

AMA LIAISON MONTHLY REPORT

Due the 10th of each month

Region	Host Organization	Reporting Month / Year	Submission Date
Kenai Peninsula	CRRC	April 2026	5/4/2026

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:

4/17/2026—out on personal 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: 15 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 April, the Kenai Peninsula Mariculture Liaison conducted targeted outreach throughout the Kenai Peninsula and Chugach Region to support community engagement around CRRC's annual Kelp Classic event and the upcoming harvest season at the Passage Island kelp farm. The liaison worked closely with CRRC's social media coordinator to develop and distribute promotional materials highlighting the Kelp Classic, including event information, participation opportunities, and outreach intended to increase awareness of kelp mariculture activities across the region.

The liaison also re-contacted Tribal entities throughout the Kenai Peninsula to share information about kelp harvest availability and coordinate orders for fresh kelp from CRRC's Passage Island site. These conversations focused on community interest in raw kelp uses, preferred quantities and delivery logistics, and opportunities to connect harvest activities with broader community engagement around mariculture.

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 April, the Kenai Peninsula Mariculture Liaison supported several presentations and engagement opportunities to share information about mariculture and gather input from regional stakeholders. The liaison prepared and delivered a 10-minute presentation at the Kenai Peninsula Economic Development District (KPEDD) Annual Industry Overview Forum, providing an update on mariculture activities in the region, including progress supported through the Build Back Better program and ongoing kelp farming and product development efforts. In coordination with KPEDD, the liaison helped organize and participate in a mariculture-focused panel discussion alongside another representative from the Alutiiq Pride Marine Institute (APMI) and AMA Executive Director Jason Lessard. The panel provided a forum to discuss industry development, challenges, and opportunities, and allowed for engagement with a broad audience of community members, industry representatives, and regional leaders.

In addition, the liaison coordinated and provided a tour of APMI-related mariculture activities in Seward for KPEDD Board members and Seward City Council representatives. The tour offered participants a firsthand look at regional mariculture infrastructure and operations, while creating space for discussion around economic development potential, community benefits, and future opportunities for involvement in the mariculture sector.

Task 1. C

Travel to meetings and conferences + other outreach.

How many total hours were spent this month working on Task 1. C: 32 hours

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

During April, the Kenai Peninsula Mariculture Liaison traveled to Anchorage to attend the Alaska Impact Days conference, where participation provided opportunities to engage with partners working at the intersection of economic development, investment, and sustainable industries. While in Anchorage, the liaison also met with CRRC's Executive Director to discuss ongoing mariculture projects at APMI, with a focus on streamlining coordination and improving project alignment.

The liaison also attended and presented at the Kenai Peninsula Economic Development District (KPEDD) Industry Overview Forum. This travel supported direct engagement with regional leaders, community members, and industry representatives, and provided an opportunity to share updates on mariculture activities and ongoing development efforts in the region.

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.

In addition to the above related tasks, the mariculture liaison provided permitting assistance to a Seward-area resident for developing an aquatic farm permit application. The liaison also provided targeted outreach to stakeholders in the region of the proposed aquatic farm, provided contact information and facilitated introductions for proposed aquatic farmer to local stakeholders and business owners 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: 32 hours

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

During April, the Kenai Peninsula Mariculture Liaison provided permitting assistance to a Seward-area resident interested in developing an aquatic farm application. Support included assistance developing the permit and related materials, including maps and project description, on the application process, as well as targeted outreach to stakeholders in the vicinity of the proposed farm site.

The liaison also shared relevant contact information and facilitated introductions between the prospective farmer and local stakeholders and business owners to support early coordination and community awareness of the project.

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: 20 hours

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

The Kenai Peninsula Mariculture Liaison assisted KPEDD in the development of a mariculture panel for their annual Industry Overview Forum; prepared and presented a 10-minute presentation highlighting BBB investments in the Kenai Peninsula region.

Coordinated with KPEDD Executive Director to provide a tour of APMI's facility to KPEDD Board members and other local politicians and highlighted BBB equipment investments for participants.

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 :

Shared information about CRRC's Kelp Classic competition throughout the Chugach Region.

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.

Continue assisting Seward resident with outreach to local stakeholders to ensure permitting ease throughout the process.

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	May 2026	May 29, 2026

Administrative & Ongoing Tasks

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

Monthly Reporting

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

5/15/2026—out for field work, attending to Passage Island Kelp harvest
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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: 10 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:

Contacted Tribal administrators in Port Graham and Nanwalek to solicit interest for participation in kelp harvesting at CRRC's commercial kelp farm at Passage Island.

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:

Outreach this quarter included staffing an informational table at the Seward Farmers Market, where the Kenai Peninsula Mariculture Liaison shared information and flyers about the Alaska Mariculture Alliance (AMA) and CRRC's regional kelp mariculture projects.

The liaison developed and distributed an informational flyer highlighting CRRC's ongoing kelp farming, restoration, and product development efforts, and engaged directly with community members through discussions about mariculture opportunities, kelp uses, and regional industry development. Outreach activities also included sharing and sampling a variety of kelp products, including kelp chips, bull kelp pickles, seaweed salad, and kelp and seaweed recipe cards to encourage culturally relevant and accessible engagement with kelp products and mariculture activities.

Task 1. C

Travel to meetings and conferences + other outreach.

How many total hours were spent this month working on Task 1. C: 32 hours

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

During this quarter, the Kenai Peninsula Mariculture Liaison traveled throughout the region to support outreach and ongoing mariculture project activities. Travel included trips to Port Graham and Homer to coordinate and participate in harvesting activities at CRRC's Passage Island kelp farm site. These efforts supported the completion of the spring kelp harvest season and associated processing activities connected to CRRC's EVOS and biostimulant projects, as well as ongoing clam work under APMI.

Additional outreach travel included staffing an informational table at the Seward Farmers Market, where the liaison shared information about the Alaska Mariculture Alliance (AMA), CRRC's kelp

mariculture initiatives, and opportunities for community engagement in mariculture development. Outreach activities included distributing informational flyers and engaging with community members through discussions and kelp product demonstrations featuring kelp chips, bull kelp pickles, seaweed salad, and kelp and seaweed recipe cards.

Task 1. D

Engage in miscellaneous outreach & engagement tasks.

How many total hours were spent this month working on Task 1. D: 62 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: 80 hours

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

The liaison collaborated frequently with the Kachemak Kelp Hub on efforts to prepare for the 2026 kelp harvest and processing and stabilization efforts in Homer.

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: 20 hours

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

The Kenai Peninsula Mariculture Liaison collected and logged samples of kelp tissue of each species harvested from CRRC's four mariculture sites in Prince William Sound and Lower Cook Inlet to provide to NOAA representative for a current project underway.

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: 40

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

Shared information about CRRC's Kelp Classic competition throughout the Chugach Region. Collected, purchased, and shipped kelp and materials requested by registered participants in the kelp classic.

Additional Questions

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

None.

Describe one success story:

Very excited about the Kelp Classic and products coming out of that program!

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

Continued coordination among participants involved with the Kelp Classic program.

Please attach any photos or other media that could be shared

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Kenai Peninsula	Chugach Regional Resources Commission	June 2026	NA

No report. Kenai Peninsula Liaison position on leave.