

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	April, 2026	5/10/2026

Administrative & Ongoing Tasks

How many total hours were spent this month working on Administrative & Ongoing Task: 6.5 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 – 4/24/2026

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: (11 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 March, I contacted staff and leaders at Chugach Regional Resources Commission, Native Conservancy, Native Village of Eyak, City of Cordova, and Prince William Sound Economic Development District to discuss 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: (4 hours)

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

Met with Tommy Sheridan, UAF, John Whissel, NVE, Caitlin McKinstry, NVE, Rob Campbell, PWSSC, John Williams, Alaska Sea Grant, and Cathy Renfeldt, Cordova Chamber of Commerce to gather inputs and discuss 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: (20 hours)

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

Met with the regions newest aquatic farming business owned by a Native Village of Eyak family and provided outreach about AMC funded projects in the Prince William Sound region, market opportunities, funding opportunities, and workforce development resources to help them develop a successful mariculture project.

Task 1. D

Engage in miscellaneous outreach & engagement tasks.

How many total hours were spent this month working on Task 1. D: (6.5 hours)

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

Met with Miguel Roncero, European Commission to share information about Alaska's mariculture industry, discuss local mariculture priorities, and tour Cordova's new kelp processing line.

Met with several local fishermen and community members and provided them with mariculture industry updates and information about regional processing projects this Spring.

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:

During the month of April, I supported Spencer Serin, GreenWave, PWSEDD, and Cordova's kelp farming businesses with planning and implementing a Joint Innovation Project utilizing PWSEDD's AMC funded kelp processing equipment.

I met with graduate student, Charlotte McGoldrick, UC-Berkeley to support her research with Washington's Maritime Blue to analyze the potential for transportation coordination and collaborative ownership models for shared processing facilities, with a focus on maximizing value for farmers across Washington and Alaska.

Provide support to Dr. Angela Korabik, PWSSC with a WRAC proposal.

Continued to support APMI with [Chugach Regional Ocean Monitoring](#) water quality sampling in Cordova.

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: (80 hours)

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

Corresponded with Jeff Hetrick, APMI and Ronald B. Johnson, NOAA about a NWFSC macroalgae carbohydrate project to profile the nutritional composition of West Coast and Alaska cultured seaweeds.

Continued to work closely with PWSEDD to develop regional kelp processing capacity in Cordova. During the month of April, I provided support with equipment procurement, logistics, scheduling with farmers and project partners, as well as with delivery, installation, and setup of processing equipment. PWSEDD was awarded funding in Round 1 and Round 3 of the AMC Equipment and Technology grants to develop regional kelp processing capacity in Cordova.

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: (3 hours)

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

Provided outreach and guidance to regional kelp farming businesses, Alaska Sea Grant Mariculture Apprentices, and Prince William Sound College student interns in obtaining AK Food Worker Cards. Everyone involved with kelp processing in Cordova this Spring is required to have a current AK Food Worker Card in order to process food grade kelp.

I also provided outreach to regional mariculture businesses, apprentices, and interns about a free Kelp Processing and Food Safety Training in Cordova led by Jeff Smith, Barnacle Foods on Friday, May 1st.

Additional Questions

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

Nothing new to report this month.

Describe one success story:

In April, three Cordova kelp farming businesses were able to utilize the PWSRDD's AMC funded kelp processing equipment to process their commercial crops, develop new kelp products, and carry out an AFDF Joint Innovation Project with GreenWave and Spencer Serin.

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

I need to follow up with Lindsey Hammer, PWSRDD and Travis Bettinson, Blue Dot Kitchen to see if there is anything else I can do to support their AFDF – Joint Innovation Project during the first week of May.

