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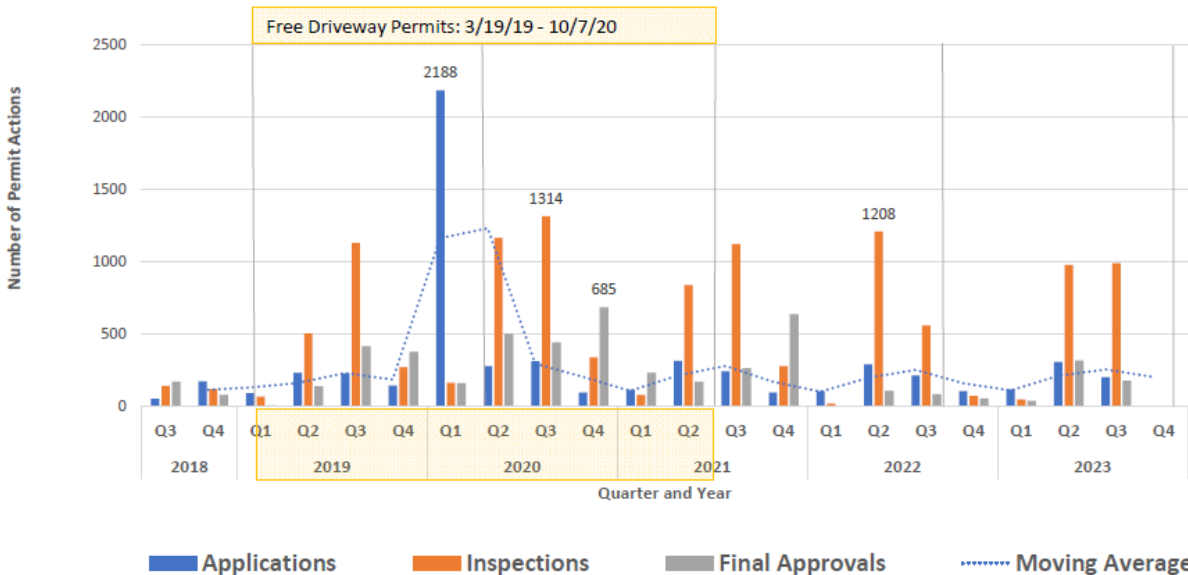
MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 11, 2023
 TO: Mayor and Assembly
 FROM: Michael Brown, Borough Manager
 RE: Manager's Weekly Post

Fish & Wildlife Commission Quarterly Report:

The Fish & Wildlife Commission (FWC) met once during the third quarter of 2023 on September 28. Their work on game issues, per RS 21-128, was to discuss planning for their second annual special meeting with ADF&G, and to discuss the most recent game season summary, and other wildlife management issues in the Borough. Tentatively the FWC is considering April of 2024 for this ADF&G special meeting after having their first meeting with ADF&G in June 2023. This timing is preferred given ADF&G's preference and the current preparation for the FWC's work on the upcoming Board of Fisheries Upper Cook Inlet meeting.

Driveway Permit Quarterly Report:

