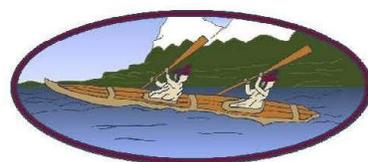
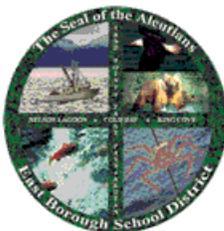
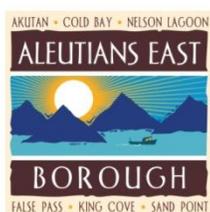


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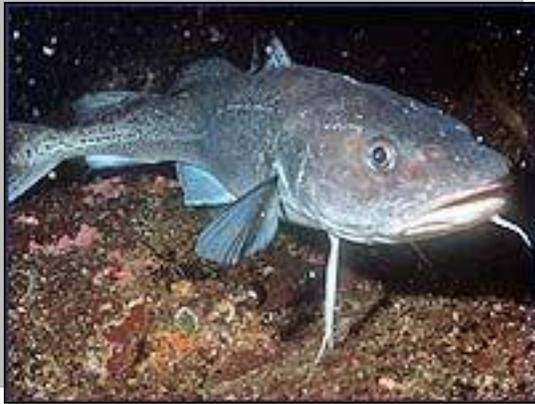
Bringing the Aleutians East Borough, the AEB School District and Eastern Aleutian Tribes together by sharing common goals.

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## **NPFMC Makes Pacific Cod Sector Split Motion Draft Available for Public Review Early Next Month**



The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC) is scheduled to make public the review draft of the Gulf of Alaska (GOA) Pacific cod sector allocation motion available on its Website next week. The Council is tentatively scheduled to take final action during the week of December 7, 2009. This proposal will also be discussed during a Fish Meeting at the Silver Cloud Hotel, scheduled for 10:30 a.m. - noon in Seattle on Nov. 19, 2009. The complete sector split motion is available on the Web. Click on the links below to see details.



**The Council is scheduled to take final action on the proposed Pacific cod sector allocation in December 2009.**

The Council identified distinct Western and Central GOA options for defining sectors. For example, there's an additional option in the Western GOA to establish three separate allocations for pot catcher vessels (CVs), trawl CVs and combination pot/trawl CVs (operators who hold dual licenses). In Component 4, the Council proposed distinct Western-and Central-GOA options for defining the sets of years used to calculate catch history. The NPFMC added options to take the average across these sets of years. For details, visit the links below.

Comments can be made to the council in person during the December meeting. Written comments

may be sent to the council via fax or mail in time for the December meeting.

Fax number: (907) 271-2817

Address: 604 West. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252

[Link: GOA Pacific cod sector allocation motion](#)

[Link: NPFMC October 2009 Newsletter](#)

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## **Exxon's Unoiled Fishery Claimants Receive Final Percent Share Reports**

Last week, the Exxon Qualified Settlement Fund (EQSF) mailed out more than 8,000 Final Percent Share (FPS) Reports for the Unoiled Fishery (U00B) claim categories (which include the Bristol Bay salmon fisheries). The reports were sent to claimants who filed claim forms in the 39 unoiled area fisheries as described in the U00B Plan of Distribution. Each report lays out information that is specifically relevant to each claimant, including a summary of lost income claims, a final percent share, a



**In 1989, the Exxon Valdez spilled nearly 11 million gallons of crude oil into Prince William Sound.**

summary of prior payments and instructions as to how to appeal if you disagree with any of the information contained within the report. For more details, visit the link below.

The court-approved Plan of Allocation established 52 claim categories. Payments of damages are made by Exxon to the EQSF, which in turn disburses payments to plaintiffs depending on the various plans of distribution. Judge Holland appointed plaintiffs' attorney Lynn Lincoln Sarko of the Keller Rohrbach L.L.P. law firm of Seattle, Washington, as the Administrator of the EQSF.

The Exxon Valdez oil spill contaminated 1,500 miles of coastal lands and more than 10,000 square miles of ocean.

