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To: All Wrangell Water Users

Subject: **Water Crisis-The Borough Assembly has declared Wrangell's Water Crisis a Disaster and has implemented our Disaster Program.**

The community of Wrangell is experiencing a water crisis. The crisis is because the amount of water we can treat at the treatment plant is less than the current demand or the amount being used. Rain will not solve this problem and the problem will be for the entire summer. This has hit the seafood processors the hardest and they are both large employers and contribute to the community's economic viability.

We need for the public to reduce the amount of water they use by as much as possible, but the goal should be 30% to 50%. I can't tell you how to do that, but I know we waste water as a community because we are not metered and in the past we have only rarely had to conserve. Here are some ideas that could help:

- Don't water lawns- it is likely we will get rain from time to time even in a dry summer.
- Don't wash your car.
- Collect rain water for watering plants or other uses that don't require treated water
- Spend less time in the shower.
- Only have facets running when needed.
- If you have leaks of any kind, get them fixed or if you need assistance from the city, call.
- Use water save cycles on dishwasher and wash machines if available.
- Borough personnel will be empowered to enforce water conservation among our community where violations are witnessed and can discontinue service if conditions are not corrected per Wrangell Municipal Code 15.04.510.

The city is doing everything we can think of both at the treatment plant and within our own facilities and the seafood processors are also making major changes to reduce treated water coming from our plant. We have some long term solutions but we will not have time to do those this summer. The public will have to do their part to make this work. Thank you.

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