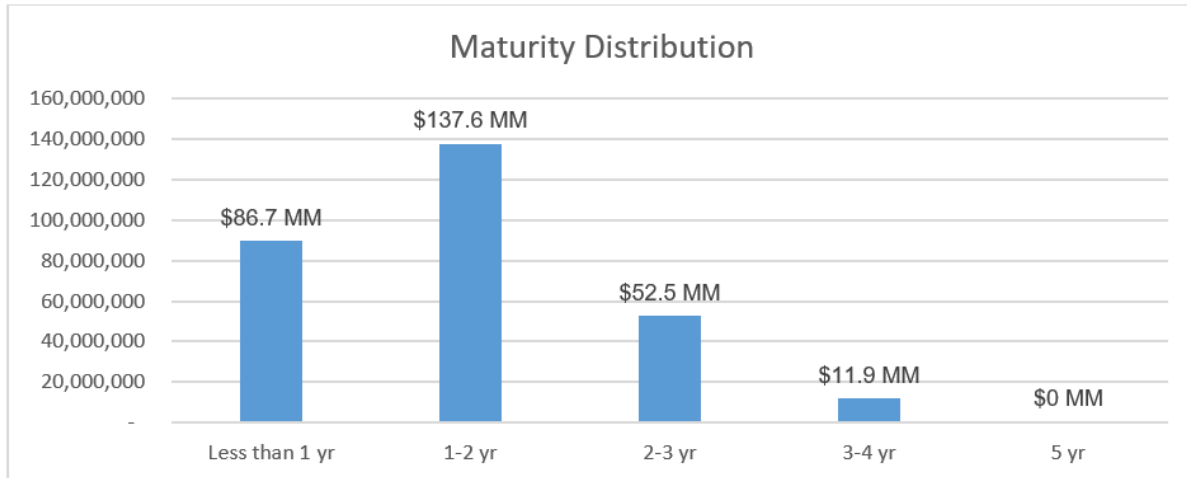


Traffic Calming Study Requests May Now Be Made Online: Have you heard the public asking for solutions to speeding or traffic volume in their area? Our IT staff recently worked with Public

Works staff to create an online option for citizens to submit requests for traffic calming studies at their specified locations. The request form includes a typical timeline of the review and study process so that submitters can familiarize themselves with the existing schedule and policy for implementation. The online request form can be found under Pre-Design & Engineering on the Public Works department page: <https://matsugov.us/department/public-works>

Investments Summary from 07/01/2023-09/30/2023:

- Total return for the last quarter was 0.11% with interest received of \$978,540.
- Average market value for our portfolio was \$274,0686,304.



Homeowner Snow Communications: The following steps have been or will be implemented to communicate information regarding right-of-way encroachments for snow from private property in preparation for the upcoming winter season:

- On October 3, 2023, the Assembly passed legislation to reduce mailing costs.
- Borough staff have identified target audiences for communications, including residents and business owners (snowplow operators & distributors). Parsed business license data will be used for a targeted letter to snowplow operators.
- The Borough has a snow removal flier showing proper and improper snow removal from private property. This flier will be shared via the following means:
 - Paid social media outreach.
 - Community councils.
 - Post fliers on community bulletin boards.
 - Outreach to equipment sales & rental businesses.
 - Shared via the MSB website.
 - Outreach to radio stations to inquire about public service announcements.
- Developed a response plan for Code Compliance.
 - 1st offense – Send a letter.
 - 2nd offense – Verbal/written warning.
 - 3rd offense – Issue citation.

Sex Offender Exclusion Zones: The IT Department has integrated sex offender exclusion zones into the Planning & Land Use Viewer. Among the 227 identified sex offenders in the Borough, 13 currently reside within these exclusion zones and will be eligible for grandfather rights. The Planning Department intends to send letters to all sex offenders residing in the Borough, notifying them of the newly enacted legislation and offering a link to the map displaying the areas where residency is prohibited.

Public Affairs Media Flyover:

Elections

- [New city council members elected as final Mat-Su voter results tallied](#)
ADN
- [By wide margin, Palmer approves \\$10 million in bonds to rebuild its library](#)
Frontiersman

Education

- [2 Alaska school board student reps move to challenge Mat-Su School Board action](#)
Alaska Public Media
- [Mat-Su School District launches AK Reads program](#)
Frontiersman
- [Borough, school district break ground on new Mat-Su Central School location.](#)
Frontiersman

Assembly

- [Mat-Su Assembly approves \\$5.77 million in federal funds for Port MacKenzie improvements](#)
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Point MacKenzie Correctional Farm

- [Point MacKenzie Correctional Farm offers inmates a different way to serve time](#)
Alaska News Source

Talkeetna

- [Alaska Railroad to make bridge repairs](#)
KTNA

Books

- [As efforts to ban books ramp up in Alaska, so do campaigns against censorship](#)
ADN

Facebook Posts

- [Benny Cottle Dedication](#)
Reach: 14,401 / Reactions: 286 positive, 0 negative / Shares: 14
- [Mat-Su Central School Groundbreaking Livestream](#)
Reach: 7,132 / Reactions: 89 positive, 0 negative / Shares: 8

Future Events:

- National DEA Drug Take-Bay Day, Sat., Oct. 28 from 10am to 2pm, Fred Meyer in Wasilla and Palmer