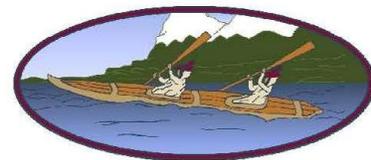
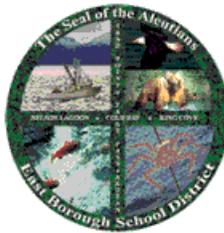
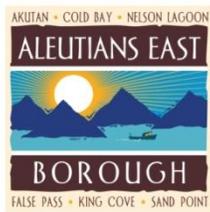


In the Loop



EASTERN ALEUTIAN TRIBES
Working Together to Promote Healthy Communities

Bringing the Aleutians East Borough, the AEB School District and Eastern Aleutian Tribes together by sharing common goals.

Thank You, Senator Ted Stevens

By Sharon Boyette, AEB Administrator

If you are connected in any way to the news, you have seen, heard and read many stories about Senator Stevens in past weeks. You have told your own stories about the late Senator. While I don't want to dwell on this melancholy atmosphere, I do want to add the Aleutians East Borough's appreciation of his work on our behalf and our sadness at his sudden passing.

I can't remember many projects in the AEB or its member cities that don't have Senator Stevens' fingerprints on them. We can be grateful for all the utility projects that were funded by the Denali Commission, an inspired device employed by



AEB expresses appreciation to the late Senator Ted Stevens.

Senator Stevens to bring rural Alaska into this century. Senator Stevens fought like a lion for the King Cove Access Project and was instrumental in obtaining federal funds that paid for large capital projects like construction of our docks and harbors. The Borough's commercial fishing industry is stronger because of his efforts on our behalf. Our skies are safer. Health care in the Borough is more efficient and effective. We tried to say it to him when he was alive but he typically brushed it off. We will say it once more:

Thank You, Senator Stevens.

Governor Parnell Signs Izembek Land Exchange Bill

Governor Sean Parnell signed the Izembek Land Exchange Bill (HB210) last week (Aug. 19, 2010) at his Anchorage office. This critical legislation is another major step forward in the land exchange process. Pending approval by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior, a small, single-lane gravel road (206 acres) will be built from the remote community of King Cove to the all-weather airport in Cold Bay. That small road will provide residents with a critical link between King Cove and the outside world for health, safety and quality-of-life reasons. In exchange for the road corridor, the State of Alaska and the King Cove Corporation will donate 61,000 acres to the federal government. More than 45,000 acres would go into wilderness status.



Governor Sean Parnell (R - Alaska) signs HB210 (the Izembek Land Exchange Bill) into law on Aug. 19, 2010.

“Not to have that (surface) transportation all this time has been harmful to the community,” said Governor Sean Parnell (R - Alaska). “Human safety is paramount in this case. **It’s a very high priority to have transportation access that other communities across the country take for granted,**” he added.

“As a legislator for southwest Alaska, I know what it’s like to fly in bumpy weather,” said Rep. Bryce Edgmon. “And I can tell you that **there isn’t a more treacherous flight when the weather is bad than that 10-**

minute jaunt from Cold Bay to King Cove. We need the ability, in fierce weather, for people to be medevaced to a long runway. We're hopeful that this bill sends a very strong message, not only to the U.S. Department of the Interior, but also to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, that **this is a critical issue.**"

"When our parents, our elders, or our young people are sick, waiting to get out of the community on a foggy or windy day is stressful," said King Cove Mayor Henry Mack. "To know that we can get in and out of King Cove when we want to -- for health and safety reasons and to have peace of mind -- is so important."

During the bill signing ceremony, Governor Parnell was flanked by lawmakers from both the federal and state government who co-sponsored the legislation. U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski (R - Alaska) and Alaska Rep. Bryce Edgmon (House District 37) played major roles in drafting legislation and getting it passed in the state legislature and the U.S. Congress.

