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## **SITE VISIT REPORT**

<b>Date:</b> September 11-13, 2012	<b>Community:</b> Community of Elfin Cove (CEC)
<b>Location:</b> Elfin Cove, Alaska	<b>Project No:</b> ELFC-VSW-001-0001
<b>Author:</b> Loren Leman, P.E., Project Manager	
<b>Project:</b> Water and Sewer Feasibility Study	
<b>Purpose:</b> Data Gathering and Community Meeting	

### **SITE VISIT OBJECTIVES**

Observe and photograph water, sewerage, and solid waste facilities; interview operators and community representatives; attend community meeting and make presentation to CEC Board and other local residents; collect community surveys; measure key water parameters in the field for GWUDISW study; gather, confirm and update operational, socio-economic, environmental, land status, and environmental information; and do other preparatory work for the *Water & Sewer Feasibility Study* update with accompanying *Water Source Study*.

### **COMMUNITY PARTICIPANTS**

Dave Abel, operator  
Susan Abel, secretary  
Dennis Meier, chairman (by phone)  
Jane Button, bookkeeper  
Debbie Hemenway, treasurer  
Steve Hemenway, Shearwater Pilot Boat

Shirley Perkins, Coho's Bar & Grill  
Mike Nelson, fire chief & electric manager  
Patti Lewis, Patti's F.P. Smokers  
Marina Williams, Fuel Dock attendant  
Others listed in the community meeting notes by Susan Abel

### **MLFA TEAM**

Loren Leman, P.E., Project Manager  
Cory Fischer, E.I.T., Staff Engineer

### **VSW**

Lynn Marino, P.E., Project Manager

### **SCHEDULE**

I traveled to Juneau on Alaska Airlines AS62 and to Elfin Cove on Alaska Seaplane Service on September 11 with Lynn Marino/VSW and Cory Fischer/MLFA (Photo 1). We arrived in Elfin Cove at 11:25 am and were met by Dave and Susan Abel and Jane Button. Jane delivered us by skiff (water taxi) to the Shearwater Lodge in the Inner Harbor. After stowing our gear we met for lunch at Coho's, a local restaurant (Photo 2). We were able to talk at length with its owner, Shirley Perkins, about sanitation facilities and practices in Elfin Cove.

The Abels gave us a brief community orientation and then we hiked up the hillside to see the water tank, take readings, and observe the two spring boxes farther up the hill (Photos 3-7). The hike was not easy—and conditions were somewhat treacherous because of substantial recent rain. We returned in time for a quick dinner with the Hemenways at the Shearwater Lodge and then went to the community meeting. This meeting at the Community Building started at 7 pm