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# Spring GAA Meeting

Fairbanks Air Traffic Control



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# Discussion Points

- Staffing
- Float Pond
- Wrong Surface Landings
- Questions?



# Staffing/General

- Staffing
  - 17 CPC
    - 2 Eligible for retirement
  - 5 DEV
    - 2 in RADAR
    - 3 starting GC
  - 2 SUP
    - 1 leaving in May for FAI FSS
    - Allegedly getting 1 by end of year.
- Increased OPS at EIL
  - 80+ A/C and increasing operational tempo
  - If you're coming/going east be vigilant
  - Give us a call earlier when inbound.
  - RED FLAG/NORTHERN EDGE
    - 13-27 June, July 18-Aug 1 & 15-29 Aug.
      - Expect heavy flying in between
- Reporting Wildfires
  - LAT/LONG, Radial/DME
  - Size
  - General Movement
  - Structures nearby?

# Float Pond

- All departing A/C contact CD/GC on frequency advertised on ATIS and advise intentions prior to contacting FAI Tower.
- If not requesting TRSA services, advise CD/GC, “Negative TRSA”.
- Transponder not required.

# Float Pond (cont.)

- Channel extends N to S from shore to shore.
- Remain east of the buoys at all times, unless given approval by the tower to enter the channel.
- No step-taxiing/departing/landing outside the channel.
- A/C are expected to exit the channel as soon as practical after landing, unless approved otherwise.
- Simultaneous opposite direction operations are NOT approved off the Pond w/any other A/C are operating on any other surface. Expect delays.

# Wrong Surface Landings

- Continue to be one of the FAA's top 5 areas of concern.
- The numbers of reported incidents at FAI have gone down.
- We understand our RWY #'s can sometimes be confusing.
- Possible "From the Flight Deck" videos coming this year.



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Thank you for your time.

