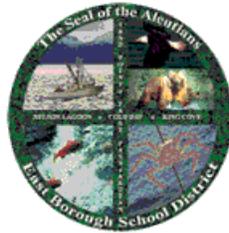
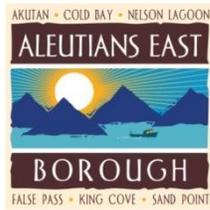


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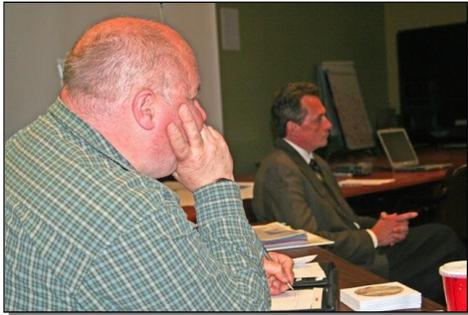


Bringing the Aleutians East Borough, the AEB School District and Eastern Aleutian Tribes together by sharing common goals.

MMS Holds Scoping Meeting for Gas & Oil Exploration

The U.S. Interior Department's Minerals Management Service (MMS) got an earful at its first North Aleutian Basin scoping meeting this week in Anchorage. Several staff members from MMS and the Aleutians East Borough (AEB) participated, as did representatives from various environmental organizations. The purpose of the meeting was to gather information that will be included in an environmental impact statement (EIS) for possible gas and oil development in the North Aleutian Basin. An oil and gas lease sale is tentatively scheduled for 2011.





On Tuesday evening, May 13, 2008, MMS Deputy Regional Director Jeffrey Loman explained MMS's mission, described how the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) affects the EIS and laid out the timeline for the possible lease sale. Fisheries Oceanographer Kate Wedemyer detailed the various ongoing and proposed future studies. These studies include the social and economic assessment of major oil

spill litigation, north Pacific right whales in the southeastern Bering Sea: distribution, abundance and habitat use and subsistence food harvest and sharing activities.

During the formal scoping comment period, several people complained that MMS did not provide adequate notice for the meeting and that the federal agency should slow down in order to obtain more community input. Several environmental representatives suggested that updated scientific information is needed, traditional Native knowledge should be included and renewable resources should be part of the "no action" alternative. The deadline to submit comments to MMS is July 7, 2008.

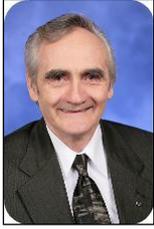


Scoping meetings will also be held this month in Unalaska and next month in Kodiak. Additional scoping meetings are expected to be held later this summer and in the early fall in Sand Point, Nelson Lagoon, Dillingham and Naknek/King Salmon, with the potential of adding others.

House Natural Resources Committee Sends Land Exchange Bill to Full House for Vote

Washington, D.C. – April 23, 2008 – The U.S. House Natural Resources Committee decided to send an unprecedented Alaska land exchange bill to the full House for a vote today. The legislation (H.R. 2801) proposes a land swap between the State of Alaska, the King Cove (Native) Corporation and the federal government in exchange for a small road corridor through the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge. It was scheduled for mark up in the U.S. House Natural Resources Committee this morning.





"We're excited about the momentum that we're seeing in both the House and the Senate," said Stanley Mack, Aleutians East Borough Mayor. "We can't make any predictions at this time, but we're definitely feeling optimistic."

Ranking committee member Rep. Don Young, (R) Alaska, sponsored the bill and plans to made introductory remarks at the House mark up.



"In essence, Mr. Chairman, this bill fixes a problem Congress created more than 25 years ago. At that time, Congress established a wilderness area that effectively blocked the reliable year-round access to the nearby Cold Bay airport. This bill is heavily supported by the administration. There are no federal funds involved. I believe this is the correct way to solve a problem that this Alaska community faces."

"We couldn't have gotten this far if it weren't for Congressman Young," said Mack. "His seniority, experience and good relationship with Committee members are the reasons why we are here today."

Rep. Neil Abercrombie, D-Hawaii, who also has indigenous constituents in his district, told the committee that the situation in King Cove is unique. He said the Aleut people of King Cove have made numerous sacrifices for this bill. Rep. Eni Faleomavaega, D-American Samoa, remarked that he can't think of any people who are more conscientious and sensitive to the environment than the people who have lived there for 4,000 years.



