

**From:** [Rhianne Christopherson](#)  
**To:** [Alcohol, CED AMCO \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Creek Bend noise Hope Ak  
**Date:** Saturday, June 22, 2019 7:55:28 AM

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Good morning members of the board,

I would like you to be aware that the noise from the music at Creek Bend Co last night was again extremely loud, reading at a decibel level of 94-112. The music did not stop until 11:20. I'd also like you to again know, we are not able to leave windows open at night when they have music, we hear the music and bass even with white noise counseling machines going. I'd like you to take a look at the noise ordinance for the municipality of Anchorage. 15.70 Noise control. I am reaching out to you as the board members and community advocates to help resolve this problem. The music is too loud and the safety risks are too high. I look forward to hearing your response to our concerns, ways to resolve this continued problem, and moving forward to a better quality of life here in Hope.

Thank you and best regards,

Rhianne Christopherson  
907-223-9202

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Sent from Gmail Mobile

**From:** [Tor Christopherson](#)  
**To:** [Alcohol, CED AMCO \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Creekbend Complaint  
**Date:** Saturday, June 22, 2019 1:24:30 PM

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Greetings,

I am writing from Hope in regards to the amount of people, and noise that have taken over Hope because of the Creekbend. Last night, Friday, June 21, I was not able to put my kids to sleep at our family cabin in Hope due to the noise level from the concert at the Creekbend. The music went past 11pm (11:20). I have approached Steve, owner of Creekbend, in the past to address the noise of his concerts, and he has more or less shrugged off my concerns. Please know that my family, and all residents on 3rd, 4th, and 5th street in Hope, are very upset with the influx of people and noise in Hope due to the Creekbend. This is a reoccurring problem, that happens every weekend now. It needs to stop.

Thank You,

Tor Christopherson  
907-333-7076

Cabin owner on 5th street.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Sandra Christopherson](#)  
**To:** [Alcohol, CED AMCO \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Concern about music fest in Hope, AK  
**Date:** Saturday, June 22, 2019 1:24:46 PM

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Alcohol Beverage Control Board

Dear Chairman Klein and Board Members,

I am voicing my concern over the invasion and ramifications of the music fest that the Creek Bend cafe and acreage have offered the community of Hope this summer. Today is June 22. There have been 6 evenings this June with loud music from the venue on the grass behind the cafe. Two of the weekends have had music both nights. Today the music will start at 2 and go to 11. Last night it went until 11:30. In response to community complaints to the owner, he built a bandshell that now aims directly south, away from the majority of cabins in the townsite. The decibel readings still are anywhere from 60 to over 100 in town. Despite any of those levels, the sound of the music fills the valley. It is overpowering in its presence. In addition to the disruption of our peace, I worry about the hundreds of visitors who are drinking and driving, using other drugs and driving, building fires, sleeping in their cars, parking double on our narrow road and who we have found this morning camping on our property. There are not public restrooms for these many multitudes of people. Already someone drove into a resident's truck and damaged it significantly and was arrested. The Creek Bend owner has opened a well stocked liquor store which many are using on the weekends.

Most people who have homes in Hope have come here for the quiet. We leave Anchorage and move here for the summer. We have had our place for over 40 years. We welcome many of the changes that have come to the community but this step into alcohol and music fests is intolerable. The availability of alcohol is what the attraction is for these weekends. Please look carefully at granting this new cafe owner any permits or license to sell alcohol.

Thank you for listening to my concerns.

Sandra Christopherson

**From:** [Amanda Skogstad](#)  
**To:** [Alcohol, CED AMCO \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Creekbend Music  
**Date:** Saturday, June 22, 2019 11:52:02 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I am a resident of Hope and live off 5th Street. The Creekbend Cafe In Hope, Alaska is still playing music well past their permit. It is 11:47pm June 22,2019.

I hope this can be logged as a complaint for the future.

-Amanda Skogstad

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**Amanda Skogstad**  
**Owner/Operator**  
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**From:** [Robert Whitney](#)  
**To:** [Alcohol, CED AMCO \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** CreekBend Cafe concerns: Hope, AK  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 25, 2019 9:07:03 PM

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Mr Klein,

I am contacting you as a concerned property owner in Hope, Alaska. More specifically, the large weekend partying that has been occurring both last summer and this summer at the Creekbend Café, in downtown Hope. This has been an ongoing, and escalating issue. This past weekend was ridiculous.

Approx. 500+ partiers were at the Creekbend Café outside concert both Friday night and Saturday night. Many were heavily intoxicated, drunk driving, illegal drug usage, loud music levels reaching as high as 112 DB recorded, hundreds of illegally parked cars in roadways and on private property, defecation and urination on private property, nuisance noise, speeding vehicles, illegal camp fires, a recent hit and run by a drunk driver, and 3 porta-potties for 500+ individuals.

