

Happy Mother's
Day!
Sunday, May 12



ASEA In Action



FY 2020 Operating Budget

As of April 30, 2019, legislation for the state FY2020 Operating Budget has passed the State House and will soon be passed by the Alaska Senate. The bill appropriates funds for the programs, services and obligations of state government—for the coming fiscal year — effective July 1 2019.

Funding for state labor contracts was included in the House budget and is present in the version passed by the Senate Finance Committee being considered on the Senate floor.

Thought the Operating Budget is expected to pass the Senate shortly, multiple steps remain before legislation is settled.

- 1) House and Senate versions of the Operating Budget will need to be reconciled through a Conference Committee process. Three members from each chamber will be appointed to arrive at a compromise budget. The Conference Committee version of the Operating Budget will return for an up-or-down vote in each chamber, amounting to final passage.
- 2) Once passed by the Alaska Legislature, the bill is transmitted to Gov. Dunleavy. The Governor submitted an austerity budget to the Legislature earlier this year which lawmakers rejected. The Governor is expected to make extensive line item vetos to the Operating Budget.
- 3) The Legislature can override a line item veto with votes from 45 members of either body in a joint session. Doubt hangs over whether 45 lawmakers are committed to defending the Legislature's own budget.
- 4) Time is of the essence. The Legislature must be in session to override the Governor's expected vetos.
- 5) All public employees are encouraged to contact their Senator and Representative with a message to defend the Legislature's Operating Budget from Dunleavy cuts.

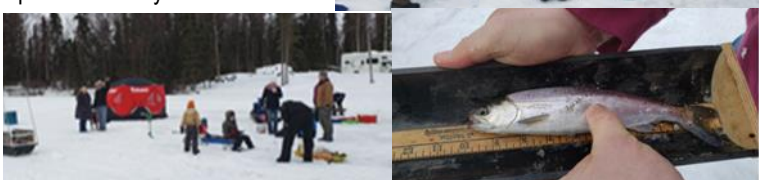


Have A Safe Memorial Day Weekend

Cook Inlet Chapter's 5th Annual Fishing Tournament A Success

The Cook Inlet Chapter would like to thank everyone who attended this year's 5th Annual Fishing Tournament held at Sport Lake in Soldotna.

The event was a success and was attended by approximately 25 friends and family of Cook Inlet Chapter members. Fishermen enjoyed hot drinks and snacks provided by the chapter while they caught fish and boy did they catch fish. I believe this year the fishermen caught about the same number of fish from the previous 4 years combined.



The size of the fish ranged between 3 to 11 inches, not huge but it was fun reeling them in. There have already been requests that we hold the tournament at Sport lake again next year.

Cook Inlet Chapter Announces 2019 Scholarships

ASEA/AFSCME Local 52 Cook Inlet Chapter is pleased to offer three \$500 scholarships to members/dependents from our chapter.

One scholarship will be awarded to a member in good standing to use for:

- *Undergraduate Degree (program)
- * Graduate School
- *Trade School

Two scholarships will be awarded to dependents of members in good standing to use for:

- *One Undergraduate Degree Program
- *One Trade School

Applicants for each of the three scholarships may apply prior to the first year enrollment or for a subsequent year of study while currently enrolled.

If the number of applicants in any category is greater than available, the scholarship will be awarded to the highest rated applicant.

To access the application go to: https://www.afscmelocal52.org/asea/files/cook_inlet_scholarship_app19.docx

All applications are due by May 31, 2019.

Send completed application to:

ASEA/AFSCME Local 52 Cook Inlet Chapter
ATTN: Student Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 3432
Kenai, AK 99611

President's Message

Fellow ASEA Sisters and Brothers,

This past month, ASEA members have been very busy attending Steward and Train the Trainer trainings, marching in rallies, attending Town Hall meetings, testifying at legislative hearings, writing letters and phone banking. All of our activities were focused on uniting our voices in response to the Governor's Proposed Budget and the privatization of API. I am asking you to continue to engage in conversations about legislation that will shape the outcome of what is near and dear to our hearts, **OUR FAMILIES and OUR JOBS!**

The April 25th runoff election resulted in the election of Charles "Chuck" Stewart to the Class 1 State Executive Board Seat. I have worked with Brother Chuck for many years and am proud to welcome him back to the State Executive Board. Chuck tirelessly worked with a team that was successful in getting legislation passed to benefit ASEA Probation Officers

Executive Director Metcalfe and I attended the Oregon AFSCME Council 75 Convention, April 26-28. I attended Leadership Summit classes, Convention proceedings and various caucuses such as their Pride Caucus and the Women's Conference Fundraiser Luncheon. I brought back a lot of information and ideas to share with ASEA's Pride and Women's Issues Committees. AFSCME President Lee Saunders delivered an inspiring speech about **RISING UP** by standing and joining with other affiliates to protect public sector rights. I learned a lot and am excited to begin planning ASEA's 18th Biennial Convention in March 2020. At the end of the Convention, we toured Council 75's Steward, Member, Assistance, Representation, Training (SMART) Center, a new way for member leaders and members to connect with and engage in their union through digital channels like chat, email and knowledge libraries. In other words, the Center is a one-stop shop for union information and member support.

WORKSITE MEETINGS on the **GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET** and how it affects us as union members in our respective departments start this month. I encourage you to attend and to ask questions so you are part of the conversation on how it will impact your life.

Until next time, let us **RISE UP** and continue to be **AFSCME STRONG** because **WE** will **NEVER QUIT!** Collectively we can and will make positive changes. Thank you for all you do for Alaska communities. I humbly thank the ASEA membership for re-electing me to serve as your President. .
As always, *I will Serve You With Grace and Style!*

In Friendship and Solidarity,

Dawn Bundick, ASEA/AFSCME Local 52 President