

AMA LIAISON MONTHLY REPORT

Due the 10th of each month

Region	Host Organization	Reporting Month / Year	Submission Date
Kenai Peninsula	CRRC	December 2025	1/3/2026

Administrative & Ongoing Tasks

How many total hours were spent this month working on Administrative & Ongoing Task: 12 hours

Monthly Reporting

Provide monthly summaries (this report) of activities performing duties outlined in [Liaison Contracts](#).

Timesheets

Provide monthly timesheets. To be submitted with monthly report.

Meetings

Participate in weekly AMA meetings.

List any meetings and dates you were not able to attend:

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Outreach & Engagement (Task 1)

Task 1. A

Contact leaders of all Tribal governments, Tribal corporations, and municipalities within your region. Thoroughly inform and regularly meet with them to exchange information related to local mariculture priorities and opportunities.

How many total hours were spent this month working on Task 1. A: 30

Continue to update the provided Tracking Sheet to note which organizations have been contacted / re-contacted, their level of interest, and desired scale: [AMA Liaison Outreach Tracking Google Sheet](#)

List any organizations and leaders that you have contacted / re-contacted this month, describe what information you exchanged and their interest [or lack of interest] in mariculture:

During December, the Kenai Peninsula Mariculture Liaison continued outreach with regional recipients of Build Back Better (BBB) funding and mariculture-industry project partners in coordination with Ecotrust. This outreach focused on refining participation for an upcoming focus group discussion intended to evaluate the impacts of BBB investments on mariculture development across the Kenai Peninsula. Conversations this month emphasized identifying region-specific outcomes, challenges, and lessons learned to ensure that local experiences are accurately reflected in Ecotrust's assessment.

Through the kelp cooking class hosted with the Qutekcak Native Tribe, the liaison also connected directly with Tribal administration, Tribal members, and Elders to share additional context on CRRC's kelp mariculture activities and ongoing research efforts. These conversations provided an opportunity to gauge interest in potential follow-up activities, including community-based elder food programs such as pickling bull kelp, opportunities to share kelp-derived fertilizer from research sites during the summer season, and other culturally relevant applications of kelp mariculture. Interest was expressed in continuing these discussions and exploring future engagement opportunities that align with community priorities.

The liaison also followed up with representatives from the English Bay Corporation, to receive feedback on aquatic farm draft proposal shared with them in November. This conversation is ongoing.

Task 1. B

Plan, design, and conduct culturally appropriate listening sessions, workshops, and presentations for the purpose of sharing information about and collecting input on local mariculture priorities. Conduct at least four in-person (per year) community-wide meetings to gather input and discuss local mariculture priorities. Detailed meeting notes with actionable items and follow-up guidance will be provided to AMA.

How many total hours were spent this month working on Task 1. B: 30 hours

List and describe any workshops, presentations, or meetings you participated in or planned this month:

In December, the Kenai Peninsula Mariculture Liaison hosted a kelp cooking class in partnership with the Qutekcak Native Tribe. The class was attended by approximately eight Tribal members and was well received. The event created an informal, culturally appropriate setting for participants to ask questions about kelp mariculture activities on the Kenai Peninsula and across Alaska, and for the liaison to share information on both commercial kelp farming and subsistence-scale kelp use. The class also served as a listening session, allowing Tribal members to share perspectives, preferences, and ideas related to kelp foods and future mariculture engagement.

The liaison is also in the process of developing an outreach video for the Chugach-region kelp "shark tank"-style competition by working with a filmmaker to begin shaping content from footage collected during the Qutekcak Native Tribe kelp cooking class. This phase of work is focused on reviewing available footage, refining the narrative approach, and identifying how community participation and food-based engagement can be highlighted to promote kelp product development and Tribal and regional involvement in the competition.

Task 1. C

Travel to meetings and conferences + other outreach.

How many total hours were spent this month working on Task 1. C: 10 hours

List and describe any work-related travel you participated in this month, including dates:

The liaison hosted a kelp cooking class at QNT; no other meetings or conferences during this month.

Task 1. D

Engage in miscellaneous outreach & engagement tasks.

How many total hours were spent this month working on Task 1. D: 50 hours

List and describe any miscellaneous task you engaged in this month:

See above.

Technical Support (Task 2)

Task 2. A

Assist new and existing mariculture businesses with funding, permitting, farm design, research, grant writing, and proposal submissions.