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Television News Crew Covers Story in King Cove

A KTUU (Channel 2) television crew from Anchorage traveled to King Cove and Cold Bay this week to report about the controversial land exchange bill as it makes its way through Congress. Reporter/anchor Megan Baldino and photographer Scott Jensen began their trip in Cold Bay. In the evening, the news team attended a reception at the Cold Bay community center with finger foods and deserts.

The following day, King Cove Mayor Ernest Weiss and King Cove Corporation President Della Trumble met Megan and Scott on the hovercraft. The news crew interviewed Hovercraft Chief



Engineer Paul Tobin and got plenty of footage of the Suna-X. They also interviewed Mayor Weiss and Della Trumble about the land exchange bill and the proposed road from King Cove to Cold Bay.

Later in the day, Scott videotaped an accident that occurred in Lenard harbor while workers were installing a large tractor tire onto a rim. The news crew followed Dave Bash as he took

Paul Dushkin to the King Cove clinic to get his wound checked out. They also interviewed patients and health care providers.

Megan and Scott spoke off-camera with teachers and students at the school. During the evening, they met with residents who showed up for a 'meet and eat' at the King Cove city office. The crew got a true feel for what King Cove's changeable weather is like. To top off their visit, they got video footage of a bear.



Megan and Scott's story on the proposed road to King Cove is scheduled to air Monday, May 19 and Tuesday, May 20, 2008, on Channel 2 in Anchorage.

Several Alaska government, community and Native leaders were invited to a unique conference in Norway this month to discuss how two very different industries (fishing and the oil and gas industries) can co-exist in the same environment. The conference was sponsored by Bodø University, High North Center for Business.

Lessons Learned from Our Arctic Sea Study Tour in Norway

Submitted by Bob Juettner, Aleutians East Borough Administrator



If a boondoggle is supposed to be work of little or no value done merely to look busy, this trip was anything but that. Just getting to northern Norway takes a very long time. Aleutians East Borough (AEB) Member Justine Gunderson, AEB Mayor Stanley Mack and I left Anchorage at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, May 2, 2008 and arrived in Bodo about the same time on Sunday, May 4th after spending the evening at the Oslo airport.

Monday morning began with an introduction to Bodo University staff, students, representatives of the local government, oil industry representatives from Shell, Eni and Statoil Hydro and the fishing industry. We then transferred the meeting to the coastal steamer to begin the voyage to Hammerfest. Meetings promptly resumed after the steamer left the pier and continued past 7 pm. Some of the other participants included Glenn Garner, Sand Point Mayor, Ryal Gardner of Sand Point, Lamar Cotten, Chief Administrative Officer for the Lake and Peninsula Borough, Tiel Smith with the Bristol Bay Native Corporation, Joe Childers of the United Fishermen of Alaska, Mary McDowell with Pacific Seafood Processors Association, Brent Payne with United Catcher Boats and John Goll, Regional Director for the Alaska Region with the Minerals Management Service.



Tor-Egil Lindberg, Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development, explained the Norwegian government's position on supporting and maintaining viable and livable rural communities.



One of the participants was Mayor Hugo Bjornstad, whom Stanley and I met last year. The mayor was very disappointed in the current situation in the Lofoten Islands. The government in Oslo has until 2010 to decide if the area will be opened for offshore development. However, environmental interests are pushing to have the region designated a World Heritage site under UNESCO in 2010. The mayor is concerned that offshore development will pass the region by, causing further declining

population and out-migration. The mayor was also put off by the government in Oslo because officials didn't listen to the concerns of the local fishermen before beginning seismic work. (In Norway, the government conducts the seismic work and sells the information to the oil & gas industry.)

Tuesday began at 9 a.m. with meetings and discussions revolving around local concerns, from both the Alaskan and Norwegian perspectives. Basically, this session focused on the pros and cons of offshore development. In general, our Norwegian counterparts were positive about offshore development, and they didn't see too many conflicts with the fisheries. However, they

did want more local input included in the process. Maureen Murphy of One Ocean, Canada, discussed the learning curve that the fishermen experienced before getting what they wanted from the oil & gas industry. She also provided examples of how both industries work together in eastern Canada.

Strong expressions of self determination came from Arne O Holm of Arctic Think Tank. He discussed the need for more northern involvement in the decision to develop. (By the way, Arne looked the part of a real Viking. All he needed was a sword or an ax.) His sentiments sounded very familiar. These thoughts were echoed by Mayor Kristine Jorstad Bock and her advisors in Hammerfest.

