

**Office of the City Clerk  
City of Ketchikan, Alaska**

**Kim Stanker, City Clerk  
Taylor Lee, Deputy City Clerk**

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To: Mayor and City Council  
From: Taylor Lee, Deputy City Clerk  
Date: June 2, 2025  
Subject: Council Review of Liquor License Renewal Application

**Restaurant or Eating Place**

For: Cape Fox Lodge, LLC d/b/a Sweet Mermaids

Attached are:

- (1) Memorandums from the Police Department indicating no objection.
- (2) Memorandums from the Borough Revenue Office regarding sales tax.
- (3) Memorandums from the Fire Department stating no objection.
- (4) Memorandums from Building Division stating no objection.
- (5) Memorandum from Borough Planning and Zoning stating no objection

Please note, Sweet Mermaids is no longer in operation at this location. Cape Fox Lodge, LLC has submitted a transfer of location application for this liquor license so this license is on a temporary hold until the transfer of location is finalized and has been approved.

**Recommended Motion:** I move the City Council approve the liquor license renewal application for Restaurant or Eating Place License No. 4142 – Sweet Mermaids, 340 Front Street, Ketchikan, AK 99901.



THE STATE  
of ALASKA

GOVERNOR MIKE DUNLEAVY

Department of Commerce, Community,  
and Economic Development

ALCOHOL & MARIJUANA CONTROL OFFICE  
550 West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 1600  
Anchorage, AK 99501  
Main: 907.269.0350

May 15, 2025

From: [Alcohol.licensing@alaska.gov](mailto:Alcohol.licensing@alaska.gov); [amco.localgovernmentonly@alaska.gov](mailto:amco.localgovernmentonly@alaska.gov);

Licensee: Cape Fox Lodge, LLC

DBA: Sweet Mermaids

VIA email: [tiger@capefoxlodge.com](mailto:tiger@capefoxlodge.com); [cfreeze@capefoxss.com](mailto:cfreeze@capefoxss.com); [smuncy@capefoxss.com](mailto:smuncy@capefoxss.com);  
[cluchtefeld@capefoxss.com](mailto:cluchtefeld@capefoxss.com)

CC: None

Local Government 1: Ketchikan

Local Government 2: Ketchikan Gateway Borough

Via Email: [kimstanker@ketchikan.gov](mailto:kimstanker@ketchikan.gov); [taylorlee@ketchikan.gov](mailto:taylorlee@ketchikan.gov); [kaciep@kgbak.us](mailto:kaciep@kgbak.us); [boroclerk@kgbak.us](mailto:boroclerk@kgbak.us);  
[deputyclerk@kgbak.us](mailto:deputyclerk@kgbak.us); [nicolea@kgbak.us](mailto:nicolea@kgbak.us);

Community Council: n/a

Via Email: n/a

Re: Restaurant or Eating Place License #4142 Combined Renewal Notice for 2025/2026 Renewal Cycle

<b>License Number:</b>	#4142
<b>License Type:</b>	Restaurant or Eating Place
<b>Licensee:</b>	Cape Fox Lodge, LLC
<b>Doing Business As:</b>	Sweet Mermaids
<b>Physical Address:</b>	340 Front St. Ketchikan, AK 99901
<b>Designated Licensee:</b>	Cape Fox Lodge, LLC
<b>Phone Number:</b>	301-956-0216;
<b>Email Address:</b>	<a href="mailto:tiger@capefoxlodge.com">tiger@capefoxlodge.com</a> ; <a href="mailto:cfreeze@capefoxss.com">cfreeze@capefoxss.com</a> ; <a href="mailto:smuncy@capefoxss.com">smuncy@capefoxss.com</a> ; <a href="mailto:cluchtefeld@capefoxss.com">cluchtefeld@capefoxss.com</a>

☒ License Renewal Application

☐ Endorsement Renewal Application

**Dear Licensee:**

Our staff has reviewed your application after receiving your application and the required fees. Your renewal documents appear to be in order, and I have determined that your application is complete for purposes of AS 04.11.510, and AS 04.11.520.

Your application is now considered complete and will be sent electronically to the local governing body(s), your community council if your proposed premises are in Anchorage or certain locations in the Matanuska-

Susitna Borough, and to any non-profit agencies who have requested notification of applications. The local governing body(s) will have 60 days to protest the renewal of your license.

Your application will be scheduled for the **June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025** board meeting for Alcoholic Beverage Control Board consideration. The address and call-in number for the meeting will be posted on our home page. The board will not grant or deny your application at the meeting unless your local government waives its right to protest per AS 04.11.480(a).

