

AMA LIAISON MONTHLY REPORT

Due the 10th of each month

Region	Host Organization	Reporting Month / Year	Submission Date
Southeast	Ecotrust	April 2026	5/8/2026

Administrative & Ongoing Tasks

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

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:

Suzie missed the EDD and AMA Governance, Outreach, and Coordination call on April 24th, but Jon was able to attend instead.

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: 8

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:

Maranda's Activities

- April focused primarily on transition, documentation, and handoff of responsibilities, as Maranda stepped down from the Liaison role on April 27, 2026. Two weeks of the month were dedicated to orienting Suzie O'Neill to the role, including current priorities, ongoing projects, key contacts, and recommended next steps. Key areas of focus included:
 - Reviewing the Outreach Tracking Sheet and providing context on engagement to date
 - Noting need to update the outreach log
 - Identifying remaining gaps, including the 8 entities that have not responded out of the original 58 contacts
 - Discussing challenges with continued cold outreach given limited available resources

- Providing recommendations for prioritization moving forward, including focusing on responsive and engaged communities rather than continued high-frequency outreach to non-responsive entities
- Continued conversations also occurred with farmers and community members, including sharing notice of transition.

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: 10

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

Workshops, Presentations, & Meetings

- Suzie and Maranda participated in a coordination meeting on April 22nd with Alaska Sea Grant and Tlingit & Haida to continue planning Intro to Mariculture training opportunities. During this meeting, Maranda introduced Suzie O'Neill to partners to ensure continuity and maintain momentum. Suzie, ASG, and T&H are continuing to plan at least two webinars about siting and permitting. The first webinar will be focused on siting and will take place in late June.
- Suzie attended the NOAA AOA Listening Session on 4/22.
- Suzie and Maranda had two meetings on 4/21 and 4/23 to transfer knowledge and discuss the liaison work plan.
- Suzie had two onboarding meetings with AMA and SEC on 4/21 and 4/27 to get into alignment and ask questions.
- Suzie attended the AMA ex-officio partner roundtable webinar on 4/23.

Task 1. C

Travel to meetings and conferences + other outreach.

How many total hours were spent this month working on Task 1. C: 12

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

Farmers at SEC Mariculture Event/Maritime Festival in Juneau (Maranda and Suzie)

- This effort originated from an email sent to Charlie on April 22, 2026, following the ASGA meeting on April 21. The original discussion focused on ASGA's potential involvement in the SEC Mariculture Event in Juneau (email subject: "*Re: ASGA at the SEC Mariculture Event in Juneau?*"). That correspondence was forwarded to Suzie and Jon to continue coordination and support next steps. This effort began after the ASGA meeting (April 21, 2026), where ASGA emphasized wanting **more farmer presence at events**, especially oyster shucking and public engagement. An email was sent to Charlie (SEC) on April 22 ("*Re: ASGA at the SEC Mariculture Event in Juneau?*") and forwarded to Suzie and Jon. On April 24, Charlie and I followed up with Jon to expand the idea:
 - SEC proposed using remaining liaison travel funding to support outreach
 - ASGA's priority is getting farmers actively participating at events

- Suzie cannot attend the Maritime Festival on May 9th, but can support this effort with social media, outreach, logistics, and coordination from Seattle as needed.

SSP Spring Retreat in Sitka (Suzie)

- From April 28-30th, I attended the SSP Spring Retreat in Sitka. The theme of the retreat was healing, and there was ample time for connection and relationship building through group discussion, talking circles, and learning journeys. I introduced myself and my role as mariculture liaison/catalyst to many folks, including Frank Nix (Kasaan), Annika Ord (Juneau), Chandler O'Connell (Sitka), Bob Christensen, and Andrew Jyllka (Spruce Root), just to name a few. I scheduled a follow-up conversation with Andrew Jyllka to learn more about the mariculture business planning tools. Overall, the Retreat was a very useful way to meet a large quantity of folks from across Southeast AK, and these connections will support my work moving forward.

Task 1. D

Engage in miscellaneous outreach & engagement tasks.