House Bill 210 passed the Alaska Legislature in April 2010. This



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U.S. Fish & Wildlife

Service conducted scoping meetings in Washington, D.C., Anchorage, Sand Point, Nelson Lagoon, Cold Bay, False Pass and King Cove last spring, so the public could weigh in. The final EIS is scheduled for release on February 28, 2012. The U.S. Secretary of the Interior must determine that the land exchange and the road corridor are in the public interest before the

project can move forward. The Secretary is scheduled to reveal his public interest finding on April 30, 2012.



King Cove Mayor Henry Mack says to give up so much land to the federal government for just a small road corridor should tell the Interior Secretary how vitally important this road access is.

“A long-term solution is here with House Bill 210,” added King Cove Mayor Henry Mack. “To give up so much land to the federal government for just a small little road corridor **should tell the Interior Secretary how vitally important this road access is.**”

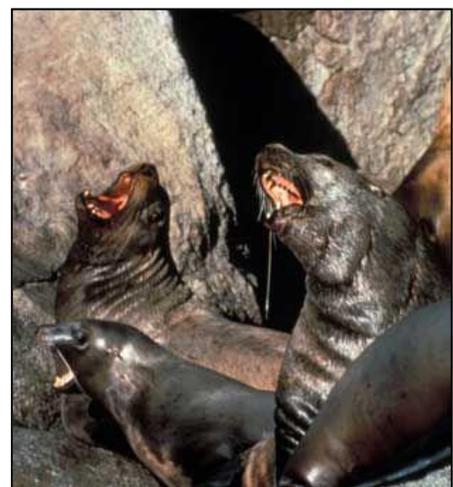
“Let’s get this thing going,” said Rep. Edgmon. “Let’s get this thing in place like it should have been for many, many years.”

NOAA Extends Public Comment Timeline on Steller Sea Lion Proposal

Previously published in Fish News

NOAA’s National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) announced this week that the agency is **extending the public comment period** for the draft 2010 Groundfish Biological Opinion (BiOp) until 5 p.m. Alaska Daylight Time on September 3, 2010. The original comment deadline was Friday, August 27, 2010. NMFS received numerous requests to extend the timeline, so the agency pushed the comment deadline back by one week.

In the draft opinion, NMFS proposed closing the Atka mackerel and Pacific Cod fisheries in the Western Aleutian



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Islands and restricting the Atka mackerel and Pacific cod fisheries in the Central Aleutian Islands (Areas 541 and 542). The fishing industry criticized the agency for what many said were shortcomings, such as stating as if they were fact, conclusions that have a very high degree of uncertainty associated with them.

Some from the fishing industry expressed concern that widespread closures would result in a large displacement of fishing to the Bering Sea. Currently, some fishermen from Sand Point's fishing fleet, the largest in the Aleutians East Borough, go to Adak to fish, which spreads out the fleet. However, if NMFS's recommendations were approved, those restrictive proposals would force them to fish locally, increasing competition.

Last week (Sept. 16 - 20, 2010) the North Pacific Fishery Management Council held a special meeting to review the BiOp. As a result, the Council unanimously passed a motion recommending that NMFS consider another reasonable and prudent alternative (RPA) with less restrictive fishery closures in the Western and Central Aleutian Islands. The Council outlined this RPA in its News & Notes August 2010 Newsletter (see link below). The Council's proposed modified protections would protect Steller sea lion rookeries from competition from fishing in the areas and times needed, but would still allow a portion of the Atka mackerel fishery to continue in the Western Aleutians. The modifications would also allow the cod fishery to continue largely as-is.

