



## MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 20, 2023  
TO: Mayor and Assembly  
FROM: Michael Brown, Borough Manager  
RE: Manager's Weekly Post

**Transportation Infrastructure Program 2023 (TIP23)**: For information on the TIP23 proposal (OR 23-077) introduced on July 18, 2023, go to this link on the Borough website:

<https://projects.matsugov.us/pages/tip23>.

#### **M/V Ise Harmony at Port MacKenzie:**

On the evening of Sunday, July 16, Port MacKenzie received the Panamanian flagged M/V Ise Harmony, a 600' long "handy class" cargo vessel. The ship is currently berthed at the deep-draft dock discharging its cargo of 33,000 metric tons of bulk salt. The salt was purchased by Northern Gravel & Trucking as part of their statewide Alaska DOT road salt contract.



The salt is off-loaded from the ship with cranes and buckets and placed on a conveyor system that stacks the salt in a pile on the port's gravel pad. Once, all the salt is offloaded from the ship, the ship will set sail to its next destination, and the process of trucking and barging the salt to locations across the state will commence. It is estimated that up to 1,600 trailer loads of salt will travel the road system to reach its destinations, which include towns as far north as Fairbanks and Tok, and as far south as Ketchikan and Thorne Bay.



**MSB Fish & Wildlife Commission Quarterly Update:** The MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC) has been actively engaged in various initiatives, including:

- Passing Resolution FWC 23-03, which recommends opposition to proposed changes in draft Ordinance 23-049 concerning Waterbody Setbacks. The resolution suggests forming a broad-based stakeholder group to conduct a more thorough examination of waterbody setbacks.
- Developing and submitting a comment to the North Pacific Fishery Management Council regarding their May 18 meeting on Cook Inlet Salmon Fisheries Management.
- Hosting a Game Season Summary event with the Alaska Department of Fish & Game on June 1.

Throughout the second quarter, the MSB FWC conducted two regular meetings and one special meeting, all of which focused on wildlife-related topics. A presentation by ADF&G Commissioner Doug Vincent-Lang on Alaska wildlife and fishery issues of interest was also held on April 20, 2023. FWC chair Mike Wood has been nominated by the Governor and confirmed by the Legislature for a seat on the Alaska Board of Fisheries. Learn more about the MSB FWC work at <https://matsugov.us/boards/fishcommission>.

### **Public Affairs Media Flyover:**

#### **Hunting/Fishing**

- [ADFG on anglers leaving fish waste that attract bears](#)  
Alaska Sporting Journal
- [Anderson Creek \(Lower Susitna River\) closed to dipnetting](#)  
Alaska Native News
- [Goodbye 'Bou' – Lack of Caribou cancels subsistence hunt](#)  
Craig Medred
- [Personal use dip net fisheries | Outdoors | frontiersman.com](#)  
Frontiersman
- [Slow start but dipnetters returning](#)  
KDLL
- [Copper River dipnetting schedule: July 17-23](#)  
Delta Wind

#### **Weather**

- [Rain coming to an end](#)  
Alaska News Source

#### **Resource Development**

- [DOD helps fund graphite feasibility study near Nome](#)  
Frontiersman

#### **Community**

- [Benka Lake bringing residents together](#)  
KTNA
- [Palmer to put \\$10 M bond proposition on October Ballet for new library](#)  
Frontiersman

#### **Facebook Posts**

- [ISE Harmony arrives at Port MacKenzie](#)  
Reach: 40,731 / Reactions: 658 positive, 56 negative / Shares: 72 / Comments: 299
- Offloading of Salt begins at Port  
Reach: 18,173 / Reactions: 171 positive, 21 negative / Shares: 14 / Comments: 16