Noise is crazy. Many locals, including my family, are unable to sleep. My children rely on white noise machines. The concerts are going well past the 11 pm curfew (fri- 11:20 pm, Sat 11:45 pm)

We have voiced our concerns to the owner of the Creekbend, Steve Thomas, with no change. We have contacted the State Troopers many times and the KPBB, etc.

The general ruckus is comparable to the Seward 4<sup>th</sup> of July 20 years ago when partying/revelry was out of control.

We would really appreciate you support with this ongoing issue, the safety concerns and safety risks.

Respectfully,

Rob Whitney & Holly Brooks.  
Hope, AK  
907-602-2650

**From:** [Skogstad](#)  
**To:** [Alcohol, CED AMCO \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Hamilton, Joe \(CED\)](#); [kcarpenter@kpb.us](mailto:kcarpenter@kpb.us)  
**Subject:** Creekbend Extended event hours for permits in Hope  
**Date:** Friday, June 28, 2019 10:35:26 AM

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Mr Klein,

The Community of Hope is organizing to try and stop the huge influx of people at the Creekbend music events, it is overwhelming with the public intoxication, partying and camping in the streets during and after the events. Shelley Christopherson will be presenting facts/concerns to the Hope Inc board this evening at 7:00 pm.

Question: Steve Thomas the owner of Creekbend stated he was issued a permit last weekend which gave him until 2:00 am.....**How does the permitting work for extending hours?**

Pam Skogstad  
907-351-5840 cell

**From:** [Skogstad](#)  
**To:** [Alcohol, CED AMCO \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Creekbend Co Hope AK  
**Date:** Friday, June 28, 2019 10:37:29 AM

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Mr. Klein,

I am contacting the AMCO board to file a formal complaint against Creekbend Co in Hope AK.

- This past weekend, the 22nd & 23rd of June, there were vehicles parked on both sides of the main road through Hope and at the top of 5th street where we live. People were urinating and defecating along side the road.
- I witnessed several people staggering through the Main Street with open containers as they were leaving the venue at midnight.
- The town of Hope has approximately 180 full time residents, the music venue last weekend brought over 500 people to the town to basically party at the Creekbend
- The owner of Creekbend has no regard for community members who have asked him to scale back the events, he ignores them

I would like to request:

1. AMCO has representation here to ensure the venue is following AMCO regulations permitting, crowd size, security, bathroom facilities that are appropriate
2. The community of Hope cannot support a large music venue, safety is a huge issue.

Pamela Skogstad  
907-351-5840 cell

**From:** [Bill Britt](#)  
**To:** [Alcohol, CED AMCO \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Creekbend Company Music Events  
**Date:** Monday, July 08, 2019 6:42:30 PM

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My wife and I own a cabin a short walk from the Creekbend Café. We have witnessed the results of the live music business recently begun by the Creekbend Company. There has been a huge increase in traffic in Hope, a huge increase in people camping on the streets and trespassing on private property, numerous chemically-fueled parties on the streets of Hope well after the performances end, and much more.

There is inadequate infrastructure in Hope for the people the performances are bringing to town - too few places to camp, too few toilets, too few waste facilities, on and on. There is no police presence and only a small volunteer fire department to deal with the existing and future public safety issues created by the crowds the performances attract.

I strongly urge you to talk to the folks who live near the performance venue, and to witness a performance or two, before granting any more alcohol permits. Without the sale of alcohol, the music events might fit the scale of my small town.

Bill Britt

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**To:** [Alcohol, CED AMCO \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Hope music complaints  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 09, 2019 12:51:54 PM

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There is a big controversy in Hope over a business called "Creekbend." A hate mail was sent out with your address and other people to complain to and it was somehow cycled through Hope Inc. It is very hateful and against one business Creekbend. It complains that music went past 10 P.M. and ALL music in Hope including the Seaview goes past 10 P.M. It was a very misinformed hate mail listing attendance at 500 to 1,000 people while the number was about 400. Most concerts at Creekbend have far less attendance than a typical band at the Seaview in Hope. The band "Nervous Wreck" may have had 25 and the last concert had maybe 45 people. The circulated complaint included Creekbend is in a residential neighborhood but in truth all of downtown Hope has 4 houses where people live year around and the complainers are weekend people. Creekbend is at the junction of Hope Highway and the old road through town with a gold panning booth, Food on Second, a coffee shop, an art gallery and the museum. There are two houses on the whole street. Most of the winter people in Hope support Creekbend and appreciate it is the ONLY business that stayed open all last winter so us locals who winter over have a gathering spot. Sound measurements are being taken in a vigilante method that does not represent actual impacts of sound. I worked for the Oregon State Highway as an engineer in the 70's measuring sound for construction of I 205, impacts of I 5 and sound concentrations for the Vista Ridge tunnel. These local jokers are sitting on a property line, 1/4 mile from their home which is across a road taking measurements while they ignore the sound from a band at the Seaview. This is a vigilante posse and mentality. When Clinton Fearson put on a concert, reggae, about love and hope, these local butt heads slashed tires. There is more to the story than you are getting from the vigilantes and it also has to do with people choosing sides in competition between the Seaview which I am sure sell more beer than Creekbend but they blame everything on Creekbend. Steve at Creekbend intentionally built a new stage with the speakers pointed away from residents but nothing will ever satisfy the haters. This vigilante posse are misdirected. Attached is a photo of one of the tires slashed during the Clinton Fearon concert.



