

# **Cook Inlet Harbor Safety Committee Managing Board Meeting Summary**

**June 26, 2025, 10am-11am AKST**

## **Board Attendees:**

Mayor Peter Micciche – President  
Captain Ron Ward – Vice President  
Mike Munger – Secretary/Treasurer  
Captain Paul Mehler – HSC Chair  
Captain Jeff Brue – Member-At-Large

## **Other Attendees:**

Captain Steve White, AK Marine Exchange  
David Blossom, ADEC  
Col. Adam Shockley, DOD ALCOM  
Haley Griffin, Nuka Research  
Sierra Fletcher, Nuka Research

## **Call to Order and Approval of Agenda**

The CIHSC Managing Board Meeting was called to order at 10:04 am (AKST) by Mayor Peter Micciche for this meeting.

**Motion Captain Ron Ward, Captain Jeff Brue to approve the June 26, 2025, agenda as presented. Motion passes with no objection.**

## **Review of Action Items from March 27, 2025**

Mike Munger reported that the CIHSC's legal counsel is out of office on a medical emergency. He reminded the board that this issue is on the agenda because the Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council (CIRCAC) has to eliminate alternate seats on their Board of Directors due to issues with meeting fiduciary responsibilities within state regulations.

Ms. Haley Griffin stated that two individuals, Nate Vreeland and Ingo Rose, have applied to two vacant alternate seats on the CIHSC. A third individual who indicated interest had not yet sent in application materials.

## **Approval of Meeting Summary March 27, 2025**

**Motion Captain Paul Mehler, Mike Munger to approve the meeting summary of March 27, 2025, as presented. Motion passes with no objection.**

## **Secretary/Treasurer's Report**

Mr. Munger reported an update on the current status of contributions received in 2025, stating that the CIHSC is doing well and the only outstanding contribution is Centerline Logistics/Olympic Tug & Barge. Ms. Griffin added that Cook Inlet Tug & Barge made a contribution in June. Captain Mehler offered to reach out to Captain Brad Kroon to solicit Centerline Logistics' contribution.

## **Committee Chair Report**

Captain Mehler reported that the Nikiski Fire Department Ex Officio seat is now vacant due to Chief Burnett retiring. Mayor Micciche stated that he just hired Chief John Harris to the department and will reach out to him.

Captain Mehler has been working with Steve Ribuffo and Ronnie Poole at the Port of Alaska to set up a beach clean-up for the CIHSC members. The proposed location for the clean-up is the Ship Creek boat launch area, and there is a new facility at the Port they offered to use to host lunch. The

tentative date for the clean-up is September 5th with an alternative date of September 12<sup>th</sup>, which is after fishing season. Captain Ward stated that these dates do, however, fall within moose hunting season on the Kenai Peninsula (August 20<sup>th</sup> – September 25<sup>th</sup>). Captain Mehler will work with Ms. Griffin to identify new dates to hold the clean-up. Ms. Griffin will identify where clean-up supplies can be purchased (i.e., trash bags, vests, gloves).

Col. Adam Shockley added that there will be ARCTIC EDGE exercise activities throughout August in the vicinity of Port MacKenzie, so there may be increased traffic in the area. This will involve the U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, and U.S. Coast Guard (USCG). The DOD is working closely with the USCG and NOAA to ensure activities consider environmental and safety impacts.

Captain Mehler is working with Captain Brue and Ms. Griffin to secure a venue for the Fall CIHSC meeting, which is aimed to be held in conjunction with the Pre-Winter meeting on October 16, 2025. The venue must be large enough to accommodate those participating in both meetings. The University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) and the Crowne Plaza Hotel are currently being considered. Mayor Micciche offered to connect Ms. Griffin with the Interim Chancellor for UAA, Cheryl Siemers, to reserve the meeting room if she runs into issues.

Captain Mehler is also working to identify an individual who can step into the role of the Navigation Work Group Chair. He hopes they can take a more active role in running the Pre-Winter meeting. Captain Ward will reach out to Captain Chris Buckley and ask him to step into this role. The Harbor Safety Plan (HSP) was also sent out to the Committee on Wednesday, beginning the 2025 review process. Members will have until August to submit comments and suggestions to the Plan before it is reviewed by the Work Group and distributed to the public for a 30-day review period.

### **Facilitator's Report**

Ms. Griffin reported outreach efforts to Ashlyn O'Hara at KDLL Public Radio Station were unsuccessful, and that she will conduct follow-up outreach. Mayor Micciche added that KSRM Radio Kenai is another option, one that has a larger listenership than KDLL. He asked if Captain Mehler and Captain Ward would be interested in attending and offered to reach out to KSRM about taking part in a segment on the CIHSC.

Ms. Griffin also spoke to the estimates she obtained for lunch after the beach clean-up, reporting that lunch from either Smokehouse BBQ or Dianne's Wild Fork Catering would cost between \$300-400 if 20 individuals participated. Since the Board needs a more specific cost estimate to approve, she will develop quotes for lunch once the event is announced and a head count is obtained.

### **Membership Committee Appointments**

Mayor Micciche reviewed the seat applications from Nate Vreeland and Ingo Rose with the group.

**Motion Captain Paul Mehler, Captain Jeff Brue to approve Resolution 25-01 appointing Nate Vreeland to the alternate Response Organization seat and Ingo Rose to the alternate Tanker Operators seat, as presented. Motion passes with no objection.**

### **Review Action Items**

- ◇ Captain Mehler will reach out to Captain Kroon to solicit a contribution from Centerline Logistics/Olympic Tug & Barge.
- ◇ Mayor Micciche will reach out to Chief John Harris regarding the vacant Nikiski Fire Department Ex Officio seat.
- ◇ Captain Mehler will identify new dates to hold the beach clean-up.
- ◇ Ms. Griffin will identify where supplies can be purchased (i.e., trash bags, vests, gloves) and develop quotes for lunch once the event is announced and a head count is obtained.

- ◇ Ms. Griffin will continue outreach to secure a venue for the fall CIHSC meeting and Pre-Winter meeting, reaching out to Mayor Micciche if there are issues making a reservation.
- ◇ Captain Ward will reach out to Captain Chris Buckley and ask him to step into the Navigation Work Group Chair role on the CIHSC.
- ◇ Ms. Griffin will reach out to Ashlyn O'Hara again at KDLL Public Radio Station.
- ◇ Mayor Micciche will reach out to KSRM Radio Kenai about holding a segment on the CIHSC.
- ◇ Ms. Griffin will send Resolution 25-01 to Mr. Munger for signature.
- ◇ Ms. Griffin will reach out to Nate Vreeland and Ingo Rose regarding their seat appointments.
- ◇ Ms. Griffin will draft a meeting summary to distribute to the Board and Ex Officio members.
- ◇ Ms. Griffin will work with the Board to gauge availability for the next Board Meeting.

## **Adjourn**

Motion Mr. Munger, Captain Mehler to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10:34 am.

## **Meeting Materials:**

1. March 27, 2025, Meeting Summary
2. 250423 Roster Packet Version
3. May 2025 Receivables Report
4. Resolution 25-01 (Committee Appointments)
5. Resume and Letter of Interest
  - a. Nate Vreeland
  - b. Ingo Rose