

# Pacific Northwest Regional Council of Carpenters



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## Brothers and Sisters

Your bargaining committee for the negotiations of the Alaska Area Master Agreement has been meeting consistently over the course of the last six months. The committee is composed of PNWRCC Contract Administration Staff, Alaska PNWRCC Representatives, and Rank and File members from all the affected locals in Alaska. That committee was tasked with surveying the membership, compile local data to use in the bargaining process and to help put together a strategy to assure that we are getting our membership the best contract we can.

In light of the current situation and effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, your committee has concluded that this is not the best time to negotiate a successor agreement on your behalf and has tentatively agreed with the Alaska AGC to a one-year extension. **This Tentative Agreement is subject to the ratification process, and the bargaining committee recommends a YES vote from our affected membership.**

The general reasons that the committee has elected to agree to a one-year extension are as follows

- Economic impacts from Non-COVID-19 and COVID-19 pandemic which have resulted in:
  - Extreme drops in the price of a barrel of oil
  - Restricted and or reduced tourism for 2020
  - Reduction in productivity due to social distancing requirements
  - Reduction in infrastructure spending
  - Job closures/delays
  - Reduction in State and Federal funding

Some advantages your committee see to a one-year extension that can leverage a better increase are:

- Alignment with other PNWRCC Area Master Agreement Negotiations
  - Oregon SW Washington Area Master Agreement will be negotiating for a wage Increase
  - Western Washington Area Master Agreement will be negotiating their full agreement
  - Multiple Industrial sector agreements will be in the bargaining process

The alignment of these Area Master Agreement expirations will affect bargaining, and we will be in the bargaining process for Collective Bargaining Agreements that effect 17,000 working members. With this, we will get better agreements due to the ability to leverage our strength and solidarity throughout the three states. This leverage will assist us in getting a better long-term agreement that will include better increases than we could negotiate on your behalf today.

## Your Alaska Bargaining Committee (listed below) asks for your YES vote on this one-year extension

We have an extended voting period to provide those members working on remote projects the opportunity to vote. The vote will be open beginning Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6 p.m. through Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, at 6 a.m.

You can vote by going to the Contract 2020 page at [www.nwcarpenters.org](http://www.nwcarpenters.org). Please note that the password is your UBC ID #. Just the 8 numerical digits. No letters, No spaces, No dashes. Example 12345678

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Dan Inman, Local 1281  
Chris Dimond, Local 1281  
Lilly Sawle, Local 1243

Dustin Swatek, Local 1281  
Scott Hansen, Local 1281  
AJ Sutton, Local 1243  
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