

ALASKA LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE FILES, 2003-2004 8672

10724 HOUSE COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

To: **Mayor and Council/Assembly**

& Manager/Finance Director/Clerk

From: Kevin Ritchie, Executive Director

Date: February 24, 2003

Re: **2003 Municipal Fiscal Conditions Survey - Please return ASAP**

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Name of Respondent Robert S. Prunella Title City Manager

Name of Municipality Wrangell

1. Is your community facing an economic downturn? No Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent. See Attached

2. Is your municipal government or school district anticipating a budget shortfall this coming year? No Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent. _____

See Attached

Please FAX TO AML at 907-463-5480 ASAP

Thank You!

2003 Municipal Fiscal Conditions Survey

1. Wrangell's economy has been in a downward spiral since 1994 when Alaska Pulp Corp. closed its doors. At that time, the community lost, not only its latest direct employer -- 250 jobs, but also all associated support service jobs. The communities' payroll earnings have dropped over 30% which translates to 10-12 million dollars. Our population, since 1995, has declined approximately 22%. The community is continuing to see business closures, lost revenues, and family departures. The loss of the timber industry, Silver Bays' bankruptcy, and the uncertainties of the seafood industry will have further negative implications for Wrangell.
2. A. FY04 School budget begins with a \$736,000 deficit and does not take into account these certified/tenured staff are being paid from grant funds (Title I, Title V, Quality Schools, Comprehensive School Reform). This deficit is due to a decline in student enrollment (below 425) resulting in decreasing from a 3-school to 2-school site and anticipated increased insurance costs.

To meet this deficit, the district will be reducing programs and staff by nine (9) certified teaching positions plus one middle school principal/teacher from the FY03 certified staff of 34. That is a reduction of 26.4% of the certified staff. There are also reductions in classified staff, travel, student supplies, and equipment.

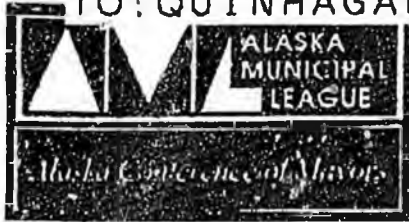
B. In the City of Wrangell's draft 2003-2004 budget we show a deficit budget of \$548,000 in the General Fund, which represents 14% of the total General Fund Budget. This is equivalent to 5.65 mills. We have had big increases to costs for Insurance (110%), Group Health (14%), our PERS rate (71%), and fuel prices. At the same time our sawmill is filing a Chapter 11 bankruptcy owing the city over \$165,000 and may not open for some time. In addition, our second largest non-government employer, Wrangell Seafood's is trying to reorganize so they can continue to operate. Wrangell has a 10 mill property tax rate and the largest sales tax rate in the state at 7%. Any additional reductions in State funding will drastically add to the dilemma of maintaining existing services without tax increases. Our utilities (Water, Sewer, Sanitation, and Electricity) are also struggling. Wrangell recently has constructed both a Water Treatment Plant and a Wastewater Treatment Plant to comply with current regulations. Unfortunately, our population is declining because of lack of jobs and that fixed cost is now spread over fewer people, which drives up the cost per person. We also have the problem of people without jobs that can not pay their utility bills.

FEB. 25. 2003 3:13PM ALASKA MUNI LEAGUE

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FROM: AK MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

TO: QUINHAGAK



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Name of Respondent Grace L. Hill Title Mayor

Name of Municipality City of Quinhagak

1. Is your community facing an economic downturn? No Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent. Fish prices are low. Village

jobs are scarce especially in the winter.

2. Is your municipal government or school district anticipating a budget shortfall this coming year? No Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent. _____

Water and Sewer, and police are short of funds every year.

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FEB. 25. 2003 1:30PM ALASKA MUNI LEAGUE

TO: CORDOVA

NO. 4645 P. 1/1
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Name of Respondent Scott A. Hahn Title City Manager

Name of Municipality City of Cordova

1. Is your community facing an economic downturn? No Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent. Justing downturn, state revenue sharing, lower interest payments on revenues

2. Is your municipal government or school district anticipating a budget shortfall this coming year? No Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent. See above! Estimate maybe 3% shortfall

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ALASKA MUNI LEAGUE

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TO: SKAGWAY



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Name of Respondent BOB WARD Title CITY MANAGER

Name of Municipality SKAGWAY

1. Is your community facing an economic downturn? No Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent. OUR COMMUNITY IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY

SEASONAL. YEAR ROUND EMPLOYMENT AND POPULATION
ARE DECREASING

2. Is your municipal government or school district anticipating a budget shortfall this coming year? No Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent. THE SCHOOL

IS FACING DECLINING ENROLLMENT. THE RESULTING DECREASE
IN STATE FUNDING RESULTS IN A BUDGET GAP THAT MUST
BE MET THROUGH MUNICIPAL FUNDING SOURCES. ADDITIONALLY,
THE NEW COST DIFFERENTIAL STUDY MAY IMPACT STATE FUNDING AS WELL.

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FEB. 25. 2003 1:46PM ALASKA MUNI LEAGUE

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TO: FALSE PASS

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Name of Respondent John Nickels Title Mayor/City Administrator

Name of Municipality City of False Pass

1. Is your community facing an economic downturn? No Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent. Our community historically relied on

the salmon industry for jobs + community tax base. Since the value of salmon has dropped, people are having a hard time earning a living, and the City has far less revenue to operate.

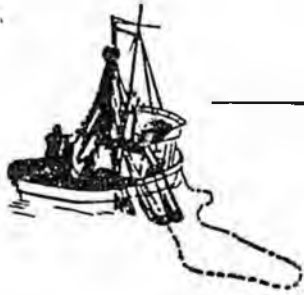
2. Is your municipal government or school district anticipating a budget shortfall this coming year? No Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent. As the value

of Salmon declined, a small processor started up that helped generate revenue to the City. They have closed, so those revenues are gone now as well. Impact in 2003 is more than \$103,000 lost revenue. Budget shortfall expected to exceed \$60,000 at end of Fiscal year.

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See attached 2 pg. memo



City of False Pass

P.O. Box 50 • False Pass, Alaska 99583-0050
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Date: February 12, 2003

To: Bering Pacific Seafood Board of Directors

From: John Nickels, Mayor

Subject: Impacts of BPS closure to False Pass

The closure of Bering Pacific Seafood has had a very significant impact on the community of False Pass, particularly in revenues received by the City. The following figures represent annual losses of revenue that until recently have come to the City from BPS activities. To put this loss of revenue into perspective, the City expects to finish this fiscal year with expenditures totaling approximately \$519,500 and income totaling \$456,400, resulting in a \$63,000 deficit, which will be covered with reserves. This is after significant cuts have already been made to our budget, and next fiscal year will probably require reduction in the services and benefits provided, and perhaps an increase in some rates to avoid a similar deficit.

Electric Utility. Sales of electric power have averaged \$5,218 per month, or approximately \$62,000 per year. Approximately \$23,000 of this revenue would pay for fuel, leaving a \$39,000 loss of revenue to the City. \$39,000

Water Utility. The commercial rate for water is \$400 per month, or \$4,800 per year. This is adjusted using the residential rate now being paid by BPS 4,632

Landfill. The commercial rate for use of the landfill is \$400 per month while operating, and \$100 per month when temporarily closed. Eight months operating and four months closed would total \$3,900. This is adjusted using the residential rate now being paid. 3,840

Wharfage. Revenue from BPS freight and product crossing the City dock over the last year. 20,047

Moorage. Assuming the Dipper is in False Pass only four months in 2003, eight months of the 2003 fee will not be realized. 8,517

Fish Tax (local). For the last four quarters, BPS paid \$18,760 collected from fishermen selling raw fish to the processor. 18,760

State Fish Tax. Estimated using above sales volume. Does not include State Shared Fisheries Tax that would result from these fish sales.	7,035
Sales Tax. Based on the estimated reduction in local store sales and fuel purchased by BPS.	1,680
Total	\$103,511

There are numerous other impacts to our community resulting from the closure of BPS. The Tribal Council will no longer receive rent from their warehouse, and will have to find other uses, or renters for the building. At least two individuals will have to find other renters for their houses. One has been shut down and winterized for lack of a tenant, and the other is rented, but at a reduced rate. One local family that depended on BPS for employment has left the community because of the closure. The nearest market for cod fishermen is now King Cove. The availability of marine freight and air transportation service that increased because of BPS has returned to former levels. The expertise of BPS engineering staff to help residents troubleshoot problems with boat engines, generators, refrigeration and other equipment will no longer be available.

