

**Mayor's Report
For
October 9, 2023 Assembly Meeting**

- 1. Recognition of Outgoing Assembly Members Kensinger and Meucci:** I wish to recognize and thank Dave Kensinger and Jeff Meucci for their time serving our community on the Borough Assembly.
- 2. Recognition of John Jensen:** On behalf of Petersburg and other Alaskan fishing communities, I wish to recognize John Jensen for his 21 years of dedicated service on the Alaska Board of Fisheries.
- 3. Mayoral Proclamation – Domestic Violence Awareness Month:** With the Mayoral Proclamation attached to this report, I proclaim October, 2023, as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and October 19, 2023, as Wear Purple Thursday in support of domestic violence victims and survivors.
- 4. NOAA Proposed Rule Regarding Harbor Porpoises in SE Alaska:** NOAA recently divided harbor porpoises in SE Alaska into three stocks and has proposed a rule to change the SE Alaska gillnet fishery designation from a category II to a category I, which will result in the fishery being a priority for an observation program. The proposed rule can be found at the following link: [Federal Register :: List of Fisheries for 2024](#). Comments on the proposed rule are being accepted through October 13, 2023.
- 5. Request Legislation to Ban Russian Origin Seafood Products from U.S. Markets:** The low fish prices and flooded seafood market this year point towards global marketing issues, including allowing Russian origin seafood products to be sold in the U.S. To urge lawmakers to support domestic seafood producers and ban Russian origin seafood products from sale in the U.S., send your comments to: services@murkowski.senate.gov or public_testimony@sullivan.senate.gov.
- 6. Mayor Jensen to Conduct October Assembly Meetings via Zoom:** Mayor Jensen will be out of Petersburg for both October Assembly meetings but plans to conduct the meetings via Zoom.