

AMA LIAISON MONTHLY REPORT

Due the 10th of each month

Region	Host Organization	Reporting Month / Year	Submission Date
Prince William Sound	Chugach Regional Resources Commission	December, 2025	1/9/2026

Administrative & Ongoing Tasks

How many total hours were spent this month working on Administrative & Ongoing Task: 4 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:

EDD/AMA Liaison meeting – 12/5/2025

EDD/AMA Liaison meeting – 12/19/2025

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: (35 hours)

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 the month of December, I contacted staff and leaders at Chugach Regional Resources Commission, Native Conservancy, Native Village of Eyak, and the Prince William Sound Economic Development District to offer support with their respective mariculture initiatives in the Prince William Sound region.

I also contacted Tribal Administrators at Native Village of Eyak, Native Village of Chenega, Native Village of Tatitlek, and Valdez Native Tribe to provide outreach about the deadline to apply for 2026 Alaska Mariculture Conference travel assistance.

In December, I provided outreach and technical support to two Native Village of Eyak Tribal Members with Alaska Mariculture Alliance – Matching Incentive Grant proposals for their respective aquatic farming businesses.

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: (4 hours)

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

On 12/15 I met with GreenWave, PWSEDD, and several of Cordova's kelp farming businesses to discuss processing pathways and logistics for delivering 140,000 pounds of PWS kelp to market in 2026. During December, farmers came to agreement on a processing pathway and are ready to move forward with logistics and scheduling in the New Year.

Task 1. C

Travel to meetings and conferences + other outreach.

How many total hours were spent this month working on Task 1. C: (4 hours)

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

No travel during the month of December.

On 12/4 I attended the Alaska Ocean Observing System's (AOOS) - [Community Leaders and mCDR \(CLaM\)](#) project meeting in Cordova, AK. This meeting brought together 24 community leaders including Native Village Eyak Tribal Members and staff, Area-E fishermen, PWS mariculturists, City of Cordova government officials, and several non-profit institutions to learn about mCDR and discuss what it could mean for Cordova and the PWS region. During the group discussions I provided some perspectives as an active mariculture industry member and helped to answer mariculture mCDR related inquiries.

Task 1. D

Engage in miscellaneous outreach & engagement tasks.

How many total hours were spent this month working on Task 1. D: (22.5 hours)

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

Met with PWSEDD and EcoTrust's – AMC Project Evaluation team to develop a regional PWS Focus Group to assess the AMC's impacts throughout the region.

Attended the AMC's Marketing Panel meeting and completed the follow up survey to provide feedback about the Alaskan mariculture brand concept preview. I have a follow up meeting scheduled with Tastemaker Communications team in January to help facilitate a Familiarization (FAM) Trip to Cordova in 2026.

Submitted a quarterly report to CRRC's Board of Directors to provide regional mariculture updates and information about my activities in the region over the last quarter.

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: (46 hours)

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

During the month of December, I continued to work closely with GreenWave and the Prince William Sound Economic Development District (PWSEDD) to support Cordova's kelp farming businesses with processing plans and logistics. I procured equipment estimates, material estimates, shipping estimates, and corresponded with three 2026 buyers to help model potential processing pathways for delivering 140,000 pounds of PWS kelp to market.

- Provided technical support to two Native Village of Eyak Tribal members with Round 3 AMA – Matching Incentive Grant proposals for their respective mariculture businesses.
- Supported PWSEDD with a Round 3 AMC - Equipment and Technology proposal.
- Supported PWSEDD and Blue Dot Kitchen with a Round 3 AFDF – Joint Innovation Project proposal.

Throughout the month, I supported the regions newest mariculture business (owned by a Native Village of Eyak Tribal Council Member) with farm design, site analysis, gear recommendations, equipment estimates, and grant writing. I look forward to supporting this family throughout the remainder of the Liaison 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: (3 hours)

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

In December, I continued to collaborate with the PWSEDD and support with the development of a Round 3 Alaska Mariculture Cluster - Equipment and Technology proposal. I also continued to offer support with their Round 1 Equipment and Technology - Cordova Primary Processing project.

