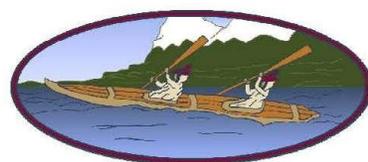
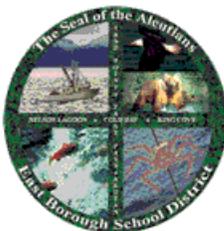
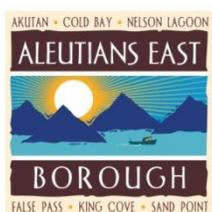


## In the Loop



**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.

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## U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Prepares Environmental Assessment on Unimak Island Caribou Herd



The environmental assessment will analyze the ADF&G's proposed management program and other alternative strategies.

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (Service) is seeking input to include in an environmental assessment (EA) addressing conservation concerns for the Unimak Island caribou herd. The herd has been declining in recent years. As a result, all hunting of the herd, including

subsistence hunting, has been suspended. Factors such as predation by wolves and bears, hunting, habitat condition and climate change will be considered. The EA will analyze the Alaska Department of Fish and Game's (Department's) proposed management program. The Service and the Department will also develop other alternative strategies.

In early 2010, the Alaska Board of Game approved the Department's management program to selectively remove wolves preying on calves during the peak calving period to increase survival of the young. The Department program also calls for supplementing the Unimak herd with bulls from the Southern Alaska Peninsula herd in an effort to increase the pregnancy rate of cows.

The Service plans to consult with representatives of tribes, subsistence and recreational hunters and other interest groups to gather information for the EA. The Service expects that the EA will be available for public review and comment by December 2010. A Service decision on the findings and its public review is scheduled for the end of January 2011.

For more information and details on submitting comments, visit the link below:

[Information on Unimak Island Caribou Herd Environmental Assessment](#)

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## **Borough, Community Leaders Visit with Congressional Delegation and Interior Secretary**

*By Sharon Boyette, AEB Administrator*



**AEB Administrator Sharon Boyette (middle) and Borough Mayor Stanley Mack (right) visited with Rep. Don Young (R - Alaska) during their recent trip to Washington, D.C.**

AEB Mayor Stanley Mack, King Cove City Administrator Gary Hennigh, Della Trumble, representing the King Cove Corporation and Agdaagux Tribe, and I enjoyed some beautiful, warm weather in Washington, D.C. recently (Sept. 12 - 16, 2010). I think D.C. is so different from other American cities. As we drove past monuments

and huge white buildings with expansive marble steps, I got a real blast of patriotism. The urge to break into a chorus of *America the Beautiful* was overpowering, but I contained myself, and we had dignified and productive meetings with our congressional delegation and several federal agencies.

Our main topic of conversation in many of our meetings was the King Cove Access Project. However, we also brought up our other projects like the Cold Bay apron/taxiway, Nelson Lagoon erosion and the Akutan Airport. In addition, we discussed two important fishing issues in several meetings: the Vessel Liability Legislation and the Steller Sea Lion Biological Opinion.

We were able to express our gratitude to the delegation and the Army Corps of Engineers for the recently completed False Pass Harbor and the newly started Akutan Harbor. Both projects had been in the planning stages for many years, and the Corps seemed as excited about them as we are.

The highlight of our time in D.C. was when a meeting with the Assistant Secretary of the Interior unexpectedly turned into a brief visit with U.S. Secretary of Interior Ken Salazar. Secretary Salazar was very cordial, and his huge office was most impressive. Della was able to issue a formal invitation to the Secretary to visit King Cove. Who knows? Maybe he will.



U.S. Secretary of the Interior  
Ken Salazar

As always, we enjoyed a relaxed conversation with Representative Don Young. We found that Senator Begich was already well-informed about our region and concerns. We asked for his help on the King Cove environmental impact statement and the Cold Bay apron in particular. While we didn't meet with Senator Murkowski, (she was in Alaska) we did have a very interesting and hopefully fruitful meeting with her staff.

Giving credit where credit is due, we should give a shout-out to our lobbyists, Brad Gilman (AEB) and Steve Silver (City of King Cove) for setting up our meetings and for being our shepherds around the big, impressive nation's capitol city.

