
Sitka Port and Harbors Commission

Meeting Agenda

Wednesday November 12th, 2025, 6:00 PM Harrigan
Centennial Hall

Commission Members:

Joshua Badder, Andrew Callistini, Jorgen Eliason, Tyler Green,
Justin Peeler, Shauna Thornton, Tamy Stevenson, Assembly Liaison:
JJ Carlson

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. CORRESPONDENCE

IV. AGENDA CHANGES

- A. Vagrants in ANB Harbor – Tyler Green
- B. Harbor Tariff Schedule – Brandon Calhoun

V. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Public participation on any item off the agenda – time limit not to exceed 3 minutes for any individual.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Meeting minutes of September 10th, 2025

VII. REPORTS

Chair:

Harbor Master:

City Staff:

Assembly Liaison:

Other(s)

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- B. Grid Revenue Comparison
- C. Fish Box Tax Distribution
- D. Fisherman Work Float Revenue Comparison

IX. NEW BUSINESS

X. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Public participation on any items ON or OFF the agenda – time limit not to exceed 3 minutes for any individual.

XI. SET NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS

XII. ADJOURNMENT



Sitka Port and Harbors Commission Minutes

September 10th 2025, 6:00PM Harrigan Centennial
Hall

Port and Harbors Commission Members:

Joshua Badder, Andrew Callistini, Jorgen Eliason, Tyler Green,
Justin Peeler, Shauna Thornton, Tamy Stevenson
Chris Ystad (Assembly Liaison)

Shauna Thornton called to order at 5:58 PM

Present: Shauna Thornton, Tamy Stevenson, Jorgen Eliason, Justin Peeler, Joshua Badder, Chris Ystad

Excused: Tyler Green

Absent: Andrew Callistini

Staff: Harbor Master Brandon Calhoun

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of May 12, 2025, meeting minutes

Motion to approve the minutes as written.

M- Jorgen Eliason moved to approve May 12, 2025, meeting minutes as written S- Badder

Motion passed unanimously.

VII. REPORTS

Harbor Master – Provided personal work history and brief introduction. Addressed question concerning outlook
I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. CORRESPONDENCE None.

IV. AGENDA CHANGES None.

V. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

None. A.

Chair –

for CBS Harbor department; focus on efficiencies, revenue & expenses and grant opportunities. Notified commission six 32' stalls and two 24' stalls in Crescent harbor have been condemned causing loss or revenue.

City Staff –None

Assembly Liaison – Chris Ystad notified he will no longer be Liaison. Update: 2 ordinances are stalled in legal and will need new sponsors. Commercial Passenger Fee will need new sponsors. Vessel Insurance will be sponsored by John Leach. Update on Highmark Marine operational start at haulout. Final haul out rates published at lower rates than originally proposed. Chris will work with PD to attempt to add more 10 day parking before his departure from assembly. Highmark to start construction on Fisherman's Work Float October 2025 **Other (s)** – None

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VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Annual Moorage Discount for Prepayment- Item moved to next meeting Unfinished Business. **Died due to lack of motion.**
- B. Revenue Comparisons of Tidal Grid Fee's. **Jorgen Eliason originally brought this to the commission. Harbor Master to provide a revenue comparison at next meeting.**
- C.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Fish Box Tax. **Harbor Master to provide distribution percentages and history of fish box tax.**

X

X. SET NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS

October 8th, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Tidal Grid Fee Revenue Comparison

Fish Box Tax Distribution

Work Float Fee Revenue Comparison

M- Stevenson moved to adjourn the meeting S- Peeler

Shauna Thornton adjourned the meeting at 6:45 PM

Attest: Brandon Calhoun Harbormaster

I. ADJOURNMENT



City and Borough of Sitka

Harbor Department

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- Fish box tax was established in 2006.
- Went into effect in 2007 at the rate of 30%-30%-40% Harbors/Fisheries Enhancement fund/General fund.
- 2012 it went to the assembly to change the split to 40%-20%-40%. It passed the first reading and then failed the second after concern from the public.
- Tax rate of \$10 a box has not changed since 2006.
- The general fund has shifted portion of their 40% to now go into an interest accruing permanent fund.
- Fisheries Enhancement Fund is awarded to applicants by the assembly. In the past Sitka Sound Science Center has received this to support their hatchery operations.

