

SEAPA Meeting Summary

Date: September 8th, 2026

To: Petersburg Borough Assembly

From: SEAPA Chair Bob Lynn and Alternate Board Member Stephan Harbour

RE: SEAPA Meeting Summary of August 27th – 28th, 2026 Regular Meeting in Petersburg

- **Tyee Third Turbine Project:** The project remains on schedule, with final design substantially complete, major equipment in fabrication, and the construction RFP issued. The addition will increase Tyee generation capacity from 22.5 MW to approximately 33.75 MW. SEAPA continues to pursue federal, state, tax credit, and reserve funding for the project.
- **Ketchikan Substation Project:** Design and procurement are advancing, including solicitation for the new transformer. SEAPA has secured a Grid Resilience grant agreement with the Alaska Energy Authority for up to approximately \$4.53 million.
- **2026 Operations:** The 2026 operations plan was reviewed. To date, Petersburg has received slightly more rain than Ketchikan, with 53 inches compared with 52 inches. No changes to operations for the remainder of the year are anticipated.
- **Wrangell Solar Project:** Design is advancing toward completion, and initial site work has been completed. The project is intended to improve regional resiliency and reduce diesel generation requirements during outages.
- **Regional Load Growth:** The Board discussed changing load forecasts across Petersburg, Wrangell, and Ketchikan, including potential industrial and data-related development. Significant new load growth could accelerate the need for additional regional generation capacity.
- **Transmission and Reliability:** SEAPA continues to work on maintenance and reliability projects throughout the regional transmission system. Staff is also reviewing a new U.S. Forest Service Operating Plan and Special Use Permit to ensure routine maintenance and emergency response are not unnecessarily delayed.
- **Funding and Government Affairs:** SEAPA continues active coordination with state and federal agencies on hydropower licensing, infrastructure funding, transmission reliability, and grid resilience. The agency is also evaluating its next Renewable Energy Fund application.

If you want or need a deeper understanding of any of these points, please speak with either board member.