

**Southeast Alaska Solid Waste Authority Board of Directors**  
Meeting Agenda for March 4th, 2026, 10:00 am AKST

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**1. Call to Order**

**2. Roll Call and Introductions: Member Communities**

- X City of Coffman Cove; X City of Craig; X City of Hydaburg;  City of Kasaan;  
 City of Klawock; X Petersburg Borough;  City of Thorne Bay; X Wrangell Borough;  
 City Tenakee Springs

**Introductions: Non – Member Communities**

**Melissa- Haines- friends of recycling**

**Thomas- Petersburg**

**Pax Tempelton- clean harbors**

**SEC- Colette and Kaitlyn**

**RESPEC- Patrick**

**David Hoffman- republic services**

**Paul Berry- Zender**

**Jonathon- totemic solutions- commercial dehydrators and food waste shredders, lives in Yakutat.**

**3. Amend and / or Approve Agenda**

**4. Approval of Meeting Minutes for February 2026**

**Coffman- motion**

**Petersburg- second**

**5. New Business**

A. **SEASWA officers transition.** The Vice Chair, and Secretary / Treasurer position are still vacant. The SEASWA Board of Directors will need to select a vice chair and a Secretary / Treasurer at the next meeting there is a quorum.

- Petersburg- Aaron Marohl has expressed interest in the Vice Chair position. Requires a vote from the SEASWA Board. Aaron, welcome to vice chair position.
- Still seeking interested parties in the secretary/treasurer position.- Rose with Kasaan. Lots of transition in Craig

B. HHW and backhaul history. SEASWA was recently contacted regarding HHW disposal in SE. In the past, collective contracts for community members were negotiated to streamline management of HHW. Discussion over history of these agreements, as well as gauging interest for a similar approach moving forward, will better inform SEASWA as to whether this is a pursuit worth reviving.

- Petersburg similar boat- prior to pandemic worked with clean harbors- made several attempts and service began to fall off. Have worked with US ecology for the last few years. It has been very successful. If things stay the same- they will roll HHW into MSW contract. Years ago they worked with Carson and Dorne. It was hard to get a company that could do it all.
- Coffman- new with minimal experience.
- Paul Berry- Gustavus- clean harbors- very expensive. Cheapest way is to have your own city or staff do the work, have a consultant help with the shipping.
- Craig- haven't done one in 3 years. Used to partner with Klawock.
- SEC- EPA community change grant- had incorporated a component for HHW.

c. junk car removal

- Wrangell- \$312 if fluids and tires have been removed. Have been able to send most directly to Chanel Construction the last couple years. Neither will accept if fluids not drained. Often run into issues with something not being properly drained. Would be ideal to have a proper rack to do this work.
- Petersburg- \$75 per junk auto- required to remove all fluids including differentials. Batteries and tires. If they don't they have a fee schedule which is capped at \$250. They have steel saw horses that they set vehicles up onto to drain them. Then they take it landfill, crush them and stack them until a scrap metal outfit comes to town. Years ago Chanel construction use to pay them. The last few years they didn't get any money. Chuck Poole is headed North and they will stop in Petersburg to get vehicles. Going to Angoon, they put it out to bid and Poole won. In the past previous contractors have high graded the steel pile and then left without finishing the job.
- coffman- charge \$100 a vehicle, gotta drain fluids, currently stockpiling.
- Craig \$200 per vehicle.

d. where do we want to see seaswa go- respect long term goals and objectives.

## **6. Old Business**

### **A. Update on Regional Municipal Solid Waste Planning.**

- RESPEC Regional Study Update-

Point in study where a lot of research has been done

- Member communities
- White paper on potential solutions.

Further discussion/direction needed on

- What role will seaswa play in the region with regards to solid waste- what is possible? What can seaswa do to facilitate.
- Part of the study is how SEASWA can fit in. maybe it's a full time staff position. We are at an inflection point.

Upcoming schedule

- April will present solutions to date. Some are regional, some are down to individual communities.
- By September they plan to have a draft strategy for the region. Want to unveil at that meeting.
- Still some cost benefit analysis needed for some solutions and how that affects individual communities.
- Infrastructure symposium in anchorage- anyone going to go to that? We could discuss further there.
- Will share regulatory framework for SEASWA.
- Ideally we share the draft with SEASWA group at next meeting. Share with board before hand.