4.25.010 Levy of sales tax.

A. There is levied a consumer's sales tax on sales, rents, and leases made in the city and borough of Sitka. This tax applies to sales, rentals, and leases of tangible personal property; sales of services sold within the city and borough of Sitka; sales of services performed wholly or partially within the city and borough of Sitka when the provision of such services originates or terminates within the city and borough of Sitka; and rentals and leases of real property located within the city and borough of Sitka.

Notwithstanding any provision of law, air or sea charter services, provided a person or entity in the business of providing such charter services, are exempt from sales tax by the city and borough of Sitka if the charter does not commence and end within the city and borough of Sitka.

B. The rate of levy of the sales tax levied under subsection [A](#) of this section is five percent on sales made during the months of October, November, December, January, February, and March. The rate of levy of the sales tax levied under subsection [A](#) of this section is six percent on sales made during the months of April, May, June, July, August, and September. The revenue generated by the one additional percentage point shall be dedicated to fund either directly or by paying debt service on the maintenance, repair, replacement and/or construction of school building infrastructure.

C. A flat rate of \$10.00 per fish box shall be levied on the packaged fish and/or seafood caught or taken and retained by fish charter customers as part of the fish charter. This tax shall be paid by the fish charter customer, collected by whoever packages the fish and/or seafood caught or taken by the fish charter customer, and is in addition to any sales tax paid based on the cost of the charter. This tax is effective January 1, 2007. For purposes of this subsection, a “fish box” means any packaging by a fish charter operator or processor of fish and/or seafood caught or taken as part of the charter by a fish charter customer. The sales tax collected from this levy on fish boxes shall be deposited by the finance director in the following funds in the following ratios:

1. Thirty percent in the harbor fund;
2. Thirty percent in a fisheries enhancement fund, available to be used for any fisheries enhancement proposal upon approval of the proposal by the assembly; and
3. Forty percent in the general fund.

D. In place of the consumer’s sales tax levied in subsection [A](#) of this section, there is levied a consumer’s sales tax on sales made in the city and borough of Sitka of marijuana, as “marijuana” is defined in AS [17.38.900\(10\)](#), and marijuana products, as “marijuana products” is defined in AS [17.38.900\(15\)](#). The rate of levy of the sales tax under this subsection is six percent on sales made during the first year, starting on January 1, 2023, and eight percent on sales made during the second year and each year thereafter. The sales tax collected under this subsection shall be deposited by the finance director into the student activities fund. Each year during the annual budget process an appropriation from the student activities fund will be made based on projected annual revenue and the funds appropriated will be transferred to the Sitka school district. This funding will be restricted to the support of extracurricular student activities and associated travel costs.

The Sitka General Code is current through Ordinance 25-12, passed May 29, 2025.

E. Except as provided in subsections [C](#) and [D](#) of this section, all moneys accumulated under the terms of this chapter shall be deposited by the finance director in the general fund of the city and borough of Sitka and shall be used for the general operating expenses of the city and borough of Sitka in such a proportion as deemed advisable from time to time by the assembly. (Ord. 23-15 § 4, 2023; Ord. 23-14 § 4, 2023; Ord. 22-12S § 4, 2022; Ord. 12-46A § 4, 2013; Ord. 09-55 § 4, 2009; Ord. 06-38 § 4, 2006; Ord. 03-1758 § 4(B), 2004; S.G.C. § 4.09.010.)