[Link: Exxon Mails Unoiled Fishery Final Percent Share Reports](#)

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## Sand Point Seafoods Update

*By Nancy Blakey, Snopac Products, Inc.*

The Sand Point Salmon Derby in September was the backdrop for the on-site Sand Point Seafoods Start-Up Committee meeting. Greg and Nancy Blakey, co-owners of Snopac Products, Inc., flew in from Seattle. Paul Schwitters, Snopac's Director of Engineering, arrived from Dillingham, and Arlene Gunderson, Glen Gardner, Jr., Tiffany Jackson, and Start-Up Director Robbie Townsend Vennel were in town to help hold the community informational meeting September 9 after a weekend filled with food, fish and fun. At the community meeting, Snopac Products, Inc.



**The M/V Snopac Innovator**

announced it would bring the M/V Snopac Innovator to Sand Point for the 2010 salmon season. While the M/V Snopac Innovator is in Bristol Bay for the sockeye season, there will be an alternative processing ship until the M/V Snopac Innovator returns to the Sand Point area. At the meeting, a time line was established that projected milestones for the processing plant. These dates include:

- LLC and Business plan completed: end of October, 2009.

- LLC capitalized: November, 2009.
- Financing obtained for processing plant building and gear storage: Sept. 2009 - Jan. 2010.
- Lease finalized with the City for land for the plant: November, 2009.
- Gear storage facility built and fishermen supported by Snopac: for the 2010 salmon season.
- Pad poured for the plant: April 2010.
- Plant built and outfitted: June 2010 - May 2011.
- Processing begins: June 2011.

The objectives of the new plant were presented at the September 9<sup>th</sup> meeting:

- Provide a fair and competitive price to fishermen.
- Provide a supportive infrastructure to generate economies and a financial return.
- Contribute to the economic health of Sand Point and the Aleutians East Borough with increased revenue to local businesses, more infrastructure and an increased tax base.
- Develop the plant for year-round processing to utilize the Sand Point area fisheries more fully.
- Create a plant where fishermen are partners and are involved in determining LLC strategies.

There are provisions in the LLC agreement for bi-annual fishermen's meetings to communicate concerns and ideas for planning and support of the fisheries. In addition, the plant will be state-of-the-art to meet the standards of an expanding global market, and will concentrate on producing high quality products for international niche markets. Plans are being developed for branding Sand Point Area seafood products.

With Snopac's reentry into the Sand Point Salmon fishery, there will be a gear storage shed built for fishermen's gear, with construction to begin as the land is secured and plans are finalized. It is anticipated that construction will start in the spring of 2010, and the gear storage facility will be completed by the summer of 2010.

Although there has been robust interest in the plant from various entities and outside sources, Sand Point Seafoods' intention is for fishermen to have the first opportunity to invest. To support that intention, there will be two meetings held exclusively for those fishermen interested in investing in the plant. The first will be held Friday, November 20, the weekend of the Seattle Fish Expo, at 2:00 PM in the Snopac office (6118 12th Avenue South, Seattle, 98108). The second will be held in Sand Point on Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at the City Council Chambers (time to be determined). All fishermen interested in attending either of these meetings are encouraged to call a Start-Up Committee member or Robbie Townsend Vennel to confirm. The contact information is below.

## **Start-up Director**

### **Robbie Townsend Vennel**

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Sand Point Seafoods Start-up  
Director Robbie Townsend  
Vennel

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Administrator, Pauloff Harbor Tribe  
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### **Tiffany Jackson**

Aleutia  
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### **Rayette McGlashan**

(Maternity leave)

### **Paul Scwhitters**

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# Crews Complete Repairs to the False Pass Small Boat Harbor



The Coast Guard installed navigation aids at the False Pass small boat harbor.

Several finishing touches were recently added to the False Pass small boat harbor. The Coast Guard Cutter *Hickory* stopped in False Pass earlier this month to install navigation aids on the breakwater and on the sheet pile dock entrance.

