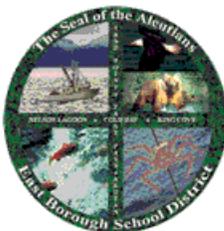
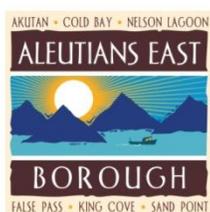


In the Loop



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.

King Cove 60th Anniversary Celebration

Draws A Large Crowd



King Cove Mayor Ernest Weiss congratulates the City's forefathers on their foresight and their decision to incorporate King Cove in 1949.

Hundreds of people filed into the King Cove multi-purpose facility last week to take part in a significant milestone for the City. On Sept. 22, 2009, the community celebrated its 60th year as an incorporated city. And it was a day to remember. Not only did the town come out to celebrate, but so did several state officials. The city welcomed Alaska Commissioner of Natural Resources Tom Irwin; Deputy

Commissioner of Transportation Frank Richards; and George Cannelos, the Federal Co-Chair of the Denali Commission. The Aleut King Cove dancers performed for the audience and the Mack siblings (AEB Mayor Stanley Mack, AEB Assemblyman Marvin Mack, Mattie Samuelson and Glen Mack) and King Cove Mayor Ernest Weiss played music on a variety of instruments.



The King Cove Aleut dancers perform at the City's 60th anniversary celebration.

On Sept. 9, 1949, King Cove became one of only 20 incorporated cities in the entire

Territory of Alaska. One of the accomplishments King Cove Mayor Ernest Weiss says the city is most proud of is the Delta Creek Hydroelectric Project, initiated in 1994. Today, with diesel prices topping \$3 per gallon, King Cove is reaping the benefits of this project's success, having



The Mack Family and King Cove Mayor Ernest Weiss provide music for the City's celebration.

achieved the lowest single-site cost of power among all 160+ communities in the state's Power Cost Equalization program. In addition, the city's new diesel power plant, which came online last year, has the benefit of creating waste heat that can be piped to other buildings for reuse. That saved the Borough more than \$60,000 in addition to reducing the community's carbon footprint.

Now the city is gearing up for phase two of hydro power. Recent feasibility studies indicate Waterfall Creek has the potential

to contribute another 1.4 million kWh annually to King Cove's electrical grid. That means up to 80 percent of King Cove's electrical generation would come from renewable energy.

The community is also in the process of a major local streets project. During the last few years, all of King Cove's streets have been upgraded, utilities relocated, improved drainage installed,

and a new bridge has replaced problematic culverts. The final project will be asphalt paving of four miles of city streets next summer.

During the celebration, Commissioner Irwin and Denali Commission co-chair George Cannelas praised the City for its forward-thinking accomplishments and outstanding leadership.

Borough's Planning Commission Participates In Training Session



AEB Attorney Joe Levesque gave a presentation to the Borough Planning Commission on ex parte communication, ethical considerations and conflicts of interest.

The Borough's newly-formed planning commission took part in a two-day training workshop in Sand Point last week. Planning Commissions play an advisory role to the governing body (in this case, the Aleutians East Borough Assembly) on issues and activities related to planning, platting, land use regulation and community development. Duties of the commission's members include preparing/reviewing/administering measures to implement a comprehensive plan. The commission also acts as the platting authority. Members may review

and recommend land use regulations, act as the platting authority and review and recommend variances and conditional use permits.

Community planning assists in:

- Guiding the future
- Identifying local issues and public values
- Attracting appropriate development

AEB Planning Commission Members:

Justine Gundersen – Nelson Lagoon
Antone Shellikoff – Akutan
Bill Shellikoff, Jr. – False Pass
William Cumberlandidge – Sand Point
Karen Johansen – Sand Point
Dave Bash – King Cove
Harlen Newman – King Cove

- Minimizing land use conflicts
- Promoting good design

Presentations were made by Dr. Nicole Grewe, Development Specialist with the Alaska Division of Community and Regional Affairs, and AEB Attorney Joe Levesque. In addition to the role of the commission, topics included roles and responsibility, decision-making, comprehensive planning, mandatory and discretionary powers, ex parte communications and ethical considerations.



(Left to right) AEB Planning Commission members Dave Bash, Bill Shellikoff, Jr., Borough Clerk/Planner Tina Anderson, Commission Member William Cumberlidge, AEB Administrator Sharon Boyette and Commission Member Antone Shellikoff listen to the presentation. (Not pictured in this photo is Planning Commission Member Justine Gundersen from Nelson Lagoon.)