How many total hours were spent this month working on Task 1. D: 12

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

Cooler Room at Alaska Seaplanes – Klawock (Maranda and Suzie)

- Continued tracking and engagement on the cooler room project, which remains a critical infrastructure need for Prince of Wales Island and farmers. This project remains a high priority and should continue to be monitored closely by the incoming liaison.
 - Maintained regular check-ins with Southeast Conference (SEC) to track progress
 - Most recent update from Dan Lesh indicates that the purchasing documents were submitted to EDA lawyers for approval. Once approved, the purchase can happen.
 - Farmers continue to express strong need and urgency for this infrastructure to support reliable product transport

Lease Application Support & Webinar Planning (Maranda and Suzie)

- Continued discussions with T&H and AK Sea Grant around hosting webinars to support applicants through the aquatic lease application process, including site selection and available resources. First webinar on shellfish mariculture siting planned for late June.

Outreach Strategy & Program Alignment (Maranda)

- Shared next steps with incoming liaison, and need for conversations with AMA/AMC to review the outreach tracking sheet and clarify expectations for next steps that they ask of the role as it changes often.
- Highlighted that only 8 of the original 58 contacts remain unresponsive, and that continued cold outreach may not be the most effective use of time without additional resources or incentives for engagement.
- Recommended that clearer direction be provided to the next liaison regarding outreach priorities

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: 15

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

Maranda's Activities

- Continued support to farmers and communities where needed. Assisted connection between SEC and ASGA in April for tabling event in Juneau which will feature oysters from all over Southeast. Both entities are connected and communications are in place for the possibility of another similar tabling event to take place at Blueberry Festival or Little Norway Festival.
- Shifted focus to supporting a smooth transition by sharing key contacts, ongoing needs, and existing relationships with the incoming liaison.

Suzie's Activities

- While in Sitka, Angie Bowers invited me to join the UAS Aquaculture Lab students in a visit to Merrick Shellfish. We boated out to the farm, talked with farmer Evan O'Brien, and watched him flip the farm. I introduced myself to the farmer and will follow up with him to see if he needs technical support.
- Also in Sitka, I talked with Angie Bowers about some of their needs at UAS, including spreading the word about open spots in the 2027 Aquaculture Semester and the need for additional funding to operate the barge. I drafted an Ecotrust social media post to promote the UAS Aquaculture Semester, and I will follow up with Angie on any additional needs.

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: 12

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

Maranda's Activities

- Maintained coordination with:
 - Southeast Conference (SEC) regarding infrastructure projects
 - Tlingit & Haida and Alaska Sea Grant regarding training efforts
 - AMA, ASGA: connecting to farmers and assuring smooth transition for new liaison contact
 - Facilitated introductions between Suzie O'Neill and key partners to ensure continuity of communication and projects continue

Suzie's Activities

- Attended the NOAA AOA Listening Session on 4/22

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: 5

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

Maranda's Activities

- Worked with SEC and ASGA to get farmers to the upcoming Maritime Festival in Juneau on May 9th.

Additional Questions

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

Common Themes

- Continued strong need for mariculture infrastructure, particularly cold storage and transportation solutions in rural communities
- Ongoing demand for training, webinars, workshops, and hands-on learning opportunities
- Need for clearer guidance and support through the lease application process
- Reduced engagement from some entities when immediate funding or resources are not available
- Need for clearer direction and prioritization within the Liaison role to ensure sustainability and effectiveness

Describe one success story:

Success Story: Maranda successfully passed along liaison knowledge to Suzie via 1:1 meetings and a project handover document. Maranda also introduced Suzie to key partners in SE Alaska via email. At the same time, Suzie was able to attend the SSP Retreat in Sitka and meet 50+ people from across Southeast AK. Suzie was also able to visit Merrick Shellfish and connect with Angie Bowers at UAS while in Sitka. Overall, this process created a relatively smooth transition for the Interim Liaison after Maranda's departure.