Please feel free to contact us through the [Alcohol.licensing@alaska.gov](mailto:Alcohol.licensing@alaska.gov) email address if you have any questions.

### **Dear Local Government:**

We have received completed renewal applications for the above-listed licenses within your jurisdiction. This is the notice required under AS 04.11.480. A local governing body may protest the issuance, renewal, relocation, or transfer to another person of a license with one or more endorsements, or issuance of an endorsement by sending the director and the applicant a protest and the reasons for the protest in a clear and concise statement within 60 days of the date of the notice of filing of the application. A protest received after the 60-day period may not be accepted by the board, and no event may a protest cause the board to reconsider an approved renewal, relocation, or transfer.

To protest any application(s) referenced above, please submit your written protest for each within 60 days to AMCO and provide proof of service upon the applicant and proof that the applicant has had a reasonable opportunity to defend the application before the meeting of the local governing body. If you have any questions, please email [amco.localgovernmentonly@alaska.gov](mailto:amco.localgovernmentonly@alaska.gov).

### **Dear Community Council (Municipality of Anchorage and Mat-Su Borough only)**

We have received a completed renewal application for the above-listed license (see attached application documents) within your jurisdiction. This letter serves to provide written notice to the above-referenced entities regarding the above application, as required under AS 04.11.310(b) and AS 04.11.525.

Please contact the local governing body with jurisdiction over the proposed premises for information regarding the review of this application. Comments or objections you may have about the application should first be presented to the local governing body. If you have any questions, please email [Alcohol.licensing@alaska.gov](mailto:Alcohol.licensing@alaska.gov)

Sincerely,  
Alysha Pacarro, Licensing Examiner II  
For  
Kevin Richard, Director



Document reference ID : 4438

# Renewal Application Summary

<b>Application ID:</b>	4438
<b>License No:</b>	4142
<b>License Type applied for Renewal:</b>	Restaurant Eating Place License (REPL)
<b>Licensee Name:</b>	Cape Fox Lodge, Llc
<b>Application Status:</b>	In Review
<b>Application Submitted On:</b>	12/02/2024 11:45 AM AKST

## Entity Information

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<b>Business Structure:</b>	Limited liability company
<b>FEIN/SSN Number:</b>	
<b>Alaska Entity number (CBPL):</b>	44877D
<b>Alaska Entity Formed Date:</b>	
<b>Home State:</b>	

## Entity Contact Information

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<b>Entity Address:</b>	620 Dock Street, Ketchikan, AK, 99901
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# Renewal Information

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**Are there any changes to your ownership structure that have not been reported to AMCO prior to this application?:**

No

**As set forth in AS 04.11.330, how many hours did you operate during the first calendar year for this renewal period?:**

The license was regularly operated continuously throughout the first calendar year for this renewal period.

**As set forth in AS 04.11.330, how many hours did you operate during the second calendar year for this renewal period?:**

The license was regularly operated continuously throughout the second calendar year for this renewal period.

**Please select the seasonality:**

Year-round

**Has any person or entity in this application been convicted or disciplined for a violation of Title 04, 3 AAC 304 or 305, or a local ordinance adopted under AS 04.21.010 in the preceding two calendar years?:**

No

**Have any notices of violation or citations been issued for this license during the preceding two years?:**

No

# Restaurant Affidavit

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<b>Revenue in Food Sales during the first Calendar Year in the Renewal Period</b>	<div></div>
<b>Revenue in Alcohol Sales during first Calendar Year in the Renewal Period</b>	<div></div>
<b>% of Gross Revenue from Food Sales during the first Calendar Year in the Renewal Period</b>	97.06

Revenue in Food Sales during the second Calendar Year in the Renewal Period	
Revenue in Alcohol Sales during second Calendar Year in the Renewal Period	
% of Gross Revenue from Food Sales during the second Calendar Year in the Renewal Period	92.77

## Restaurant Detail

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Dining after standard closing hours: AS 04.16.010(c)	No
Dining by persons 16 – 20 years of age: AS 04.16.049(a)(2)	Yes
Dining by persons under the age of 16 years, accompanied by a person over the age of 21: AS 04.16.049(a)(3)	Yes
Employment for any persons under 21 years of age: AS 04.16.049(c)	Yes

List where within the premises minors are anticipated to have access in the course of either dining or employment. (Example: Minors will only be allowed in the dining area. OR Minors will only be employed and present in the Kitchen.)

Minors are only allowed in dinning area and behind the coffee counter. only permitted around liquor with supervision by someone 21 years of age or over.