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## **NPFMC Meets October 6 - 12, 2010 in Anchorage**

One of the most important agenda items that the North Pacific Fishery Management Council will take up when they meet in Anchorage, October 6 - 12, 2010, is the new Observer Program. Under the proposed program, all federally-licensed vessels will pay an observer fee and may be

required to carry an observer, including vessels that are less than 60 feet in length. It would be a good idea for anyone participating in the groundfish, halibut or Bering Sea crab fisheries to start paying close attention to this agenda item.

Other issues the Council will discuss include:

- BSAI Crab ACLs/snow crab rebuilding
- GOA Tanner Crab Bycatch
- Arrowtooth Flounder MRA
- Research Priorities



For details, visit the agenda link below:

[NPFMC October 2010 Agenda](#)

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## Fishermen's Meeting in Seattle Scheduled for Nov. 18, 2010

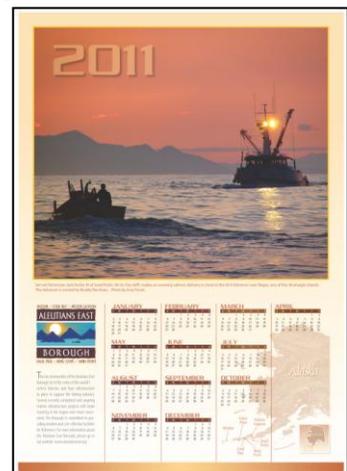


The AEB Fishermen's Meeting in Seattle is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Nov. 18, 2010 at the Silver Cloud Inn.

The Borough is gearing up for a fishermen's meeting at the Silver Cloud Inn in Seattle, scheduled for 10 a.m. on Nov. 18, 2010. The hotel is located across the street from the Qwest Field Event Center. Topics at the fishermen's meeting are expected to include a recap of the fishing season, the new observer program, additional sampling in the

SEDM, the SSL BiOp and cooperative research projects.

The Borough will have a booth exhibit at the Qwest Field Event Center



The Borough's 2011 calendar features a gorgeous photo by Amy Foster of Sand Point.

Nov. 18 - 20, 2010 (Booth 503). The AEB plans to exhibit photos and layouts of community harbors and other infrastructure. In addition, the Borough will hand out flyers and AEB's 2011 calendars. The calendar features a beautiful photo, taken by Amy Foster of Sand Point. The photo shows a silhouette of Jack Foster III in his skiff delivering fish to the M/V Advancer at sunset near Nagai. Be sure to stop by the Borough's booth so you can take a calendar home with you!

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## Teleconference Planned for Sept. 30, 2010 To Provide Update on Fisheries Community Profiles

NOAA's Alaska Fisheries Science Center (AFSC) is inviting fishing communities to take part in a conference call to help update the North Pacific Fisheries Community Profiles. The profiles will include new U.S. Census data from 2010 and input gathered from the communities and industry.

Recently, AFSC held several regional meetings to engage fishing community leaders and the public

to provide meaningful information so the profiles are more representative of the communities.

So far, the AFSC teams met in Anchorage, Unalaska, Bethel, Nome and Petersburg. Some of the themes that framed the discussion included sharing local stories that best illustrate the way in



**NOAA's Alaska Fisheries Science Center is gathering information from coastal communities to update the North Pacific Fisheries Community Profiles. A teleconference is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Sept. 30, 2010 to summarize the recent meetings and take additional comments.**

which fishing shapes the fabric of communities. The last regional meeting is scheduled for today (September 27, 2010) in Kodiak.

The conference call will occur three days later at 10 a.m. Alaska Daylight Time on Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. The number to call is (907) 789-6622, and is considered a toll-free number. (There is no code needed to access the call.) During the call, AFSC will provide a brief presentation that summarizes the recent meetings and will then take questions and comments. Community members will also have another opportunity during this conference call to provide advice on how best to update the community profiles.

Anyone with questions can email [afsc.community.profiles@noaa.gov](mailto:afsc.community.profiles@noaa.gov) or call (206) 526-4221.

For more information, visit the link below:

<http://www.afsc.noaa.gov/REFM/Socioeconomics/Projects/CPU.php>

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## Public Notice of AEB Assembly Meeting

The next AEB Assembly meeting will be held at the Akutan City Building on Saturday, Oct 2, 2010 at 9 a.m. For more information, visit our website at [www.aleutianseast.org](http://www.aleutianseast.org).

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## New Commercial Fishing Engine Efficiency Loan Program Up and Running

According to a recent newsletter from Rep. Bryce Edgmon's office, an expanded program for low-interest loans to swap old, inefficient boat engines for new, fuel-saving models is now taking applications at the Alaska Division of Investments.



