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TO: Mayor Knight and Members of the Valdez City Council

FROM: Amanda Bauer
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RE: Report from Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation Board of Directors
Meeting held March 2, 2018 in Anchorage, Alaska.

Mayor Knight and Council Members,

As your appointed representative on the Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation (PWSAC) Board of Directors, I attended the annual Spring Board meeting on March 2, 2018 in Anchorage. My report on the meeting follows.

The process to hire a new General Manager ended last fall and the position was offered to Casey Campbell. He accepted and began work on November 27. Casey was born and raised in Sitka, is a veteran banker, economic advisor and commercial fisherman. This was his first board meeting and he brings a lot of great experience and energy to the organization. He already has some great ideas, including some alternative energy sources, and I look forward to seeing if he is able to implement them moving forward.

The board passed the annual budget in the amount of \$14,227,692, of which \$9,852,601 will come from cost recovery operations.

Charlie Russell from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game was in attendance and said the state budget for ADF&G will be maintained as it is. That was really good news to hear.

Chris Habicht from the Commerical Fisheries Division of ADF&G gave an update on the Alaska Hatchery Interaction Study. This is a very long, ongoing study of the effects of hatchery salmon on wild salmon stocks both in PWS and Southeast Alaska. The study began in 2012 and hopes to continue through 2020. The hatcheries helped commission the study (and fund a portion of it) to make sure that wild salmon stock had priority. Another hopeful advantage of the study involves labeling of final products, for example are they Marine Stewardship Council approved. The link to the study is found here: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fishingHatcheriesResearch.main>

Finally, PWSAC has contracted Nortech Alaska to perform an Environmental Audit of the organization. It is very thorough process that includes all hatchery sites and offices. The audit will confirm PWSAC is in environmental compliance with permits, among other things. Michelle Sherwood from Nortech attended the meeting and said so far there are no significant findings to report.

For two years in a row now I have missed the annual Fall Board Meeting held in October in Cordova (due to weather). As always, I will try to attend the meeting this fall that will be held on October 5.

Should you have any questions about this report or anything you want me to address at the October meeting please call or email me.

Thank you again for the opportunity to represent the City of Valdez.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amanda Bauer', with a stylized, cursive script.

Amanda Bauer