**From:** [Maggie Holeman](#)  
**To:** [Alcohol, CED AMCO \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Alcohol/noise complaint  
**Date:** Monday, July 29, 2019 6:49:13 PM

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Attention Bob Klein.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Maggie Holeman <[maggieholeman@icloud.com](mailto:maggieholeman@icloud.com)>  
**Date:** July 29, 2019 at 5:17:55 PM AKDT  
**To:** Maggie Holeman <[maggieholeman@icloud.com](mailto:maggieholeman@icloud.com)>  
**Subject:** Alcohol/noise complaint

My name is Maggie Holeman and I live in Hope, Alaska. My physical address is 63640 Resurrection Creek Road. On July 17, 2019, at 10:15 PM while engaging in conversation with my Bed and Breakfast guests outside my home we could hear the downtown music so loud we recognized the song and words. I am approximately three miles south of downtown. My neighbor who is south of me had to close her window in order to sleep.

I called the troopers then filed a complaint with Joe Hamilton of the alcohol and marijuana board who said he takes only Title IV complaints.

I am a former law enforcement officer and the increase in alcohol and drugs with the concerts at the Creekbend is disturbing as well as the noise level.

We are a small unincorporated village surrounded by federal state and borough land and not likely to grow.

Although I would never discourage a business owner to make a living this seems excessive and damaging to our community. The total disregard and respect for law and order has caused anger and frustration with the locals. Reports of sleeping in their cars, human feces, public urination, drunk driving, vehicle accidents, people passed out in public and drug use have been noted. In addition bed and breakfast owners have reported clients sneaking in additional people and dogs at night without compensation.

We have had a tremendously hot and dry summer and our fire volunteers had to put out one camp fire left burning off the Hope highway. That is our one road in and one road out. It could have been devastating. With the increase in weekend activities the danger level increases. We are faced with health, noise, crime, fire danger and for what? A venue that is too much for a little community. I would ask that you limit Creekbend alcohol permits. Enough damage has been done already.

Thank you for your time

Sincerely

Maggie Holeman.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Sarah Oates](#)  
**To:** [Alcohol, CED AMCO \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Cc:** ["Paul Thomas"; "michael@menullc.net"](#)  
**Subject:** Shared Tasting Rooms for Multiple Manufacturing Licenses  
**Date:** Thursday, August 22, 2019 1:44:03 PM  
**Attachments:** [Shared Tasting Rooms.pdf](#)  
**Importance:** High

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Good afternoon,

Alaska CHARR is becoming increasingly concerned by the ABC Board's continued lack of action or direction regarding shared tasting rooms for manufacturing licenses. I implore the Board to please read and consider the attached comment, but more importantly, to make a formal determination on the record as to how many drinks can be served out of a tasting room that is shared by multiple manufacturing license types. Currently, this is a complete grey area that requires clarification so that the industry may clearly understand how to legally operate.

Thank you for your consideration.

## **Sarah Daulton Oates**

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June 20, 2019

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board  
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Re: Shared Tasting Room for Multiple Manufacturing Licenses

Dear members of the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board:

At its February 19, 2019 meeting, the ABC Board formed a subcommittee to gather information and make a recommendation to the entire Board about combined drink/sampling limits in a situation when a licensee holds multiple manufacturing licenses that have a shared tasting room/area.

With the understanding that the public's health and welfare will not be negatively impacted by the following proposal, as the current licensees who are impacted by this have strict policies and procedures in place to prevent overconsumption and preserve public safety, Alaska CHARR makes the following recommendation to the ABC Board:

As long as a licensee continues to demonstrate, through monthly reports to the Alaska Department of Revenue and biennial reports to the Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office, that no less than 90% of its manufactured alcohol products from each license type are distributed through wholesale licenses, then Alaska CHARR supports that licensee retaining the ability to sell the equivalent of three drinks (36oz of beer, 18oz of wine/mead or 36oz of cider, 3oz of distilled spirits) per person per day for each manufacturing license type that it holds.

If a licensee fails to demonstrate that it has met the 90% threshold, then it is limited to the equivalent of three total drinks (individually 12oz of beer or cider, 6oz of wine or mead, 1oz of distilled spirits) of the products that it produces per person per day, regardless of the number of manufacturing licenses that it holds.

I hope that the ABC Board will make a determination during the July meeting in order to provide clear guidelines for licensees, as this is becoming an increasingly popular business model. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in green ink, appearing to read 'Sarah D. Oates', is written over a light green circular scribble.

Sarah D. Oates  
President & CEO  
Alaska CHARR