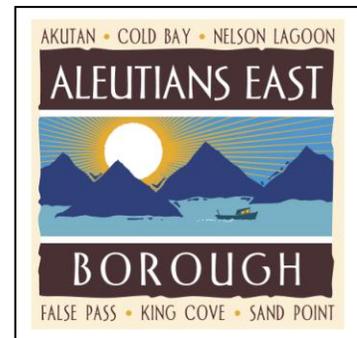
For more information, visit the link below.

[Link: PowerPoint Presentation on Planning Commission Training Workshop](#)

Borough Assembly Passes Several Resolutions; Gives Aleutia \$23,000 Grant for Marketing Efforts

On Sept. 24, 2009, the Aleutians East Borough Assembly passed one ordinance and several resolutions:

- Ordinance 10-01: Authorizing the negotiation and purchase of real property for the Akutan Boat Harbor Project.
- Resolution 10-01: Appointing election judges for the Oct. 6, 2009 regular Borough election.
- Resolution 10-02: Appointing the canvass committee for the Oct. 6, 2009 regular Borough election.



- Resolution 10-03: Supporting a transportation program waterfront project nomination grant application for submittal to the Denali Commission on the Amount of \$1,000,000 for the project entitled: Sand Point New Harbor Float Project.

In other business, the Borough Assembly voted in favor of providing Aleutia with \$23,000 in funding to assist in promoting the brand this fall. By dramatically changing its business model and selling directly to retailers this year, Aleutia was able to double its customer base and generate the highest-ever price for its product.

The Aleutia brand will launch in the Rocky Mountain states this fall as a featured salmon product in 30 upscale grocery locations around Utah, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri and New Mexico. A southwest grocery chain will also help roll out the Aleutia brand in a select group of its premium stores around central Texas during the next several months. This success means the program can grow and expand to other communities. However, Aleutia lacked the capital to take full advantage of numerous promotional opportunities. Thanks to unanimous consent from the Borough Assembly, Aleutia will be able to raise its visibility and generate increased enthusiasm among harvesters, potential buyers and other stakeholders.

Elections for AEB Assembly, School Board Seats Take Place Next Week

The regular election for the Aleutians East Borough will be held October 6, 2009.

ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH ASSEMBLY:

ASSEMBLY SEAT C:

PAUL GRONHOLDT

DICK JACOBSEN

BRENDA WILSON



ASSEMBLY SEAT D:

LARRY BABCOCK

JUSTINE GUNDERSEN

ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH SCHOOL BOARD:

SCHOOL BOARD SEAT A:

GLEN GARDNER, JR.

SCHOOL BOARD SEAT D:

NANETTE JOHNSON

SCHOOL BOARD SEAT F:

DEMETRI TCHERIPANOFF



North Pacific Fishery Management Council

Takes up Pacific Cod Sector Split



Pacific cod

Next week, the North Pacific Fishery Management Council will take up a major issue: the initial review of the Pacific cod sector split. The council is considering the controversial proposal for a variety of reasons, including the concern that competition among the sectors may contribute to higher

rates of bycatch. Another reason the council is exploring the proposal is because Pacific cod participants who are dependent on the fishery face economic uncertainty. The Advisory Panel will consider the proposal starting on Oct. 1st. The issue will come before the council beginning on Oct. 3rd.

Other issues the council will consider include the observer program, Bering Sea crab issues and Gulf of Alaska tanner crab and Chinook salmon bycatch. The council plans to take final action on:

- Trawl seep requirements for flatfish trawl fishery.
- Management of BSAI skates complex.
- Permit fees.



For more information, visit the links below:

[Link: NPFMC October Meeting Agenda](#)

[Link: Initial Review Draft: Allocation of Pacific cod among sectors in Western and Central GOA](#)

Borough Plans to Showcase Harbors and Infrastructure at the Pacific Marine Expo



The Pacific Marine Expo will be held at the Quest Field Event Center in Seattle on Nov. 19 – 21, 2009. (photo of 2008 event)

Borough communities plan to feature the latest developments in harbors and other infrastructure projects in Seattle this fall. The Pacific Marine Expo (also known as “Fish Expo”) is scheduled for November 19 – 21, 2009 at the Quest Field Center in Seattle, WA.

Sand Point will showcase its 18-acre harbor extension, which will accommodate 37 vessels up to

150 feet in length. False Pass also expects to make a big splash with its newly completed harbor, which can accommodate up to 40 vessels ranging in size from 32-120 feet. King Cove is also gearing up for big changes. Plans call for completely rehabilitating its small harbor next year.

Flyers explaining each community's developments will be handed out at the Borough's exhibit. Several representatives from the Borough and its cities will work in the booth at the exhibit, including AEB Mayor Stanley Mack, Borough Administrator Sharon Boyette, AEB Finance Director Roxann Newman, Borough Community Development Coordinator Ted Meyer, AEB Communications Manager Laura Tanis, Borough Fisheries Consultant



AEB Finance Director Roxann Newman points out harbor amenities within the Aleutians East Borough during the 2008 Fish Expo.

