

Cook Inlet Harbor Safety Committee

Meeting Agenda

April 23, 2026

1:00pm – 4:00pm (AKDT)

Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Chambers (144 N. Binkley St, Soldotna, AK 99669)

Webinar information located below

Committee Members:

Captain Justin Theriot, At Large – Alternate
Steve “Vinnie” Catalano, CIRCAC – Primary
Shaylon Cochran, CIRCAC – Alternate
David Martin, Commercial Fishing – Primary
Captain Erik Velsko, Commercial Fishing – Alternate
Frank Smith, Dry Cargo Ship Operators – Primary
Vicente “Ben” Cruz, Dry Cargo Ship Operators – Alternate
Mayor Rachel Lord, Environmental – Primary
Suzann Speckman, Environmental – Alternate
Captain Brad Kroon, Harbor Tug Operators – Primary
Bill Wolverson, Offshore Oil Production – Primary
David Griffin, Port MacKenzie – Primary
Corinne Lindfors, Port MacKenzie – Alternate
Terry Umatum, Port of Alaska – Primary
Ronnie Poole, Port of Alaska – Alternate
Bryan Hawkins, Port of Homer – Primary
Matt Clarke, Port of Homer – Alternate
Garrett St. Clair, Recreational Boaters – Primary
Todd Paxton, Response Organization – Primary
Todd Duke, Salvage Organization – Primary
Luke Hasenbank, Ship Agents – Primary
Andrew Mew, Ship Agents – Alternate
Captain Ian Maury, SWAPA – Primary, *HSC Vice-Chair*
Captain Christopher Buckley, SWAPA – Alternate
Captain Mark Maxim, Tanker Operators – Primary
Carolyn Crawford, Navigation Work Group Chair

Managing Board:

Mayor Peter Micciche, President
Captain Jeff Brue, Vice President
Mike Munger, Secretary/Treasurer
Captain Paul Mehler, *HSC Chair*
Captain Ian Maury, Member

Ex Officio:

Carly Lynch, USACE
Jeremy Allen, USACE
Capt. Christopher Culpepper, USCG (COTP)
CDR Christine Brown, USCG
CDR Lane Munroe, USCG
LT Brett Woodward, USCG
BMC Stephen Braun, USCG
MST2 Alan Young, USCG
CIV Daniel Payne, USCG
Mike Wills, USCG
LCDR Caroline Wilkinson, NOAA
Col. Adam Shockley, DOD ALCOM
Capt. Steve White, AK Marine Exchange
Jordan Boghosian, AK Marine Exchange
Jade Gamble, ADEC
David Blossom, ADEC
Anna Carey, ADEC
Chief John Harris, Nikiski Fire Department

Others:

Jim Butler, Alaska Chadux
Kris Holderied, NOAA
Haley Griffin, Nuka Research
Sara Werba, Nuka Research

- I. Call to Order Captain Paul Mehler
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Introductions Haley Griffin (5 min)
 - a. Welcome new members
- III. Housekeeping Actions Captain Paul Mehler (5 min)
 - a. Meeting Protocols
- IV. Approval of Agenda
- V. Approval of Meeting Summary – October 16, 2025
- VI. Round Table Committee Voting Member Comments (20 min)

- VII. Reports to Committee
 - a. Ex Officio Reports (15 min)
 - i. USACE..... Carly Lynch
 - ii. USCG.....Captain Christopher Culpepper, COTP
 - iii. NOAA LCDR Caroline Wilkinson
 - iv. DOD ALCOM..... Col. Adam Shockley
 - v. ADEC Jade Gamble
 - vi. MXAK..... Jordan Boghosian
 - vii. Nikiski Fire Department..... Chief John Harris
 - b. Managing Board Report Mayor Peter Micciche (5 min)
 - c. HSC Chair Report..... Captain Paul Mehler (5 min)
 - d. Work Group Reports (5 min each)
 - i. Navigation Work Group.....Carolyn Crawford
 - Pilotage and Anchoring Requirements Update
 - ii. Salvage Work Group..... Todd Duke
 - iii. Marine Firefighting Work Group..... CIV Daniel Payne
 - iv. Harbor Safety Plan Work Group Vinnie Catalano
 - e. Facilitator’s Report.....Haley Griffin (5 min)
- 10-minute break --
- VIII. Presentations
 - a. Derelict VesselsJim Butler (30 min)
 - b. Matson Operations Briefing.....Ben Cruz (30 min)
 - IX. New Business
 - a. NOAA Cook Inlet Ocean Particle Trajectory Tool..... Kris Holderied (10 min)
 - X. Public Comments (limited to 3 min each)
 - XI. Review Action Items and Set Next Meeting..... Chair & Staff
 - XII. Adjourn

Meeting Materials:

1. Meeting Protocols (sent in separate attachment)
2. CIHSC Roster (updated February 27, 2026)
3. Meeting Summary – October 16, 2025

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Meeting ID: 842 0642 6854
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