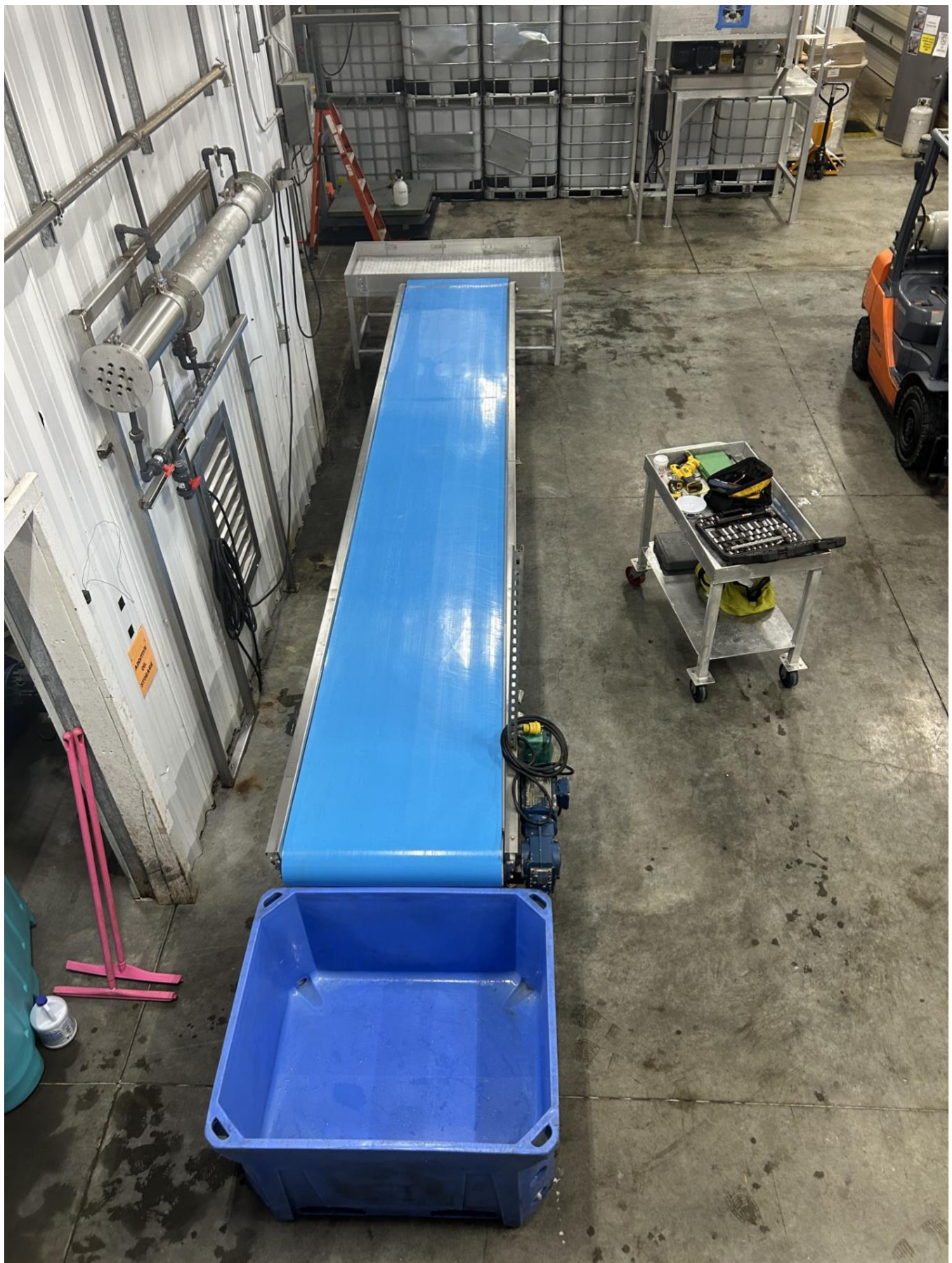
I need to follow up with Tessa Ward, Tastemaker Communications to help facilitate an AMC Familiarization Trip to Cordova during the second week of May.

I need to follow up with Caitlin McKinstry, Native Village of Eyak to offer support with the agricultural project she is working on with soil scientists at the Matanuska Experimental Farm in Palmer.

I need to follow up with Matt Obee, Cam Kinsman, and Tiffany Stephens, Cascadia Seaweed as well as Lindsey Hammer, PWSRDD to ensure storage and transportation of full IBC totes has been arranged.

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











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Prince William Sound	Chugach Regional Resources Commission	May, 2026	6/10/2026

Administrative & Ongoing Tasks

How many total hours were spent this month working on Administrative & Ongoing Task: 3 hours

Monthly Reporting

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Meetings

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

EDD + AMA Liaison Meeting – 5/8/2026 AMA Liaison Meeting – 5/15/2026

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 May, I contacted staff and leaders at Native Village of Eyak, City of Cordova, Chugach Regional Resources Commission, Native Conservancy, and Prince William Sound Economic Development District to discuss their respective mariculture priorities and initiatives in the Prince William Sound region.