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

Next Month Follow-Up

- Continued tracking and advancement of the Klawock cooler room project (connect with Dan Lesh and Charlie at SEC, and Karli and Ana at Tlingit and Haida)
- Ongoing coordination with Alaska Sea Grant and Tlingit & Haida on Intro to Mariculture trainings
- Evaluation and refinement of outreach strategy, particularly regarding remaining non-responsive entities and next steps to do about the tracking spreadsheet, what does SEC and AMC want to see for next steps from liaison role? Clearer steps would be appreciated.
- Advancement of webinar series for lease application support
- Continued identification of infrastructure funding opportunities to support Sea Quester Farms efforts in Juneau, and communities that want to expand opportunities such as Craig, Hydaburg and Ketchikan. Reconnect with community leadership once funding avenues are identified.

Southeast Mariculture Liaison

Mailing List Sign-Up

To keep coastal communities informed in mariculture development across Southeast Alaska, including funding opportunities, regulatory updates, events, and relevant regional information as it arises.

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Southeast Mariculture Liaison

Mailing List Sign-Up

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Name	Organization /Community	Email Address	Area of Interest (Optional)
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Southeast	Ecotrust	May 2026	6/1/2026

Administrative & Ongoing Tasks

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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:

I attended all meetings this month.

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: 3

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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:

SEC instructed me to focus my time on adding insights and detail under Notes (column K) based on my knowledge transfer with Maranda and review of her previous monthly reports. I reviewed Maranda's December 2025 report and added relevant info to the tracking sheet.

I also contacted Tlingit & Haida to offer support and collaboration around mariculture. In response to their request, Ecotrust submitted a public comment letter urging NOAA to incorporate indigenous knowledge into the PEIS process for AOA identification, and to thoroughly consult the Tribes throughout the process.

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: 8

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

Workshops, Presentations, & Meetings

- Site Selection Webinar Series
 - I met with Tlingit & Haida (Karli and Ana) and Alaska Sea Grant (James Crimp) on May 7th to continue planning the mariculture site selection webinar series.
 - On May 21st, I met with Tlingit & Haida (Karli and Ana) and Alaska Sea Grant (James Crimp) to continue planning the mariculture site selection webinar series. We decided to pause planning on the webinar because T&H has not given approval yet to host the webinar.
- On May 11th, I met with Andrew Jyllke from Spruce Root to go over the mariculture business planning resources so that I can better explain them to interested farmers.
- On May 11th, I also participated in the BBBRC and Spruce Root Mariculture Check-In call, led by Michael Mausbach.
- On May 21st, I met with Charlie (SEC) to talk through outreach to permit holders.
- On May 29th, I met with Eric, Katie, and Jimmy from the AK Oyster Cooperative via Zoom to learn more about the co-op and understand their needs, plans, and goals. More detail listed in Technical Support below.

Task 1. C

Travel to meetings and conferences + other outreach.

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

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

I did not participate in any work-related travel this month.

Task 1. D

Engage in miscellaneous outreach & engagement tasks.

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

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

Cooler Room at Alaska Seaplanes – Klawock

Still awaiting EDA approval for purchasing. Got periodic updates from Dan. This is a high priority for folks from the AK Oyster Cooperative, and they want to be kept in the loop as this moves forward.

Webinar Planning

Developed an outline for shellfish mariculture site selection webinar and identified speakers, but had to pause the planning process because we're still awaiting approval from T&H to host the webinar. If they are not able to host, we will consider other options.

Outreach Strategy & Program Alignment

Started outreach to pending and active permit holders (using McKinley report) to introduce myself, share resources, and learn about their operations and goals. Still working to get contact info for many of these folks.

Social Media Support

Crafted a social media post for Ecotrust to advertise remaining spots in the UAS Aquaculture Semester for Fall 2027.

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: 10

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

- Connected via email with Andrea Smith of Island Endeavors (first year kelp farm in Sitka). Andrea is interested in the Farmer Knowledge Exchange Grant and would like to talk more about it, but I haven't heard back from her yet on when she'd like to chat. I will continue to follow up. She is already working with Andrew Jyllka on business planning.
- Connected via email with Evan O'Brien of Merrick Shellfish in Sitka. No further action needed at this time.
- Connected via email with Colton and Alex (don't know their last names) in Sitka who are in the process of taking over the 180 acre Silver Bay lease up in Krestof, and are soon to get oyster gear in the water. They're interested in talking on the phone but they haven't responded about a time yet. I will continue to follow up.
- Connected with the Alaska Oyster Cooperative (Eric Wyatt, Katie, and Jimmy) via Zoom to learn more about the co-op and what their needs are. Most of their needs are around funding for developing their shared facility and equipment. I made note of these needs so that I can match them with funding if it becomes available. A few examples include a septic system (all plans/designs completed, just need funding), cement for the floor of their cooler room, and a machine/boom truck to position the shipping containers and lift roof sections.
 - Waiting to hear back from Eric Wyatt about contact info for new permit holders, including for the emerging oyster hatchery in Wrangell.