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Disclaimer: The city and borough clerk’s office has the official version of the Sitka General Code. Users should contact the city and borough clerk’s office for ordinances passed subsequent to the ordinance cited above. [City and Borough Website:](#) www.cityofsitka.com [Hosted by General Code.](#)

Application City and Borough of Sitka Fisheries

Enhancement Fund, Sitka Sound Science Center

2025

The Sitka Sound Science Center (SSSC) is grateful for the important funds we have received from the Fish Box tax in previous years. **These funds will make a significant difference in our ability to enhance fisheries to the benefit of the entire community.** We respectfully request the City and Borough of Sitka Assembly consider providing the Sheldon Jackson (SJ) Salmon Hatchery \$35,000.00 from the Fisheries Enhancement Fund. **SSSC serves the entire community. Every student in the Sitka Schools experiences our programs, and all of Sitka residents have access to the enhanced fish that originate from the SJ Hatchery.** The SJ Salmon Hatchery work aligns perfectly with the purpose of the Fisheries Enhancement Fund. Our facility is permitted for 12 million chum, 3 million pink and 250,000 coho salmon eggs. The Sitka Sound Science Center produces these fish for the charter, commercial, sport and subsistence harvest in Sitka Sound and Deep Inlet. We have a partnership with the Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture, for whom we provide 9 million chum eggs, returning over \$12.2 million total value to the commercial fishing fleets of Sitka over the past ten years and millions to the guided sport industry, from whom the fisheries enhancement fund tax originates. The salmon that SSSC releases in front of our facility are valued at another \$600,000 just for the commercial catch. We also release chinook salmon that are caught by children and subsistence users directly from Sage Beach, which is right downtown and accessible to those without their own vessels. In 2024, SSSC contributed \$1.4 million to the commercial salmon fleet, and enhanced the guided sport fishery. Importantly, our return site adjacent to the Sage Beach provides a unique opportunity for anglers of all ages to catch salmon.

History of the Organization: Sitka Sound Science Center

The Sitka Sound Science Center (SSSC) is a **non-profit 501c3** organization formed in 2007. The Sitka Sound Science Center is dedicated to increasing understanding and awareness of terrestrial, marine and aquatic ecosystems of coastal Alaska through education and research. Our vision is to be the leading scientific and educational institution in coastal Alaska through innovative, inspiring and community centered programming. Our robust research portfolio includes a breadth of topics that reflect the community's need including ocean health research, fisheries genetics and disease surveillance, as well as landslide monitoring and warning. We have over 30 educational programs that are in-school and out of school as well as a breadth of informal learning opportunities for residents, undergraduates, graduate students and visitors. We own the 1929-era Sage building, and Sitka Sawmill that at one time housed the Sheldon Jackson College science classrooms and laboratories. Today we operate the Molly O Ahlgren Aquarium and the Sheldon Jackson Salmon Hatchery as teaching tools for some of our 30 educational programs. We employ 28 full- time year-round positions and another 7 seasonal positions.

The Sheldon Jackson Salmon Hatchery was one of the first hatcheries permitted in the State of Alaska. Built by the students of Sheldon Jackson, the hatchery was a production facility and a training location where students learned fisheries biology, natural resource management, and fisheries enhancement techniques. Graduates from the fisheries program at Sheldon Jackson College from 1975 to 2007 are now professionals and leaders in fisheries enhancement, management, and policy around the State of Alaska. When SSSC took over operation of the hatchery in 2007, our board remained committed to contributing to the common property fishery and the continuation of the unique training program our location and

facility affords. Our hatchery is one of only two on the West coast that train students to work in hatcheries through intern and apprentice programs.

Today, SSSC delivers high quality science education programs and conducts collaborative, community-centered research with research institutions from around the nation. SSSC works to conduct research that reflects Sitka's locally relevant scientific questions and in close partnership with fishing interests such as DIPAC, Northern Southeast Aquaculture Association, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Silver Bay Seafoods.