Provided a kelp processing facility tour and outreach to the Interim Executive Director of Native Village of Eyak, as well as the City Manager of Cordova. Both expressed interest in the recent developments in Cordova's kelp farming industry and are eager to learn about the results of the PWSEDD's kelp dryer trials.
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Task 1. B

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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:

Helped Karmen Johnson (Tastemaker Communications) and Jason Lessard (AMA) plan and coordinate an AMC Mariculture Familiarization Trip to Cordova, May 10-12, 2026. Facilitated a PWS aquatic farm and processing tour for visiting journalists with local mariculture entities. Educated journalists about Alaska Mariculture at a dinner for stakeholders and representatives from Native Village of Eyak, Chugach Regional Resources Commission, Prince William Sound Economic Development District, Prince William Sound Science Center, City of Cordova, Noble Ocean Farms, Royal Ocean Kelp Co., WildBlue Mariculture, Safety Cove Shellfish Farm, Simpson Bay Oyster Co., and University of Alaska Fairbanks. This gathering resulted in a publication by Ryan Daily in AgNavigator focusing on Cordova kelp farmers entitled "[Alaska's budding kelp industry: Can the seaweed be the state's next big agriculture good?](#)"

Task 1. C

Travel to meetings and conferences + other outreach.

How many total hours were spent this month working on Task 1. C: (5 hours)

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

Met with the regions newest aquatic farming business owned by a Native Village of Eyak family and provided a kelp processing facility tour, outreach about AMC funded projects in the Prince William Sound region, market opportunities, funding opportunities, and workforce development resources to help them develop a successful mariculture project.

Task 1. D

Engage in miscellaneous outreach & engagement tasks.

How many total hours were spent this month working on Task 1. D: (5 hours)

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

Engaged and educated representatives from Barnacle Foods, Blue Dot Kitchen, Cascadia Seaweed, and Marine Biologics about Prince William Sound's kelp farming industry and facilitated introductions to local mariculture stakeholders and organizations.

Met with PWS fishermen and community members and provided outreach about local mariculture industry opportunities and information about regional processing developments this Spring.

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: (60 hours)

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

During the month of May, I met with the newest PWS kelp farming business and facilitated a tour of the PWSEDD's AMC funded kelp processing equipment and provided information about when to collect sorus material during the summer for Fall outplanting.

I also supported GreenWave, Blue Dot Kitchen, PWSEDD, and several PWS kelp farming businesses carry out three Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation (AFDF) - Joint Innovation Projects.

I continued to support Charlotte McGoldrick's graduate research with University of California - Berkeley analyzing the potential for transportation coordination and collaborative ownership models for shared processing facilities, with a focus on maximizing value for farmers across Washington and Alaska.

I also assisted several Cordova kelp farming businesses with sales invoicing and taxes.

Continued to support APMI with [Chugach Regional Ocean Monitoring](#) water quality sampling in Cordova.

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: (15 hours)

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

Supported Ronald B. Johnson, Ph.D., Research Chemist and Acting Aquaculture Program Manager at NOAA's Northwest Fisheries Science Center with a macroalgae carbohydrate project to profile the nutritional composition of West Coast and Alaska cultured seaweeds. Collected duplicate samples of kelp from Cordova's commercial farmers and delivered the samples to Alutiiq Pride Marine Institute in Seward for Ron to pick up.

Continued to work closely with PWSEDD to develop kelp processing capacity and new market opportunities for the regions commercial kelp farming industry. During the month of May, I provided support with equipment procurement, logistics, scheduling with farmers and project partners, as well as with the operation, maintenance, and cleaning of AMC funded processing equipment.

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 hour)

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

I provided outreach to regional mariculture businesses, apprentices, and interns about a free Kelp Processing and Food Safety Training in Cordova led by Jeff Smith, Barnacle Foods on Friday, May 1st.

Farmers were busy with harvesting and processing during the month of May and there were no other regional events planned besides the ones previously mentioned in this report.

Additional Questions

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

Community members are curious about the electricity costs and long-term feasibility of keeping the PWSEDD's kelp dryer running without the support of grant funding in future years.

Community members are also curious about the price per pound that kelp farmers can sell their crops for.

Describe one success story:

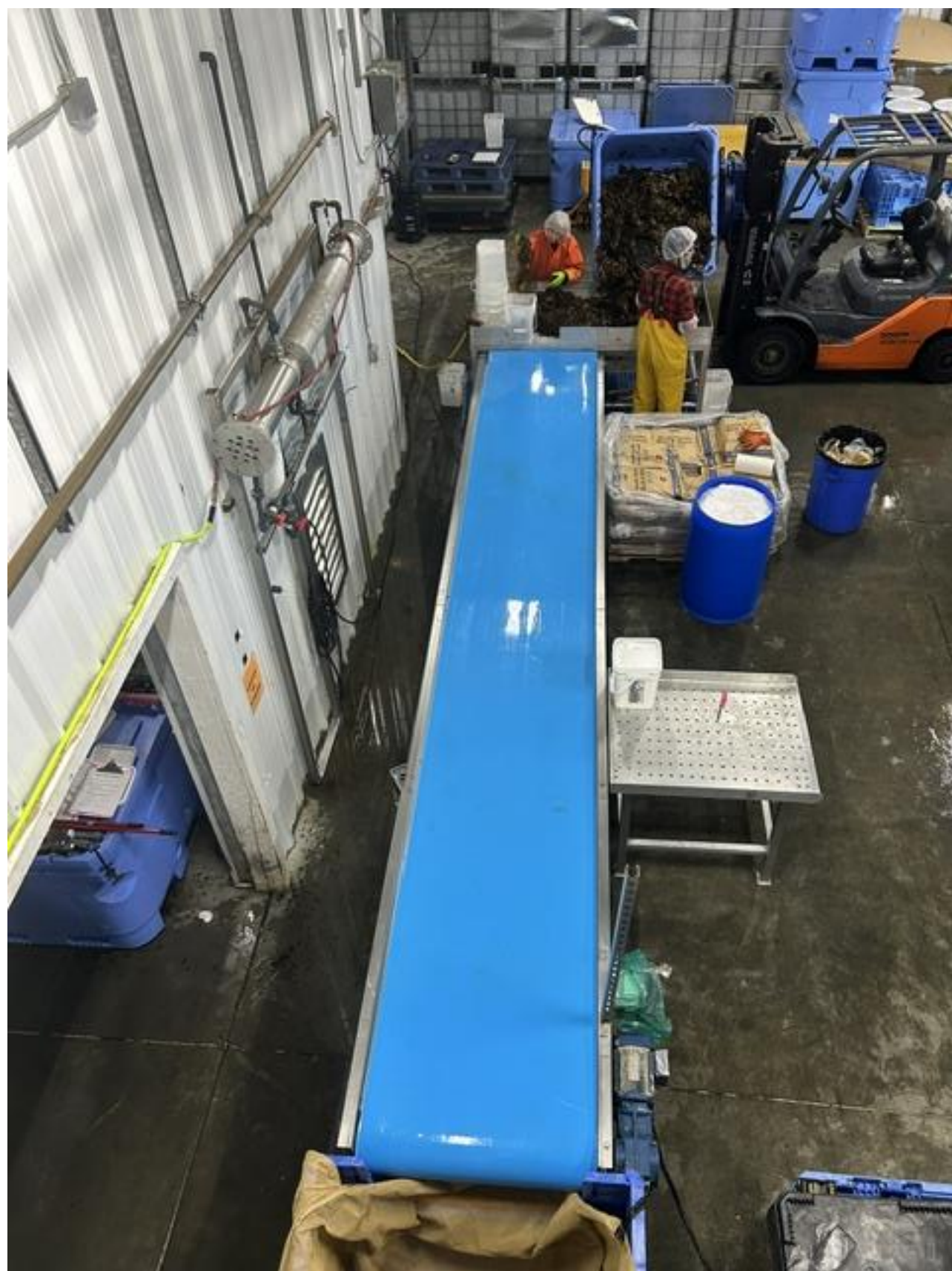
The Alaska Mariculture Cluster's – Cordova Familiarization Trip introduced journalists to 5 active Prince William Sound kelp and oyster farming businesses, highlighting many of the producers within the region.

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

I need to follow up with Cascadia Seaweed, PWSEDD, and City of Cordova to help coordinate the storage and transportation of full IBC totes.

I need to follow up with PWSEDD, and PWSSC about cleaning, removal, and storage of kelp processing equipment to see if there is anything I can support with.

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	June, 2026	7/9/2026

Administrative & Ongoing Tasks

How many total hours were spent this month working on Administrative & Ongoing Task: 9.5 hours

Monthly Reporting

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

Timesheets

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Meetings

Participate in weekly AMA meetings.

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

6/5/26 EDD + AMA Liaison bi-weekly meeting (Absent – On Vacation)

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: (20 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 June, I contacted staff and leaders at Native Village of Eyak, City of Cordova, Chugach Regional Resources Commission, Native Conservancy, Prince William Sound College, and Prince William Sound Economic Development District to discuss and support their respective mariculture priorities and initiatives throughout the 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: (38 hours)

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

Planned and delivered a mariculture industry presentation at Orca Adventure Lodge in Cordova on June 22nd. Provided an overview about the status of kelp and oyster farming within the region and Alaska in general. Provided a tour and description of some of PWSEDD's AMC funded kelp processing equipment while discussing recent processing achievements and challenges. The 19 people who attended this presentation asked lots of great questions about permitting, farming, processing, and what opportunities exist to get involved in the industry. I shared resources about ways to get involved, newsletters to sign up for, and education programs such as the University of Alaska's – Aquaculture Semester, and Prince William Sound College's –Marine Natural Resources Technician (OEC) program.