It is understandable that as BPS reconfigures to a shore based operation that the business will be far different than what it has been. Revenues received by the City from a "new" BPS may well not look like the above list, but clearly there will be economic benefit that our community desperately needs. The point I would like to impress on BPS board members is that the City of False Pass has lost a large portion of its normal operating revenues as the value of wild salmon has declined. Bering Pacific Seafood has been filling that gap, but no longer is. It is imperative that economic development takes place soon to avoid problems maintaining the viability of our community. While it is important to plan future BPS development carefully, for our community time is critical.

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ALASKA MUNI LEAGUE

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TO: TELLER



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Name of Respondent Ken Hughes Title Mayor

Name of Municipality Teller

1. Is your community facing an economic downturn? No Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent.

We have a new school, clinic, and head start
to build this summer.

2. Is your municipal government or school district anticipating a budget shortfall this coming year? No Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent.

Unlike some others, we plan to spend only
what we have. Services provided by the city
however are at an all time low.

Please FAX TO AML at 907-463-5480 ASAP
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TO: SHAGELUK



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Name of Respondent Maranda Burkett Title City Clerk

Name of Municipality Shageluk

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2. Is your municipal government or school district anticipating a budget shortfall this coming year? No Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent. School

District - Iditarood Area School District.

They spend too much money where they

don't need to. Don't know specifics -

call 524-3599.

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Name of Respondent: Robert Nick Title: Mayor

Name of Municipality: Nunapitchuk

1. Is your community facing an economic downturn? No Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent.
 - 1) lack of commercial fisheries, - lack of disaster assistance for fuel and electricity and sanitation.
 - 2) rising cost of goods and services, 3) reduction in revenue sharing and municipal assistance, 4) no tax base
 - 5) lack of jobs, except for school, stores + local projects,
 - 6) locally 2 major projects nearing completion.
2. Is your municipal government or school district anticipating a budget shortfall this coming year? No Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent.
 - Municipal, ->
 - 1) maintenance and upgrade needs of city equipment + facilities,
 - 2) need to raise salaries due to increase in minimum wages,
 - 3) cost-sharing with tribal government -> tribal funds will see major reduction in coming FY.

School district -> about a 4 million deficit will be shared by local schools. Potential reduction in Para-professional staff due to new Education Laws
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Name of Respondent Herman T. Reich, Sr. Title City Manager

Name of Municipality City of Kotzebue

1. Is your community facing an economic downturn? No X Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent. _____

2. Is your municipal government or school district anticipating a budget shortfall this coming year? No Yes ✓ If yes, please discuss the cause and extent. Our Regional Jail is actually a facility supported by the residents of Kotzebue with our contract with the State Corrections of \$589,506.00 per year and expenses projected at \$918,169.00 will have a loss of (\$328,663.00). With the talk of eliminating the revenue sharing and the non-support of the Borough, the impact falls on the tax paying residents of Kotzebue.

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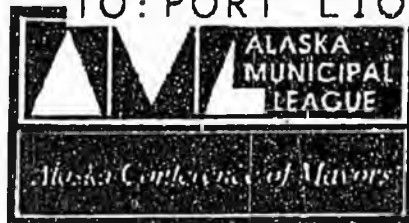
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Name of Respondent Evelyn Mullan Title Mayor

Name of Municipality City of Port Lions

1. Is your community facing an economic downturn? No Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent. The majority of our citizens worked

as fishermen and for the timber industry on Afognak Island.

Both fishing and timber are on the down side, therefore

our economic base is low; people have been moving out of the community to find work in the larger municipalities.

2. Is your municipal government or school district anticipating a budget shortfall this coming year? No Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent. Our Budget

will be cut this year due to fewer land sales; they were

helping to make up the shortfall of our past cuts

in Revenue Sharing and Safe Communities Funding.

Without State assistance our Fire - Police - Clinic & Parks Departments
will suffer tremendously.

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TO: TOKSOOK BAY



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Name of Respondent Feta Lincoln Title Mayor

Name of Municipality City of Toksook Bay

1. Is your community facing an economic downturn? No Yes ✓ If yes, please discuss the cause and extent. When commercial fishing turned disaster

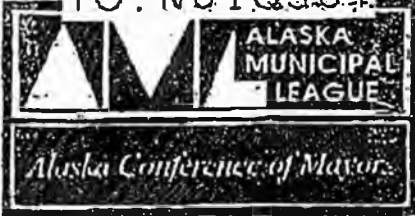
our municipality has to depend on revenue sharing and other programs to support our city services such as water & sewer, animal control, landfill, refuse collectors and etc... if there are cuts or elimination on state programs it will cripple our community.

2. Is your municipal government or school district anticipating a budget shortfall this coming year? No Yes ✓ If yes, please discuss the cause and extent. _____

We are seriously considering about eliminating some employees and reducing or eliminating some city services.

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TO: NUIQSUT



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Name of Respondent Rosemary Ahtuanganwah Title Mayor

Name of Municipality City of Nuiqsut

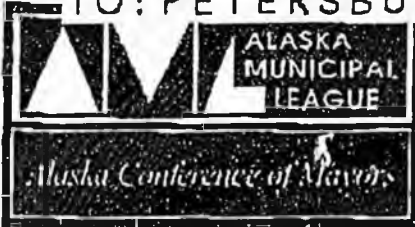
1. Is your community facing an economic downturn? No Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent. The community has municipal jobs as the mainstay of employment. We have lost 20 jobs in the last 2-3 yrs. This downturn is related to the decreased funding through oil dev. and the loss of revenues

2. Is your municipal government or school district anticipating a budget shortfall this coming year? No Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent. The ISB has cuts of \$2-3 million more this yr which equates to loss of jobs for the village. The village has essentially no other economic revenue so it the corp. which is in its infancy to oil dev on corp lands & the huge task that involves.

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TO: PETERSBURG



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Name of Respondent JEAN MACK Title FINANCE DIRECTOR

Name of Municipality CITY OF PETERSBURG

1. Is your community facing an economic downturn? No Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent. At the present we are experience a slight decrease in sales tax collections, transient room tax, and property tax.

This will effect the revenue projects for the coming year

2. Is your municipal government or school district anticipating a budget shortfall this coming year? No Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent. _____

As a result of the above there will be a decrease in the funds available for budgeting.

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Name of Respondent Gwen Emel Title City Administrator

Name of Municipality City of Alakanuk

1. Is your community facing an economic downturn? No Yes X If yes, please discuss the cause and extent. Lack of commercial fishing has been devastating for our community. The City government relies on taxes, water/sewer income and building and equipment rentals. With no income coming into the community everyone suffers.

2. Is your municipal government or school district anticipating a budget shortfall this coming year? No Yes X If yes, please discuss the cause and extent. With unemployment at a crises high residents cannot afford to buy locally, therefore lower tax revenues, & unpaid bills to the city government.

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Name of Respondent Lana Kaula Title Clerk

Name of Municipality City of Savoonga

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Name of Respondent Chuck Peterson Title Mayor

Name of Municipality City of New Stuyahok

1. Is your community facing an economic downturn? No Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent. Do to the Bristol Bay Fisheries

Declining, local economy is needed here in New Stuyahok to create jobs for local fishermen + residents

2. Is your municipal government or school district anticipating a budget shortfall this coming year? No Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent. The City of

New Stuyahok is in need of heavy equipment to maintain road ways, funding to keep up with doing repairson heavy equipment ~~parts~~ - equipment to old.

Please FAX TO AML at 907-463-5480 ASAP
Thank You!

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ALASKA MUNI LEAGUE

NO. 4645 P. 01

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Name of Respondent DALE ADAMS Title MAYOR

Name of Municipality CITY OF HOUSTON

1. Is your community facing an economic downturn? No__Yes__ If yes, please discuss the cause and extent. _____

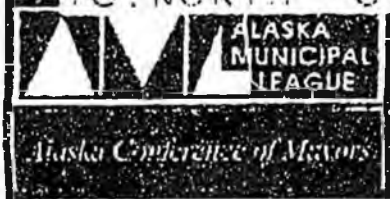
We are a very small city with limited revenue. If the state were to decrease or eliminate our revenue sharing it would have a serious financial impact on our city as we just barely make it with what we receive.

2. Is your municipal government or school district anticipating a budget shortfall this coming year? No__Yes__ If yes, please discuss the cause and extent. _____

Yes, if our portion of revenue sharing is decreased or eliminated.

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TO: NORTH POLE



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Name of Respondent Jeff Jacobson Title Mayor

Name of Municipality City of North Pole

1. Is your community facing an economic downturn? No Yes if yes, please discuss the cause and extent

Possibly - Economic tax base needs to be diversified.