Rep. Bryce Edgmon encourages fishermen across District 37 to look into the new commercial fishing engine efficiency loan program.

Repowering your boat with a new engine that takes advantage of the latest technologies can make a huge difference in your operating costs. Rep. Bryce Edgmon encourages fishermen across District 37 to look into it.

The program has been made possible through the passage of Edgmon's House Bill 20. The program no longer requires that applicants first be refused a loan by a commercial bank. In addition, a loan made under Section A of the Commercial Fishing Revolving Loan Fund can be for up to \$300,000, as opposed to the \$100,000 limit under the more restrictive Section B program.

General eligibility requirements include:

- At least two years as an Alaska resident.
- For any two of the past five years, you must have had a crewmember license and have participated in an Alaskan commercial fishery.

Loan terms are 2% below the prime lending rate, with a "floor" of 3 % when the prime rate is at 5% or less. Loans can be made for both propulsion engines and generator sets. Loan amounts can include installation costs.

For more information, go to the Division of Investments pages at the Department of Commerce, Community & Economic Development Web site:

<http://www.dced.state.ak.us/investments/efeu.cfml>

or call the Division of Investments at (907) 465-2510.

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## **Anna Buterbaugh of EAT To Receive Excellence in Immunizations Award**

*Submitted by Eastern Aleutian Tribes*

Each year, the Vaccinate Alaska Coalition solicits nominations for the Excellence in Immunizations Award, as it searches for a champion of immunization practice. The selection committee, made up of immunization leaders and policy makers throughout



**EAT's Anna Buterbaugh has been selected to receive the Excellence in Immunizations Award. Photo courtesy: Eastern Aleutian Tribes.**

the state, recently announced that Anna Buterbaugh, Case Manager / Project Director for Eastern Aleutian Tribes, has been selected to receive this award, which will be presented during the Maternal Child Health and Immunization Conference at the Hilton Hotel in Anchorage September 27 - 29, 2010.

In announcing the selection, the coalition noted that Anna has demonstrated an inspiring level of commitment to the improvement of the immunization status of Alaskans. The coalition also recognized that she has contributed to advancing the mission of Vaccinate Alaska Coalition. The goal of that organization is to protect the health of all Alaskans by decreasing vaccine-preventable diseases through positive immunization promotion campaigns, support of local immunization coalitions, and increased public and private provider participation in immunization activities.

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## AMLJIA Safety Minute: Electrical Safety

### **Human error is the major cause of electrical accidents.**

Accidents happen when workers don't recognize electrical hazards or fail to take precautions to protect against those hazards. Key provisions of OSHA's general industry electrical standard for employee safety are contained in the safety-related work practices (29 CFR 1910.331-335). These sections provide specific requirements for:

- Employee training (both for "qualified" and "unqualified" workers)
- Selection and use of safe work practices
- Use of equipment
- Safeguards for personal protection



### **Electrical Safety Do's and Don't's**

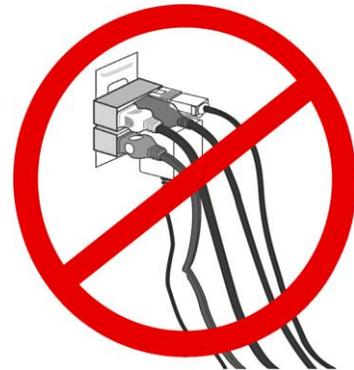
For most employees (those who OSHA classifies as "unqualified" or not specially trained to work on electrical circuit parts and equipment), electrical safety boils down to a checklist of simple, sensible do's and don't's.

### **Employees should:**

- Check cords and wires to make sure insulation is in good condition
- Check electrical connections to make sure they are tight
- Read and follow manufacturer's instructions for safe use of electrical equipment
- Follow workplace rules concerning use of electricity and electrical equipment
- Obey warnings to stay away from electrical circuits and locked-out equipment
- Leave work on energized equipment to qualified workers
- Keep machines and other electrical equipment clean and well-lubricated
- Use extension cords only when authorized -- and of the right capacity
- Inspect electrical equipment before each use
- Report electrical problems immediately

### **Employees should not:**

- Overload motors, circuits or outlets
- Run cords along the floor
- Use temporary wiring
- Put anything but a plug into an electrical outlet
- Touch anything electric with wet hands
- Leave machinery or electrical equipment running unattended after working hours
- Let cords get twisted or tangled
- Get closer than 10 feet to power lines
- Reach blindly into a space that may contain energized equipment
- Wear metal jewelry when working with electrical equipment
- Use a machine or power tool that smokes, sparks, smells or shocks



## Electrical Accident Rescue Basics

The first rule of electrical rescue is that co-workers should **never** rush in to an accident situation.