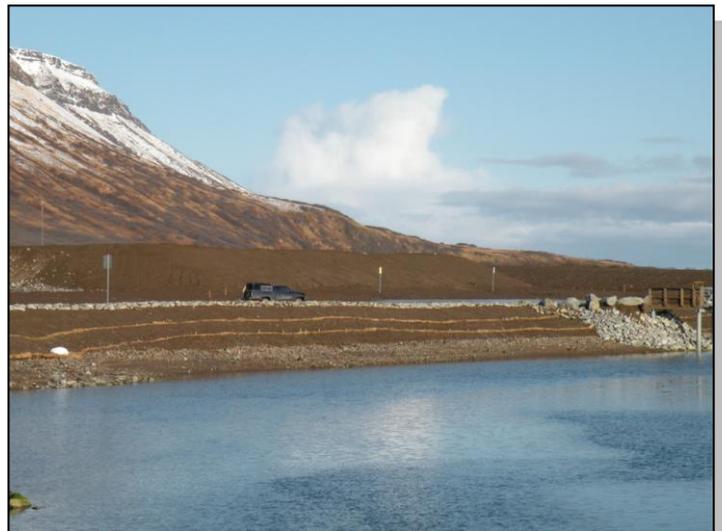
Two weeks ago, a crew from West Construction, a contractor hired by the Corps of Engineers, arrived in town to improve the rainwater drainage from the harbor's uplands. West Construction mobilized their equipment and rented some of the City's construction vehicles to get the job done. They finished the work eight days ago.



West Construction improved the rainwater drainage from the harbor's uplands.

Photos by Melanie Hoblet/

False Pass City Clerk



West Construction finished the work on the harbor's uplands on Oct. 22, 2009 and departed False Pass a day later.

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## Hovercraft Returns to Service Following Coast Guard Inspection and Required Maintenance Work



The hovercraft has resumed service between King Cove and Cold Bay this week after crew members completed several repairs. The hovercraft has been out of service since Sept. 24, 2009, when the Coast Guard conducted its annual inspection of the vessel.

Deficiencies cited during the inspection included the Halton actuators (which allow fire extinguisher medium to travel into various hovercraft compartments, including the engines). The Coast Guard discovered that the actuators opened properly but failed to close completely. Hovercraft Engineer Paul (“Toby”) Tobin determined the problem was caused by corrosion. Sixteen Halton actuators were ordered from Finland. After



The hovercraft removed the defective Halton actuators and made sure the replacement parts were corrosion-proof before installation. Photo courtesy the Aleutians East Borough.



The hovercraft crew offloads materials for USKH, the contractor conducting the survey of the area being contemplated for the road to the northeast corner. Photo courtesy the Aleutians East Borough.

experiencing some shipping delays, the crew replaced the parts within four days after they arrived in King Cove.

The Borough is finalizing compliance with four other inspection items. The Coast Guard concluded that paperwork involving chemical testing (drug and alcohol testing) of employees needed more work. AEB officials recently completed this compliance work.

The hovercraft has been busier than usual this week. In addition to its regular runs, the crew has provided logistical support for USKH, the contractor conducting the survey of the area being contemplated for the road to the northeast corner.

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## European Crew of Le Manguier Embarks on a Remarkable Journey from Corsica to Alaska

### Le Manguier Anchors in Sand Point through Spring 2010



Le Manguier is tied up in Sand Point until the crew resumes its adventure at the end of May of 2010.

A European crew is mooring its unique, energy-efficient vessel at the Sand Point Harbor through the spring of next year, before resuming its extraordinary journey along the famous Northern Sea Route. The vessel's final destination was originally going to be Japan. But the crew is enjoying their stay in Alaska so much, they may change their itinerary to extend their stay in the Aleutians. Their goal is to educate people around the world about energy conservation.

“Our era is facing serious environmental problems never encountered before: global warming, an energy crisis, pollution and over-consumption,” Philippe Hercher, owner of the vessel, Le Mangier, wrote in his blog. “The time has come to balance. We must act, and quickly.”