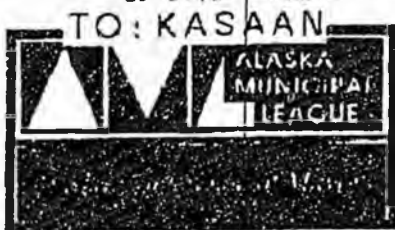
2. Is your municipal government or school district anticipating a budget shortfall this coming year? No Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent

Insurance costs and operational expenses are exceeding projected revenues. Employees may have to be laid off & services curtailed if revenues are not increased somehow. Property taxes were raised 2 years ago to close fiscal gap.

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Name of Respondent Michael S. Queen Title Administrator

Name of Municipality City of Kasaaan

1. Is your community facing an economic downturn? No Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent. WORLD WIDE HAS SHUT DOWN AND THE LARGEST

TIMBER CONCERN ON THE ISLAND HAS FILED FOR BANKRUPTCY. OUTMIGRATION
DUO TO JOBS LOSS CATASTROPHICALLY AFFECTS OUR COMMUNITY AND
ALL OF PEOPLE OF WALES ISLAND.

2. Is your municipal government or school district anticipating a budget shortfall this coming year? No Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent.

DUO TO OUTMIGRATION, THE KASAAN SCHOOL FALLS BELOW THE
MINIMUM PUPIL CENSUS REQUIREMENTS and our schoolchildren
will have to be bussed 25 miles one way daily over a one lane
improved logging road to school in Thorne Bay.

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Name of Respondent DELBERT KADAKE Title CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Name of Municipality CITY OF KAKE

1. Is your community facing an economic downturn? No Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent. DUE TO LIMITED LOGGING, BAD PRICING OF FISH, LIMITED AMOUNT OF GRANTS FOR STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING TO PROVIDE JOBS, HIGH COST OF LIVING EXPENSES.

2. Is your municipal government or school district anticipating a budget shortfall this coming year? No Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent. _____

Fewest Receipts are expected to be approximately \$20,000 less than FY'03 due to a drop in enrollment. At this time, we have heard rumors of a further enrollment drop in FY'04, but we won't know until

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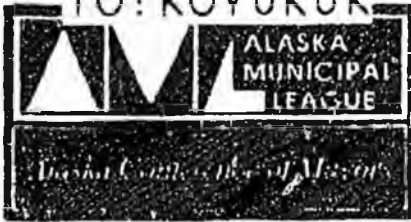
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ALASKA MUNI LEAGUE

NO. 4645 P. 1/1
FROM: AK MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

TO: KOYUKUK



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Name of Respondent Vera C. Hestenkof Title City Administrator

Name of Municipality City of Koyukuk

1. Is your community facing an economic downturn? No Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent. State funding is a

vital resource for the City of Koyukuk.
It provides funding for Employer wages, grants
and the PCE program.

2. Is your municipal government or school district anticipating a budget shortfall this coming year? No Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent. IF the

State makes cuts for Revenue Sharing program,
the City Staff wages are covered by
the State Revenue Sharing program. Please do
not jeopardize our jobs.

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Thank You!

FEB. 25, 2003 2:08PM ALASKA MUNI LEAGUE

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TO: KAKTOVIK



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Name of Respondent LOW SONSALLA Title MAYOR

Name of Municipality CITY OF KAKTOVIK

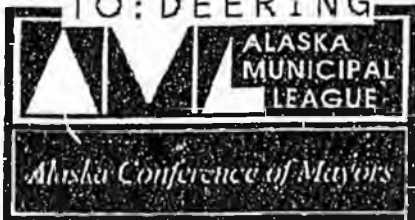
1. Is your community facing an economic downturn? No Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent.

Tax Dollars from Prudhoe are declining and the North Slope Borough's budget is in decline which affects all North Slope communities.

2. Is your municipal government or school district anticipating a budget shortfall this coming year? No Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent.

The North Slope Borough has been and will continue to cut 5 to 6 million from its budget for the next 5 to 6 years. The school district is cutting approximately 1 million per year during that time.

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Name of Respondent Benimoto Title Clerk

Name of Municipality City of Deering

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2. Is your municipal government or school district anticipating a budget shortfall this coming year? No Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent. _____

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Name of Respondent Dave Campfield Title Vice-Mayor

Name of Municipality City of Ouzinkie

1. Is your community facing an economic downturn? No Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent. _____

The Major Cause for a Downturn
is the fishing industry problems.
Ouzinkie is a fishing village.

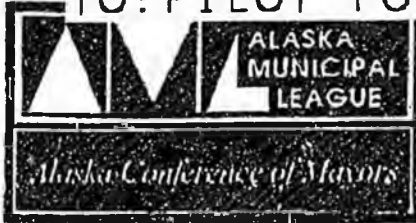
2. Is your municipal government or school district anticipating a budget shortfall this coming year? No Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent. _____

Both the city and the School are
facing cut backs. Each year the City has
to use reserves.

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Thank You!

TO: PILOT POINT



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Name of Respondent City of Pilot Point / Dennis Griechen Title Mayor

Name of Municipality City of Pilot Point

1. Is your community facing an economic downturn? No Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent. Do to the decline in the commercial fishing

pricing as well as the returning stocks, the City has seen a steady decline in revenue.

2. Is your municipal government or school district anticipating a budget shortfall this coming year? No Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent. As mentioned

above, the City's budget was comprised off of a 3% sales tax off of the fish catch in our bay. Without the fish tax monies, we need other revenues to help complete our budgets.

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Thank You!

TO: SAINI MARY S

FROM: AK MUNICIPAL LEAGUE



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Name of Respondent WATSON Smith Title CITY MANAGER
Name of Municipality ST. MARY'S

1. Is your community facing an economic downturn? No Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent. We are dependent upon grant funding - both directly to us as well as for neighboring villages who buy gravel from us. I must supplement our general fund activities with \$350,000 per year to maintain minimal services.

2. Is your municipal government or school district anticipating a budget shortfall this coming year? No Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent. I am always facing a shortfall. As the state reduces funding and services I have to provide more services locally with less money.

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Thank You!

TO: ALEKNAGIK

FROM: AK MUNICIPAL LEAGUE



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Name of Respondent Patricia Heyano Title City Administrator

Name of Municipality City of Aleknagik

1. Is your community facing an economic downturn? No Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent. _____

The commercial fishing industry has been hit hard by poor salmon returns and reduced demand for salmon due to farmed fish. Bristol Bay has had 5 disaster years out of the past 6. Approximately 36 permit holders in Aleknagik.

2. Is your municipal government or school district anticipating a budget shortfall this coming year? No Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent. _____

The City offers services, such as heavy equipment services, boat hauling, barge service, septic pumping services, and snow removal. People are unable to pay their bills with the City. Approximately \$36,000 outstanding in Accounts Receivable at the City.

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Name of Respondent Alf R. (Windy) Skaflestad Title Mayor

Name of Municipality City of Hoonah, Alaska

1. Is your community facing an economic downturn? No Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent. _____

SEE ATTACHMENT

2. Is your municipal government or school district anticipating a budget shortfall this coming year? No Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent. _____

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
1. Hoonah is small Tlingit Village which has primarily relied on the seasonal industries of timber and fishing. As you are aware, both of these industries have taken a severe downturn. We are struggling to obtain what benefits are available from them, plus searching for other economic possibilities. Commercial businesses are required to pay approximately 37 cent per kilowatt hour, a big detriment to encourage more and new business to broaden our economic base.

2. With the closure of Glacier Bay, the reduction in timber and fishing the City has experienced losses in both fish tax and sales tax. The decrease of timber and fishing also causes a drop in student enrollment which lowers funds. Additional, what funds the City has managed to set aside to assist us through this difficult period has been severely effected, by a low return on those investments, particularly after the September 11th crisis. During all this the cost of living continues to increase, affecting the City's expense budget as we continue with operation maintenance and safety issues.

CITY OF ANGOON

PO. BOX 189 • ANGOON, ALASKA 99820 • (907) 788-3653 • FAX (907) 788-3821

To: Kevin Ritchie, Executive Director

From: Walter Jack, Mayor 
City of Angoon

Date: February 25, 2003

Re: 2003 Municipal Fiscal Conditions Survey

Name of Respondent: Walter Jack

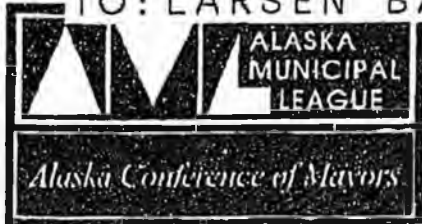
Title: Mayor

1. Is your community facing an economic downturn? No Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent. Angoon lacks an economic base, therefore, cannot offer any job opportunities to community members. Although fishing has been the historic economic base for years, that area is experiencing a decline due to the low prices and lack of market. A domestic market could be a part of the solution, with community-based sales in all local stores through-out Alaska.