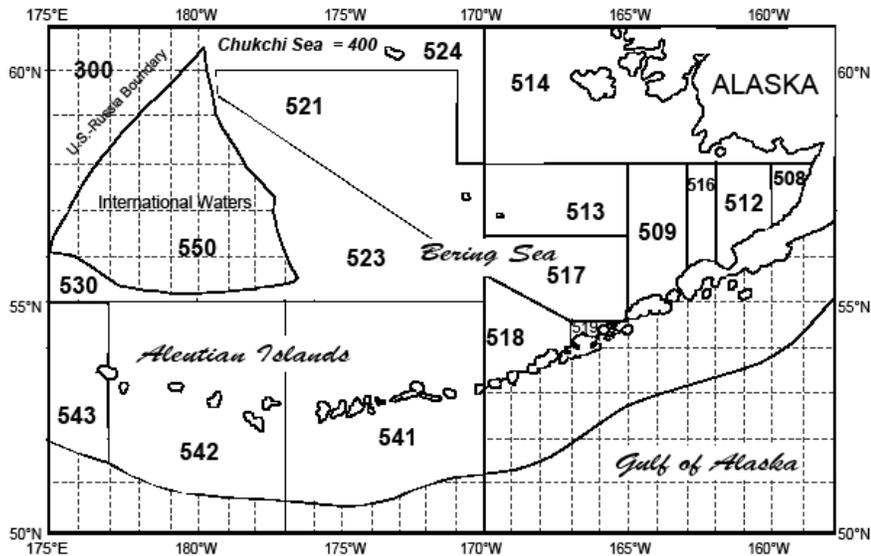
The Council recommended a 2-year-sunset provision for the mitigation measures. The measures could potentially either be renewed or replaced with another set of measures prior to the sunset date. NOAA plans to consider recommendations from the Council and the public when it develops the final 2010 Groundfish Biological Opinion. NMFS will present the final reasonable and prudent alternative at its October 2010 meeting. The agency will also present an updated analysis of fishery impacts associated with any revisions to the implemented RPA. The final BiOp and rulemaking to implement the management measures in the final RPA are scheduled to be completed by January 2011. For more details, visit the links and the map below.

[Link: NPFMC News & Notes August 2010 Newsletter](#)

[Link: NOAA Press Release: NOAA Extends Public Comment Timeline on Steller Sea Lion Proposal](#)

[Link: SeafoodNews.com - Balsinger Pledges NMFS Will Heed Council Advice on Steller Sea Lions](#)

[Link: draft 2010 Groundfish Biological Opinion](#)



Cold Bay Terminal Building Rehabilitation Progress



S&S is making good progress on the Cold Bay Terminal Building rehabilitation project. Photo by John Barrier.

S&S General Contractors is making good progress on the Cold Bay Terminal Building rehabilitation project. Currently, the building is multi-colored due to layers of different types of building material.

This week, crews began installing insulation on the building's east side (south face, just off the main entry). Workers also installed the parapet-treated wood cap. They also extended and wrapped a duct on the south side.



6" of
foam- and new
profile
of outer
wall

S&S installed six inches (two layers) of rigid foam insulation in some areas of the building. Photo by Monty Martin.

The crew installed Vaproshield (shown in green) on parts of the building. The green is the first wrap. The two layers of rigid foam insulation are shown in white in some areas of the building. The orange color is the outer wrap. The last color will be similar the forest green siding color. So far, the crew has replaced about a dozen windows.



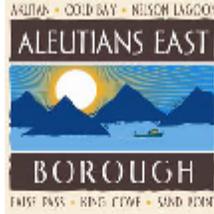
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NOTICE OF OFFICES TO BE FILLED

The regular election for the **Aleutians East Borough** will be held October 5, 2010. Declaration of Candidacy must be filed with the Borough Clerk in Sand Point or with an Assistant Borough Clerk beginning August 23 through September 3, 2010.

THE FOLLOWING SEATS ARE OPEN:

ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH ASSEMBLY:

SEAT B.....THREE (3) YEAR TERM

SEAT E.....THREE (3) YEAR TERM

SEAT G.....THREE (3) YEAR TERM

ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH SCHOOL BOARD:

SEAT B.....THREE (3) YEAR TERM

SEAT E.....THREE (3) YEAR TERM

SEAT G.....THREE (3) YEAR TERM

DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE BOROUGH CLERK'S OFFICE IN SAND POINT OR FROM THE FOLLOWING BOROUGH ASSISTANT CLERKS:

KING COVE CITY OFFICE.....KIMBERLY NEWMAN/SAVANAH YATCHMENEFF
AKUTAN CITY OFFICE.....SANDRA BELL
FALSE PASS CITY OFFICE.....CHRIS EMRICH
COLD BAY CITY OFFICE.....DAWN LYONS
NELSON LAGOON.....NANETTE JOHNSON

COMPLETED NOTARIZED FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED IN PERSON BY THE CLERK OR ASSISTANT CLERK. FAXED COPIES OF SIGNED DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AS OFFICIAL NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE.