How many total hours were spent this month working on Task 2. A: 8 hours

List any businesses that you assisted this month and describe your efforts:

The Kenai Peninsula Mariculture Liaison provided one-on-one technical assistance to a Seward resident interested in pursuing an aquatic farm permit. Support included an overview of the state and federal permitting process, clarification of agency roles and timelines, and guidance on how different agencies coordinate during application review. The liaison shared links to relevant application materials, regulatory guidance, and technical resources, and connected the individual with appropriate state and federal agency contacts to support next steps. This assistance helped the applicant better understand project requirements and identify pathways to advance an aquatic farm proposal.

Task 2. B

Develop relationships with key stakeholders and agencies such as NOAA, UAF, UAA, EPA, ANTHC, EDDs, etc.

How many total hours were spent this month working on Task 2. B: 2 hours

List any staff, job title, and organization you assisted this month and describe their relationship to mariculture:

The Kenai Peninsula Mariculture Liaison conducted email outreach in coordination with the Kenai Peninsula Economic Development District (KPEDD) to support Ecotrust’s evaluation of the Build Back Better program. This outreach focused on connecting relevant regional mariculture partners and stakeholders with the evaluation process to ensure Kenai Peninsula perspectives are represented.

Task 2. C

Inform industry members about regional mariculture events and help them secure funding to attend.

How many total hours were spent this month working on Task 2. C: 2 hours

List any industry members that you assisted this month and describe :

The Kenai Peninsula Mariculture Liaison shared information about the annual mariculture conference and the NOAA AOA workshop, as well as travel funding opportunities for those events, with new industry participants potentially interested in attending.

Additional Questions

Describe any common themes of questions/concerns voiced from community members:

None.

Describe one success story:

QNT cooking class was a great way to share information about CRRC's kelp mariculture activities, local kelp mariculture opportunities in the region, new ways to use kelp, and to meet Tribal members and respond to their questions and interests about kelp mariculture.

Describe any follow-up required next month for the above listed activities completed.

Follow up with English Bay Corporation on aquatic farm projects; put finishing touches on outreach video for kelp shark tank competition.

Please attach any photos or other media that could be shared

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Region	Host Organization	Reporting Month / Year	Submission Date
Kenai Peninsula	CRRC	January 2026	2/11/2026

Administrative & Ongoing Tasks

How many total hours were spent this month working on Administrative & Ongoing Task: 20 hours

Monthly Reporting

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Timesheets

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Meetings

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List any meetings and dates you were not able to attend:

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Outreach & Engagement (Task 1)

Task 1. A

Contact leaders of all Tribal governments, Tribal corporations, and municipalities within your region. Thoroughly inform and regularly meet with them to exchange information related to local mariculture priorities and opportunities.

How many total hours were spent this month working on Task 1. A: 15 hours

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List any organizations and leaders that you have contacted / re-contacted this month, describe what information you exchanged and their interest [or lack of interest] in mariculture:

The liaison coordinated with representatives of the English Bay Corporation to share information about current and upcoming funding opportunities relevant to their aquatic farm project. After sending over a draft aquatic farm project for EBC shareholders to review, the liaison will continue working on developing an aquatic farm project proposal to be submitted during the application process of this calendar year. The liaison is working closely with EBC representatives to move this project forward with their feedback and involvement.

In addition, the liaison shared information about Alaska Sea Grant's Farmer Knowledge Exchange Program with aquatic farm managers and mariculture practitioners from Port Graham and Nanwalek. This outreach included discussion of the program's structure, goals, and potential benefits for peer-to-peer learning and applied knowledge sharing among farmers. Interest was expressed in learning more about how participation in the exchange could support farm operations, problem-solving, and regional collaboration, and the liaison will continue to provide follow-up information as the opportunity develops.

Task 1. B

Plan, design, and conduct culturally appropriate listening sessions, workshops, and presentations for the purpose of sharing information about and collecting input on local mariculture priorities. Conduct at least four in-person (per year) community-wide meetings to gather input and discuss local mariculture priorities. Detailed meeting notes with actionable items and follow-up guidance will be provided to AMA.

How many total hours were spent this month working on Task 1. B: 30 hours

List and describe any workshops, presentations, or meetings you participated in or planned this month:

During January, the Kenai Peninsula Mariculture Liaison engaged in targeted outreach with Exxon Valdez Oil Spill (EVOS)-funded project partners and regional mariculture stakeholders, who hosted their annual project partner meeting in Homer, to support coordination, information sharing, and alignment across restoration and economic development efforts. The liaison provided an overview of mariculture activities on the Kenai Peninsula and shared updates related to regional Build Back Better (BBB) investments, including project tracking tools that would enable project partners to identify and learn information about projects funded through the BBB program that might be related or of interest to ongoing projects under the EVOSTC-funded MaRecon project, supporting cross-project awareness. During January, the Kenai Peninsula Mariculture Liaison engaged in both presentation delivery and planning activities to support information sharing and community engagement around mariculture. On January 14, the liaison provided a brief verbal update on mariculture activities and progress on the Kenai Peninsula to the Alaska Mariculture Cluster Governance Body during its quarterly meeting. This update highlighted ongoing regional mariculture initiatives, coordination with EVOS-funded projects, and emerging opportunities related to help farming, processing, and community engagement, helping ensure statewide leadership remains informed of regional developments and priorities. In addition, the liaison coordinated with the Seward Chamber of Commerce to plan a mariculture-focused presentation for a Chamber luncheon scheduled for February. Planning discussions centered on tailoring content for a broad business and community audience, including an overview of mariculture activities in the region, current and anticipated economic opportunities, and pathways for local businesses and residents to engage with or support mariculture development. This upcoming presentation is intended to function as both an informational session and an informal

listening opportunity to gather local input on community interests, concerns, and priorities related to mariculture.

Task 1. C

Travel to meetings and conferences + other outreach.

How many total hours were spent this month working on Task 1. C: 24 hours

List and describe any work-related travel you participated in this month, including dates:

Traveled to the Alaska Young Fishermen’s Summit in Juneau hosted by SeaGrant. While attending primarily in the capacity of a commercial fisherman, the liaison had informal opportunities to connect with young fishermen from across the state and engage in conversations about mariculture. These discussions focused on areas of potential synergy between mariculture and commercial fishing, including shared infrastructure, seasonal labor compatibility, and diversification opportunities within coastal fishing communities. The interactions helped build peer-to-peer awareness of mariculture and its relevance to the broader fishing economy in Alaska.

Task 1. D

Engage in miscellaneous outreach & engagement tasks.

How many total hours were spent this month working on Task 1. D: 50 hours

List and describe any miscellaneous task you engaged in this month:

See above.

Technical Support (Task 2)

Task 2. A

Assist new and existing mariculture businesses with funding, permitting, farm design, research, grant writing, and proposal submissions.

How many total hours were spent this month working on Task 2. A: 30 hours

List any businesses that you assisted this month and describe your efforts:

Provided one-on-one assistance to a Seward resident interested in applying for an aquatic farm permit; provided previous aquatic farm applications and links to online resources to aid in completion of the permitting process.

Aided an existing mariculture processor with logistics, planning, and coordination for the upcoming spring/summer harvest season and helped with preparation of internal reports to funding agency for kelp-related projects funded through the BBB program.

Task 2. B

Develop relationships with key stakeholders and agencies such as NOAA, UAF, UAA, EPA, ANTHC, EDDs, etc.

How many total hours were spent this month working on Task 2. B: 2 hours

List any staff, job title, and organization you assisted this month and describe their relationship to mariculture:

The Kenai Peninsula Mariculture Liaison conducted email outreach in coordination with the Kenai Peninsula Economic Development District (KPEDD) to support Ecotrust’s evaluation of the Build Back Better program through a focus group discussion with AMC fund recipients and applicants from entities and businesses on the Kenai Peninsula, held on 1/21/2026.

Task 2. C

Inform industry members about regional mariculture events and help them secure funding to attend.

How many total hours were spent this month working on Task 2. C: 4 hours

List any industry members that you assisted this month and describe :

Shared information about a retort processing class hosted by SeaGrant with a local mariculture processor based on the Peninsula.

Shared information about SeaGrant's farmer knowledge exchange funding opportunity with farm monitors in CRRC's communities to begin conversations about possibly traveling to visit other Tribal entities with mariculture operations throughout Alaska and the PNW.

Additional Questions

Describe any common themes of questions/concerns voiced from community members:

None.

Describe one success story:

Describe any follow-up required next month for the above listed activities completed.

Launch outreach video for kelp product development competition; work with KPEDD team on strategic plan for upcoming outreach activities for the spring harvest.

Please attach any photos or other media that could be shared

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Region	Host Organization	Reporting Month / Year	Submission Date
Kenai Peninsula	CRRC	February 2026	3/6/2026

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Outreach & Engagement (Task 1)

Task 1. A

Contact leaders of all Tribal governments, Tribal corporations, and municipalities within your region. Thoroughly inform and regularly meet with them to exchange information related to local mariculture priorities and opportunities.