2. Is your municipal government or school district anticipating a budget shortfall this coming year? No Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent. We seem to be getting more unfunded mandates on facilities owned and operated by municipalities, ie., water and sewer plants with a more stringent regulation, which means more monitoring. Homeland security, more hours for departments with-out the necessary funding. Whether a police department or VPSO program, I recommended to establish an endowment fund.

TO: LARSEN BAY

FROM: AK MUNICIPAL LEAGUE



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Name of Respondent Allen Panamaroff Sr. Title Mayor

Name of Municipality City of Larsen Bay

1. Is your community facing an economic downturn? No Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent. Municipal funds from state diminishing, Cannery not operating, Higher price for fuel and groceries. All these play a major role in how the municipality conducts services to the community.

2. Is your municipal government or school district anticipating a budget shortfall this coming year? No Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent. Lack of Raw Fish Tax to the community, Cut down on PGE, Higher price on fuel and other commodities

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Name of Respondent MARTIN B MOORE Title MANAGER
Name of Municipality City of Emmonak

1. Is your community facing an economic downturn? No Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent.

If I explain Fishery disaster to one in the State Govt seems to Listen - I know Community municipalities are impacted Lacking commercial fishing

Disasters 1999-2000-2001 and 2002 9 million Less dollars For each year For individuals. Plus the unaccounted fish processor losses in millions of \$\$\$.

2. Is your municipal government or school district anticipating a budget shortfall this coming year? No Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent.

The City is revisiting it's budget and Plans of Employment Reduction is at hand. Community Rejected Sale Tax increase 3 to 5% unpaid w/s bills \$65,000 Cable TV \$21,000

Please FAX TO AML at 907-463-5480 ASAP - It is not feasible Thank You! For the State to Eliminate revenue sharing it will cost The State more at the end.

Member of the National League of Cities and the National Association of Counties

Martin B Moore
In-behalf the Community Council Members -

TO: BREVIG MISSION



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Name of Respondent Brian Crowlitt Title Mayor - City of Brevig Mission
Name of Municipality City of Brevig Mission

1. Is your community facing an economic downturn? No Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent. The caribou have run out with

major portions of the local reindeer herds.
The water & sewer project is almost done.
We are already taxing at a 3% sales tax rate.

2. Is your municipal government or school district anticipating a budget shortfall this coming year? No Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent. We are

expecting a short fall because we are
shouldering more responsibilities, and we also
are trying to compete with local entities
for qualified personnel.

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TO: DELTA JUNCTION



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Name of Respondent Patricia White Title City Clerk

Name of Municipality City of Delta Junction

1. Is your community facing an economic downturn? No Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent. _____

2. Is your municipal government/ ~~community~~ anticipating a budget shortfall this coming year? No Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent. _____

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Name of Respondent Lucy Williamson Title City Clerk/Treas

Name of Municipality City of Ruby

1. Is your community facing an economic downturn? No__ Yes X If yes, please discuss the cause and extent. There is no revenue generation that would support a city. State assistance is critical to providing basic municipal services at a minimal level.

School losing population, all basic services are increasing in costs (insurance, fuel, etc).

See below.

2. Is your municipal government or school district anticipating a budget shortfall this coming year? No__ Yes X If yes, please discuss the cause and extent. Increases

in basic insurance for the City, increased fuel costs,

increased transportation costs, etc all lend to larger expenditures,

less revenue. School (YKSD) has serious financial challenges, and

as student population decreases (students going to charter school, etc) Ruby faces the possibility of losing its school and ultimately its population.

Please FAX TO AML at 907-463-5480 ASAP
Thank You!

FROM : CITY OF COLD BAY ALASKA

FAX NO. : 9075322671

Mar. 02 2003 01:16PM P1

FEB. 25 2003 1:29PM

ALASKA MUNI LEAGUE

NO. 4645 P. 1/1

TO: COLD BAY,

FROM: AK MUNICIPAL LEAGUE



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To: Mayor and Council/Assembly
& Manager/Finance Director/Clerk
From: Kevin Ritchie, Executive Director
Date: February 24, 2003

Re: 2003 Municipal Fiscal Conditions Survey - Please return ASAP

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Name of Respondent John T. MAXWELL Title MAYOR

Name of Municipality Cold Bay

1. Is your community facing an economic downturn? No Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent. FUEL PRICES KEEP INCREASING,

this RAISES THE CITY'S UTILITIES, CURRENTLY \$80,000⁰⁰

A YEAR. Reduction is Fish TAXES AND STATE grants puts

higher cost on our RESIDENTS, WATER + SEWER IS OUR
MAIN local income.

2. Is your municipal government or school district anticipating a budget shortfall this coming year? No Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent. Potential

\$ 100,000⁰⁰ REPLACEMENT WATER WELL.

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Thank You!

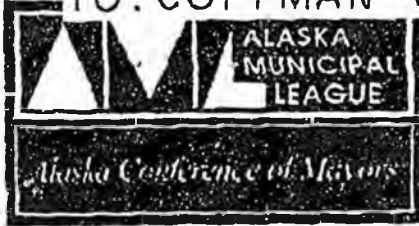
FROM : RIGGIN SHACK

FEB. 25. 2003 1:28PM

ALASKA MUNI LEAGUE PHONE NO. : 907 329 2260

Mar. 03 2003 04:06PM P1
FROM: AK MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

TO: COFFMAN COVE



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Name of Respondent John Willis Title Treasurer

Name of Municipality Coffman Cove

1. Is your community facing an economic downturn? No Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent. Lack of year round / decent wage jobs due

to timber industry (holies). Difficult to attract new industry /
business' to area due to high cost of development & operating
cost - ie. electricity / internet / freight

2. Is your municipal government or school district anticipating a budget shortfall this coming year? No Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent. INCREASES IN

operating expenses - insurance, utilities, employee related
cost. Difficult to keep projects moving forward & within
budget due to slow, cumbersome & over regulated permitting
process - / Extent - we've been tapping our land

Sales Reserve Acct to meet operating expenses
Please FAX TO AML at 907-463-5480 ASAP earlier each year -

Thank You!

Last FY was March -
this FY was late Jan.



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Name of Respondent Fannie Carroll Title City Manager

Name of Municipality Fort Yukon, City of

1. Is your community facing an economic downturn? No Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent.

Our community is rural, we are in the later phases of a water/sewer system... this must not be cut at this stage as we would not be able to complete this program without assistance. Also, for further building concerning transportation here is detrimental to our cost of living.

2. Is your municipal government or school district anticipating a budget shortfall this coming year? No Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent.

It appears that our local, + Regional - Yukon Flats School District is facing cuts of 543,469., which means 3 teachers will not be returning, classes are going to have to be combined with multiple levels. Our cost of fuel is x2 of urban areas, to keep up high standards, rural communities can not

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survive with such cuts.

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Name of Respondent ~~RL~~ RL ROMENESKO Title CITY MGR.

Name of Municipality CITY OF NOME

1. Is your community facing an economic downturn? No Yes -If yes, please discuss the cause and extent. NOME HAS EXPERIENCED FLAT OR

NOMINAL GROWTH OVER PAST 5 YRS. WE EXPECT
THIS ZERO GROWTH TO CONTINUE.

2. Is your municipal government or school district anticipating a budget shortfall this coming year? No Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent. _____

SCHOOL DISTRICT IS CHRONICALLY UNDERFUNDED & WILL
BE SERIOUSLY IMPACTED (NEGATIVELY) IF "DISTRICT
COST FACTOR STUDY" IMPLEMENTED.

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Thank You!



CITY OF UNALAKLEET

BOX 28
UNALAKLEET, ALASKA
99834
(907) 624-3531
FAX (907) 624-3130

March 4, 2003

The Honorable Donald C. Olson
Alaska State Senate
State Capitol
Room 510
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

RE: Revenue Sharing/Safe Communities Funding

Dear Senator Olson,

As the time nears for Governor Murkowski to unveil his proposed FY04 operating budget, stories of reduced funding to municipalities have begun to circulate naturally causing concern to the communities within the State and in your region including Unalakleet.

With the spot market of oil prices just out of sight, our community and all who are so dependent upon bulk fuel shipments, this item alone will have a devastating impact upon our FY04 Budget. In fact, Yukon Fuel is hesitant in providing the City of Unalakleet with a quote so we can submit our annual bulk fuel revolving loan fund application. Just this single item will have a major impact upon the City from reduced heating consumption which in turn results in lower sales tax revenues which in turn results in less operating revenue for police, streets, library and building maintenance.