Describe the policies, practices and procedures that will be in place to ensure that minors do not gain access to alcohol while dining or employed at your premises.

Minor only permitted to work when someone over 21 is in the building.

Is an owner, manager, or assistant manager who is 21 years of age or older always present on the premises during business hours?	Yes
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## Food Service Permit

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Is your license located in Municipality of Anchorage?	No
Do you have Approved food service permit for this premises?	Yes

## Entertainment & Service

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<b>Are any forms of entertainment offered or available within the licensed business or within the proposed licensed premises?</b>	No
<b>Food and beverage service offered or anticipated is:</b>	Counter Service

## Hours Of Operation

<b>Sunday</b>	09:00 AM - 05:00 PM
<b>Monday</b>	09:00 AM - 05:00 PM
<b>Tuesday</b>	09:00 AM - 05:00 PM
<b>Wednesday</b>	09:00 AM - 05:00 PM
<b>Thursday</b>	09:00 AM - 05:00 PM
<b>Friday</b>	09:00 AM - 05:00 PM
<b>Saturday</b>	09:00 AM - 05:00 PM

## Attestations

As an applicant for a liquor license renewal, I declare under penalty of perjury that I have read and am familiar with AS 04 and 3 AAC 305, and that this application, including all accompanying schedules and statements, are true, correct, and complete.

I agree to provide all information required by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board or requested by AMCO staff in support of this application and understand that failure to do so by any deadline given to me by AMCO staff will result in this application being returned and the license being potentially expired if I do not comply with statutory or regulatory requirements.

I certify that in accordance with AS 04.11.450, no one other than the licensee(s), as defined in AS 04.11.260, has a direct or indirect financial interest in the licensed business.

I certify that this entity is in good standing with Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing (CBPL) and that all entity officials and stakeholders are current and I have provided AMCO with all required changes of the ownership structure of the business license and have provided all required documents for any new or changes of officers.

I certify that all licensees, agents, and employees who sell or serve alcoholic beverages or check identification of patrons have completed an alcohol server education course approved by the ABC

Board and keep current, valid copies of their course completion cards on the licensed premises during all working hours, if applicable for this license type as set forth in AS 04.21.025 and 3 AAC 305.700.

I hereby certify that I am the person herein named and subscribing to this application and that I have read the complete application, and I know the full content thereof. I declare that all of the information contained herein, and evidence or other documents submitted are true and correct. I understand that any falsification or misrepresentation of any item or response in this application, or any attachment, or documents to support this application, is sufficient grounds for denying or revoking a license/permit. I further understand that it is a Class A misdemeanor under Alaska Statute 11.56.210 to falsify an application and commit the crime of unsworn falsification.

## Signature

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This application was digitally signed by : Chris Luchtefeld on 12/02/2024 12:04 PM AKST

## Payment Info

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Payment Type : CC

Payment Id: 705b5768-0c05-4161-9507-1eaf7ee920c4

Receipt Number: 100976287

Payment Date: 12/02/2024 12:05 PM AKST



Document reference ID : 4438

# Licensing Application Summary

<b>Application ID:</b>	4438
<b>Applicant Name:</b>	Cape Fox Lodge, Llc
<b>License Type applied for:</b>	Restaurant Eating Place License (REPL) (AS 04.09.210)
<b>Application Status:</b>	In Review
<b>Application Submitted On:</b>	12/02/2024 11:45 AM AKST

## Entity Information

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<b>Business Structure:</b>	Limited liability company
<b>Alaska Entity Number (CBPL):</b>	44877D

## Entity Contact Information

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Name	Phone	Email	Relation
Tiger Johnson	907-331-4324	tiger@capefoxlodge.com	Executive Management
Cody Freeze	703-686-2403	cfreeze@capefoxss.com	Executive Management
Shane Muncy	252-259-6539	smuncy@capefoxss.com	Executive Management
Chris Luchtefeld	301-956-0216	cluchtefeld@capefoxss.com	Designated Licensee

<b>Entity Address:</b>	620 Dock Street, Ketchikan, AK, 99901, USA
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## Ownership / Principal Party Details

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Principal Parent Entity	Principal Party	Role	%Ownership
Cape Fox Lodge, Llc	Cape Fox Commercial Services Llc	Member	100
Cape Fox Lodge, Llc	Chris Luchtefeld	Manager and/or Officer	

## Premises Address

**Address:** 340 Front Street, Ketchikan, AK, USA

**Does the proposed site include a valid street address?** Yes

## Basic Business information

**Business/Trade Name:** Sweet Mermaids

## Local Government and Community Council Details

**City/Municipality** Ketchikan (City of)

**Borough** Ketchikan Gateway Borough

## Restaurant Detail

**Dining after standard closing hours: AS 04.16.010(c)** No

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## Food Service Permit

# Entertainment & Service

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## Attestations

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I certify that all proposed licensees (as defined in AS 04.11.260) and affiliates have been listed on this application.

