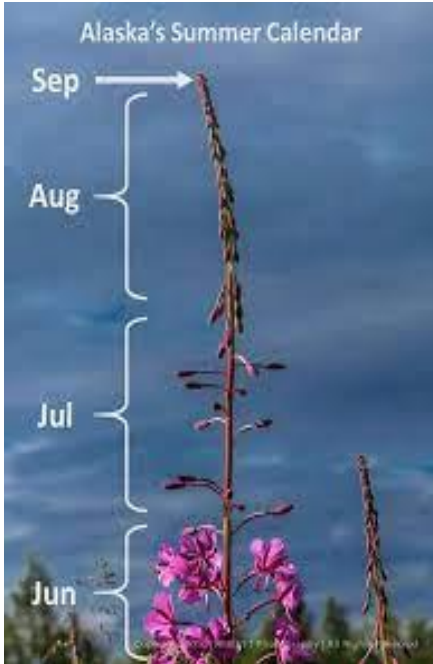




# NEWS NOTES

2025 Quarter 3

## ALASKA'S SUMMER CLOCK IS TICKING



Alaska's Clock photo courtesy of The Alaska Life

Fireweed is an iconic flower of Alaska, so endeared it is called "Alaska's Summer Clock" because of the long bloom and seed season, which tapers out shortly before the snow starts flying. In early summer, the flowers begin to bloom from the lower stem and progress up the stalk throughout the following months. The flowers then turn to cotton-like seeds. As the saying goes: "when fireweed turns to cotton, summer will soon be forgotten." Right now, most of our fireweed has turned to cotton, and we turn our attention the upcoming fall. According to the clock, the snow will start in about six weeks!

**Fiscal Year 2025 Update**  
 We are pleased to share our FY25 numbers  
*(July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025)*

**Sellers Registered in FY25: 924**  
 Total Sellers by end of FY25: 4508

**Jurisdictions Joined in FY25: 4**  
 Total Jurisdictions by end of FY25: 53

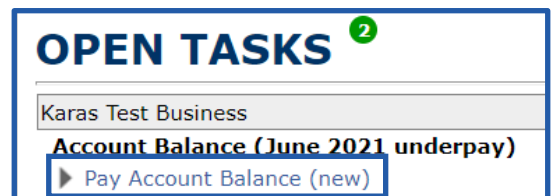
**Tax Revenue Collected in FY25: \$31,007,734.58**  
 Total Revenue February 2020 – June 2025: \$110,930,323.14

### Account Balances

Account balances are created by amending past returns, overpaying or underpaying a filing while paying via ACH credit, or accidental system errors. Balances can be positive or negative. Once staff have confirmed the account balance, they will add an Account Balance workflow to a business's Open Tasks. This will allow the business to either pay the balance or use the credit. Balance owed should be paid within 30 days to prevent further action. ARSSTC requests businesses use the credit with the next filing. If the credit is larger than the balance owed, send us an email for assistance to apply the credit and make a new Account Balance workflow for the next month. If a business does not use the credit within two months, ARSSTC will refund the credit back to the company via ACH Credit or physical check payment.

**To use an account credit:** follow the instructions located [here](#).

**To pay an account balance owed:** click on the task, add it to the Shopping Cart, and proceed through the payment options. This can be done together with a filing or on its own. Click the Back to Business Center button to add another item to the Shopping Cart.



*Avalara user? We have an [updated guide](#) about how to set up as an Alaska remote seller in Avalara. Take a moment to check your settings.*

## Alaska PFD



Alaskans start receiving their Permanent Fund Dividends (PFD) in October. This year, the PFD is \$1,000.00. Alaskans often use their PFD to buy essential items such as fuel, food, and housing. We also use it to pay medical bills, credit card debt, and purchase equipment and travel. The annual injection to the state's economy may well extend to online and remote shopping. You may see a bump in your Alaska sales over the next few months!

## Delinquent Fee Waiver Policy

The ARSSTC has set the [late filing](#) fee at \$25 per month, up to \$100. The penalty is 5% per month up to 20%, and the interest is 15% per annum. Sellers may [request a waiver](#) of the late filing fee and penalty within 45 days of the due date of the filing. One waiver is granted per year and the seller must have a history of good filing compliance: within the previous 12 months for monthly filers; within two years for quarterly filers; and within three years for annual filers.

## Resale Certificates

Have an ARSSTC resale certificate? Don't forget to renew it for 2025, our resale certificates expire annually on December 31. **The ARSSTC account number is not a resale certificate.** Need a resale certificate? Apply [here](#).

## Update Address or User with ARSSTC

**Need to update your address with us?** At this time, you cannot update the address through the filing portal. Please email us at [AMSTP@akml.org](mailto:AMSTP@akml.org) with the new information.

**Need to change the user on the account?** Our system requires each user to have their own verified email. Once verified, the new user can attach to the business account by following the link at the bottom of the Business Center Quick Links section. Select the Add or Remove a Registered Business option and enter the business' account number and portal activation code. If you do not know the account number or code, contact us for help!

### QUICK LINKS

- [Click HERE for FAQs.](#)
- [How to File Sales Tax Returns](#)
- [Click HERE for Participating Jurisdictions.](#)
- [Click HERE for the Excel Upload template.](#)
- [Click HERE for ACH Credit Payment Instructions](#)
- [Click HERE for XML Help and Testing Tool](#)
- [Add or remove a business to your account here.](#)

#### Add or Remove a Registered Business.

Use this option to remove or add a business to your user.

To connect to your existing record(s), please provide the following identifying information. If you do not have this information, please contact the Commission using the "Contact Us" link at the bottom of the page.

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## Voluntary Disclosure Agreement

The Alaska Remote Seller Sales Tax Commission has implemented a Voluntary Disclosure Agreement (VDA) program for businesses that meet the economic threshold but did not turn on tax collection when they first reached nexus. Please see [here](#) for more information. If taxes were collected, please contact staff to set up the back filing process.

### Qualifications for VDA:

- ✓ Remote seller
- ✓ Not registered with ARSSTC
- ✓ Not contacted by ARSSTC
- ✓ No misrepresentation of tax liabilities
- ✓ Back taxes were not collected

## Sales Tax Updates

**City of Kake** adopted remote sales tax rules effective September 1, 2025 with a tax rate of 5%. The **City of Kake** also implements an alcoholic beverage tax of an additional 3% for a total of 8%.

**City of Pelican** implemented a seasonal sales tax effective July 1, 2025 (May 1, 2025 for physical presence). May – September: 6% October – April: 4%.

**City & Borough of Wrangell** increased tax cap on goods & services from \$3,000 to \$5,000 effective August 1, 2025.