Last year our insurance costs went up 66% and premiums are scheduled for another 10% to 20% increase again this year. The cost of providing insurance other than Workers Compensation is making communities think twice of carrying any coverage at all. In fact, the philosophy is that if the water plant or electric plant is destroyed by fire, an emergency exists and the State will build a new one for us. The same holds true in differing maintenance until it is inoperable and an emergency exists.

We struggle to provide our citizens with the basics within the limited resources available. The continued erosion of State Shared Revenues has caused the City Council to reflect upon hard choices of what is important in maintaining the quality of life in our community within a limited income. We have been diligent in collecting utility payments with over 60% paying in full every month. Collection of sales tax, alcohol tax and bed tax is current with all the vendors. Yet we live hand to mouth.

With the large increase in operating costs looming in our FY04 Budget, we can ill afford any reduction in State Shared revenues. Current State mandated requirements such as having two (2) certified water plant operators for wages and fringe benefits alone results in nearly 10% of the total operating budget. Without the operators, we are in non-compliance.

When the issue of reducing or eliminating State Shared Revenues is discussed or even voted upon, consideration of the long-term impact upon the local communities should be paramount in the deliberations. Municipalities have taken more than their fair share of reduced revenues in the past ten to fifteen years and we continue to be the "fall guy" when it comes to reducing State spending.

The City of Unalakleet asks that you seriously look upon the impact of reduced State Shared revenues to the communities within your election district, but the entire State as well.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Yours truly,



Henry Ivanoff, Sr.
Mayor

FEB. 25. 2003 2:04PM

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ALASKA MUNI LEAGUE

907 829 2224

NO. 4645 P. 1/1

P. 1

TO: HUSLIA

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Name of Respondent Elsie Vent Title City Administrator

Name of Municipality Huslia

1. Is your community facing an economic downturn? No Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent. _____

with costs of services going up it is tough to keep up with the state cutting back on revenues.

2. Is your municipal government or school district anticipating a budget shortfall this coming year? No Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent. _____

Every year there is a cut back from the state ^{in revenues} so we the people suffer the consequences.

Please FAX TO AML at 907-463-5480 ASAP
Thank You!

TO: PORT ALEXANDER



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Name of Respondent DAVID WALLER Title MAYOR

Name of Municipality PORT ALEXANDER

1. Is your community facing an economic downturn? No Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent. _____

FAIRLY NORMAL - NOT A LOT OF SURPLUS
BUT FAMILIES HERE BALANCE / NO
MATTER HOW PRECARIOUSLY.

2. Is your municipal government or school district anticipating a budget shortfall this coming year? No Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent. _____

THE MUNICIPALITY WILL BE OK NO MATTER
HOW TIGHT THE BELT. WE OPERATE ON A LOT
OF VOLUNTEERISM. THE SCHOOL WILL PROBABLY
BE SHORT BUT THERE ARE ALWAYS BAKE SALES.

Please FAX TO AML at 907-463-5480 ASAP
Thank You!



CITY OF BETHEL

P.O. Box 388 Bethel, Alaska 99559
907-543-2297
FAX # 543-4171

Alaska Municipal League
Kevin Ritchie
217 Second Street, Suite 200
Juneau, AK. 99801

Dear Mr. Ritchie,

In response to your 2003 Municipal Fiscal Condition Survey, please see below. Our community fiscal picture is moving from gray to black due to the unknowns (war with Iraq, state/federal funding, oil prices, etc.). It will be a wild ride and until the community gets around some corners, we will not know the direction Bethel's community is heading. However, a silver lining (jobs) is coming over the horizon which will help develop the community within eighteen months to two years with the building of the Yuut Elitnaurviat-People's Learning Center, Inc. The City of Bethel has already been hammered with deficit spending (need City water/sewer rate increases, developing new City revenue streams, etc.).

1. Bethel's community is at a cross-road that could go either way. On one hand, the community will incur growth and development due to the recently approved City Ordinance #02-33 authorizing the disposal of a donated 10.3 acre parcel to build the Yuut Elitnaurviat-People's Learning Center, Inc. Some major businesses have donated money and time as well. This will create jobs within eighteen months to two years. On the other hand, if war with Iraq comes about, this could hurt our community. Approximately fifty percent of jobs are state and federal funded. Possible cut backs from the state and federal government could have a major impact with people losing their jobs.
2. City budget shortfall of \$467,000 has already happened as of February 2003 (fiscal year end is June 2003). This trend could increase up to ~\$700,000. The City requires additional revenue for the Water, Sewer and Sanitation fund. Over the past five years revenue has slowly declined. The latest rate increase was in April 2001 for an adjustment of 20 percent. The rate increase had no effect in slowing the losses. An additional rate analysis will be reviewed this year. Also, the City is reviewing additional revenue streams, such as, a City owned liquor store, increase in sales tax or establishment of a property tax.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Strahan", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Robert B. Strahan

FEB. 25. 2003 1:16PM

ALASKA MUNI LEAGUE

NO. 4545 P. 1/1

FROM: AK MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

TO: BETHEL



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Name of Respondent Robert B. Strahan Title Finance Director

Name of Municipality City of Bethel

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See letter

2. Is your municipal government or school district anticipating a budget shortfall this coming year? No Yes If yes, please discuss the cause and extent. _____

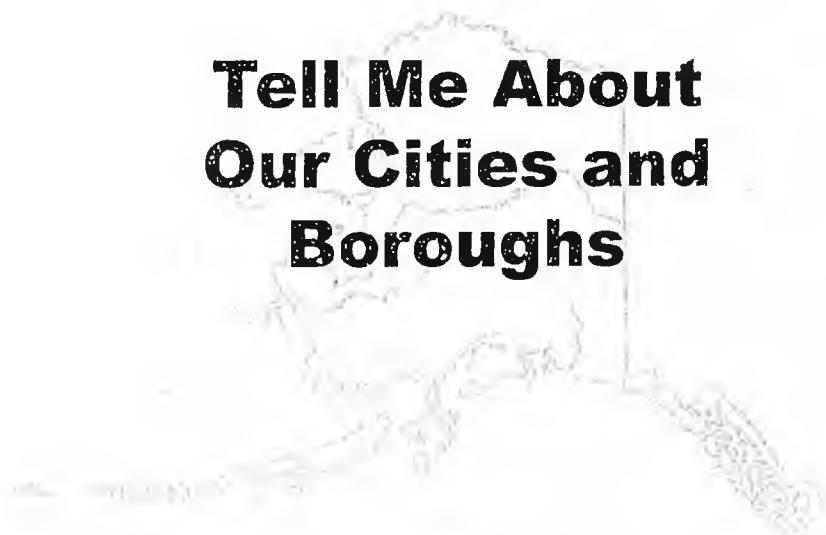
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Thank You!



Muni Notes



**Tell Me About
Our Cities and
Boroughs**

*“What Every Citizen Needs to
Know About Alaska’s
Communities and Local Taxes”*





Question: How many cities and boroughs are in Alaska?

Answer: Article X of the Alaska Constitution authorizes:

- Cities, and
 - Organized boroughs (self-governing) and
 - Unorganized boroughs (legislature acts as the Assembly).
- ◇ Alaska has 162 municipalities:
- **16 organized boroughs**, and
 - **146 cities**
 - "Municipality" is any organized borough, city, or consolidated city/borough.
- ◇ There is one "**Unorganized Borough**" that encompasses all the areas that are not organized boroughs, and **for which the Legislature acts as the Assembly** (required by the Constitution).
- ◇ Of Alaska's 146 cities,
- **49** are within the boundaries of organized boroughs
 - **97** are within the "Unorganized Borough"
- ◇ Of the 97 cities within the "Unorganized borough"
- **18 cities are required by law to charge taxes and operate school districts the same as boroughs.**
 - The 18 borough-type, first class or home rule municipalities are: **Nome, Valdez, Wrangell, Petersburg, Skagway, Unalaska, Cordova, Dillingham, Craig, Galena, Hoonah, Hydaburg, Kake, Klawock, St.Mary's, Tanana, Pelican, Nenana.**
 - A large percentage of people in the "Unorganized Borough" live in these "borough-type" municipalities and **pay taxes for schools, just like borough residents.**



Question: What state has the best constitution?

Answer: Alaska.

