

Important coastal meetings

The Alaska Coastal Policy Council has prepared a set of draft guidelines and standards for the operation of the Alaska Coastal Management Program, as required by the Alaska Coastal Management Act.

Public hearings on the draft Alaska Coastal Management Program guidelines and standards will be held in late February and early March. The public will be able to review and comment on the draft with oral testimony at the hearings or by written comments on or before March 6, 1978.

A hearings draft of the guidelines and standards was adopted at the Alaska Coastal Policy Council meeting on January 13 and 14. The Council used the information from the public workshops and the comments and review of the public; local, state and federal agencies; and private interest groups to help draft these proposed regulations.

The current draft of guidelines and standards may be revised on the basis of comments received during the review period. After incorporating recommended changes, the Council may adopt the guidelines and standards. The guidelines and standards will be used by local governments to write coastal plans and by state agencies to plan for and manage coastal resources.

A schedule for the hearings is printed below. If flights are delayed by weather, some of the hearings may be held on the following night. The city clerk or planning office in each community will be notified of any last minute changes. In addition, copies of the draft guidelines and standards will be available at the city/planning offices or from the Office of Coastal Management on request: Pouch AP, Juneau, Alaska 99811. (907 465-3541 or 465-3574.

Here is a schedule of the hearings:

Feb. 15: Juneau, 7 p.m. at the Assembly Chambers.

Feb. 20: Kodiak, 7:30 p.m. at the Borough Assembly Chambers; Sitka, 7 p.m. in the Centennial Building, and Barrow, 7:30 p.m. in the North Slope Borough Building Assembly Room.

Feb. 22: Anchorage, 7 p.m. in the Fine Arts & Historical Museum, and Nome, 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers in City Hall.

Feb. 23: Unalaska, 7:30 p.m. in the Home Economics Room of the Unalaska School.

Feb. 24: Kotzebue, 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers in City Hall.

Feb. 28: Cordova, 7:30 p.m. in the Library Council Chambers, and Dillingham, 7:30 p.m. in City Hall.

March 1: Valdez, 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, and Ketchikan, 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

March 2: Bethel, 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Courthouse/City Office Building.

March 3: Kenai, 7:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room in the Borough Building.

March 4: Homer, 1 p.m. in the Homer Museum.