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Subject: Disposal of vessel at sea

All,

I'm Mike Sarnowski, the new harbormaster for the City of Kodiak, and I'm working on developing a disposition plan for the P/V Wild Alaskan. From what I understand most of you are probably more familiar with this than I am. After doing cost/budget analysis on multiple options, the best option for disposal of the Wild Alaskan for the citizens of Kodiak would be disposal at sea. We are looking to work closely with the EPA, USCG and the State of AK to get permission under the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act (MPRSA) general permit. We are developing the final proposal to forward to the EPA for consideration.

Here is a little history about the vessel. The WILD ALASKAN was impounded by the City of Kodiak on December 21, 2017. Prior to impoundment, the vessel was moored illegally in St. Herman Harbor and ordered to leave it's berth. The vessel was issued thirteen citations for trespassing and failure to comply but these did not compel the owner to remove the vessel as ordered. During several patrols by Harbor staff, observations of portable fuel tanks on deck and portable generators caused the Harbor staff to suspect the vessel may have mechanical issues. During the course of an investigation to determine if the vessel had mechanical issues, a diver was hired by the City of Kodiak to check the condition of the vessel under the waterline and it was discovered that the vessel had no installed zincs to protect the hull from electrolysis and there was severe electrolysis damage to the rudder, rudder shoe, and hull. The diver also noted that he had been hired seven years prior by the vessel owner and he noted that it had no zincs at that time either. Due to deficiencies with the structural and mechanical components of the vessel, a "Port Risk" survey was completed by Alaska Marine Surveyors in February 2018. Additionally, in December 2018 the USCG issued a letter listing multiple safety issues that must be repaired prior to the USCG allowing the vessel back into the water for operations.

The City has examined multiple options and disposal at sea is 1/3 the cost compared to scrapping or putting it in our small landfill. Unfortunately, it went up for auction twice and nobody wanted to purchase it.

As mentioned earlier, this email is meant to let everyone know we are looking to move forward with this and hopefully get it completed before our weather window turns. Please let me know if you are the correct POC, and if not, if you could please let me know who is, that would be great. Once the team is established, I'll forward our disposition plan for review prior to final submission.

I really appreciate all of your assistance in this matter. Please let me know if you have any questions.
v/r,
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