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: 5

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

mariculture:

Maintained coordination with:

- Southeast Conference (SEC) regarding infrastructure projects
- Tlingit & Haida and Alaska Sea Grant regarding webinar series
- AMA, ASGA: connecting to farmers, offering support to folks interested in the Farmer Knowledge Exchange Program
- Introduced myself as the new liaison at the AMA/EDD governance meeting

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

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

I did not help any industry members secure funding to attend events this month.

Additional Questions

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

Common Themes

- Interest in connecting with liaison, connecting with resources, etc., but challenging to find time during the busy summer season
- Challenging to find contact info for new permit holders
- Continued strong need for mariculture infrastructure, particularly cold storage and transportation solutions in rural communities
- Ongoing demand for training, webinars, workshops, and hands-on learning opportunities
- Reduced engagement from some entities when immediate funding or resources are not available

Describe one success story:

Success Story: This month was focused on continuing to orient in my new position, and casting a wide net of outreach to new and existing permit holders to introduce myself, share resources, and learn about their operations. Despite the challenges of finding contact info and the busy summer season approaching, I was able to connect with multiple farmers, and even have a Zoom conversation with folks from the AK Oyster Cooperative. As I do this outreach, I'm finding that growers are very grateful that the liaison is reaching out to them. This feedback is encouraging and I look forward to continuing this outreach next month.

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

Next Month Follow-Up

- Continued tracking and advancement of the Klawock cooler room project
- Ongoing coordination with Alaska Sea Grant and Tlingit & Haida on mariculture webinars
- Continue outreach to new permit holders to understand plans, goals, and needs; and to introduce myself as the new liaison
- Continued identification of infrastructure funding opportunities to support Sea Quester Farms efforts in Juneau and Alaska Oyster Cooperative on POW
- Continue trying to talk with Andrea Smith (Island Endeavors) and Colton who is taking over the Krestof Sound lease
- Look through the OceansAlaska Oyster Hatchery Workshop Report for additional folks to reach out to, in addition to the emerging oyster hatchery in Wrangell

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I missed the EDD/AMA Governance Meeting on 6/5 and the AMA Liaison Meeting on 6/12 because I was on vacation.

Outreach & Engagement (Task 1)

Task 1. A

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SEC instructed me to focus my time on adding insights and detail under Notes (column K) in the tracking sheet based on my knowledge transfer with Maranda and review of her previous monthly reports. This month, I continued reviewing Maranda's monthly reports and adding to the Tracking Sheet.

7/1/26: Met via Zoom with Kate Thomas, Economic Development Director at the City and Borough of Wrangell. She often hears that permitting is one of the biggest barriers to mariculture development because it puts a large burden on individual entrepreneurs, especially if they don't have a lot of start-up capital. She shared that there's an oyster farm in Wrangell (Canoe Lagoon) and two pending kelp permits (likely Salt Garden). She connected me with Brian Herman from Canoe Lagoon. Kate also expressed interest in pre-permitted aquaculture areas in Alaska, with the hope that they would reduce the permitting burden on

individual operators. She shared that the City of Wrangell submitted a comment to NOAA saying that they support an AOA near Wrangell.

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

Workshops, Presentations, & Meetings

Meetings with Farmers

- Met with Jonny Antoni (Sequester Farms) on 6/23 to learn about his farm and non-profit, the Mariculture Innovation Center. After the call, I read and provided some feedback on his grant application to the USDA.
- Met with Andrea Smith (Island Endeavor Seaweed) on 6/24 to learn about her farm in Sitka and help her apply for the Farmer Knowledge Exchange.
- Planned to meet with Alexa Romersa at Green Wave Robotics, but she no longer works for the company.
- Talked on the phone multiple times with Akacia from Adonai Seafood Delights to help her with the Farmer Knowledge Exchange Grant.

