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
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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.

Chris CottaSEASWA Chair

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