QUALIFICATIONS OF ASSEMBLY AND SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS: THE ASSEMBLY AND SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS SHALL BE A QUALIFIED ELECTOR OF THE ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH AND SHALL HAVE BEEN A RESIDENT WITHIN THE BOROUGH FOR A MINIMUM OF ONE YEAR PRIOR TO HOLDING OFFICE.

ALL ASSEMBLY AND SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES MUST FILE A COMPLETED PUBLIC OFFICIAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT.

NO DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY MAY BE ACCEPTED, CORRECTED, AMENDED OR WITHDRAWN AFTER 5:00 P.M. ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2010.

New Tobacco Youth Specialist Gears up to Visit AEB Schools This Month

By George Cromer III, AEBSD Tobacco Youth Specialist



George Cromer III is the new Tobacco Youth Specialist for the Aleutians East Borough School District.

My name is George Cromer III and I am the new Tobacco Youth Specialist for the Aleutians East Borough School District. I graduated from the University of Alaska Fairbanks in 2003 with a Bachelor's of Arts and Sciences and a Minor in Education. In 2009, I finished a Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Program through Rio Salado College. I have worked for this school district for the past 6 years in various positions, including substitute teaching, coaching, and 5th/6th Grade teacher. I have worked with youth for many years, mentoring through the Upward Bound Program at UAF, coaching, umpiring Little League, and in the Big Brothers & Big Sisters program.

My position will allow me to work with all students, teachers, and parents within the AEB to promote a tobacco-free lifestyle. This will involve my reviewing and improving our current tobacco-related materials, as needed for our communities. In addition, I will be implementing a tobacco-prevention curriculum. The overall goal of this program is to create accessible, community-based tobacco prevention activities and events that include different groups and agencies within the AEBSD.

I will be based in Sand Point and begin making trips to each of the District's schools, starting with Akutan at the end of September. I look forward to getting started and keeping our youth tobacco-free. See you all soon!

EAT Awarded “Eye Care for Rural Alaskans” Grant

Submitted by Eastern Aleutian Tribes

Eastern Aleutian Tribes is one of 12 grantees to be awarded the “Eye Care for Rural Alaskans” grant by the Joint Vision Awareness Committee (JVAC). The program includes a loaned vision-screening device, a visit by a vision-rehabilitation specialist to assist patients with uncorrectable vision loss, provide glasses and vision aids to patients in need, and an annual visit by an eye doctor for three to five days.

The Eye Care for Rural Alaskans Program will provide primary eye care and vision-related rehabilitation to EAT communities which currently do not have access to those services. EAT was selected based on availability of eye care, distance to eye care, high risk populations, clinic funds, and ability to meet program expectations. The initial effort will focus on the King Cove Community Health Center which has the highest number of at-risk patients.

“As we continue to focus on patient-centered care, this grant will be a tremendous benefit for nearly a thousand patients throughout our region who are at high risk for eye-health problems,” explains Tara Ferguson, Director of Community Health Services. “That number represents an unacceptable 23% of all patients in our communities. They could suffer unnecessary vision loss and blindness due to our region’s high incidence of diabetes, glaucoma and other vision conditions.”

As part of the grant, EAT will also provide brief vision screenings to school-age children and at local health fairs and other community events. Additionally, annual one-minute screenings will become part of patient visits at the clinic for patients 6 months and older.