Task 1. C

Travel to meetings and conferences + other outreach.

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

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

I did not participate in any work-related travel this month.

Task 1. D

Engage in miscellaneous outreach & engagement tasks.

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

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

Cooler Room at Alaska Seaplanes – Klawock

Continuing to track on this and provide updates to industry when possible. This remains a high priority for farmers on POW.

Outreach to Pending and Active Permit Holders

Started outreach to pending and active permit holders (using McKinley report) to introduce myself, share resources, and learn about their operations and goals. Spent time digging for contact information online and developing a system to keep track of this outreach. Called and/or sent emails to ~25 farmers so far, and am continuing to search for additional contact info. Starting to hear back from folks and schedule phone calls, including with Adonai Seafood Delights, Island Endeavor Seaweed, Sequester Farms, Clint Boon (SEAK Oyster Farm), and Stephen McHolland (developing a Wrangell shellfish hatchery).

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: 10

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

- Connected via email with Stephen McHolland who is starting a shellfish hatchery in Wrangell. He's still working on permitting, and intends for the hatchery to supply his own farm with shellfish (species not specified). He is also interested in producing seed for local Alaskan farms upon request. I am working to connect with him via phone/Zoom to learn more.
- Connected with Andrea Smith via Zoom. Helped her prepare a Farmer Knowledge Exchange Application for a trip to Kodiak and sent her resources about cooperatives.
- Connected with Jonny Antoni at Sequester Farms via Zoom and provided feedback on his USDA grant application. He is trying to get funding to build out the Mariculture Innovation Center, including building a kelp processing container and creating workforce development programs.
- Connected via text with Clint Boon (Southeast Alaska Oyster Farm). He is interested in a phone call/Zoom, but is very busy and hasn't gotten back to me yet. Hoping to talk with him soon.
- Connected with Akacia Nicholls from Adonai Seafood Delights. Helped her apply for a Farmer Knowledge Exchange Grant to visit Shoalwater Seafood in Washington.

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

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

- Maintained coordination with Southeast Conference (SEC) regarding infrastructure projects
- Introduced myself as the new liaison at the AMA/EDD governance meeting
- Attended the AMA Ex-Officio Roundtable on 6/25 and heard updates from Tommy Sheridan at UAF, Alex Huller (AFDF), and others.
- Checked in via email with Ana from Tlingit and Haida and offered my support. She was grateful that I reached out but does not have any support needs at the moment.

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

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

I did not help any industry members secure funding to attend events this month.

Additional Questions

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

Common Themes

- Overall, I'm receiving positive responses from pending and active permit holders. People are open to talking with me and grateful for the help.
- It's challenging to find contact info for some of the permit holders.
- Strong interest in the Farmer Knowledge Exchange Grant. Many farmers didn't know about it before I emailed them, or didn't have capacity to apply on their own. This is something to consider for future knowledge exchange opportunities.
- Continued strong need for mariculture infrastructure, particularly cold storage and transportation solutions in rural communities.
- Reduced engagement from some entities when immediate funding or resources are not available.

Describe one success story:

Success Story: This month, I helped two farmers apply for the Farmer Knowledge Exchange Grant Program. Both applications were pulled together at the last minute, but we were able to get them completed and submitted on time (aside from one Letter of Support that was slightly delayed). Another Liaison, Lexa, also helped out by connecting us with the Kodiak Ocean Growers for a Letter of Support. It was a team effort, and I was happy that we got both applications in.

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

Next Month Follow-Up

- Continued tracking and advancement of the Klawock cooler room project
- Continue outreach and follow up to new permit holders to understand plans, goals, and needs; and to introduce myself as the new liaison (including follow up to Clint Boon and Stephen McHolland)
- Continued identification of infrastructure funding opportunities to support Sea Quester Farms efforts in Juneau and Alaska Oyster Cooperative on POW
- Continued coordination with Tlingit and Haida