Six months ago, Le Manguier (the French word for mango tree), sailed from its home port of Corsica (an island that's part of the French Republic and located off the coast of Italy) and embarked on an amazing adventure: to sail from Corsica to Japan by traveling on a mythical passage, the famous Northern Sea Route, that once closely paralleled the coast of Siberia before joining the Pacific near the Bering Strait. The distance totals more than 10,000 miles.

“I thought that one way to act quickly and effectively would be to create a mobile information demonstration center on renewable energy and energy conservation,” Hercher wrote in his blog.

Hercher wanted to reach out to the public and create interest with Le Mangier, an exceptional vessel with a fascinating history. Le Mangier was a former Navy tug built in 1968. In 2003, a team of boat enthusiasts recycled and transformed it into an alternative vessel. It was fitted with a propulsion system/joint sailing motor, solar panels, photovoltaic panels and a solar concentrator. On board, a wedge filter was installed to limit the impact of discharges on the environment.

So far, the crew has stopped to visit with residents in Italy, Spain, Portugal, France, Great Britain, Scotland, the Orkney Islands, the Shetland Islands, Norway, Russia, King Cove and Sand Point, Alaska. After encountering rough weather in the Bering Sea, the crew members decided to moor the vessel in Sand Point and stay in town until the end of May, and then set sail again. At this time, crew members aren't sure if they'll travel to Japan or stay in the Aleutian Islands and the Bering Sea instead.

The crew members include: Philippe Hercher, owner of Le Manguier; Zawieja Cecilia, Herscher's wife; France Pinczon du Sel; Eric Brossier; Philippe Rigaud, historian; Karin Huet, writer; Judith Puzzuoli; Tristan Monbureau, cameraman - director; Agathe Herscher (six years old) and Leonie Brossier (2 ½ years old.)

For more information, explore the links (below) to the crew's Website and blog:

[Link: Le Manguier Website](#)

[Link: Le Manguier blog](#)

## Calendar of Borough Meetings/Events

- Multi-Jurisdictional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan - public meeting - Nelson Lagoon - Nov. 10, 2009 - Time (TBA)
- Multi-Jurisdictional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan - public meeting - Cold Bay - 7:30 p.m. (during City Council meeting) on Nov. 13, 2009.
- Area M Fish Meeting: 10:30 a.m. - Noon on Nov. 19, 2009 - Silver Cloud Hotel in Seattle.
- Pacific Marine Expo (Fish Expo) Nov. 19 - 21, 2009 - Quest Field Event Center in Seattle.

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- AEB Assembly Meeting: Nov.23, 2009 - to certify runoff election for Assembly Seat C.
  - AEB Retreat (by invitation only): Dec. 7 - 9, 2009 Anchorage: Courtyard by Marriott.
  - Multi-Jurisdictional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan - public meeting during city council meeting - Akutan - City Building - 1:30 p.m. on Dec. 15, 2009.
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## Preventing Slips and Falls

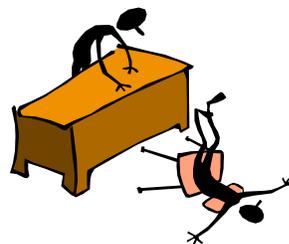
*By Jeanie Burtch, AEB Anchorage Office Manager*

Slips and falls are a common cause of injuries both at home and on the job. You can help eliminate falls in your home and in your workplace.

- ★ Anyone can trip and fall in the dark. Use adequate lighting at work and at home.
- ★ Wear shoes with non-skid soles and rubber heels for good traction.
- ★ Balance any article you are carrying, but do not obstruct your view.
- ★ Use walkways or aisles where provided – don't take shortcuts.
- ★ Never run on stairs, and always use the handrail.
- ★ Do not jump from work platforms, vehicles or other heights.
- ★ Do not tilt back in chairs. Keep all of the chair's feet on the floor.
- ★ Remove hazards from the floor that could roll, slide or trip you (loose carpets, pencils, extension cords, etc.)
- ★ Keep the floor clean. Clean up grease, water and other liquids immediately.
- ★ Keep exterior areas clear of fallen leaves, ice or snow. Contain leaves, shovel snow, use ice melt or spread grit as appropriate to your situation.
- ★ Repair or replace worn or broken flooring, steps, ladders, etc.



