

From: Stratton Edwards, CHCG
To: City of Valdez City Council Members
Cc: City Manager & Assistant City Manager
Re: 3rd Quarter Activities Report
Date: October 6, 2021

July

Regularly scheduled calls with city management took place on July 13th and July 27th

- Ongoing contact with Alaska Congressional Delegation concerning Member visits during August
 - Uncertain and changing schedules precluded visits in August
 - We are continuing to work to find times to get Members to Valdez
- Drafted edits and updates to legislative priorities and consulted with city management about those updates
- Research concerning possible project to improve salmon habitat at Robe Lake
- Contacted staff for Congressman Young and Senator Sullivan concerning post office staffing

August

Regularly scheduled calls with city management took place on August 10th and August 24th

- Received response on post office staffing from Senator Sullivan's office and continued to engage on process concerning new Postmaster
- Annual visit to Valdez
 - In person presentation to the Valdez City Council
 - Tour of ports and harbors
 - Site visit to Robe Lake
 - Lunch with Councilman Sorum and city staff
 - Attended department directors meeting
- Developed strategy to reach out to USACOE for site visit

September

No regularly scheduled calls took place due to additional calls and virtual meetings during the month

- Call with city management and stakeholders on senior housing project and use of ARPA funding
 - Conducted research and consulted with CHCG contracting specialist concerning ability for the city to use ARPA funding on the project.
 - Had a conversation with City Manager about appropriateness of using ARPA funds on the project and advised of pros and cons of moving forward on this path
- Reviewed letter from the Port of Anchorage requesting funding that they asked Valdez to sign onto. Consulted with Senator Sullivan's office on their view of Anchorage's request. Advised City Manager on pros and cons of signing and made a recommendation not to sign.
- Virtually attended meeting with USACOE representatives concerning potential partnerships on Valdez port and harbor projects.