While one person calls 911 and summons a maintenance worker qualified for electrical work, other emergency responders should visually examine the victim to determine if he or she is in contact with energized conductors.

Metal surfaces, objects near the victim, or the ground itself may be energized. Responders could become victims if they touch an energized victim or conductive surface.

If the electrical circuit can't be de-energized, emergency responders must use extreme care. They should:

- Ensure that hands and feet are dry
- Wear protective equipment such as low-voltage gloves and overshoes, if available
- Stand on a clean, dry surface, or stand on a dry rubber blanket or other insulating material, if possible
- Use a nonconductive material (for example, nonconductive rope or cord, or a dry stick or board) to remove the victim from the conductor.



First aid for a victim of an electrical accident may include CPR if the person isn't breathing and has no pulse. If the victim is breathing and has a heartbeat, first aid for shock and burns may be required until emergency medical help arrives.

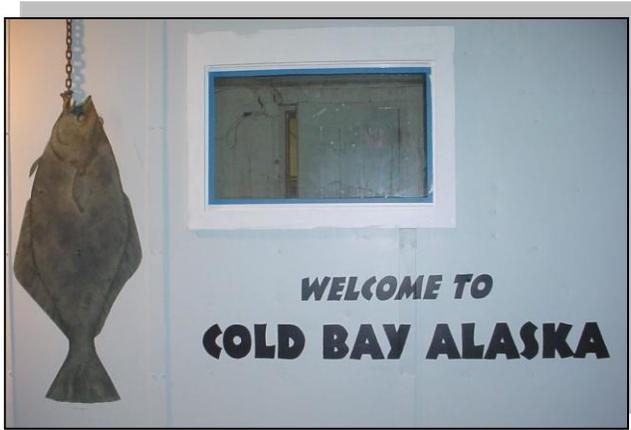
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## Cold Bay School Children Lend Talents to Harbormaster Shack Beautification Project

The Cold Bay Harbormaster Shack recently got a makeover, thanks to the community's school children and a visiting artist. Seven kids from kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade helped to put the finishing touches on a mural gracing the shack. Shane Watson



School children from kindergarten to 5<sup>th</sup> grade added their artistic touches to the mural. Photo by Dawn Lyons.



Artist Michael Pickett created the design and painted the murals for the harbormaster shack beautification project in Cold Bay. School children assisted with the project. Photo by Dawn Lyons.

prepped the building and artist Michael Pickett created the design and painted the murals. Pickett asked the school children if they would like to paint two sides of the shack. The City of Cold Bay was enthusiastic about the kids having a hand in the shack beautification project.

“I would like to thank the Cold Bay grade school for helping with this project,” said Cold Bay Mayor Jorge Lopez. “I’d also like to thank Roxella Lyons for helping with the kids, Shane

Watson for getting the building ready to be painted and Michael Pickett for his artistic talents.”

The City hopes the shack renovation project will be wrapped up before the last ferry of the season visits Cold Bay.

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## AEBSD Announces Career and Technical Education Meeting



The AEBSD School District will be holding its first Career and Technical Education (CTE) focus group meeting on Wednesday, October 6, 2010 at 7 p.m. Approximately 40 people, representing business, industry, various tribes, EAT, AEB administration and staff, Borough and city mayors, educators and community leaders have been invited to attend this very important meeting. The meeting will be held at all school sites utilizing two-way interactive television.

The purpose of the meeting is to present what CTE is and to begin to explore what career opportunities are available for current and future AEBSD students. Tony Korwin, Workforce Development Manager for New Mexico, will provide the group with an overview to Career and Technical Education and compare it to vocational education. He will then provide the group with an overview of a national and global perspective of CTE.

Following Tony, Deanna Schultz, Assistant Professor and Chair of UAA's Career and Technical Education College, will provide an in-depth presentation on CTE in Alaska. Deanna will continue working with the focus group throughout this coming school year.

Once brought up-to-speed on what CTE is all about at this meeting, the focus group will then concentrate on four major goals during future meetings. These goals include:

1. Exploring areas of CTE and deciding which areas to focus on in each of the six schools
2. Determining how to effectively deliver CTE programs
3. Engaging partners in the process
4. Building a five-year CTE plan for AEBSD

Questions can be directed to Dr. Phil Knight, AEBSD Superintendent, by calling (907) 383-5222.