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Update on the New Harbor in False Pass



A significant amount of progress has been made on the new harbor in False Pass. Recently, the beginning of the new sheet pile wharf at the end of one of the arms of the harbor was installed.

Work on the north breakwater was completed recently. The flexi

float is nearly completed, and work began on the east breakwater and causeway this week. Cells (parts of the sheet metal face) 4 & 5 of the dock are complete and the template is being moved over to cell #6.



AEB Installs Hovercraft Landing Mat in Crosswind Cove



A project to install a timber hovercraft landing mat in Crosswind Cove (near Cold Bay) is nearly complete. The Aleutians East Borough (AEB) hired a designer and an engineering firm after the first surfacing effort failed to take hold. Initially, crews used Soil Tac, a stabilization product. However, the weather didn't get warm and dry enough for commercial soil stabilization product to set up properly. the

Soil Tax product has worked significantly better in Lenard Harbor (the hovercraft site near King Cove), but still fell far short of expectations.

The new hovercraft mat is made of four-inch thick treated timber planks (treated with wood preservative to withstand the weather). The Borough hopes to be able to apply a similar timber mat to the hovercraft terminal in Lenard Harbor in the future.



Akutan Hires Assistant Administrator



The City of Akutan recently hired Susan Lutz to fill the position of Assistant Administrator in the Anchorage office. Prior to taking this position, Susan worked for the Municipality of Anchorage Assembly counsel office as their legal assistant and research analyst for six years. Susan's duties for Akutan include administrative functions, assisting the City Administrator, the Mayor and the City Council and completing other delegated projects.

Susan is also the owner of the Historic Oscar Gill House Bed & Breakfast in downtown Anchorage. Please join us in welcoming Susan!

New Employee Joins the Ranks in False Pass

The City of False Pass has hired a new Deputy Clerk. Prior to working for the city, Michelle Traugher worked for a software company in Hollywood, CA. Michelle grew up in California and spent the majority of her 30 years there. She graduated San Diego State University with a B.A. in English and recently attended recording engineering school where she received her sound engineering certification.



Her interests include writing, painting, drawing, music (especially piano), cooking, useless trivia and learning how to ride a 4-wheeler. Michele says she looks forward to learning more about the community and exploring all that this region has to offer. This summer, she hopes to catch a big fish or two, pick berries, and snap a bear photo that isn't blurry! Welcome aboard, Michelle!

CH2M HILL Pilot Program a Success



Fifteen students successfully completed a pilot program offered by CH2M HILL promoting career advancement in southwest Alaska. The graduation ceremony was held at the Southwest Alaska Vocational & Education Center (SAVEC) in King Salmon on Saturday, April 12.

Certified Instructors from CH2M HILL put the students through three vigorous weeks, completing training courses in sheet metal and scaffolding with a focus on safety. Those finishing the program will be extended an offer for employment on the North Slope. The students represented most areas of southwest Alaska from Bristol Bay to the Aleutian and Pribilof Islands.

“We focused on Southwest Alaska because it is essentially an untapped resource for workers. With the significant amount of oil and gas work in Alaska on the horizon, our long term goal is

to develop a transferable workforce to meet the needs of our company and our clients,” said Trevor O’Hara, CH2M HILL.

Of the 18 students that began the program, 15 were able to maintain the high quality and safety standards required of CH2M HILL employees. The focus of the program is to simulate a real-life work environment that will prepare these students to join and succeed in the workforce.

“This project has a focus on recruiting and retention of entry-level employees joining the North Slope environment successfully,” said O’Hara.

While at SAVEC, students were also taught soft skills, including resume writing and construction math to further enhance their employability.

In May, CH2M HILL will conduct another training program with a focus on an electrical apprenticeship also to be held in King Salmon at SAVEC.

For additional information, please contact Trevor O’Hara, CH2M HILL at (907) 246-4608.

Eat Sponsors Traveling Health Fair

As part of an ongoing effort to inform, educate and empower residents to make better lifestyle choices, Eastern Aleutian Tribes (EAT) will be sponsoring a traveling health fair to five AEB communities (Sand Point, King Cove, Cold Bay, False Pass and Akutan) in June.

EAT’s Associate Executive Director, Patty Linduska, said people of all ages can be actively involved in learning about health and wellness.