JVAC members include the Alaska Primary Care Association, the Alaska Optometric Association, the Alaska Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired, and the Lions Club. JVAC received an annual appropriation from the Alaska Legislature in the FY 2011 operating budget in the amount of \$165,000 for the program. It also acquired \$135,000 in capital funding from the Legislature to provide program training to the CHCs and to purchase vision screening devices. The \$165,000 in operating funds is routed through the Primary Care Office and provides for annual eye doctor visits to each of the 12 CHCs and annual vision rehabilitation services to those with uncorrectable vision loss identified by the 12 CHCs and the eye doctor.

After being trained on the screening device, Tara will serve as the Eye Care Program Coordinator and Summer Drake, CHA/P at King Cove, will be EAT’s Eye Care Program Technician.

ATTENTION WATERFOWL HUNTERS!



HELP SURVEY FOR AVIAN INFLUENZA IN ALASKA

Target Species: Northern Pintail, Brant, Mallard,
Green-winged Teal, Canada Goose

- ❖ Izembek National Wildlife Refuge in Cold Bay will be sampling hunter-harvested waterfowl for avian influenza from September 1 to mid-October. Sampling just takes a moment! Technicians will simply swab the throat and cloaca (vent) of the birds with a sterile swab.
- ❖ Avian influenza, or bird flu, is a naturally-occurring disease in birds, although one virulent strain that has recently emerged in Asia (H5N1) is cause for concern. **Highly pathogenic H5N1 has not yet been detected in North America.** We are sampling birds to see if it has been recently brought to Alaska by waterfowl migrating from Asia.
- ❖ **TO PARTICIPATE:** Please drop off your breasted-out carcasses or whole birds in the blue drop box at the north end of the Cold Bay

Fish and Wildlife Service office building **OR** call and ask for one of our technicians to visit your home or lodge to sample your birds. We will also visit hunters in the field.

For more information, please visit/call the Cold Bay Refuge office at 532-2445.
After hours, please call Bruce Casler at 532-1398.

Be entered into a **DRAWING** for each bird sampled from the **targeted species**.

PRIZES will be awarded at the end of the season (binoculars, hats, t-shirts, etc.)!

THANK YOU for your participation!

Cold Bay's Annual Ducks Unlimited Banquet To Get Underway in October



Ducks Unlimited (DU) members are looking forward to Cold Bay's annual kick-off party and banquet in Cold Bay, scheduled for early October 2010. The fun begins during the kick-off party on October 1st at the Bearfoot Inn bar. On the following evening, DU members can look forward to a prime rib dinner at the banquet, which will be served at 6:30 p.m. at the Cold Bay School. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Evening events include a live auction, a silent auction and raffles at both the kick-off party and the banquet. Auction items include prints, decoys and guns.

Ducks Unlimited's mission is to enhance, restore and protect vital habitat for waterfowl. The organization provides habitat for numerous other species and helps with flood control and providing clean water for humans. DU is a large organization with members across North America. As of January 1, 2010, its membership has grown to 773,360 members. Ducks

Unlimited was established in 1937. Eighty-six percent of monies raised annually go to waterfowl/wetlands conservation and education. To date, DU has raised \$3.6 billion dollars.

Anyone wishing to attend can contact any of the committee members: Shane or Molly Watson, Jorge or Sandy Lopez, Dawn Lyons, Lillian Sager, Spencer Berg, Franz Muller or John Maxwell.

Sand Point Silver Salmon Derby Kicks off Labor Day Weekend

Catch all of the action at the Sand Point Silver Salmon Derby during the Labor Day weekend. Several raffles and prizes are sure to get people hooked on this fun-filled event. Proceeds from the derby will be donated to the EMS, Boys & Girls Club, Culture Camp and the Teen Center.