Corresponded with staff at the Prince William Sound Regional Citizens Advisory Council about their blue mussel sampling project and discussed project synergies of an ongoing CRRC/APMI blue mussel sampling project in the region. Both entities offer community citizens throughout the region with stipends to collect samples, however both have struggled with sampling consistency and are interested in discussing collaborative approaches that may increase sampling consistency.

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:

In December, I provided outreach to regional Tribal contacts and industry members about the application deadline to apply for travel funding assistance to attend the 2026 Mariculture Conference of Alaska.

Additional Questions

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

Multiple commercial farmers in the region have voiced frustrations about what they perceive as “inequitable distribution of AMC funding” to date. There are concerns about favoritism between regions and particular entities receiving repeated funding when others, who have applied multiple times, have received none. The Prince William Sound remains the least funded region even though it boasts one of the highest aquatic farm permit densities throughout the State.

Additionally, farmers have also voiced concerns about what they perceive as “inequitable distribution of EVOS Mar-Recon funding opportunities”. Only two commercial farms in the region receive funding from that project.

Farmers who have not received AMC or EVOSTC funding support are really struggling.

Describe one success story:

Perhaps the most noteworthy success of the month was supporting the region's newest aquatic farming business (owned by a Native Village of Eyak Tribal Council Member) with submitting an AMA – MIGP proposal to purchase necessary farming equipment. This Alaska Native family plans to begin commercial farming on their aquatic farm lease in 2026, which is very exciting. Their intention is to provide new opportunities for their four children as well and their community.

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

Next month I need to follow up with Cascadia Seaweed, Blue Dot Kitchen, Silver Bay Seafoods, Prince William Sound Economic Development District, GreenWave, and Cordova's commercial kelp farmers to help support with 2026 processing plans. Specifically, helping facilitate equipment and material orders so that the collective can successfully process and deliver 140,000 lbs. of kelp to market in 2026.

I will also meet with the Tastemaker Communications team to support with planning a 2026 AMC Familiarization (FAM) trip to Cordova. The purpose of this FAM trip will be to bring select chefs and media influencers to Cordova to experience and showcase the regions mariculture farms and products.

I will also share outreach throughout the PWS communities about the 2026 application period for filing and amending new and existing aquatic farm applications.

I will follow up with PWSRCAC and APMI staff to schedule a meeting and explore potential blue mussel sampling collaboration throughout the region.

Please attach any photos or other media that could be shared.

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Region	Host Organization	Reporting Month / Year	Submission Date
Prince William Sound	Chugach Regional Resources Commission	January, 2026	2/6/2026

Administrative & Ongoing Tasks

How many total hours were spent this month working on Administrative & Ongoing Task: 4 hours

Monthly Reporting

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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:

1/2/2026 – EDD/AMA Liaison bi-weekly meeting (CRRC Administrative Leave)

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: (29 hours)

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 the month of January, I corresponded with staff and leaders at Chenega Regional Development Group, Chugach Regional Resources Commission, Native Conservancy, Native Village of Eyak, City of Cordova, Prince William Sound College, and Prince William Sound Economic Development District about their respective mariculture priorities and initiatives in the Prince William Sound region.

I met with Caitlin McKinstry, Biologist at Native Village of Eyak, to offer insights and support with their AFDF Joint Innovation Project called Bull Kelp Buoyancy Assessment.

I also met with Native Village of Eyak staff and Tribal members, community organizations, direct market fishermen and mariculture businesses in Cordova to discuss a shared seafood/food processing facility proposal.

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: (21.5 hours)

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

I started planning and designing a community-wide public presentation to give at the upcoming at the Cordova Science Gathering, February 12-14th in Cordova, AK. My primary goals for this presentation will be to share information about the regional mariculture industry's status, inform people about opportunities, and collect input on local mariculture priorities.

Task 1. C

Travel to meetings and conferences + other outreach.

How many total hours were spent this month working on Task 1. C: (0 hours)

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

N/A

Task 1. D

Engage in miscellaneous outreach & engagement tasks.

How many total hours were spent this month working on Task 1. D: (7.5 hours)

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

I met with EcoTrust's AMC Project Evaluation team, PWS Tribal Leaders, and mariculture stakeholders to discuss and assess overall regional impacts of the AMC project.

