

**To: Members of the State Board of
Education & Early Development**

September 7, 2022

From: Heidi Teshner, Acting Commissioner

Agenda Item: 4

◆ ISSUE

The board is being asked to approve department staff working with the U.S. Coast Guard on their request to purchase approximately 1.56 acres over three parcels of land owned by the Department of Education and Early Development and located at 1460, 1470, and 1480 Seward Avenue in Sitka, Alaska. The U.S. Coast Guard would like to construct a floating dock and support building for a new Fast Response Cutter (FRC) and replace the existing pier for U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Kukui.

◆ BACKGROUND

- In a July 16, 2021 letter, the U.S. Coast Guard approached the Department of Education and Early Development regarding their intent to expand operations in the port of Sitka and inquiring about the availability of land owned by the State of Alaska for potential purchase.
- The U.S. Coast Guard has identified Tract C (1480 Seward Avenue), Tract C-1 (1470 Seward Avenue), and Tract F-1 (1460 Seward Avenue) as the parcels of land needed for their expansion.
- On July 19, 2022, department staff met with U.S. Coast Guard representatives to discuss their plan and timelines for these parcels.
- Behind this cover memo are the following items:
 - July 16, 2021 letter;
 - July 26, 2022 letter regarding the U.S. Coast Guard Property Transaction in Sitka, Alaska with letters from Alaska's Delegation and USCG response letter to Senator Sullivan;
 - Aerial Survey Plat of land parcels near the U.S. Coast Guard's current moorings; and,
 - U.S. Coast Guard's conceptualized layout for the three parcels.
- Lacey Sanders, Deputy Commissioner, and Heidi Teshner, Acting Commissioner, will be present to brief the board.

◆ OPTIONS

This is a work session item. Action related to this item will take place under Agenda Item 8.