

SEASWA

Southeast Alaska Solid Waste Authority

September 26, 2024
Southeast Conference
Annual Meeting
Ketchikan, Alaska

SEASWA Background

- Regional Solid Waste Management Authority Act passed in 2006. (AS 29.35 Article 10) SEASWA formed in 2009.
- Current members include Wrangell, Petersburg, Tenakee Springs, Hydaburg, Thorne Bay, Craig, Klawock, Kasaan and Coffman Cove.

Board of Directors:

- Chris Cotta, Petersburg – Chair
- Tom Wetor, Wrangell – Vice Chair
- Brian Templin, Craig – Secretary/Treasurer
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- Della Coburn, Kasaan – Board Member
- Mark Knapp, Hydaburg – Board Member
- John Heustis, Thorne Bay – Board Member
- Steve Lewis, Tenakee Springs – Board Member

Key Relationships

- Southeast Conference
 - SEASWA liaison: Kaitlyn Jared, Transportation and Special Projects Manager
- Denali Commission
 - Kristin Reardon, Program Manager
- AK Department of Environmental Conservation
 - Zach Gianotti, Environmental Specialist
- Republic Services
 - Steve Gilmore, Municipal Relations Manager
- Alaska Marine Lines/Trucking
 - Dan Kelly, Vice President
 - Adam Anderson, Lynden Trucking

SEASWA: Mission

- To provide environmentally sound and cost-effective management of solid waste on a regional level.
- To protect the public health, safety and welfare.
- To improve the environment within its boundaries.
- To recover resources and energy as practical.
- To create jobs where possible.

Progress To Date:

- Selecting Republic Services as a long-term partner
- Organizing Household Hazardous Waste events
- Purchasing a mobile tire shear

Looking Forward:

- Denali Commission Grant
 - Key Problem: Skyrocketing inflation for solid waste transportation and disposal.
 - Commission a study to determine if there are more economical and environmentally friendly solid waste disposal alternatives.

Please Join Us!

- Regular quarterly meetings by Zoom on the third Wednesday of each month at 10 am. Contact any Board member for more information.
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