“The traveling health fair is a terrific opportunity to develop personal wellness plans to maximize healthy choices,” Linduska added.

The fair will feature stops along the M/V Tustumena ferry route.

Schedule and locations for the health fair:

- Sand Point, June 26, from 10:15 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. The health fair will be held in the Net Shed.
- King Cove, June 27, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. The health fair will be held in the Boat Harbor Building.
- Cold Bay, June 27, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The health fair will be held in the Community Center.
- False Pass, June 27, 5:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The health fair will be held in the Tribal Warehouse (at the end of the City dock).

- Akutan, June 28, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The health fair will be held in the School Gym.

"These are estimated times," notes Fair Organizer Anna Buterbaugh. "Actual health fair times will depend on the arrival of the Tustumena at each community."

Health education displays, models and learning centers will focus on diabetes, tobacco cessation, nutrition, hypertension, cardiovascular disease, immunizations, colon cancer, exercise, Alzheimer's/dementia, and wellness. The fair will include fun activities for the whole family, educational brochures and give-aways. Everyone is welcome to join in this community event.

AEBSD News

The School District and School Board would like to congratulate and send best wishes to the Class of 2008.

Sand Point School

Graduation Date: May 9, 2008

- 1) Robert Charles Dushkin III
- 2) Allie Rose Holmberg
- 3) Casey Jean Bendixen
- 4) Barret Joseph Brown
- 5) Sergio Felipe Tamayo Porcincula
- 6) Zachary James Johansen
- 7) Karis Mae Jackson

King Cove School

Graduation Date: May 16, 2008

- 1) Janet Marie Bear
- 2) Charley Dushkin
- 3) Darcy C. Mack
- 4) Thomas W. Wilson
- 5) Allie Lynn Yatchmeneff
- 6) Brittney Lee Yatchmeneff

7) Riza Zoe Yatchmeneff

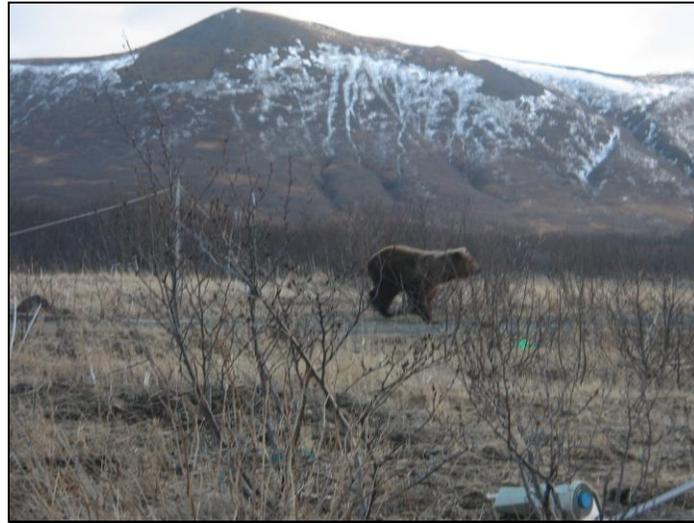
For more information on school events and to check out the proposed 2008-2009 proposed school calendar, link to: <http://www.aebbsd.org/calendar/calendar.htm>

AEBSD Scholarship News

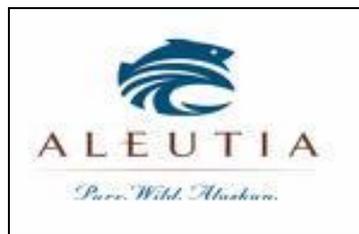
The Aleutians East Borough School Board proudly announces the recipients of their annual scholarship, each receiving \$1,355.00. Best wishes to each of you!

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| Barratt Brown | Sand Point Graduate |
| Robert Dushkin | Sand Point Graduate |
| Sergio Porcincula | Sand Point Graduate |
| Karis Jackson | Sand Point Graduate |
| Allie Yatchmeneff | King Cove Graduate |
| Sunya Maxwell | Cold Bay Graduate |
| John Maxwell | Cold Bay Graduate |
| Natalie Doering | Cold Bay Graduate |
| John Nickels | Former Graduate of False Pass |

One of the First Signs of Spring in False Pass



You know it's spring in Alaska when you see bears come out of hibernation. This brown bear decided to take a stroll through town in False Pass before a resident captured its image.