Our programs:

What's new? SSSC has recently completed its new Spawning Platform and Incubation Facility (SPIFY) This project was supported by the regional aquaculture associations, the Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (NSRAA) and the Douglas Island Pink and Chum(DIPAC), as well as the Rasmuson Foundation, the MJ Murdock Trust, the Northern Fund of the Pacific Salmon Treaty, Cargill Inc, and the USDA. The completion of this building is a significant milestone for us as we can now teach aquaculture students using modern equipment, better preparing them for the aquaculture workforce. Additionally, it will allow us to better demonstrate fishery enhancement to the thousands of visitors we are hosting. The project also frees up space in the basement of our main building to accommodate more fisheries and ocean-related scientific research. We are also have just completed slip lining our 1911 wood stave pipe that delivers water from Indian River to our facility. The slip lining project secures our fresh water supply which is so critical for rearing fish and conducting research.

This year we have paid internships and mentored research opportunities for high school students in the summer and throughout the year. These experiences are funded through the National Science Foundation.

We also host the University of Alaska's Fisheries Technology mariculture seaweed project. The Fish Tech program is teaching students about seaweed mariculture by placing growth lines adjacent to the SJ Hatchery net pens where salmon spend a few weeks before they are released. *Other Information*

We continued our strong research partnerships with, NSRAA, The Sitka Tribe of Alaska, Central Council Tlingit Haida Indian Association, University of Alaska Fairbanks, University of California, University of San Francisco, U.S. Coast Guard, RAND Corporation, National Weather Service, Canadian Geologic Survey, Alaska Volcano Observatory, University of Oregon, NOAA, US Geologic Survey, State Division of Geologic and Geophysical Services, U.S. Forest Service, and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. We have recently hired Dr. Morag Clinton, a veterinarian and Ph.D. fish pathologist to help us study fish diseases that are impacting salmon in southeast Alaska. This will work will support all harvesters of wild salmon.

Our educational programs offer experiences for people of all ages. SSSC after school, and summer camps have become enormously popular and our Scientists in the Schools program, integrated into the K-12 curriculum for the Sitka School District and Mt. Edgecumbe High School continue to assist **all students** in all of our schools. Our other education programs include our Sprouts program for 3-5 years old children and their guardians, and Sitka WhaleFest which brings scientists from around the nation to Sitka each fall to share their research findings and celebrate the marine environment. We institute community research and education programs with Sitka Tribe of Alaska, US Forest Service, University of Alaska Fairbanks, University of California Santa Cruz, Williams College, Johns Hopkins University, Exeter College, and Sitka Conservation Society.

Enhancement

Sitka Sound Science Center is part of the almost \$1 billion fisheries enhancement industry in Alaska. Southeast Alaska hatcheries contribute millions of pounds of fish to commercial, charter, sport, personal use and subsistence fisheries, resulting in the injection of millions of dollars into the Sitka economy. The

McDowell study (May 2017) demonstrates how important hatcheries are to our community and regional economy. Hatcheries create 2,000 jobs in Southeast Alaska and produce \$90 million in labor income. The SJ Hatchery facility is permitted by the State for 12 million Chums, 3 million Pinks, and 250,000 Coho, providing important local sport, commercial, and charter fishing opportunities near town. Sitka has 81 guided sport businesses and employs more than 160 people (with Sitka residencies). While we don't know the exact numbers of fish taken by nonresident guided anglers, we know hatcheries contribute to their catch. In addition, visitors target our fish when fishing near the Sea Walk and Sage Beach (adjacent to our facility). Our nonprofit organization provides 9 million chum eggs for the Deep Inlet remote release site. Because of our location, SSSC-reared salmon are easily accessible to commercial fishermen, recreational and guided sport fishermen including land-based sport and subsistence fishing. The return site adjacent to Sage Beach provides a unique opportunity for anglers to catch salmon from the shore, an opportunity used by children, families, and elders during the salmon return. We also provide salmon carcasses for locals to use for dog food and gardening. In addition, SSSC is training people to work in fisheries enhancement. We have regular and long-term internships to train people in aquaculture. **We have weekly aquaculture classes with all three of the high schools in Sitka. We are the only working training facility hatchery in the State of Alaska, and one of only two in the Pacific Northwest.**

We are part of the State of Alaska \$20 million long term study on the interaction between wild and hatchery chum salmon overseeing the Southeast field crews conducting the research.

