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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 14, 2023
 TO: Mayor and Assembly
 FROM: Michael Brown, Borough Manager
 RE: Manager's Weekly Post

Fiscal Year 2022 Citizens' Financial Report: The FY22 Citizens' Financial Report (aka the Popular Annual Financial Report or PAFR) is now available online at <https://ecommerce.matsugov.us/cdn/Documents/FY22%20PAFR.pdf>.

State Forestry Stewardship Program: The Alaska forest stewardship program for private landowners with forest concerns is available on the Division of Forestry & Fire Protection website here: <https://forestry.alaska.gov/stewardship/>. With Federal assistance from the U.S. Forest Service, the State can provide technical assistance to develop plans to address forest health on private lands. There are also grant opportunities with a 50% match requirement to implement the specific forest health plans for forests on private lands. Also, attached is Helge Eng's follow-up letter to his presentation on June 6. Of the State salvage sales over the past five years, none have occurred in the Mat-Su Borough.

Planning Major Milestones:

Assembly Directed Code Changes			
Code	Description	Sponsor	Assembly Public Hearing
8.55	Remote Exemption	Bernier	June 20, 2023
17.55	Setback Amendments	Yundt/Tew	July 18, 2023
17.11	Sex Offender Exclusion Zones	Bernier	July 18, 2023
17.05	Essential Services Utilities Standards	Yundt/Hale	August 15, 2023
17.59	Standardize definitions for lake management regulations	Yundt/Hale	TBD
Title 23	Agricultural Conveyances (Land Management)	Manager	2024
17.73	Overhaul of multi-family code	Yundt	TBD
15.24	Lake management plan implementation process update	Yundt	June 6, 2023
17.30	Gravel Amendments	Tew	May 16, 2023

Public Affairs Media Flyover:

Forestry

- [Mat-Su forests in poor shape, forestry say. Good news: Beetle infestation is waning](#)
Frontiersman

Arctic Winter Games

- [Wasilla joins Mat-Su 2024 AWG as Partner Sponsor, strengthening commitment to community and sport](#)
Frontiersman

MSBSD

- [Controversial MSBSD policy changes bring out people from all sides during latest school board meeting](#)
Frontiersman

Trails

- [Popular Settlers Bay Coastal Park opens a new entrance..and new land](#)
Frontiersman

Emergency Services

- [Boeve named Emergency Manager of the Year](#)
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Assembly

- [Unpopular gravel ordinance dead on arrival after borough mayor veto](#)
Frontiersman
- [Gravel ordinance fails](#)
KTNA

Fisheries

- [Alaska Board of Fisheries meeting on June 23](#)
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June 12, 2023

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RE: Questions from June 6, 2023 Assembly Hearing

Dear Mr. Brown,

The following are responses from Division of Forestry and Fire Protection staff to questions asked by Assembly members in the meeting on June 6th:

How many timber sales does the state produce? The state sold 23 timber sales in 2022.

How many salvage sales? A summary of salvage sales for the last five years are attached. Note the two separate sections: Salvage Sales under Alaska Statutes 38.05.117 and Salvage Sales under Alaska Statutes 38.05.115 or Alaska Statutes 38.05.120. The latter is where "salvage" appears in the name but the sale went out as either small negotiated (.115) or competitive bid (.120).

Also of note, in addition to the commercial timber sales in the Mat-Su, since 2020 we have sold 34 personal use sales of beetle killed trees in the Mat-Su. Most are used for firewood but a few have been for sawlogs and a few for house/cabin logs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Helge Eng".

Helge Eng
Director, Division of Forestry and Fire Protection

Attachment. Summary of salvage timber sales.

