

Annual report from the Fisheries Development Committee to the City & Borough Assembly on this date March 15, 2010.

On June 24, 2009, newly appointed members Mike Peterson, Jim Becker, Glenn Haight, Bill Brown, Brian Holst and Thomas Fletcher reconstructed the Fisheries Development Committee (FDC). With the support of Beth McEwen - Deputy Clerk, and Greg Fisk - Docks & Harbors vice chair and past member of the FDC, the new members elected a chair and received an overview of the history of the committee. The committee reviewed Resolution # 2418(a resolution reestablishing the FDC and repealing Resolution # 1399), and paid special attention to the purpose of the committee "... to advise and assist the Assembly regarding all aspects of fisheries development and enhancement in the Juneau area...".

Towards that end, the FDC spent the past eight meetings (once a month) inviting and listening to organizations and individuals that represent fisheries in the Juneau area. They include John Stone - CBJ Harbormaster; Brian Glynn, Brian Frenette, and Scott Kelly - staff members from Fish & Game; Elizabeth Dubovsky and Chris Zimmer - Juneau Trout Unlimited; Wayne Regilin - Territorial Sportsmen, Stephen Wright - past and now current member of the FDC; Jim and Mike Erickson - Glacier Seafoods; and Todd Wicks, Chris Condor and associate representatives Greg and Tina Brown from the Juneau Charter Boat Operators Association.

Topics discussed (but not limited to) include: a cold storage facility, developing off road fisheries, CBJ Harbor CIP projects, an ad hoc Juneau Fisheries Development Needs Survey, and a Juneau Maritime Festival. The Juneau Economic Development Council plans to initiate the Juneau Maritime Festival for this spring. Two committee members, Fletcher and Haight, agreed to serve on an organizing committee for the Festival.

The FDC worked alongside the Gov. Parnell Welcoming Committee and was instrumental in supplying fresh fish for the Sandy Beach picnic. Members of the FDC also helped with the barbeque, serving fish brushed with a secret sauce.

The FDC unanimously passed a motion to support the Docks and Harbors Board FY 11 CIP Request of the Auke Bay Ice Plant and the Downtown Fisheries Improvements, both which would be funded by Buy America Bonds.

Thank you for your Support

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Becker
Chair- FDC