I certify that I understand that providing a false statement on this form or any other form provided by AMCO is grounds for rejection or denial of this application or revocation of any license issued.

I certify that all licensees, agents, and employees who sell or serve alcoholic beverages or check the identification of a patron will complete an approved alcohol server education course, if required by AS 04.21.025, and, while selling or serving alcoholic beverages, will carry or have available to show a current course card or a photocopy of the card certifying completion of approved alcohol server education course, if required by 3 AAC 305.700.

I agree to provide all information required by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board in support of this application.

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I certify that all proposed licensees have been listed with Division of Corporation, Business, and Professional Licensing.

I certify that I and any individual identified in the business entity ownership section of this application, has or will read AS 04 and its implementing regulations.

I certify I have provided a menu of a variety of types of food appropriate for meals that are prepared on the licensed premises.

I certify that non-employees under 21 years of age will not enter and remain on the licensed premises except for the purposes of dining only.

I certify that the sale and service of food and alcoholic beverages and any other business on the licensed premises is under the sole control of the licensee.

I certify the licensed premises is a bona fide restaurant as defined in AS 04.21.080(b).

I certify there is supervision on the licensed premises adequate to reasonably ensure that a person under 21 years of age will not gain access to alcoholic beverages.

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## RE: AMCO Renewal - Sweet Mermaids



Corey Bingham

To Taylor Lee; Molly Stump; Claire Kelly; aletheaj@kgbak.us;  
 Gretchen O'Sullivan; Eric Mattson

Cc Kim Stanker



Wed 2:44 PM

General\All Employees (unrestricted)

Start your reply all with:

[Thank you!](#)

[Great, thanks!](#)

[Thank you for your confirmation.](#)

[Feedback](#)

The city building division has no objections.

Thanks

Corey Bingham  
Building Official  
(907) 228-4737

[coreybingham@ketchikan.gov](mailto:coreybingham@ketchikan.gov)



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**From:** Taylor Lee <[TaylorLee@ketchikan.gov](mailto:TaylorLee@ketchikan.gov)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 21, 2025 2:03 PM

**To:** Molly Stump <[mollys@kgbak.us](mailto:mollys@kgbak.us)>; Claire Kelly <[clairek@kgbak.us](mailto:clairek@kgbak.us)>; [aletheaj@kgbak.us](mailto:aletheaj@kgbak.us); Gretchen O'Sullivan <[gretcheno@ketchikan.gov](mailto:gretcheno@ketchikan.gov)>; Corey Bingham <[CoreyBingham@ketchikan.gov](mailto:CoreyBingham@ketchikan.gov)>; Eric Mattson <[EricMattson@ketchikan.gov](mailto:EricMattson@ketchikan.gov)>

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Thank you,

Taylor

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To Taylor Lee; Molly Stump; Claire Kelly; aletheaj@kgbak.us;  
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General\All Employees (unrestricted)



Wed 3:16 PM

The fire department has no objections.

Gretchen

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Thank you,

Taylor

## Re: AMCO Renewal - Sweet Mermaids



Derek McGarrigan

To Taylor Lee; Eric Mattson



General\All Employees (unrestricted)

Taylor,

The police department doesn't object to their renewal permits.

Derek

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Alethea Johnson <aletheaj@kgbak.us>

To Taylor Lee



Wed 2:09 PM

EXTERNAL EMAIL - This email was sent by a person from outside your organization. Exercise caution when clicking links, opening attachments or taking further action, before validating its authenticity.

Good afternoon,

The applicant will need to apply for a zoning permit when they re-establish the business. Any issues with zoning compliance will be addressed at that time.

The Planning Department has no reason to object to the renewal of their liquor license.

Thank you,

**Alethea Johnson, AICP**

Associate Planner

Ketchikan Gateway Borough

Planning and Community Development

907-228-6636

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Thank you,

Taylor

Hi Taylor,

The Borough finance department has no objection to the renewal.

Thank you,

**Claire A. Kelly**

Accounting Supervisor  
Ketchikan Gateway Borough  
1900 First Ave Ste 118  
Ketchikan, AK 99901  
907-228-6601

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