

## SEAPA Board Meeting Summary

### March 27, 2025 Meeting

--The Board approved Brushing Contracts for both the Cleveland Peninsula and the Woronkofski Island. Both contracts were awarded to Rock n Road Construction, a local contractor.

--This year's reservoirs operation plan was reviewed. Going into the spring, water in the reservoirs is way above average due to early winter rainfall and mild temperatures. No problems are anticipated to meet projected loads, even with what is expected to be a lower-than-normal snow pack. Snow surveys will be conducted in the first week of April.

--The Board discussed staffing and anticipated staffing needs looking out 10 years. As we move into FERC relicensing of both SEAPA dams, adding a third turbine at Tyee, future work on the intertie, and possibly a new generation project, some new skills and slightly larger workforce will be needed. Potential retirements of key staff members will also result in the need to recruit and back fill those positions to allow for overlap training. No decisions were made.

--Last, and most important, was a discussion on funding of the third turbine at Tyee. The total cost of the turbine and installation is currently estimated at \$24.5 million. A \$5 million Department of Energy grant was awarded to SEAPA but now caught in the freeze of federal funds. From discussions with DOE and lobbyists, staff believe that funding will come soon. \$4 million has been requested through the Alaska Energy Authority, \$4.5 million through Congressionally Directed Spending program and a State of Alaska CAPSYS submission has also been made. The CEO estimates widely varying chances of success with each of these funding sources. SEAPA has also started to evaluate what level of bonding may be needed to complete the project, if no other means of funding becomes available. In the meantime, the region's power usage continues to grow at 2-3% per year. Lots of questions on what different funding scenarios would mean to SEAPA and its members, but no decisions have been made.

--A special meeting has been scheduled for May 29, 2025, to potentially award a contract for procurement of the third turbine.