

About Town

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Jean Alice Curry has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Betty Jane Pederson. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Jean Alice Curry, Personal Representative, c/o Faulkner Banfield, P.C., 8420 Airport Boulevard, Suite 101, Juneau, Alaska 99801-6924, or filed with the Superior Court for the State of Alaska, First Judicial District at Petersburg, Alaska, 1PE-20-00006 PR. **Published: April 30, May 7 and 14, 2020**

TONGASS NATIONAL FOREST PETERSBURG RANGER DISTRICT

Small Sales, Microsale & Commercial Firewood Program

The Petersburg Ranger District is announcing its annual commercial timber program activities, which consist of various small sales, microsals, and commercial firewood opportunities. Commercial sales will be offered in areas previously approved through environmental reviews under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Harvest may include green trees using uneven-aged management and may include the removal of dead and dying trees proposed by a Prospective Purchaser and/or Permittee. All areas will be reviewed by District Resource Specialists and approved by the District Ranger.

- Small sales and microsals maximum size is 50,000 Board Feet (50 MBF) and/or \$10,000 in advertised value.
- Permits may be purchased over the counter at Tongass Standard Rates for commercial use firewood of \$5 per cord (\$10/MBF) with a maximum value of \$300.

A small sale consists of green tree commercial sawlog while a microsale consists of only dead and down timber. A commercial firewood permit may contain both products. Wood fiber from these opportunities may be utilized for sawlog and/or value-added wood products for small timber operators.

Information regarding small sales and microsale opportunities will be posted at the Forest Service kiosk located outside the Petersburg District office (corner of Nordic Drive and Gjoa). Bid forms will be available upon request. Prospective bidders are required to submit a Bid for Advertisement form to the district office bid box identifying sale name and bid opening date during normal office hours (8 am to 4:30 pm), prior to bid opening. Prospective sales will be advertised at 10 am on Tuesday mornings until 1 pm the following Tuesday (7 days). Bid openings will be held at 2 pm on Tuesday at the Petersburg District Office.

For additional information on small sales, microsals, and commercial firewood opportunities, please contact the Petersburg Ranger District: (907) 772-3871 or (907) 772-5949.

USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

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Where does the water go?

INFORMATION ABOUT THE PETERSBURG WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

In December of 2001, the Borough wastewater utility was granted a renewal of its wastewater discharge permit number AK- 002145-8 by the Environmental Protection Agency. The Wastewater department would like to take this opportunity to offer some of the objectives and requirements of the wastewater department.

SOME WASTEWATER TERMS DEFINED

BOD: Biochemical Oxygen Demand is a water quality measurement that indicates what demand a stream of wastewater will incur on the dissolved oxygen content in the receiving waters.

TSS: Total Suspend Solids is a measure of the concentration of suspended matter that is present in wastewater. By testing wastewater as it comes into the treatment plant and as it leaves the treatment plant we can see how much of these solids we are removing.

Primary Treatment: This is the level of treatment the Petersburg Borough's treatment plant is designed to achieve. Primary treatment relies on sedimentation of solids and flotation of grease as well as mechanical removal techniques to treat wastewater. No biological treatment techniques are used.

Fecal Coliform: These are the bacteria that are present in wastewater indicative of warm blooded animals and humans. When measured, it is an indication of "strength" of a wastewater sample. The borough tests the water leaving the treatment plant as well as sites on the edge of the mixing zone in Frederick Sound.

Mixing Zone: This is an area that has been designed by the DEC as the area most affected by the Borough's wastewater discharge. It is a circular area 1600 meters in diameter that is centered on the end of the discharge line. The outer edge of the mixing zone touches the shoreline just north of the Sandy Beach Park and at the mouth of the Wrangell Narrows. While ADEC recommends that citizens do not bath or consume raw shellfish within the mixing zone, the Borough's test have historically shown an extremely low impact on Frederick Sound waters by the treatment plant effluent.

MEETING DISCHARGE PERMIT LIMITATIONS

The wastewater utility is dedicated to providing the most cost effective treatment possible while adhering to all discharge permit limitations. Conscientious operators, a well established preventative maintenance program and a well established laboratory quality assurance plan contribute to an efficient and well run treatment plant. The following information will illustrate that the wastewater utility has been working to meet the limitations set by EPA and to protect the environment on an ongoing basis.

	Effluent Permit limits (monthly avg.)	Borough of Petersburg Effluent, 2019 (monthly avg.)
TSS	140 ppm (parts per million)	41.7 ppm
TSS	30% minimum removal	74.1% removal
BOD	140 ppm (175 ppm in summer)	81.5 ppm
BOD	30% minimum removal	49.8% removal
FC	1,000,000 FC/ 100 ml	629,868 FC/100ml
Flow	1.2 MGD (million gallons per day)	0.432 MGD

The utility continually reports effluent values that are within EPA limitations. Records are on file at the treatment plant for any interested party to review.

Impacts of Household Hazardous Waste

As you can see, the Borough is doing its part to clean up the wastewater that is created in your homes. All the citizens of Petersburg can help us by paying attention to what they put down the drain. Greases and oils can build up in sewer lines and cause blockages. Rags that get flushed can get caught in pumps causing interruptions in service and potential damage to the pump itself. Household hazardous wastes can create serious problems when introduced into the sewer. Corrosive, toxic and flammable substances are a detriment to the sewer system, treatment plant, Borough personnel and ultimately Frederick Sound. If hazardous waste are detected during routine sampling, additional testing is immediately required and puts a tremendous financial burden on the utility to track down and find the source of the hazardous substance. Fines can be levied on the Borough and responsible individuals for violations of the discharge requirements. It is in the best interest of rate payers, the wastewater utility and the environment for all persons in Petersburg to dispose of hazardous waste in the proper manner.

Proper Disposal of Hazardous Waste

The Borough sponsored a Household Hazardous Waste Collection event June 9th and 10th of last year. With your help we were able to collect 55,000 pounds of waste. The next Household Hazardous Collection event will pending late summer 2020. Items that can be brought to the baler during the collection event free of charge include, but are not limited to: used oil, fuels, gasoline/water mix, antifreeze, transmission fluid, brake fluid, batteries, solvents, glue, stain, paint, paint stripper, primer, bug spray, herbicide, fungicide, gun cleaning solvents, poisons, weed killer, photo chemicals, corrosive cleaners, acids and any other household item that you may have had under your sink and don't know what to do with. We thank you for your help keeping our wastewater system free of these pollutants and protecting the environment. Please help us protect the environment in the future by taking part in the collection event.

Questions or Comments

If you have any questions regarding wastewater treatment please contact Karl Hagerman, Utility Director at 772-4203. Questions about the Household Hazardous Waste Collection event may be directed to Chris Cotta, Public Works Director, at 772-4430. You may also call the treatment plant (772-3787) or the baler facility (772-3228) for further information. We will be happy to answer any and all questions.

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