Many injuries are caused by a lack of attention. Safety is everyone's responsibility. Prevention is up to you.



1. Be alert.
2. Identify trouble areas.
3. Eliminate fall hazards.

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## **Request for Renewable Energy Applications Issued**

### AEA Seeks Qualified Applicants for Round III Grants



The Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) is soliciting competitive grant applications from qualified applicants for renewable energy projects to be funded by the Alaska State Legislature.

In 2008, the Alaska Legislature established the Renewable Energy Fund and authorized AEA to administer the procedures for awarding the grants and distributing grant funds. AEA received more than 230 Round I and Round II applications which were thoroughly evaluated in accordance with the criteria set forth in the legislation. Following AEA's recommendations, the 26<sup>th</sup> Legislature in the 2009 session approved 107 Round I and Round II renewable energy projects totaling \$125 million.

AEA is seeking to recommend projects based on applications that clearly demonstrate a public benefit from the proposed project. From Round III applications received, AEA will make project recommendations to the Legislature for FY2011 funding.



AEA must receive Round III applications no later than 5:00 PM Tuesday, November 10, 2009.

The Request for Application (RFA), application forms and all contact information can be found on the web at [www.akenergyauthority.org/RE\\_Fund-III.html](http://www.akenergyauthority.org/RE_Fund-III.html). Applicants may also contact Renewable Energy Fund Grants Administrator Butch White by e-mail at [re\\_fund@aidea.org](mailto:re_fund@aidea.org), or telephone (907) 771-3048.



**APPLY NOW**

# Piledrivers & Divers

The **Piledrivers, Bridge, Dock Builders and Divers Local 2520** accepts apprenticeship applications year round. The next deadline is:

**March 1, 2010**

To request an application, call:

**907-272-7577**

**Piledrivers** drive all types of piling, including steel, wood, and concrete pilings. Piledrivers work on docks, bridges, and ferry landings. Piledrivers work with power and hand tools. Piledrivers run chain saws and burning torches and use air tools. Piledrivers drill holes to put pilings into the ground, and do form work on bridges. Piledrivers also do foundation work for buildings, welding, and many other work processes.

The apprenticeship is a 4 year (5,200 hour) program that combines classroom and skill development with on-the-job training for the best quality vocational education.



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**Apprenticeship  
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You must be at least **18 years old**, an **Alaska resident** and able to **pass a drug and alcohol screening** to apply. Applicants must submit a complete application and copies of:

- Birth Certificate
- High School Diploma or GED
- Transcripts and/or GED Test Scores
- Valid Alaska Driver's License
- DD214 (Veterans only)

Additional documents recommended:

- Letters of Recommendation
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APPLY OCTOBER 15 - NOVEMBER 15, 2009

# Heat & Frost Insulators

The Heat & Frost Insulators Apprenticeship Program is currently accepting applications for Apprentices October 15 - November 15, 2009. Complete applications and all required documents are due by November 25, 2009.

To request an application, call:

(907) 272-8224

Monday - Friday, between the hours of 9 am - 4 pm



The Heat & Frost Insulators Apprenticeship is a 4-year program that combines classroom and skill development work with 6,400 hours of on-the-job training for the highest quality vocational education.

Insulators apply insulation materials to pipes, tanks, boilers, ducts, refrigeration equipment, and other surfaces requiring thermal control of temperatures.

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To receive an application, you must be an Alaska resident, 18 or older, have a high school diploma or GED and a valid Alaska Driver's License. Applications will be mailed to those who meet the initial requirements.

To be scheduled for an interview, you must submit a complete application and copies of:

- Birth Certificate (proof of 18 years of age or older)
- High School Diploma or GED
- Transcripts and/or GED Test Scores
- Alaska Driver's License
- Social Security Card
- DD214 for veterans

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## 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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