News from Aleutia

- Anyone interested in ordering a fleece jacket with an Aleutia logo on it, can contact Tiffany at (907) 383-5909.
- Additional Aleutia products have been added to Zazzle, including sweatshirts and tshirts. The quality of these products are great, and they're reasonably priced. Link to Zazzle.com

- Aleutia is still conducting its membership drive for the 2008 season. See ad below in the newsletter for a link to an application form.
- Aleutia has hired a new production manager for King Cove, Rose Wilson. Welcome Rose! Aleutia is also welcoming back Ernie Weiss, who will be assisting Rose as she gets things up and running in King Cove.
- The Aleutia team will be traveling to King Cove on the ferry at the end of the month. They would like to meet with the local fishermen while there, and hope to get members signed up. More details will be posted as they are finalized.
- The annual Aleutia membership meeting is going to be held May 29th at 7:00 via teleconference from Sand Point in the Aleutians East Borough office, King Cove at the Harbor House, False Pass at the Rec Center, and Nelson Lagoon at the Tribal Office.

Help Wanted: AEBSD ITINERANT SCHOOL COUNSELOR

School Counselor Job Description

Qualifications:

- Minimum of 5 years teaching experience in K-12
- Minimum of a MA in Guidance and Counseling
- Possesses or is eligible for an Alaska C-Class Special Services Certificate as a School Counselor

Reports To:

Superintendent

Purpose:

Utilizing leadership, advocacy, and collaboration, the school counselor promotes student success, provides preventive services and responds to identified students needs by implementing a comprehensive school counseling program that addresses academic, career and personal/social development for all students.

Duties and Responsibilities:

Implements the *Comprehensive Counseling Program for Alaska Public Schools: A Guide for Program Development K-12 Grade*.

Communicates the goals of the school-counseling program to education, community and other agency stakeholders.

- Publicizes newsletters, calendars, memos and web pages
- Presents information to schools improvement teams, advisory school councils, at parent/guardian meetings, etc.

Maintains current resources, college and scholarship information, parent/guardian resources, teacher resources, community resources, etc.

Coordinates all student and teacher testing and student and employee surveys.

Uses majority of time providing direct services to students, including but not limited to individual student planning, personal counseling, implementation and maintaining preventive programs and collaborating with various local and state agencies.

- Assists teachers with implementation of guidance lesson plans in their classrooms.
- Provides applicable materials and resources to teachers for doing guidance activities in their classrooms.
- Conducts classroom guidance lessons such as character education.
- Conducts counseling sessions with students.
- Guides students in developing goals based on individual data and other relevant information
- Accurately interprets and utilizes student data.
- Sends written communications to parents/guardians and teachers.
- Provides individual and group counseling to students with identified concerns and needs.
- Consults and collaborates effectively with parents/guardians, teachers, administrators and other educational/community agencies regarding students with identified concerns and needs.
- Advocates for equity and access for all students.
- Implements an effective referral and follow-up process.
- Informs staff of services provided by the itinerant school counselor and how to access those services.
- Attends professional conferences, workshops, etc. relevant to school counseling.
- Uses available technology resources to enhance the school-counseling program.
- Monitors/supervises student activities as appropriate.
- Collects and analyzes data to guide program direction and emphasis.
- Monitors student academic performance, behavior and attendance and assists with appropriate interventions.

- Measures results of school counseling program activities and shares results as appropriate.

Contract:

189-day teacher contract.

Salary:

Based on current teacher salary schedule.

Contact:

Dr. Phil Knight, Superintendent

(907) 383-5222

pknight@aebsd.org

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Aleutia is Selling Commercial Crewmember/Sports Fishing Licenses

The Aleutia office now sells commercial fishing crewmember licenses and sports fishing licenses. Those in need of a license can stop by the Sand Point office and see Tiffany Jackson, Aleutia Operations Manager, to purchase one. Tiffany can be reached at (907) 383-5909 or email: Aleutia_tiffany@arctic.net.

Become an Aleutia Member: 2008 Aleutia Memberships Available



Join the Aleutia fishery in one of Alaska's most beautiful, wild and dramatic regions. Capture the flavor of this treasured resource – Aleutia sockeye salmon.

All permit holders can re-apply for 2008 memberships. Membership forms are available at the office in Sand Point or visit the link below. Those who submit their applications and membership fees will receive a free 2008 Aleutia hat and floating permit card holder.

[Aleutia Membership Application Form](#)

[Aleutia Web site link](#)

Figure 1 - permit card holder



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