- ◆ The framers of Alaska's Constitution studied other state constitutions in order to **avoid the mistakes other states had made**. A key innovation in Alaska's Constitution is the creation of strong communities.
- ◆ The Constitution was written to give Alaska's citizens the strongest local control and "home rule"* powers of any state. Article X states,
 - "The purpose of this article is to provide for **maximum local self-government...**"
 - "A liberal construction shall be given to the powers of local government units."
- ◆ **"Home Rule"** means that municipalities have the power to do anything not prohibited by state law, rather than being constrained to a specific set of powers in state statute.
- ◆ Our Constitution also specifically **avoided multiple overlapping taxing jurisdictions** common in the "lower 48" (such as separate school, utility, port, and other special districts that levy taxes separately), so the **public knows who to hold accountable**. Article X states, "The State may delegate taxing powers to organized boroughs and cities only."





Question: How do the state and municipalities work together?

Answer: The Alaska Constitution creates cities and boroughs as “political subdivisions,” or “**local offices**” of **State government** that are closest to the people.

- ◇ **Nearly every major public service in Alaska is a joint state and local responsibility.** For example,
 - Schools and libraries (joint funding)
 - Road maintenance, harbors, airports (connected systems)
 - Capital construction (joint funding)
 - Public safety (police/troopers)
 - Health and human services (joint funding and jurisdiction)
 - Parks and recreation (state and local parks)
 - Utilities, land management, environmental protection (joint state and local jurisdiction)
 - Economic development (joint jurisdiction)

- ◇ **Cities are the heart of Alaska.** Communities existed in Alaska hundreds of years before statehood.
 - The Alaska Conference of Mayors has helped guide Alaska history as a group **since approximately 1900.**
 - The Alaska Municipal League was **created in 1950**, nearly a decade prior to statehood.

- ◇ **The State might be able to operate more efficiently** if it negotiated and coordinated more with municipalities in all of the areas listed above.





Question: Why are local taxes so important in Alaska?

Answer: Sales and property taxes are critical local taxes.

Local sales tax is especially important, since many small communities do not have significant private property to tax.

- ◇ Most municipalities, **urban and rural**, have a sales or property tax, or both.
- ◇ In 2001, Alaskan **municipalities collected \$1.7 billion** in local taxes, fees, and other revenues to pay for schools, roads, utilities, police, fire, EMS, and other local services:
 - \$878 million in sales and property taxes, and
 - Approximately \$795 million in permits, fees, service charges for utilities and other enterprises, and miscellaneous revenue.

(source: Department of Community and Economic Development)

- ◇ Definition of **property tax “mill rate”**
 - 1 mill = one thousandth
 - An easy way to remember this is **10 mills = 1% of the value of a piece of property.**
 - For example, a tax rate of 10 mills on a \$100,000 house would be a 1% of the value, or a tax of \$1,000 per year.





Question: Why is sales tax so critical to cities and boroughs?

Answer: Since statehood, the Legislature has reserved the sales tax for communities because:

- More than half do not have a property tax base and have no other major revenue options.
 - Local control of property and sales tax is the heart of local community control now and in the future.
- ◆ If the State implemented a **3% state sales tax**:
- **107 cities and boroughs** have either a general or special sales tax (e.g. on hotels, fish, car rentals, etc.), or both.
 - **63 communities** would face **total sales tax rates between 6% and 10%**, or be forced to repeal part of the local sales tax and go to the state for help.
 - Would cost communities and local taxpayers over **\$60 million/year** in lost local revenue (**PLUS probable loss of sales and business to lower 48** due to excessive local sales tax rates.)
 - Many urban municipalities would **not** be unable to offset sales tax losses with higher property taxes due to local tax caps, while many rural municipalities do not have enough private property to levy a property tax.



Question: Why is State Revenue Sharing important to cities and boroughs?

Answer: Every state in the U.S. shares revenues with its communities to fairly allocate statewide assets and wealth and avoid "have-not" areas.

- ◇ Alaska's program helps **keep local taxes lower** in some municipalities, but is the **key revenue source for minimal public services in many rural communities**. Loss of State revenue sharing would force some rural municipalities to dissolve and devolve local responsibility back to the state.
- ◇ The State of Alaska has reduced revenue sharing to municipalities from \$141 million per year in 1986 to \$29.6 million in 2003, a **79% cut, not considering the impact of inflation**. Since 1986 there has been an offsetting increase in local sales and property taxes.
- ◇ Revenue Sharing's current percent of the State General Fund budget is **less than it was before oil was discovered**.





ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

The Alaska Municipal League (AML) is a voluntary, nonprofit, nonpartisan, statewide organization of 142 cities, boroughs, and unified municipalities, representing over 98 percent of Alaska's residents. Originally organized in 1950, the League of Alaska Cities became the Alaska Municipal League in 1962 when boroughs joined the League.

The mission of the Alaska Municipal League is to:

1. *Represent the unified voice of Alaska's municipalities to successfully influence favorable federal and state legislation, programs and policies;*
2. *Build consensus and partnerships with organizations and the public to solve Alaska's challenges, and*
3. *Provide training and joint services to strengthen Alaska local governments.*

ALASKA CONFERENCE OF MAYORS

ACoM is the parent organization of the Alaska Municipal League. The ACoM and AML work together to form a municipal consensus on statewide and federal issues facing Alaskan local governments.

"The purpose of the Alaska Conference of Mayors (ACoM) is to offer an opportunity for the mayors to discuss issues of common concern, to work together for the betterment of their municipalities, and to improve the understanding of and information about municipalities in Alaska."



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4/20/04

OVERVIEW:

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COMMUNITY

BLOCK

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MEMORANDUM

STATE OF ALASKA

*Mary Siakly program's
Rep Council office*

Community and Economic Development
Division of Community Advocacy

TO: Sally Sadtler
Lead Development Specialist

DATE: April 12, 2004

THRU:

*Sorry for the size!
It won't happen
next time!
Sal*

FILE:

PHONE NO: (907)-451-2716

FROM: Jo E. Grove
Grant Program Manager

SUBJECT: FFY 2005 CSBG & CF&N
Draft State Plan

Enclosed you will find ten copies of the **Draft Federal Fiscal Year 2005 State Plan** for the **Community Services Block Grant Program** and the **Community Food and Nutrition Grant Program**. Please distribute these to members of the House Community & Regional Affairs Committee prior to the Legislative Public Hearing scheduled to be held on **April 20, 2004**. I have distributed copies of the Draft State Plan to the Legislative Information Offices in Fairbanks, Anchorage, and Juneau as those offices are expected to be on-line.

As you and I have discussed, the purpose of the Legislative Public Hearing is to accept comments from the public on the contents of the Draft State Plan. I will be participating from Juneau this year, as I happen to be in town on the 20th. I will be available to make opening comments on the purpose of the hearing and to provide a brief description of the Community Services Block Grant and the Community Food & Nutrition Grant Programs.

David Hardenbergh, Executive Director of RurAL CAP Inc. will participate from the Anchorage LIO and will be available to provide a brief overview of the plan and to answer any questions which might arise.

I would like to request that **minutes of the Legislative Public Hearing be available** to me as soon as possible after the hearing. I will need to submit those with the Plan to the Department of Health and Human Services in order to receive the CSBG funding. If you could arrange to have the minutes sent to my attention at 211 Cushman, Fairbanks, AK 99701, I would appreciate it.

If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call at 907-451-2716 or contact Jill Davis at 907-451-2717. We appreciate the assistance you have provided in scheduling this Legislative Public Hearing.

Enc.

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS Representative Carl Morgan, Chair

AGENDA

State Capital 124
April 20, 2004
9:00 am – 10:00 am

- Call to Order
- Community Service Block Grant Overview and Public Hearing
 - Jo Grove, Grant Program Manager
 - Opening comments
 - Description of Community Services Block Grants
 - Description of Community Food and Nutrition Grant Programs
 - David Hardenbergh, Executive Director RurAL CAP Inc.
 - Brief overview of the plan
 - Answer questions
 - Public Comment
- Next meeting is **Thursday April 22th at 8:00a**
 - Overview - Alaska Energy Policy Task Force - Non Railbelt Report: Findings and Recommendations
- Adjourn

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COMMITTEE SCHEDULE For the week of April 19 to 23, 2004

State Capital Room 124
8:00 am – 10:00 am

Tuesday, April 20th 9:00 – 10:00am

Overview - DCED Community Service Block Grant

Thursday, April 22nd 8:00 – 10:00

Overview - Alaska Energy Policy Task Force - Non Railbelt Report: Findings and Recommendations (Mike Barry – Chair)

- * First hearing in first committee of referral
- + Teleconferenced
- = Bill was previously heard/scheduled