Our facility received approximately 20,000 visitors in 2024 including many charter clients in town for fishing as well as cruise ship passengers, students, and scientists. As part of the visitor experience, we provide them with a history of salmon enhancement and commercial, sport and subsistence fishing in Alaska. We teach visitors about the salmon life cycle, how our community depends on fishing for an economic base and the importance of culture in our relationship with the natural world.

Community Support

Sitka Sound Science Center has a wide breadth of community support as represented by our donation and in-kind support from fish processors such as Silver Bay Seafoods, and Sitka Sound Seafoods; private foundations including the Sitka Permanent Charitable Trust, Rasmuson Foundation, individual members, and a breadth of individual donations. We are also supported by Douglas Island Pink and Chum (DIPAC) and the Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (NSRAA). Our Board of Directors represents a cross section of Sitka. Our board members are: Michael Mausbach (Chair, Spruce Root); Elizabeth Bagely (Project Drawdown); Laurel Stark (treasurer, Spruce Root). Angie Bowers, (Professor UAS); Stacy Golden (Science Teacher Sitka High School).

Dollars Requested: Sitka Sound Science Center respectfully requests \$16,000.00 of the fisheries enhancement funds. We request this amount to support our fisheries enhancement activities for this year. We are not requesting the entire amount as we want to also support the Sitka Tribe of Alaska's application to support work at the Redoubt Lake Weir and the Alaska Longline Fisherman's Association's application and not compete with those requests.

Statement of what will be achieved with the funding: Fisheries Enhancement funding will enable Sitka Sound Science Center to maintain its hatchery production and enhancement operations. The monies from the Fisheries Enhancement Fund will go directly into supporting hatchery operations and staffing the hatchery. These positions are responsible for overseeing fish health, spawning, daily fish culture, tagging fish, water quality monitoring, research operations, facility issues and other essential hatchery tasks that support strong, healthy fish releases. Because of the small size of our facility, cost recovery fishing does not pay all the bills for our operations. We consider the fish box tax funds as recouping from some of the users who benefit from the Sitka Sound Science Center hatchery. **The funds provided by the fish box tax are vital for our organization, and our hatchery which serves all of Sitka.**

Explanation of how this will enhance the fisheries within the City and Borough of Sitka: Sitka Sound Science Center provides fisheries enhancement in many ways to the entire community. We directly contribute to salmon fishing opportunities for **all users** in Sitka by:

- Support hatchery operations during the 2025 season – employees, supplies
- Enhance the quantity of fish stocks returning to Sitka Sound by releasing 250,000 Coho, 3 million Chum and 3 million Pink salmon that return to Crescent Bay.
- Enhance and contribute to the Deep Inlet terminal fishery in partnership with NSRAA to release 9 million Chum salmon.
- Provide a release and terminal area for 400,000 king salmon released by NSRAA. These fish are caught by all users especially those who may not have access to a boat.

Additionally, we ensure fisheries enhancement into the future by:

- Training students through our aquaculture training programs in the schools and in association with the University of Alaska's Fisheries Technology classes.
- Introduce **every Sitka K-12 student** to fisheries enhancement, science and other marine related disciplines as options for their future careers by providing hands-on laboratories and supporting science curriculum at all Sitka Schools.
- Educate visitors (including guided sport clients) about hatcheries and how salmon enhancement works in conjunction with wild salmon management and conservation in Southeast Alaska and the important role of commercial, sport and subsistence fishing to Sitka's economy, lifestyle and culture.
- Provide internship opportunities for high school and college students studying science and to work in science education and hatchery operations during the summer.
- Provide summer employment opportunities for Sitka High School students to work in science education and hatchery operations.
- Support a year long hatchery apprentice who will leave fully trained to work in any hatchery in the state.