Sam Cotten, King Cove Administrator Gary Hennigh, Sand Point Assembly Member Carol Foster, False Pass Mayor Tom Hoblet, King Cove Administrative Manager Bonnie Folz, King Cove Harbormaster Dave Bash and King Cove Finance Clerk Kim Newman.

Area M Fish Meeting Scheduled for November 19th in Seattle

Area M fishermen are invited to participate in a meeting at the Silver Cloud Hotel (across the street from the Quest Field Event Center) on Thursday, Nov. 19, 2009 from 10:30 a.m. – Noon. Last year, a fishermen's meeting was also scheduled during "Fish Expo", drawing good attendance. It also provided an excellent forum for fishermen to talk with folks from all the Borough communities. Agreement was reached on several proposals.



The fishermen's meeting in Seattle, scheduled during the Pacific Marine Expo, provides an ideal forum for Area M fishermen to discuss and reach agreements on a variety of issues.

Topics of discussion this year are expected to include the NPFMC's proposal on Pacific cod allocations and Area M proposals coming before the Alaska Board of Fisheries in February. Another hot topic is the desire to obtain more salmon fishing time in July. Last month, Area M fishermen proposed several possible solutions. Discussion of solutions is expected to come before the local advisory committees and continue during the fishermen's meeting in Seattle.

Correction to story: Aleutian Areas To Get Siren System

In the Loop would like to make a correction to a story reprinted with permission from the Associated Press in the Borough's August 2009 newsletter. A quote in that story from King Cove Fire Chief Chris Babcock was incorrect. It read:

Babcock said he witnessed two tsunamis in the 1990s that forced the lower levels of town to be evacuated. The current siren, upgraded in 2003, is an improvement from those days, but far from perfect, he told *The Dutch Harbor Fisherman*.

In the Loop printed the quotation correctly from the Associated Press article, but later learned that is not what Chief Babcock said.

Babcock told *In the Loop* he actually witnessed two tsunami **warnings** in the 1990's that forced the lower levels of town to be evacuated. He emphasizes they were *not* tsunamis, but warnings. Babcock says he has never experienced a tsunami in King Cove, and he hopes residents never do.



Cold Bay Airport Master Plan Update

Public Meeting No. 2

Wednesday, October 7, 2009 • 6:00 p.m.

Cold Bay Community Center



Airport topics to be discussed

- Airport facility requirements
- Airport improvement alternatives
- Proposed 2010 Runway 14-32 safety area improvements
- Airport land ownership and land use

Please visit the project website:

<http://dot.alaska.gov/creg/coldbay/>

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AEBSD Schools Make AYP

All six schools within the Aleutians East Borough School District (AEBSD) made adequate yearly progress (AYP) for the 2009-2010 school year. This is based on 2008-2009 data. Statewide, nearly six out of ten Alaska public schools made adequate yearly progress under the federal No Child Left Behind Act, according to data released by Alaska Education Commissioner Larry LeDoux. Of 505 schools, 281 schools (55.6%) made AYP in 2008-2009.

Statewide, eighty-four percent of the schools met the language arts requirement for their student body as a whole; 85 percent met the math requirement; 97 percent met the requirement for participation in assessments; and 91 percent met the targets for attendance or graduation rate. Schools must meet up to 31 targets altogether.



[Link: Press Release: Results of AYP in Alaska](#)

[Link: Alaska Schools Meeting AYP - 2009 - 2010 school year](#)

“Alaska Focus on Safety”

School Curriculum

Submitted by Eastern Aleutian Tribes



In Alaska, unintentional injuries cause 66% of all child fatalities and 82% of all child hospitalizations.

The “Alaska Focus on Safety” is a school curriculum developed for youth living in rural Alaska. It targets the major risk areas of

childhood injury and death: ATV/snow machine, fire, cold water safety/ice/hypothermia, falls, firearms/hunter safety, poisoning, and pedestrian safety. Developed by the Alaska Injury Prevention Center and designed by an experienced educator, “Alaska Focus on Safety” allows teachers to integrate the curriculum into the classroom while meeting state standards and requirements for education.



The “Alaska Focus on Safety” is a school curriculum developed for youth living in rural Alaska.

Eastern Aleutian Tribes has purchased the “Alaska Focus on Safety” school curriculum for each of the Aleutians East Borough schools as a partnership to give the children an opportunity to learn about injury prevention, to apply that knowledge in practice, and to help develop the attitude and motivation to make the right choices in risky situations.

