

**INFORMATION ITEM**

**Sponsor:** Alan Sorum and the Port Operations and Vessel Traffic System Committee

**Project number and name or topic:** 8300 – Sustainable Shipping Phase I: Regulatory Mandate Review

1. **Description of agenda item:** This project, Phase I: Regulatory Mandate Review, will review and report on the evolution of regulatory requirements affecting the transition of ocean shipping, and tankers in particular, to a sustainable model.

Sierra Fletcher of Nuka Research and Planning Group, LLC., will be briefing the Board on the findings of the study. Based on feedback from the Board and POVTS Committee, the final report will be finished before the end of FY2023.

2. **Why is this item important to PWSRCAC:** The mission of the Council is to promote environmentally safe operation of the Trans Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS) terminal and associated tankers. The global transition to more sustainable shipping technology will depend upon evolving regulation of ship emissions and efficiency, development of new ship design and equipment, and changes in ship operation. All these changes must converge in a fashion that achieves environmental protection, maintains operational safety, and remains commercially viable.

To be able to comment knowledgeably on these changes, their effect on the TAPS tankers, and their impact on Prince William Sound, the POVTS Committee must become, and remain, informed on the regulatory, technical, and commercial aspects of this transition. This project, “Sustainable Shipping Phase I: Regulatory Mandate Review,” will inform POVTS of the evolution of ship emission and efficiency regulation and provide information on the implications of these regulatory developments.

3. **Previous actions taken by the Board on this item:**

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Action</u>
Board	5/5/22	Adopted the FY2023 budget as presented during the budget workshop on April 27, 2022.
XCOM	9/15/22	Accepted the proposal from Nuka Research and Planning Group, LLC and authorized a contract with them for an amount not to exceed \$35,000.

4. **Summary of policy, issues, support, or opposition:** None.

5. **Committee Recommendation:** No committee recommendation at this time. This is an informational item and the Committee will be reviewing the project final report sometime just after the Board meeting.

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6. **Relationship to LRP and Budget:** Phase One of project 8300 – Sustainable Shipping is in the approved FY2023 budget and annual work plan.

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As of March 20, 2023

Original Budget	\$35,000.00
Revised Budget	\$35,000.00
Actual & Commitments	\$0.00
<b>Amount Remaining</b>	<b>\$35,000.00</b>

7. **Action Requested of the Board of Directors:** None.
8. **Attachments:** None.