Salmon Prizes:

ADULTS:

FIRST PLACE: \$1,000
SECOND PLACE: \$ 750
THIRD PLACE \$ 500

CHILDREN:

FIRST PLACE: \$ 300
SECOND PLACE: \$ 200
THIRD PLACE: \$ 100

AMLJIA Safety Minute: Best Foot Forward

29 CFR 1010.136 states that “The employer shall ensure that each affected employee uses protective footwear when working in areas where there is a danger of foot injuries due to falling or rolling objects, or objects piercing the sole, and where such employee’s feet are exposed to electrical hazards.” Protective footwear must comply with ASTM F-2412-2005, ASTM F-2413-2005, ANSI Z41-1999, ANSI Z41-1991, or be at least as effective with one of these consensus standards.



Protective footwear worn in the workplace is designed to protect the foot from physical hazards such as falling objects, stepping on sharp objects, heat and cold, wet and slippery surfaces, and exposure to corrosive chemicals. As a worker, you should know the risks in your workplace, and you should consider the safety hazards in your work area when selecting footwear. This will help you select the right protective footwear. Ask your supervisor what protective footwear and other personal protective

equipment is required.

When purchasing new protective footwear, it’s important to get the right fit and comfort so they will not cause calluses, ingrown toenails, or simply tired feet that are common among workers who spend most of their working time standing or do a lot of walking. Although these may not be considered as occupational injuries, they can have serious consequences for health and safety in the workplace. The conditions can cause discomfort, pain and fatigue. Fatigue can cause injuries affecting the muscles and joints. A worker who is tired and suffering pain is less alert and more likely to act unsafely, which can cause an accident.



Before wearing new shoes or boots on the job, wear them at home until you're sure they fit well. Keep them clean until you decide they fit and you are keeping them. That way, there shouldn't be a problem exchanging them for a different size or style. Always check the store's return policy prior to purchasing footwear.

What Should I know about Safety Footwear?

- If you are at risk for foot injury at your workplace, you should wear the appropriate protective footwear.
- If foot protection is required in your workplace, your employer should implement a complete foot safety protection program, including: selection, fit testing, maintenance, and inspection of footwear.
- Safety footwear is designed to protect feet against a wide variety of injuries. Impact, compression, and puncture are the most common types of foot injury.
- Choose footwear according to the hazards in your workplace.
- Ensure that the footwear has the proper sole for the working conditions.
- Use metatarsal protection (top of the foot between the toes and ankle) where there is a potential for impact injury.

What Built-in Protection Features are Available in Safety Footwear?

- High-cut shoes or boots provide ankle support and help keep sparks, molten metals, and chemicals from getting into footwear.
- Reinforced safety toe, reinforced toecap, or steel toecap footwear will absorb the blow if a heavy object falls on the foot. Reinforced metal soles protect feet from punctures.
- Steel midsoles protect the foot against penetration by sharp objects.
- Non-slip footwear prevents slipping on certain surface type.
- Insulated footwear provides protection in cold temperatures.



Maintain Footwear in Good Condition:

- Soles that are worn thin may slip in wet or snowy conditions and can be easily punctured by sharp objects. A painful bruise can result if you step on a stone or sharp object.
 - Rundown heels can cause you to lose your balance and fall or perhaps turn your ankle.
 - Shoelaces that are too long are a tripping hazard.
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Job Openings:

Claims Assistant - Alaska Municipal League Joint Insurance Association



Summary:

The Claims Assistant, under general supervision, performs general secretarial and clerical duties for the Claims Department in concert with the Alaska Municipal League Joint Insurance Association's (AML/JIA's) goals and objectives. Supports professional staff in the oversight of specific assigned claims.

Nature of Work:

The Claims Assistant handles a variety of claims and clerical duties for both the Casualty and Workers' Compensation sections of the Claims Department for the AML/JIA. This position is assigned work and evaluated on a day-to-day by the Workers' Compensation Claims Manager. As a business, the primary internal function of the AML/JIA is fiscal responsibility. Each position is expected to perform in exacting detail to maintain a precise audit trail, for the protection and reliability of all internal and external information.

Salary: Grade 10

Shift: Regular full-time

Location: Anchorage

- For more details on this position, click on the link below, then scroll down to ***Current Positions*** and click on ***Claims Assistant***.

[Link: AMLJIA - Current Openings](#)

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