I also met with Tessa Ward and Katie Goldberg with Tastemaker Comms, to help facilitate an AMC Familiarization (FAM) Trip to Cordova and provide perspective on potential activities, travel logistics, and timing.

In addition, I wrote a letter of support for a shared seafood/food processing facility proposal in Cordova.

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: (21.5 hours)

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

Throughout the month, I continued to provide technical support to the region's newest mariculture business, which is owned by a Native Village of Eyak Tribal member. Specifically, I supported them with permitting compliance, insurance, and business licensing.

I continued to support APMI/CRRC with Chugach Regional Ocean Monitoring sampling efforts in Cordova. I also helped find a contractor to support CRRC with several other mariculture projects in PWS.

Finally, I provided outreach to regional mariculture entities about Alaska Sea Grant's Mariculture Apprenticeship and Farmer Knowledge Exchange Programs. There has been strong interest in both programs in the PWS region, especially the Mariculture Apprenticeship Program. Every kelp farm in the region applied to host an apprentice after the outreach I did.

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: (28 hours)

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

I had a great meeting with Audrey Welsh and Evelyn Tyrholm from Alaska's Center for Energy and Power (ACEP) to provide knowledge and industry insights to support ACEP's AMC Carbon Sequestration Research Project: Advancing a Dual-Function Soil Amendment for Carbon Sequestration and Soil Health Using Alaska-Grown Kelp and Glacial Flour. <https://alaskamariculturecluster.org/announcements/carbon-sequestration-launch/>

During the month of January, I continued to work closely with the Prince William Sound Economic Development District (PWSEDD), GreenWave, Silver Bay Seafoods, and Cordova's active kelp farming businesses to develop regional kelp processing capacity. I procured estimates for: equipment, materials, contractors, and shipping/transportation estimates to help model processing pathways.

I assisted farmers with ordering necessary processing materials (IBC totes and citric acid) and supported them with transportation logistics. I also worked with buyers to coordinate schedules for kelp harvesting and processing this spring.

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: (1.5 hours)

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

During the month of January, I provided outreach to regional mariculture entities about travel assistance to attend NOAA's AOA Atlas Rollout.

I also helped WildBlue Mariculture secure travel funding to attend the Mariculture Conference of Alaska.

Additional Questions

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

Some farmers in the region have voiced frustrations about the EVOS Mar-Recon project not offering a new farmer application period as originally stated in the project proposal.

One farmer stated that: "Not opening the application to additional/newer farms contributes to building inequity and creating "legacy farms", rather than supporting the development of a robust network of owner-operated mariculture farms."

Describe one success story:

The most meaningful success for me was supporting a Native Village of Eyak Tribal family with finalizing their aquatic farm lease, becoming the newest lease holders in the PWS region, and making plans for their first array deployment and outplanting this coming fall. I am excited to work with and support the regions newest aquatic farmer and their family through the remainder of the liaison program and beyond.

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

I will continue to plan a community wide public presentation to share information about and collect input on local mariculture priorities at the Cordova Science Gathering, February 12-14th in Cordova, AK.

I will continue to support PWSEDD and GreenWave develop kelp processing and drying capacity in Cordova.

Please attach any photos or other media that could be shared.





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Region	Host Organization	Reporting Month / Year	Submission Date
Prince William Sound	Chugach Regional Resources Commission	February, 2026	3/5/2026

Administrative & Ongoing Tasks

How many total hours were spent this month working on Administrative & Ongoing Task: 9 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:

2/13 EDD/AMA Liaison Meeting.

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:

During the month of February, I corresponded with staff and leaders at Chenega Regional Development Group, Chugach Regional Resources Commission, Native Conservancy, Native Village of Eyak, City of Cordova, Prince William Sound College, and Prince William Sound Economic Development District about their respective mariculture priorities and initiatives in the Prince William Sound region.

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: (51.5 hours)

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

Planned, designed, and held a public Kelp Values presentation during the community-wide Cordova Science Gathering, on Friday, February 13th in Cordova. There were 21 community members who attended this presentation. One of the primary goals of the Kelp Values presentation was to collect input and feedback from local community members.

