

**Mayor's Report  
For  
January 19, 2016 Assembly Meeting**

- 1. Seeking Letters of Interest:** The Borough is seeking letters of interest from Borough residents willing to serve on the following Boards/Commissions until the October, 2016 Municipal Election:

Hospital Board – 2 vacant seats  
Planning Commission – 1 vacant seat

Letters of interest may be addressed to the Borough Clerk and emailed to [dthompson@petersburgak.gov](mailto:dthompson@petersburgak.gov), mailed to PO Box 329, Petersburg, AK 99833, or dropped off at the Borough Administration office in the Municipal Building.

- 2. Alaska/British Columbia Transboundary Waters Issue:** Barbara Blake with Lt. Governor Mallott's office shared that the Lt. Governor met with the State Department, Canadian Affairs desk on December 11, 2015 to continue the discussion of Federal involvement in the transboundary issues; they continue to ask for a meeting with Secretary Kerry (and have been since the start of the Walker/Mallott administration); a letter to the State Department to clarify information regarding the International Joint Commission is being drafted; the Lt. Governor has scheduled meetings with the Canadian Federal Ministry of Environment and Fisheries and Oceans; an updated draft of the Statement of Cooperation (SOC) that includes changes based on many of the comments made by the Citizen's Advisory and Tribal working groups will be out any day; and, the Citizen's Advisory group is tentatively scheduled to meet again two to three weeks after the Lt. Governor's office receives comments back from British Columbia on the newest draft of the SOC.

Also, Salmon Beyond Borders and other interested groups are trying to set up a meeting with Governor Walker and his chief of staff regarding the Transboundary Waters.