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Spring GAA Meeting

Fairbanks Air Traffic Control



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Discussion Points

- Staffing
- Float Pond
- Visual Separation Helicopters
- Questions?



Staffing/General

- Staffing
 - 16 CPC
 - 1 Eligible for retirement
 - 6 DEV
 - 2 in Tower
 - 4 starting GC
 - 1 SUP
 - Temp Sup bid out.
- 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.
- 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.

Visual Separation Helicopters

- Tower Applied
 - Helo vs. Fixed-wing= N/A
 - Helo vs. Helo= Allowed
- Helicopter Applied
 - Helo vs. Fixed-wing= N/A
 - Helo vs. Helo= Allowed
- Fixed-Wing Applied
 - Fixed-wing vs. Helo= Allowed

Questions?

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Thank you for your time.