ATTACHED:

Hatchery Pro Forma

SSSC recent Balance Sheet

Letters of Support

Updated 22-Apr-24 WHC

Fish

	Estimated Commercial contribution
Commercial contribution	0.78
Non-commercial contribution	0.69
Total contribution	1.47

2024-2031

PINK	CHUM	COHO	CHINOOK	TOTAL
711,360	327,968	32,900	1,219	

Brood Year

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Assumptions		
marine survival	5.2%	price
commercial harvest %	60%	inflation
comm. price per pound	\$ 0.18	2.5%
average weight	3.60 lbs	

Return Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
2 yr olds	191,826	268,455	283,566	606,270	143,650	148,200	148,200	148,200	148,200	148,200	148,200	148,200	148,200
Brood stock	5,612	5,001	9,667	14,380	11,914	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Commercial catch	115,096	58,532	127,603	94,420	66,753	88,920	88,920	88,920	88,920	88,920	88,920	88,920	88,920
Self Recovery (CR) Fish	113,259	185,924	273,889	561,765	331,683	54,280	54,280	54,280	54,280	54,280	54,280	54,280	54,280
CR price \$/lb	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.13	\$ 0.13	\$ 0.13
CR Pounds	390,421	669,326	662,547	1,797,650	1,194,059	195,408	195,408	195,408	195,408	195,408	195,408	195,408	195,408
Revenue	\$ 68,599.71	\$ 120,478.75	\$ 142,447.61	\$ 503,342.00	\$ 131,346.47	\$ 22,032.25	\$ 22,583.06	\$ 23,147.63	\$ 23,726.33	\$ 24,319.48	\$ 24,927.47	\$ 25,550.66	\$ 26,189.42

Brood Year

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Assumptions		
marine survival	2.2%	
3 yr	12%	
4 yr	66%	
5 yr	21%	
6 yr	1%	price
commercial harvest	65%	inflation
comm. price per pound		2.5%
average weight	7.90 lbs	

3-year-old	6,054					7,286				7,286		7,286	
4-year-old 5-year-old	40,598 15,612 50,581 39,749 106,175					43,066 13,803	43,241 13,703	42,872 13,758	43,545 13,641	40,075 13,855	40,075 12,751	40,075 12,751	40,075
												12,751	
	10,781 5,704 16,094 12,647 33,783												
6-year-old	648 30 766 6,022 1,609					657 653	655 650	650 660	607 607				
Total adults	58,081	31,554	76,638	64,645	160,871	65,321	65,513	64,572	65,122	61,877	60,720	60,720	60,720
Brood stock Commercial catch													
	2,500	2,500	2,500	5,399	20,838	2,500 42,459	2,500 42,584	2,500 41,971	2,500 42,330	2,500 40,220	2,500 39,468	2,500 39,468	2,500 39,468
	6,970 20,510 35,503 47,050 76,323												
Fast Recovery (CR) Fish													
	20,690	12,299	35,700	9,511	58,710	20,362	20,430	20,100	20,293	19,157	18,752	18,752	18,752
CR price \$/lb CR Pounds	\$ 0.48	\$ 0.62	\$ 0.78	\$ 0.97	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.10
	188,437	97,162	240,822	96,369	463,809								
Revenue	\$ 78,522.00	\$ 60,240.50	\$ 187,841.16	\$ 93,477.93	\$ 37,104.72	\$ 13,190.81	\$ 13,565.21	\$ 13,679.98	\$ 14,156.49	\$ 13,698.12	\$ 13,743.83	\$ 14,087.43	\$ 14,439.61

			2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025			2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
Recovery	Return Year	2019	10,208	9,197	6,227	19,305	7,795	7,917	2026	2027	7,286	2029	2030	7,286		