COMMITTEE TAPE LOG

COMMITTEE: COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

DATE: April 20, 2004

TIME: 9: am

SUBJECT: Overview: DCED Community Service Block Grant

MEMBERS: Morgan Wolf Kott Anderson Samuels Cissna Kookesh
 CM JW PK TA RS SC AK

SPEAKER	TAPE #	SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION
	04-12	SIDE A
	0001	call to order @ 9:06 am
<i>Mn.</i>		<i>Called meeting to order.</i>
<i>no sound</i>	<i>DCED</i>	<i>grants mg DCED jobks office</i>
		<i>Community Services block grant program & will accept public</i>
		<i>come to DCED of Fed H & Human Service →</i>
		<i>comm action agencies - Rural Cap only state agree</i>
		<i>to meet unknown anticipate 2.3-2.4 mill.</i>
		<i>State keeps 5% in state costs.</i>
		<i>Purpose - impact cause & conditions of poverty</i>
		<i>mission board.</i>
		<i>Plan FID's Rural Cap's action & has been approved by DCED.</i>
		<i>components, measurement standard</i>
		<i>RE proposed actions</i>
		<i>administrative</i>
		<i>child development</i>
		<i>community development</i>
		<i>housing</i>
		<i>Sustainability & Tribal</i>

SPEAKER	COUNTER	SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION
D.H.	466	ex Dir. Rural CAP: started March 2004 thanks committee
		Communists
		reducing property to lead to self sufficiency
		community advisory services & compliments to Gov. & bill.
		K.C. only eligible recipient on DR
		DC Private State wide non profit 501(c)(6)
		governed by 24 board members: meets July sets agency policy. Ex Dir. implement policy
		leverage 15-20 million dollars employees 300 people annually.
		applies majority of Res. to Rural DC when possible
		also provides board. Kites home use at the gate. Home affordable housing. Arch.
		American's participation in jobs
		Have plan to re-integrate homeless alcoholics w/ partners supports 25 bed facilities

SPEAKER	COUNTER	SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION
		Detailed income measures.
		Ruralcap system keeps focus on independent programs →
		That produce measurable results
		Can tell you # of kids better prepared
		# low income home owners who benefit
		# weatherproofing
		# Parents w/ dual time jobs whose kids are in daycare
		# of homeless w/o
		Resp. steward of public funds:
Mary		Subsistence & Tribal issues what do you do.
H-		Has been cut back in recent yrs due to budget cuts Board - no staff;
		support statewide newspaper village voices & board id's priorities
		working Native subsistence habitat gap to get better managed by subsistence habitat.
Mary		Headstart? what areas?
		Ruralcap target headstart gap in
		NA FCC & NWC SD
		25 headst centers statewide
		SE, YK → NW AK

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		YK Cleveland enunciated, Mrs Kellax ^{TS} Others
Mrs.	1362	Headstart in urban Ave? Hard. NO - longer.
Cassara	1414	Child Dev. division - Large need income measure. do you ^{what is your} have earliest contact of new parents or when kids is born as early intervention
		DC began its focus of 3-4 yr old - DC has become involved of early headstart programs to 3 yr. old. Not center based - home visitor type program. provides specific needs & counseling & (basic) health. Can provide list of com. if only headstart programs - New res. have been going there.
Cassara-1600		wants list
Mrs.		office location & employees in the 4 th - 70 - in central 85 - in mind view of home care 15 - Child care center
		300 employees in rural AK
		only non QW

SPEAKER	COUNTER	SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION
JD	1681	Thanks for hearing
		Deucey slow man Rural up board is present.
		15 yr bid member advocate for Rural AR
		Kobe - trying to bid new center in Kobe for condemned bldg. Named after \$70,000 to bid.
		Shirley Jackson.
		Thank for opp. to champion for this bldg in Kob
Kob		State engineer just informed them the roof is in need of colts
Deucey		10 yr old bldg was old school. Best in case.
Cassie Deef C		Does it qualify for historical No its been rehab
Deucey		Bldg has been appraised by Lawrence renovated & were still able to get historical You were looked at historical aspect
Deucey Mrs		Baker teaches about evils of alcohol By word - are you agree
Deucey		only we not effereed gov. annette krite

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AGENDA

State Capital 124

April 22, 2004

8:00 am – 10:00 am

- Call to Order
- NonRailbelt Report Findings and Recommendations of the Alaska Energy Policy Task Force
 - Tom Boutin – Deputy Commissioner, Alaska Department of Revenue
 - Overview
 - Robert Wilkinson – Chief Executive Officer, Copper Valley Electric Association
 - Southcentral and coastal communities (via teleconference)
 - Meera Kohler - President/Chief Executive Office, Alaska Village Electric Cooperative
 - PCE Communities
 - Dave Carlson – Southeast Conference Intertie Coordinator
 - Southeast and 4 dam pool communities
- Next meeting **Tuesday April 27th at 8:00a**
- Adjourn

COMMITTEE TAPE LOG

COMMITTEE: COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS **DATE:** April 22, 2004 **TIME:** 8: am

SUBJECT: Overview: AK Energy Policy Task Force Non-Railbelt Report: Findings and Recommendations

MEMBERS: Morgan Wolf Kott Anderson Samuels Cissna Kookesh
 (CM) (JW) PK (TA) RS (SC) AK
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SPEAKER	TAPE #	SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION
	04-13	SIDE A <i>Speakers P</i>
<i>673</i>	0001	call to order @ 8: am
		<i>Tom Borden - Policy task force members attend see</i>
		<i>meetings</i>
		<i>task force has been completed their work</i>
		<i>Commons and regional agencies</i>
		<i>still a PC need to coordinate</i>
		<i>and several issues need resolution</i>
		<i>long term sustainability of PCE is a con</i>
<i>82</i>		
<i>R. Wokoson</i>		<i>CEO Cooper Valley Elect Assoc:</i>
		<i>educated group on energy issues of Omed</i>
		<i>community SC Coastal Region</i>
		<i>Reel into connected jobk Anch Kencu -</i>
		<i>Kennu Seward</i>
		<i>PCE 187 Communities</i>
		<i>SE 4 dam pool Communities -</i>
		<i>Another community group - Cnava - Cooper Valley</i>
		<i>Kodak Electric - Stand alone -</i>
		<i>Generate Transmits their own power</i>
		<i>assess limited responsibility -</i>
		<i>in Cnava</i>
		<i>Run an Partners w ADEN or Denate</i>
		<i>Commission</i>

SPEAKER	COUNTER	SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION
		Required to comply w/ DOME Reg as Chagale Chc of states trust
453		SC Regum 780 mi distrib line 118 km w/ off tap line 11,000 meters in DOME 220,000,000 KW power 96 m/sk w/ll generation capacity 13 transmission dist. systems
		Kept address challenges of electric distribution
MC	-	Asked if there are any guests
Backin		Introduced Carlson - & mentioned Beck SA
Dave Carlson	-	Petersburg SET Interface Coordn appendix H linear climate & topography lends to hydro generation Other regions have differing fuel options SE don't have access to N gas & coal. Have tremendous potential for hydro 90% to hydro - all maintain 100% diesel back - some have mix power - Kok Moorat - approx 100% diesel Some are PCE communities Y dan (not own Y Lake by S. W. S.
		Terra Lake Kodu Solomon Gulch - Valdez

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		Order of dams & order draw created PCE
		endowment
		Differs // lack of infrastructure
		especially power lines
		most Stroms western power lines
		87 - 1997 until connecting to Strom
		hydro zone
		secured fed. authorization funds for
		SE utilities have done study
		& total projects 3 working on
		57 miles type to permit way clearing
		utility Ketchikan & Petersburg - use
		Disrupts power to some Ketchikan
		displace their assets
		And named to Koonok now administratively
		at goal to pick up greens creek book
		on 100% diesel
		Bid Petersburg -> take 100% diesel
		50 miles along existing lines Pds
		lines design to expand west to
		Sitka & back to J.
		4. Other projects added as they become
		economically viable
		analysis of all the costs. Will take
		decides to complete

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SPEAKER	COUNTER	SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION
		Duesel should not K
		All new Trans lines will include Juku rope - as work will get Woodland
		+ permission issues Generator cooperative established for most of up country W
		Concern - Permitting process for hydro different P. King 2 megawatt plant - releasing project 400,000 in consulting fee & just as usual
		4 mega watts need for capital cost to optimize capital
		State house off F&F to DNR issues as helpful
		State PCH taking over responsibility
		SE Plan ambitious - by renewable hydro power
		Brookfield Canal Rd would allow connection to BC grid. Could perhaps invest power to SE
		Pleaseu know & learning experience working on this project

