

R2025-018

From: Turner, Michele
Sent: Thursday, April 17, 2025 3:33 PM
To: Turner, Michele
Cc: Mayor Peter Micciche; Cannava, Dana; Herding, Casady
Subject: FW: Assembly Members Concerns Regarding 2025-018: NOAA Buoy Maintenance.

Good afternoon Assembly Members,

Please see the Mayor's email below regarding Resolution 2025-018, NOAA Buoy Maintenance.

Thank you,

Michele

Michele Turner - CMC

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From: Mayor Peter Micciche <pmicciche@kpb.us>
Sent: Thursday, April 17, 2025 3:30 PM
To: Turner, Michele <MicheleTurner@kpb.us>
Cc: Cannava, Dana <DCannava@kpb.us>; Herding, Casady <cherding@kpb.us>
Subject: Assembly Members Concerns Regarding 2025-018: NOAA Buoy Maintenance.

Michele – Please email to all assembly members and include in the record.

President Ribbens and Assembly Members – I serve as the President of the Cook Inlet Harbor Safety Committee, a US Coast Guard sponsored organization established in 2015 as a catalyst for all things "Cook Inlet Safety" that includes the waters from the Kennedy Entrance to the Port of Anchorage. Members include all marine-related federal, state and local agencies and local maritime stakeholders.

This afternoon I had the opportunity to publicly request National Buoy Center Station status and the plan forward from NOAA Lieutenant Commander Caroline Wilkinson. She is the Alaska Regional Navigation Manager and associated with dealing with this issue directly. She had good news. NOAA has negotiated a contract with the service vessel "Bluefin", a 1,080 Ton, 50 Meter vessel specifically outfitted for buoy and similar service. The Bluefin will be working coastal Alaska repairs on navigation and data buoys (including the Seal Rock Buoy) this summer. They are still working contract issues and all of the federal agencies are concerned about their own staffing due to current challenges from DC, but they believe the buoy maintenance contract will make it through and the work will be scheduled.

Thought you'd like to know and I'll keep you posted.

Thank you - Peter

Mayor Peter A. Micciche

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