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## **AEBSD Celebrates Red Ribbon Week Oct. 23 - 31, 2010**

Students and staff within the Aleutians East Borough School District (AEBSD) will soon be seeing red. And that's not a bad thing. In fact, it will all be for a good cause. The AEBSD plans to observe Red Ribbon Week, Oct. 23 - 31, 2010. Red Ribbon Week is an alcohol, tobacco, drug and violence prevention awareness campaign observed annually in October across the nation.



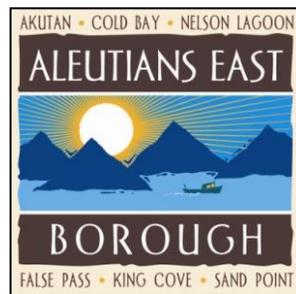
The campaign has been recognized in our local schools in the past. But this year, the District's K-12 Tobacco Prevention Coordinator, George Cromer II, wants to spread the message throughout the region. Plans for the week include:

- Decoration Day
- Information Day
- Reach Out Day
- Wear Red All Day



- Sports Day
- Costume Day
- and
- Pledge Day

Cromer plans to spread the message of the campaign with banners, ribbons and balloons throughout the schools and communities. He also hopes students, staff and community members will wear Red Ribbon Week t-shirts and rubber bracelets to help support the campaign.



## Job Opening: Community Development Coordinator

**Job Summary:** Provides community improvements and economic development for the Aleutians East Borough by planning, implementing and evaluating projects and programs for all six AEB communities by:

- Working with community and regional leadership to plan for community and economic development
- Finding appropriate funding sources for grant applications and writing proposals
- Working with the Borough Clerk to assist with the AEB Planning Commission
- Providing project and program management
- Providing grant administration
- Assisting the smaller communities with grant applications and grant administration

## **Must have:**

- Demonstrated history of utilizing highly-developed time management skills
- Documented proficiency in above list of duties
- Ability to work independently with excellent WRITING SKILLS, good judgement and impeccable record-keeping skills
- Bachelor's degree required. Considerable prior successful experience in a similar position may be substituted for degree
- Proficient working knowledge of basic computer software
- Demonstrated history of success in the fields of grant writing and grant administration

## **Other Information:**

Work Environment: Anchorage AEB office with extensive travel to the region or King Cove or Sand Point AEB offices also with considerable travel.

Supervisory Control: This position reports to the Borough Administrator.

Compensation: Exempt, salaried position with eight work hours per day. Includes customary AEB benefits for permanent employees.

Salary: DOE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND A FULL JOB DESCRIPTION, PLEASE CALL (907) 274-7555 or (907) 383-2699.

JOB CLOSES: October 8, 2010 or until filled.

# City of Akutan - JOB OPENING:

## CITY CLERK

The City of Akutan is seeking a City Clerk to work a regular 35-hour work week in the City's Administration Building. This is a permanent full-time position beginning immediately. Salary negotiable.

### RESPONSIBILITIES:

Duties include, but not limited to:

- Perform duties as described in Alaska Statute Title 29 and Akutan Municipal Code Chapter 3.20
- Give notice of time and place of Council and other public meetings; attend, keep the journal, record and certify all actions of the Council
- Maintain all official records of the City; attest deeds and documents, custodian of City seal and official records
- Act as City Election Registrar with power to administer oaths
- Responsible for payroll on a weekly and semi-monthly basis and all related state and federal reporting; responsible for employee benefit enrollment, payments, retirement
- Works with Finance Manager and City Administrator to maintain accounts payable and receivable, general ledger, bank reconciliations, year-end reports
- Perform such other duties as the Mayor or Council may require

### QUALIFICATIONS

- Detail-oriented; organized
- Punctual, reliable
- Willingness to learn new skills
- Strong customer service orientation

Applications are available at the City of Akutan Administration Building; PO Box 109, Akutan, Alaska 99553; 907-698-2228; [akutanadmin@gci.net](mailto:akutanadmin@gci.net). Must be received by Friday, October 1, 2010. Short cover letter or resume appreciated with application.

## Got News?

If you have news you'd like to share, please email [ltanis@aeboro.org](mailto:ltanis@aeboro.org) or call AEB Communications Manager Laura Tanis at (907) 274-7579.



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