information in them. AVO personnel would like to assist with updating the Volcano sections of these plans to ensure that the information is correct and that we are all on the same page. Wallace advised that Makushin Volcano is considered one of the top 5 most dangerous volcanoes in the state of Alaska, so it's important that we have strong plans in place. AVO personnel plans to collaborate with the National Weather Service in upcoming visits.

7. **Plan for summer visit from National Weather Service:** LEPC Member / National Weather Service Meteorologist Aviva Braun advised that National Weather Service personnel will be coming to Unalaska in late August (Week of the 26<sup>th</sup>). They will be focusing on Tsunami outreach during this time but are open to discussing other topics. Some bullet points from Aviva are as follows:
1. Want to visit the schools, talk to students about Tsunami risk
  2. Would like to have community meetings while here.
  3. Would like to have an LEPC meeting while here.
  4. Mission is Protection of life and property
  5. Fire Chief will be assisting with her itinerary for the week; she will let us know if further assistance is needed.

## 8. Roundtable

- 1) At the LEPC Association meeting in Anchorage, there were approximately 12 LEPC's represented from the different districts throughout the state. Of those 12, we were one of the few that has been active in the last year, they were impressed by what we've done out here. We've built a pretty solid group without any funding, which is something to be proud of. The other active LEPC's in the state were primarily run by the municipality through their office of emergency management. In the State Emergency Response Committee (SERC) Meeting; SERC member Casey Cook mentioned our committee and all that we have done without funding. He advised the SERC board that it was important that they advocate for their LEPC's to receive funding.
- 2) Kerry Mahoney requested that National Weather Service personnel consider meeting with Head Start when conducting their visit and that it would also be good to meet with Senior Center.
- 3) Wayne Jackson with Delta Western discussed possible funding options for the committee.
- 4) Coast Guard MSD Supervisor Tyler Justus advised the group that this would likely be his last meeting as he is relocating in late June. He has enjoyed being a part of our committee and plans to pass the baton to his replacement. Change of command ceremony is on June 24<sup>th</sup>. Thank you very much to Tyler Justus for being a consistent attendee and contributor at all of our meetings!
- 5) After meeting, member brought up that it would be a good idea to purchase sound equipment for our meetings to create a better experience for our virtual attendees. We had numerous attendees via Zoom and there were times when in person attendees could not hear or be heard due to their proximity from the computer. This was a good idea, I will look into different options in the coming weeks.

**Next Meeting:** Our next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Friday, June 3, 2024. I will send out a meeting invite with meeting agenda a few weeks prior to the meeting. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.