

Excerpt from 7/17/06 meeting notes:

David Clarke

What are the natural resources and infrastructure? (R&E F)

[see David's report]

SH opt to add clean water and clean air to David's list of natural resources.

Q: Can you give an example of a potential form of wealth from a soundscape or viewshed?

A: It's part of the AK experience, the uniqueness of area – people pay to come here because of soundscape and viewshed, it's their reason for hiking, etc.

A: I get lots of comments about bird sounds – it's very pleasing to visitors.

David will add EMS under Emergency management on his list of infrastructure.

Q: Should we add the five fish hatcheries we have on this island?

David agrees, and says we also need to add Seafood Processing Plants.

David comments that he left industry off the list. Business is certainly part of our infrastructure, but he wondered if we need to list them all. Someone comments that going back to the definition David included for infrastructure, industry also relies on the infrastructure, and this question may be simpler than we're making it. But another person observes that David included communications listed as part of infrastructure, but they're largely private industries that provide those services. David said he included communications because having a large group of visitors in town effects our cellular systems, and makes it busy.

SH also opt to add parks, ballfields, recreational facilities to David's list with "roads, sidewalks, etc."

An NPS rep makes a note about camping – there's not much camping in state parks – it's mostly forest service, federal.

A SH suggests that under "public buildings" we add "services" because there are lots of services that don't require a building. This SH also suggests we need to itemize, specifically because libraries might be a particular issue.

Matthew asks the SH if these amendments are made, are they comfortable closing this topic? All agree.