How many total hours were spent this month working on Task 1. A: 60 hours

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List any organizations and leaders that you have contacted / re-contacted this month, describe what information you exchanged and their interest [or lack of interest] in mariculture:

During February, the Kenai Peninsula Mariculture Liaison coordinated with the Seward Chamber of Commerce to organize and deliver a presentation luncheon focused on mariculture activities supported through the Build Back Better program. The liaison provided a 20-minute presentation highlighting work led by the Alaska Mariculture Project Initiative (APMI), including updates on kelp farming development, infrastructure investments, and broader industry-building efforts in Alaska. Approximately 14 members of the Seward community attended, including local business representatives and community members. The presentation provided an opportunity to share information about regional mariculture progress, answer questions, and discuss potential economic and community opportunities associated with the developing industry.

The liaison also continued coordination with representatives from the English Bay Corporation to support advancement of their aquatic farm proposal. This work included reviewing and updating their aquatic farm application in preparation for submission during the current application period. Discussions focused on ensuring application materials accurately reflected the proposed project and addressed permitting requirements. Interest in pursuing the aquatic farm project remains strong, and the liaison will continue to provide support as the application moves forward.

Task 1. B

Plan, design, and conduct culturally appropriate listening sessions, workshops, and presentations for the purpose of sharing information about and collecting input on local mariculture priorities. Conduct at least four in-person (per year) community-wide meetings to gather input and discuss local mariculture priorities. Detailed meeting notes with actionable items and follow-up guidance will be provided to AMA.

How many total hours were spent this month working on Task 1. B: 50 hours

List and describe any workshops, presentations, or meetings you participated in or planned this month:

During February, the Kenai Peninsula Mariculture Liaison delivered a presentation at a Seward Chamber of Commerce luncheon focused on mariculture development in Alaska. The 20-minute presentation provided an overview of mariculture activities supported through the Build Back Better program and highlighted work led by the Alaska Mariculture Project Initiative (APMI) to support kelp farming, infrastructure development, and industry growth. Approximately 14 community members and local business representatives attended the luncheon. The event created an opportunity to share information about mariculture opportunities in the region, respond to questions from community members, and discuss how emerging mariculture activities may intersect with local economic development.

The liaison also participated as a panelist in a virtual seminar hosted by the Arctic Research Center's Youth Fellowship Program focused on the Harvest Economy. As part of the panel discussion, the liaison shared information about Build Back Better investments in mariculture and APMI's efforts to develop Alaska's kelp farming sector. The session connected youth fellows with perspectives on how mariculture may complement traditional and contemporary harvest-based economies and provided an opportunity to discuss emerging career pathways and economic opportunities related to the industry.

Task 1. C

Travel to meetings and conferences + other outreach.

How many total hours were spent this month working on Task 1. C: 50 hours

List and describe any work-related travel you participated in this month, including dates:

See above.

Task 1. D

Engage in miscellaneous outreach & engagement tasks.

How many total hours were spent this month working on Task 1. D: 15 hours

List and describe any miscellaneous task you engaged in this month:

During February, the Kenai Peninsula Mariculture Liaison conducted ongoing outreach and coordination with regional mariculture partners and community stakeholders. These efforts included preparation for presentations, responding to community inquiries about mariculture activities, and sharing information about current industry initiatives and opportunities related to help farming and mariculture development in Alaska.

The liaison also continued coordination with project partners and community contacts to support information sharing and maintain engagement with individuals interested in mariculture activities in the region.

Technical Support (Task 2)

Task 2. A

Assist new and existing mariculture businesses with funding, permitting, farm design, research, grant writing, and proposal submissions.

How many total hours were spent this month working on Task 2. A: 30 hours

List any businesses that you assisted this month and describe your efforts:

Completed a full draft of an aquatic farm project for the English Bay Corporation for member review.

Assisted a kelp processor on the Peninsula with project planning and reporting to funding entities, and developed presentations for the Alaska Mariculture Conference to share updates on the project with the broader mariculture industry in Alaska.

Task 2. B

Develop relationships with key stakeholders and agencies such as NOAA, UAF, UAA, EPA, ANTHC, EDDs, etc.

How many total hours were spent this month working on Task 2. B: 2 hours

List any staff, job title, and organization you assisted this month and describe their relationship to mariculture:

Participated in a planning meeting for a kelp-focused mini-summit funded by the EVOSTC.

In partnership with KPEDD, developed an outreach plan for upcoming events on the Kenai Peninsula and began preliminary planning for KPEDD's Industry Overview Forum, hosted in Seward.

Task 2. C

Inform industry members about regional mariculture events and help them secure funding to attend.

How many total hours were spent this month working on Task 2. C: 1 hours

List any industry members that you assisted this month and describe :

Shared information about the mariculture conference with a local mariculture operator on the Peninsula.

Additional Questions

Describe any common themes of questions/concerns voiced from community members:

None.

Describe one success story:

Describe any follow-up required next month for the above listed activities completed.

Please attach any photos or other media that could be shared