SALVAGE SALES UNDER 38.05.117						
Name	Purchaser Name	Office	Sale Type	Likely Use	Acres	Land Owner
Zimovia ROW	James Debord	SSE (Southern Southeast)	AS 38.05.117 Salvage Sales	Fuelwood	1	DNR
Cow Antler Salvage	Young's Timber, Inc	TAS (Tok)	AS 38.05.117 Salvage Sales	Fuelwood	10	State Forest
Elizabeth Island	Shangri-La llc	KKS (Kenai/Kodiak)	AS 38.05.117 Salvage Sales	Fuelwood	3	DNR
Moon Lake Blowdown Salvag	Alex Page	TAS (Tok)	AS 38.05.117 Salvage Sales	Fuelwood	52.5	State Forest
35mi Pipeline	Dogwood Forest Products	NSE (Northern Southeast)	AS 38.05.117 Salvage Sales	Value Added	5	State Forest
4 Mile Salvage	Young's Timber, Inc	TAS (Tok)	AS 38.05.117 Salvage Sales	Fuelwood	25	State Forest
SALVAGE SALES UNDER 38.05.115 OR .120						
Rainbow 2 Fire Salvage #2	Firewood Boys	DAS (Delta)	AS 38.05.115 Small Negotiated with Limitations	Fuelwood	7.3	DNR
Rainbow2 Fire Salvage Neg	Firewood Boys	DAS (Delta)	AS 38.05.115 Small Negotiated with Limitations	Fuelwood	9.8	DNR
100 Mile Fire Salvage #2	Steve Helkenn	DAS (Delta)	AS 38.05.120 Competitive Bid Sales	Fuelwood	161	State Forest
Weaver Salvage Timber Sal	Alaska Cedar Products	SSE (Southern Southeast)	AS 38.05.115 Small Negotiated with Limitations	Unknown	0	State Forest
Mississippi Salvage #12	Ironhide Rox	DAS (Delta)	AS 38.05.120 Competitive Bid Sales	Fuelwood	23.6	DNR
North Hollis Salvage	Cary Pitcher	SSE (Southern Southeast)	AS 38.05.115 Small Negotiated with Limitations	Unknown	0	State Forest
KB-21 Salvage	Stump Company	NSE (Northern Southeast)	AS 38.05.115 Small Negotiated with Limitations	Fuelwood	30	State Forest
Little Gerstle Salvage #4	One Horse Ranch Sawmill	DAS (Delta)	AS 38.05.115 Small Negotiated with Limitations	Fuelwood	1.8	DNR
North Hollis Salvage	Gold-n-Wood	SSE (Southern Southeast)	AS 38.05.115 Small Negotiated with Limitations	Unknown	0	State Forest
Skinnys Fire Salvage	Aurora Energy Solutions, LLC	FAS (Fairbanks)	AS 38.05.120 Competitive Bid Sales	Fuelwood	36.1	State Forest
Mississippi Salvage #13	Logging & Milling	DAS (Delta)	AS 38.05.120 Competitive Bid Sales	Fuelwood	44	DNR
Jinhi Bay Salvage Sale	Alaska Milling & Fabrication LLC	SSE (Southern Southeast)	AS 38.05.115 Small Negotiated with Limitations	Unknown	11	State Forest
Shelter Cove Road Salvage	Robert Patton	SSE (Southern Southeast)	AS 38.05.120 Competitive Bid Sales	Unknown	0	State Forest
Mississippi Salvage #5	Firewood Boys	DAS (Delta)	AS 38.05.120 Competitive Bid Sales	Fuelwood	20.2	State Forest
Edna Bay Salvage	Alcan Forest Products	SSE (Southern Southeast)	AS 38.05.115 Small Negotiated with Limitations	Unknown	0	State Forest
Mile 2.1 Salvage	Young's Timber, Inc	TAS (Tok)	AS 38.05.115 Small Negotiated with Limitations	Fuelwood	10	DNR
Bee Hive Salvage	Young's Timber, Inc	TAS (Tok)	AS 38.05.115 Small Negotiated with Limitations	Fuelwood	10	State Forest
Cow Antler Salvage	Young's Timber, Inc	TAS (Tok)	AS 38.05.117 Salvage Sales	Fuelwood	10	State Forest
Mississippi Salvage #9	Firewood Boys	DAS (Delta)	AS 38.05.120 Competitive Bid Sales	Fuelwood	19	DNR
Mississippi Salvage #10	Firewood Boys	DAS (Delta)	AS 38.05.120 Competitive Bid Sales	Fuelwood	14	State Forest
Mississippi Salvage #11	Firewood Boys	DAS (Delta)	AS 38.05.120 Competitive Bid Sales	Fuelwood	30	State Forest
4 Mile Salvage	Young's Timber, Inc	TAS (Tok)	AS 38.05.117 Salvage Sales	Fuelwood	25	State Forest
Eagle trail salvage	Spring Timber Corp.	TAS (Tok)	AS 38.05.115 Small Negotiated with Limitations	Fuelwood	7.5	State Forest
Salcha Flood Salvage #4	Superior Pellet Fuels LLC	FAS (Fairbanks)	AS 38.05.120 Competitive Bid Sales	High VA	19	State Forest
Salcha Flood Salvage #5	Superior Pellet Fuels LLC	FAS (Fairbanks)	AS 38.05.120 Competitive Bid Sales	High VA	7.25	State Forest
Salcha Flood Salvage #6	Superior Pellet Fuels LLC	FAS (Fairbanks)	AS 38.05.120 Competitive Bid Sales	High VA	12.7	State Forest
Salcha Flood Salvage #7	Superior Pellet Fuels LLC	FAS (Fairbanks)	AS 38.05.120 Competitive Bid Sales	High VA	31.5	State Forest
Paul Harrington salvage	Paul Harrington	TAS (Tok)	AS 38.05.115 Small Negotiated with Limitations	Fuelwood	10	State Forest