Coho
Brood Year

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Permitted Eggs	170,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
Associated Release	235,000	235,000	235,000	235,000	235,000	235,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	157,554	212,500	225,775	177,000
Assumptions															
3 yr olds		9,355	3,695	7,902	3,240	8,958	8,225	8,225	8,225	8,225	8,225	8,225	8,225	8,225	8,225
Brood stock		519	199	231	888	106	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300
Commercial catch							4,113	4,113	4,113	4,113	4,113	4,113	4,113	4,113	4,113
marine survival	3.5%														
commercial harvest %	50%														
comm. price per pound	2.5%														
average weight	7.50 lbs														
Cost Recovery (CR) Fish		1,074	1,796	136	162	401	3,813	3,813	3,813	3,813	3,813	3,813	3,813	3,813	3,813
CR price \$/lb		\$ 1.03	\$ 0.74	\$ 0.78	\$ 0.78	\$ 0.33	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.36	\$ 0.36	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.38	\$ 0.39	\$ 0.40
CR Pounds		8,368	13,470	709	953	1,148	28,594	28,594	28,594	28,594	28,594	28,594	28,594	28,594	28,594
Revenue	\$	8,627	\$ 9,967.8	\$ 553.0	\$ 743.3	\$ 378.8	\$ 9,671.8	\$ 9,913.6	\$ 10,161.5	\$ 10,415.5	\$ 10,675.9	\$ 10,942.8	\$ 11,216.4	\$ 11,496.8	\$ 11,771.8

Chinook - NSRAA smolt release

Recovery	Return Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
Brood Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2029
Permitted Eggs	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000
Associated Release	380,000	380,000	380,000	380,000	380,000	380,000	380,000	380,000	380,000	380,000	380,000	380,000	380,000	380,000
Recovery	Return Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2031

4	17	47	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25
5													
6	106	296	155	155	155	155	155	155	155	155	155	155	155
	48	133	70										
Total adults	171	478	251	251	251	251	251	251	251	251	251	251	251
Commercial catch every (CR) Fish	92	167	211	135	135	135	135	135	135	135	135	135	135
	5	11	311	54									
CR price \$/lb CR Pounds	\$ 2.63	\$ 2.88	\$ 3.88	\$ 3.88	\$ 3.98	\$ 4.08	\$ 4.18	\$ 4.28	\$ 4.39	\$ 4.50	\$ 4.61	\$ 4.73	\$ 4.73
	70	160	2,782	241									

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Sitka Sound Science Center
Statement of Financial Position (company prepared)
As of December 31, 2024

	Total
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 1,588,901.69
Accounts Receivable	
Total Accounts Receivable	\$ 259,074.70
Total Other Current Assets	\$ 55,279.71
Total Current Assets	\$ 1,903,256.10
Fixed Assets	
15000 Sage Building	271,744.58
15001 Sage Building Improvements	1,567,806.25
Total 15000 Sage Building	\$ 1,839,550.83
15002 Lincoln Street Land	416,950.00
15003 Hatchery Improvements	252,009.00
15004 Mill Building	1,467,214.98
15005 1101 Edgecumbe Drive Property	680,000.00
15500 Equipment Capitalized	274,068.73
15555 Accumulated Depreciation	-502,903.00
15560 Construction in Progress	164,010.04
Total Fixed Assets	\$ 4,590,900.58
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 6,494,156.68
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 83,393.21
Long-Term Liabilities	
25700 State of Aalska FERP #3	392,072.00
26000 State of Alaska FERP #4	554,800.00
26100 1101 Edgecumbe Drive Property (Liability)	450,739.52
Total Long-Term Liabilities \$ 1,397,611.52	Total Liabilities \$
1,481,004.73	
Total Equity	\$ 5,013,151.95
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 6,494,156.68



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May 6, 2025

Dear Members of the Assembly,

I am writing in strong support of the Sitka Sound Science Center's request for funding from the Fisheries Enhancement Fund. These funds are critical to the Sheldon Jackson Hatchery's continued success in supplying fish for our common property fisheries, while also providing valuable educational opportunities for students and the public about the role hatcheries play in sustaining both our economy and cultural identity as a coastal fishing community in Southeast Alaska. Support is especially vital in times of volatile fish prices and uncertain cost recovery revenue.