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		<p>Not Recognizes lack of infra structure in Transmissum hills so you behind rest of state</p>
		<p>SBT know communities & letters to set Policy fast force did same thing Bursport believes together to find common DOT.</p>
		<p>Personal comment need to keep utilities working together. Elect affects every m is underpinning of economic develop</p>
WJ		<p>Kenia has heard once Cooper to be- tdest - is political issues. Cooper back ^{with} unadvised temp. Where are we being able to for wrapping not just sheans.</p>
	Bob	<p>Today any def. to permit. User their consequences to fish sheans Mitig. would be required. Committee font. SE projects are like projects - one has tunnel under lake w no impact on stream licensing is scrutinizing P. bers cost user studies that been mandated</p>

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WJ		Use tunnel under lake - Hpts Unigra
		Upper Creek State concern - ties into Kenai River.
		We need to learn if our mistakes - more P/ habitat to DNR good in been around diesel genes & realize need to find another way
	1802	Meera Kohler -
		Pres CEO, AK Village Coop.
		Wanted to be here - got stuck in heavy mess
		Received lots of test. on energy concerns H Rural AK
		diff. PCE communities: 90 utilities serve 487 com 70,000 13% pop.
		PCE 1984 - reduced end cost available
		small remote - pop less 400. 20.¢ kWhour.
		Alternative power & grids are prohibitive. No value built
		Need to continue to support wind power.
		H. Resided in PCE communities
		General mem. have skeletal of PCE
		through and

SPEAKER	COUNTER	SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION
		Sent played role in providing affordable power.
		Regional affordable power
		AK has provided millions of \$ for ST & SC.
		However, rural AK still has diesel.
		diesel not cost effective.
		direct rate reduction PTE
		there may be site specific areas that could successfully do coal coal bed methane
		fund managed by Perence
		Most of P&T revenues would fund PTE & most of
		23 million would additionally need to be provided
		18.4 P403
		currently as
		as oil prices are high burdens budget seen in prospect of AK.
		PTE if adequately funded
		Recom
2/35		encourage formation of new or encourage region planning state should fully fund PTE and maximize fed funds for energy development

no kshd
at wind power

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		Wind generators - final cost much higher because of changes to initial systems
		Pumps are expensive high penetration
		Lesson is don't work well if diesel generation for full penetration so when done it's all done
		Selma - a smaller system - working - may be viable on coastal communities
		Kob still less than 10% of wind 10-15% not able to displace coal 5-8000 to install \$ Kelso watt
		Energy Policy is very refreshing.
		PCE endowment 15.7 million. Need 3 million generated per here addition needed 45 million.
		Morgan Question what would it take to fully fund PCE Once has been doing persuade fed to make a federal deposit cuz they need infrastructure for fed funded schools clinics sewage Wastewater for 30 million of states

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Boedler		Overall 5% Return is Reasonable has copies of Chart
Morgan		Besides sun & wind any other projects over out there that are 100% viable
Becky Jay		Lots of other topics hydrogen powered wind hydrogens fuel cell technology Nothing in the 20yr time frame that seems to viable as wind diesel. Solar & Tidal are still green
Mura		Fuel cells = UAF 5kW fuel cell w/ good resolution test up. 5kW fuel cell \$383,000 76,000/kw. 10x's cost wind 100x's cost of diesel. can't impede particularly w/ installation can't see it happening in 5-10 yrs fuel source is either natural gas & propane - but not diesel. can still heat homes efficiently w/ minutes 40% efficiency of some diesel generators She's still very skeptical.
		Becky Founded The Commercial committee & its been very useful

AEA RPSU PRIORITY RANKINGS

Community	Rank
Chilina w/hydro	PH 1 1
Karluk	PH 1 2
Hughes	PH 3 164
Stony River	PH 2 3
Platinum	PH 2 4
Newtok	PH 2 5
Koyukuk, Pwrhs.	PH 3 6
Buckland	PH 3 7
Telds	PH 3 8
Golovin	PH 3 121
Tolon	PH 3 122
Crooked Creek	PH 2 9
Manoklak	PH 3 11
Aika w/hydro	PH 3 12
Sleetmute	PH 2 13
Napaklak	PH 1 14
Arctic Village	PH 3 163
Pedro Bay	PH 2 15
Kwigillingok	PH 3 160
Nikolski	PH 3 17
Yakutat	PH 1 18
Tcnakee Springs	PH 1 19
Diomedea	PH 1 19
Kangilanak	PH 3 164
Klukwan	UNAS 21
Iglugig	PH 1 23
Port Holden	PH 1 23
Chignik Bay	PH 1 23
Ivanof Bay	UNAS 23
Kwelhluk	UNAS 23
Akiachak	PH 1 28
Nikolai	PH 1 31
Central	UNAS 32
Almautluak, Dist.	PH 3 118
Lake Minchumina	UNAS 34
Larsen Bay w/hyd	PH 2 35
Chofornak	PH 2 35
False Pass	UNAS 36
Twin Hills	UNAS 41
Akiak	UNAS 44
Takotna	PH 2 45
Fort Yukon	UNAS 45
Beaver	UNAS 45
Ouzinkie, w/hydro	PH 1 46
Pilot Point w/BFU	PH 1 50
Napaskiak	UNAS 60
Ruby	UNAS 50
Polican	UNAS 54
Akhiok	UNAS 54
Tatillek	UNAS 61
Elfin Cove	UNAS 62
Kobuk	UNAS 62
Allakaket	PH 2 65
Chuathbaluk	UNAS 68
Clarks Point	UNAS 69
Ekwok #2	UNAS 69
Ilamna	UNAS 69
Napaskiak	UNAS 74
Gustlavus	UNAS 77
Rampart	UNAS 77
Salnt George	UNAS 82
Venotie	UNAS 82
Angoon	UNAS 85
Cold Bay	UNAS 85
Kipnuk	UNAS 85
Mellakalla	UNAS 85
Kako	UNAS 95

Phase 1 (PH 1)	CDR	13
Phase 2 (PH 2)	Design	0
Phase 3 (PH 3)	Const	11

Community	Rank
Unalakleet	UNAS 95
Whale Pass	UNAS 95
White Mtn., Pwrh.	UNAS 98
Chignik Lake	UNAS 101
Port Alsworth	UNAS 101
Birch Creek	UNAS 109
Deering, Dist.	UNAS 109
Kasaan	UNAS 109
Perryville	UNAS 109
Red Devil	UNAS 109
Ekwok	UNAS 116
Koulik, Dist.	UNAS 116
Nelson Lagoon	UNAS 116
Chalkyitsik	UNAS 125
McGrath	UNAS 125
Saint Paut	UNAS 125
Sand Point	UNAS 125
Egegik	UNAS 132
King Cove	UNAS 132
Limo Village	UNAS 132
Tuntutullak, Dist.	UNAS 138
Chignik Lagoon	UNAS 138
Galona	UNAS 130
Akutan	UNAS 143
Tanana	UNAS 145
Levelock	UNAS 150
Aniak	UNAS 155
Almautluak, Pwrh.	UNAS 156
Kollpanek	UNAS 159
Chenega Bay	UNAS 160
Manley Hot Spr.	UNAS 162

Mentasta Lake	AP&T	33
Healy Lake	AP&T	38
Eagle	AP&T	40
Northway	AP&T	58
Christochina	AP&T	65
Tok	AP&T	81
Coffman Cove	AP&T	82
Haines	AP&T	100
Hcilis	AP&T	101
Hydaburg	AP&T	101
Tatlin	AP&T	116
Point Baker	AP&T	117
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Naukaul	AP&T	132
Bettles	AP&T	137
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Tuluksak	DONE	126
Kokhanok	DONE	161
Stevens Village	DONE	164
Koyukuk Distr.	DONE	165
Deering	DONE	166
White Mtn., Pwr.	DONE	167
Tuntutullak	DO/E	168
Koulik	DONE	169
White Mtn., Dist.	DONE	170

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Unassigned (UNAS)	61
AP&T	16
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Minchumina	AVEC	1
Old Harbor	AVEC	2
Bliss Point	AVEC	3
Upper Kalsag	AVEC	4
Shahman	AVEC	5
Michimie	AVEC	6
Wind	AVEC	7
Goodnews Bay	AVEC	8
Wentzell	AVEC	9
Bravo Messing	AVEC	10
Quinhagak	AVEC	11
Est	AVEC	12
Lower Kalsag	AVEC	13
Makonuk	AVEC	14
Tokook Bay	AVEC	15
Totunak	AVEC	16
Woodgate Village	AVEC	17
Wales	AVEC	18
Seamoon Bay	AVEC	19
Pish Station	AVEC	20
Gambell	AVEC	21
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Kivallik	AVEC	23
Arctic	AVEC	24
Golawit	AVEC	25
Shaktoolik	AVEC	26
Saint Marys	AVEC	27
Stabillik	AVEC	28
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South Naknek	IT	125
Thomas Bay	IT	126

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Inter-Tribal Village (ITV)	1

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