David Hoffman- anything Republic can do to help they are ready and happy to help. Anything they can do more broadly across region they would be interested as a partner

Paul- does plan address issues like scrap metal?- RESPEC is sorting through this right now. What can be deferred into a landfill? How can resources be shared? Study may not be all inclusive as the focus was MSW, not necessarily HHW. However there could be an expansion that dives deeper in the future.

### **B. Tire Shear – update.**

- Still in Hoonah.

**7. ADEC Update – Juliet Harrison- apparently not the new representative.**

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**8. MSW Updates from Member Communities**

Petersburg- DEC- landfill permit expired in September. Has had minimal communication since Zach left. Streets building road to 2 new cells for landfill. Working on procuring new garbage truck.

Coffman- business as usual

Wrangell- for the most part business as usual. Updated rate schedule, working through budget. In need of HHW event. Considering replacing 2<sup>nd</sup> garbage truck.

**9. Non-member Community Comment / Input – Non-member community representatives recognized during the roll call and under this agenda item may ask questions, provide information, or seek assistance from SEASWA.**

Melissa- Haines recycling- radio show once a month on talking trash. Senator Jessy Kiel is going to be talking on waste reduction. They will make the transcript available online or you can reach out directly. Talking trash. KHNS.org- should get archived. Written transcript posted. Kind of like a pod cast. . Friday March 13<sup>th</sup>, 845 in the AM.

hainesrecycle@gmail.com for list of pending legislation on recycling and waste reduction

Paul- backhaul- in chat

Part 1: Backhaul Alaska Program – Brief Overview

- The Program assist rural communities with backhauling certain hard-to-manage materials.
- The current target materials are ewaste, universal waste lamps, and lead acid batteries (last year we've starting to help with more household batteries, including lithium/lithium-ion batteries)
- We have helped with other materials in the past (i.e. fishnets, paint, tires), those instances are assessed on a case-by-case basis

Part 2: • In general, if a community enrolls they receive funding or assistance for...

- Backhaul related packaging materials, supplies & PPE
- Travel & lodging coverage for at least 1 person to one of our HazMat & Backhaul Best Practices training

- Funding for backhauling target materials (usually this is equivalent to a 20ft container of materials).
- A initial site visit from Backhaul Alaska staff (follow-up site visits may also occur, if necessary & budget allows for it).
- Ongoing technical assistance
- Folk can apply for enrollment anytime at [backhaulalaska.org](http://backhaulalaska.org) (we've been prioritizing smaller communities that need additional funding to backhaul). Selection typically takes place around March 1st for the coming season.

Part 3 (final): The Program is pretty booked up for 2026, but folks can fill out an enrollment application at anytime. Also, Zender and the Backhaul Alaska Program offers technical assistance regarding SWM, backhaul, & recycling matters to any community, so folks should feel free to call or email if they have any questions.

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Jonathan Rubbo- commercial dehydrator has been a success. Looking to scale up. Brewers struggle with spent grain. Able to reduce weight by 90%. Used in soil but could also be used in feed. Sitka science center- also processed their fish. Costly for the cannery. They are able to do small scale to create a fishmeal. Want to consider an energy aspect. How to explore what else can be done. Dehydrator can do 1 ton per batch. Trying to offset offshore dumping. When they go over allotted amount, it becomes very costly. Having another resource will help. Volatile. Remove water weight and make material manageable. Composting or feed would be next step. Also have shredder.

## 10. Public / Board Comments

December- annual USDA grant- can we use that or the community development block grant. Can we use this to support seaswa with either long term goals and the hhw or junk cars. October or December is the grant timeframe opening.

Does SEC have a copy of tire sheer agreement- need to make sure they have a copy.

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs/solid-waste-management-grants-25>

<https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/dcra/GrantsSection/CommunityDevelopmentBlockGrants.aspx>

can we get an update from Juneau and their project?

**11. Next Meeting** – Suggested meeting date of April 8th, 2026 at 10am akst.

**12. Adjourn**