During the month of June, I also participated in several Cordova Mariculture/Seafood Festival planning meetings to discuss potential dates, themes, and event activities. Cordova mariculturists are interested in developing an event to raise awareness and excitement about the local seaweed and shellfish farming industries. However, capacity is limited this summer, and many people feel that it might be wise to wait until next summer to provide more time to organize and invite other participants into the planning of this event.

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:

During the month of June, I traveled to Santa Barbara, California while on vacation and spent a day helping Santa Barbara Mariculture Founder, Bernard Friedman harvest mussels from his aquatic farm. I've had questions about mussel farming from a couple of Prince William Sound residents, and this voluntary experience helped me to respond and answer some of their questions. Sea otter predation is the primary concern of the Prince William Sound residents who have expressed interest in mussel farming. I highly recommend trying the cultured abalone, urchin, mussels, and oysters while visiting Santa Barbara!

Task 1. D

Engage in miscellaneous outreach & engagement tasks.

How many total hours were spent this month working on Task 1. D: (2.5 hours)

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

Trained two Native Village of Eyak Tribal members how to collect Chugach Regional Ocean Monitoring – ocean acidification, harmful algal bloom, and blue mussel samples for Alutiiq Pride Marine Institute.

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:

During the month of June, I continued to meet and support the regions newest aquatic farming business, Two Moon Kelp, owned by a Native Village of Eyak Tribal family with farm design and operations planning. I also introduced them to team members at GreenWave, equipment suppliers, and nursery operators.

Supported Cascadia Seaweed, PWSEDD, Silver Bay Seafoods, and 3 Cordova kelp farm businesses find and a storage location and coordinate the logistics of moving the IBC totes of stabilized kelp that were processed in Cordova this Spring. The totes of kelp are now safe inside a storage container awaiting a South bound tender vessel to deliver the kelp to Cascadia Seaweed's new processing facility in Port Edward, B.C. this Fall.

Continued to support Alutiiq Pride Marine Institute with [Chugach Regional Ocean Monitoring](#) weekly water quality sampling in Cordova.

Supported Royal Ocean Kelp Co. get samples of kelp to Sierra Greene, UAF and Arron Jones, ASG for heavy metals analysis.

Supported Native Conservancy with PWS mariculture site assessments and water quality sampling.

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:

During the month of June, I provided oyster farm equipment recommendations to Dr. Amanda Glazier, Prince William Sound College. Dr. Glazier is Director of Prince William Sound College's – Occupational Endorsement Certificate (OEC) in Marine Natural Resources Technician (MNRT) program in Valdez. The MNRT program prepares students for careers in the fields of marine natural resources and marine sciences, including mariculture!

Met with Dr. Angela Korabik, PWSSC and Allie Grasso, Hollings Scholar/NOAA Affiliate to support the Bull Kelp Research Squad's development of a Bull Kelp Farming Guide.

Continued to work closely with the PWSEDD to develop kelp processing capacity and new market opportunities for the region's commercial kelp farming businesses. During the month of June, I provided support with equipment procurement, logistics, cleaning and storage of AMC funded processing equipment, and facilitated introductions with engineers who offered to support the development of processing efficiencies. I also supported PWSEDD with two mariculture funding proposals.

Prepared and delivered samples of kelp from 3 active commercial farms in Prince William Sound to Ronald B. Johnson, NOAA NWFSC for a Macroalgae Carbohydrate project profiling the nutritional composition of West Coast and Alaska cultured seaweeds.

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: (0 hours)

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

No new mariculture events to notify industry members about during the month of June.

Additional Questions

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

Community members, kelp buyers, farmers, and industry stakeholders are eager to learn what the processing costs associated with the PWSEDD's kelp dryer look like.

Cordova oyster farmers would like support in pursuing funding opportunities for a refrigerated container to increase the volume of oysters they are able to bring to market.

Describe one success story:

There is at least one new kelp farming business beginning operations during the 2026/2027 growing season.

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

I need to follow up with Two Moon Kelp, Cordova's newest kelp farming business to provide technical support with equipment recommendations, funding opportunities, and farm operations planning.

I need to follow up with the Cordova Mariculture/Seafood Festival planning committee to see what resources we have available and what we are lacking to make this community event a success.

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