

**MEMORANDUM****State of Alaska  
Department of Transportation & Public Facilities  
Office of the Commissioner****TO:** Distribution**DATE:** November 19, 2024**FROM:** Ryan Anderson  
CommissionerSigned by:  
  
3BFC855630834FF...**SUBJECT:** Creation of FY26  
Harbor Project  
Evaluation Committee

In 2006, the Alaska Legislature passed landmark legislation which established a 50/50 matching grant program called the Municipal Harbor Facility Grant Program (now called the Harbor Facility Grant Program). The purpose of the grant program is to recapitalize local government's small boat harbor infrastructure and further the sustainability of Alaska's public harbor system. For fiscal year 2024 (FY25), the Governor approved the capital budget of \$7 million.

Today, I am hereby creating a Harbor Project Evaluation Committee (PEC) to evaluate and rank applicants for the Department's Harbor Facility Grant Program and appointing six members to the Harbor PEC. The Harbor PEC consists of one planner representing each region, one planner representing statewide, a regional harbor maintenance representative, and a community harbormaster representative. The Harbor PEC members are:

Facilitator:	Sarah Cripe, Waterways Planner, Project Delivery
Member:	Eric Taylor, Multimodal Transportation Planning Chief, Headquarters
Member:	Elzbeth Robson, Transportation Planner, Fairbanks Field Office
Member:	Philana Miles, Transportation Planner, Anchorage Field Office
Member:	Jill Melcher, Planning Chief, Juneau Field Office
Member:	Marcus Zimmerman, Regional Maintenance Chief, Southcoast Region
Member:	Norm Regis, Harbormaster Representative, City of Seward (RETIRED)

Alaska is blessed with one of the finest harbor systems in the country, and our magnificent coastline and bountiful marine resources make our harbors vitally important to Alaskans and our communities. The Harbor Facility Grant Program is consistent with the Department's transportation mission and furthering our role in supporting community owned harbor capital projects.

Please contact Sarah Cripe at (907) 465-8769 if you have any questions about your role or responsibilities.

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