As a professor in the University of Alaska Southeast Sitka's Applied Fisheries Program—and with 19 years of experience in the aquaculture industry as a technician, hatchery manager, and now educator—I have seen firsthand the positive impact of the Science Center's work. The Center supports our fisheries through salmon production for commercial, subsistence, and sport harvests, and plays a key role in educating local students, training future aquaculturists and fisheries managers, and enabling hands-on learning and research through our university programs.

The Sitka Sound Science Center clearly fulfills the purpose of the Fisheries Enhancement Fund by directly enhancing local fisheries and expanding educational and research opportunities in aquaculture. I fully support their efforts and urge you to approve their funding request so they can continue this important work.

Sincerely,

Angie Bowers
Assistant Professor
University of Alaska Southeast

May 6, 2025

RE: Support for Sitka Sound Science Center 2025 Fish Box Tax Request

Dear Mayor Eisenbeisz & Sitka Assembly,

The Sitka Sound Science Center through its operation of the Sheldon Jackson Hatchery fully meets the criteria for receiving the 2024 Fish Box Tax funds in the category for salmon

enhancement. SSSC conducts and is committed to salmon enhancement programs that benefit common property fisheries in Sitka. No other entity in Sitka, applying for the funds, fulfills that

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mission. In addition, SSSC provides several functions that support enhancement programs in important and fundamental ways, including kindergarten to college science education and aquaculture research, as well as providing student/employee salmon hatchery training.

Commercial fishermen have benefited directly from the 12 million chum eggs (increased from 10 million in 2013) associated with the Sheldon Jackson Hatchery permit. If it were not for SSSC operating the hatchery there would be 150,000 fewer adult chum salmon on average to catch in Sitka Sound each year. The total value of the SJ hatchery chum caught in Deep Inlet by the commercial fleet from 2006 to 2024 is \$12,560,000. These dollars flow through Sitka's economy. While the ex-vessel value accrues to fishermen and the community, it doesn't pay for the SJ hatchery program which is why the box tax is significant and important to SSSC.

NSRAA is a private non-profit fisheries enhancement organization based in Sitka. We have several large salmon production facilities that benefit commercial, sport, subsistence, and personal use fishermen in the region. The NSRAA board is comprised of 15 commercial fishermen representing the three salmon gear groups, one crew seat, and 9 non-commercial seats including subsistence, conservation, municipality, Native organization, and sport fishermen. NSRAA has a strong partnership with Sitka Sound Science Center that began at its inception. NSRAA believes SSSC is ideally suited for receipt of the fish box tax, and wholly deserves the funds.

The SJ hatchery was one of the very first permitted enhancement facilities in the State of Alaska. It has been producing salmon for common property fisheries in Sitka Sound since 1975. Importantly, SSSC has improved the hatchery infrastructure, staff, and programs. Fishermen depend on SSSC's 12 million permitted chum eggs.

A final comment regarding the origin of the 'box tax' that you may find relevant. The sponsors of the 'box tax' specifically wanted a tax levied on entities that were benefiting from enhanced salmon, particularly coho and chinook, but not paying or contributing to salmon enhancement costs. Commercial fishermen via NSRAA were and are footing 99% of local production costs for chinook, chum and coho through the 3% SET tax. In discussions with the 'box tax' sponsors, they expected the tax money to flow to NSRAA as a way to offset some of the costs. Subsequent to the 'box tax' implementation the NSRAA board established a policy prohibiting acceptance of sport charter derived money in order to maintain clean accounting of commercial

fishermen paying for 100% of the production costs. Therefore, it is logical that the only other producer of enhanced salmon in the Sitka area, SSSC should receive the 'box tax' funds for its intended purpose.

Please support this important enhancement operation in Sitka. Sincerely,

Scott Wagner
General Manager