Akutan’s Medical Clinic is Nominated to Receive the Advocacy Appreciation Accolade

By Ladonna Lindley, Eastern Aleutian Tribes



Anesia Kudrin Memorial Medical Clinic in Akutan

The Anesia Kudrin Memorial Medical Clinic was nominated by the Alaska Primary Care Association (APCA) Advocacy & Legislative Affairs Committee to receive the Advocacy Appreciation Accolade. The clinic is operated by the Eastern Aleutian Tribes and is located in Akutan, Alaska. During the 2009 APCA advocacy postcard campaign, the Akutan clinic submitted the most signed postcards to APCA of all clinics in

Alaska. The postcards were sent to all 141 community health center

clinics in Alaska, and APCA requested that the postcards be signed by staff, patients and community members, and returned to the APCA. The postcards will be delivered to Alaska legislators during the annual APCA Juneau Hill Visits in January, 2010.



Protect Yourself... Wear a Helmet!

By Jeanie Burtch, Office Manager (Anchorage)

What do bicycling, horseback riding, baseball and in-line skating have in common? Helmets! The trick is that different sports require different types of helmets to help protect participants from the different types of head injuries common to that particular sport.

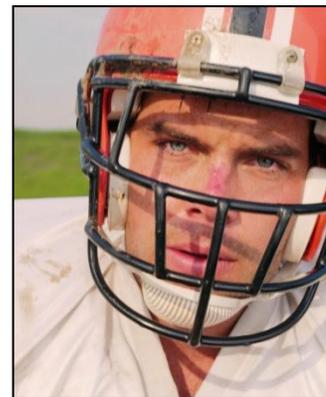
All helmets are not created equal. Beyond picking the right helmet for the sport, buyers should look inside the helmet for information on standards the helmet complies with. For example, bike helmets should carry a CPSC, Snell, ASTM, or ANSI sticker or label.

Fit is key

A loose helmet cannot protect the head as well as one that fits properly. Buy a brand and size that fits well prior to adjustments, and then use the adjustable straps and/or sizing pads to ensure a snug fit. Select a helmet that fits you or your child now, not a helmet to "grow into."

Helmets save lives

- A helmet reduces the risk of serious head and brain injury.
- Head injuries cause nearly three-quarters of bicycle deaths each year.
- Many people suffer brain injuries each year while playing sports such as baseball and football, etc.
- Brain surgeons and doctors across the U.S. agree that wearing helmets can save lives.
- Both children and adults should wear the appropriate helmet when participating in sports or any recreational activity where head injuries are a risk. Examples include: ATV riding,



baseball, bicycling, football, horse-back riding, in-line skating, rock climbing, skateboarding, and softball.

- For handling sports-related injuries and other emergencies, everyone should be trained in first aid and should contact emergency personnel for more extensive injuries.



FIRST ALASKANS INSTITUTE RECRUITING LEGISLATIVE FELLOWS FOR THE 2010 PUBLIC POLICY FELLOWSHIP IN JUNEAU

First Alaskans Institute is recruiting for the third year of the Public Policy Fellowship. The fellowship will place two to four Alaska Natives in the State Legislature in Juneau during the upcoming 2010 Legislative session.

This paid 15-week fellowship runs from January 19 - April 18, 2010, in Juneau. The fellowship will begin with a two-day intensive orientation in Anchorage before beginning work with the selected legislative office. Fellows commit to work five days a week for the full 15-week session. Eligible fellows will receive a housing stipend, a round trip ticket to Juneau and will be paid an hourly wage.

The goal of the First Alaskans Public Policy Fellowship is to provide an opportunity for emerging Native leaders to become familiar with the state legislative process; understand their own histories; learn and use the skills of past, present and future leadership and gain hands on experience with the issues that confront Alaska Natives and the State of Alaska. Fellows will gain real work experience while learning and participating in the state legislative and political process.

Timeline

- Recruitment: September 1, 2009 – November 6, 2009
- Application due date: November 6, 2009
- Final selection of fellows: December 4, 2009
- Fellowship program: January 19– April 18, 2010

Public Policy Fellows will be selected using a competitive application process.

Application Process

Submit the following materials by November 6, 2009:

- A resume,
- Two letters of recommendation, and
- An essay describing how the Public Policy Fellowship will help achieve career and leadership goals.

*There is no academic requirement to be eligible for the Fellowship.

Send application materials to First Alaskans Institute, 606 E Street, Suite 200, Anchorage, Alaska 99501, or submit your application via email to info@firstalaskans.org. Applications sent by mail must be postmarked no later than November 6, 2009. Please call First Alaskans at 907-677-1700 with any questions you may have about the program.

First Alaskans Institute is an Alaska Native non-profit organization whose mission is to Advance Alaska Native People through community engagement, information and research, collaboration and leadership development. For more information about this or other initiatives of First Alaskans, please visit www.firstalaskans.org.

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