The Department of Wildlife Management staff also engaged in meetings and conferences and prepared NSB comments to BOEM concerning the agency’s planned preparation of Environmental Assessments for three OCS seismic programs proposed for the upcoming Open Water season. I attended the Arctic Spill of National Significance (SONS) seminar with department staff with several high ranking officials from the USGC, FEMA and ADEC to ensure that local conditions are considered in the SONS for our region. We continue an active presence in Alaska oil and gas development and the NPR-A management plan.

The Department of Public Works is requesting the communities of Wainwright and Point Lay to conserve water due to leaks in the water system. Flyers asking the public to conserve water usage have been distributed in both communities. Constant leaks have caused excessive water loss in these communities and repairs are underway as well as pumping water from
reservoirs to mitigate the problem. The Department is also pleased to welcome Richard “Rico” San Jose’s appointment as Assistant to the Director.

The Department of Capital Improvements Program Management is working to repair unanticipated roof damage in the Kali School currently under renovation. The department is also working with ADEC and EPA on the disposal of drums from Southpad including soil characterization during this summer season.

Police Department new hire officers Sean Gueco and Michael Gonzalez, both Barrow residents are currently attending the Department’s initial 2 week orientation and training program. After completing their initial 2 week training, both will be assigned to the 12 week Field Training Program while awaiting an opportunity to attend Alaska Law Enforcement Academy training and certification. The department continued its active participation in our communities including special events for children. This positive interaction assures our children that Police Officers are there to assist.

The Department of Health and Social Service’s Walking Wednesdays has been a huge success! We’ve had different organizations outside the NSB host the walks! We have walks scheduled through July and August. I commend the department for proactive initiatives to keep us all healthy. Our NSB Health interns are working on a slope-wide campaign and chose Suicide Prevention as their topic for the campaign. They have some great ideas and have planned activities. They presented to the City of Barrow Summer Youth Program, and are making a float for the 4th of July parade.

This concludes my summary report for the month of June. Have a safe and blessed summer!