I learned that most people were excited and supportive about this emerging industry. I did hear feedback from a couple of community members about user conflicts in certain bays where farms exist and concerns about the expansion of the industry throughout the region. During the presentation I also shared information about the Alaska Mariculture Cluster program, Chugach Regional Resources Commission projects, as well as other projects and initiatives taking place throughout the region. I also shared information about opportunities such as the Alaska Sea Grant – Mariculture Apprenticeship Program, NOAA AOA Atlas and Webtool Workshop, and Alaska Mariculture Revolving Loan Fund. During the presentation I shared a platter of North Coast Seafoods’ – Seaweedish Meatballs which were a major hit.

On Saturday, February 14th I attended the Cordova Science Gathering’s Mariculture Panel alongside Kristin Smith (PWSEDD), John Whissel (Native Village of Eyak), and Seawan Gehlbach (Simpson Bay Oyster Co.) to provide further opportunity to share information and collect input on local mariculture priorities with Cordova community members.

Area-E commercial herring fishermen are interested in cultivating giant kelp for use in the Prince William Sound herring pound – roe on kelp fishery.

Task 1. C

Travel to meetings and conferences + other outreach.

How many total hours were spent this month working on Task 1. C: (0 hours)

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

N/A

Task 1. D

Engage in miscellaneous outreach & engagement tasks.

How many total hours were spent this month working on Task 1. D: (7.5 hours)

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

Corresponded with Cordova ADF&G staff about mariculture industry developments in the region and discussed NOAA's Aquaculture Opportunity Areas Atlas and Webtool.

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:

In February, I met with a group of commercial fishermen in Cordova who expressed interest in applying for an aquatic farm lease to cultivate Giant kelp (*Macrocystis pyrifera*) in Prince William Sound. I met with the group on two occasions to provide information and answer questions about the State of Alaska's aquatic farm leasing process, NOAA's recently published Aquaculture Opportunity Areas Atlas, and discuss their general aquatic farming plans. Additionally, I offered to support the group throughout the application process if/when they decided to move forward with a 10-year lease application.

Throughout the month of February, I supported GreenWave, Prince William Sound Economic Development District, Silver Bay Seafoods, Blue Dot Kitchen, Cascadia Seaweed, Marine Biologics, and Cordova's commercial kelp farming business owners with spring harvest and processing plans and logistics.

I continued to support APMI/CRRC with Chugach Regional Ocean Monitoring water quality sampling in Cordova. I also continued to meet with and support a CRRC contractor who is providing vessel support for several mariculture projects in PWS.

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: (27 hours)

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

I continued to work closely with GreenWave, Prince William Sound Economic Development District, Silver Bay Seafoods, Blue Dot Kitchen, Cascadia Seaweed, Marine Biologics, and Cordova's commercial kelp farming businesses to develop regional processing capacity, market opportunities, and support with scheduling spring harvest and processing plans.

I also corresponded and met with UAF graduate students Jessica McKay and Dakota Bell to offer my support with their respective kelp research projects in Valdez.

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:

During the month of February, I provided outreach to regional stakeholders about NOAA's AOA Atlas Rollout and Webtool Planning workshop. I also provided outreach about Alaska Sea Grant's Mariculture Apprenticeship Program.

Additional Questions

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

During the Cordova Science Gathering event I was able connect with Native Village of Eyak and Cordova community members to share information, help answer questions, and learn about concerns. Most community members were excited to learn about local industry developments and look forward to future updates about processing, markets, and workforce developments specifically.

Some community members did voice concerns about the locations of future farm sites and wanted to know where they could provide comments and feedback about any new proposed site locations. I suggested they contact Department of Natural Resources Division of Mining, Land, and Water Aquatic Farm Leasing Program and provided them with their contact information.

Describe one success story:

The most meaningful success for me was learning that the two Native Village of Eyak Tribal members who I supported with AMA – Mariculture Incentive Grant Program applications were both successfully funded for their mariculture projects.

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

I will follow up with PWSEDD, GreenWave, Silver Bay Seafoods, and project partners to support the development of a pilot kelp processing line in Cordova.

I need to follow up with farmers, buyers, and project partners about spring harvest and processing schedules.

I need to follow up CRRC/APMI about the Tatitlek Research Kelp Farm monitoring and harvest plans.

I need to follow up with my supervisors about the duration of the PWS Mariculture Liaison contract.

Please attach any photos or other media that could be shared.