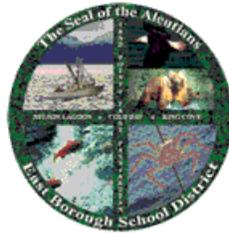
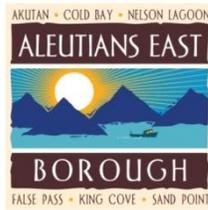


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## **Alaska Community Leaders Request Senate Committee Vote for Land Exchange Bill**



King Cove, AK – July 14, 2008 – Native and community leaders from King Cove, Alaska met with lawmakers in Washington, D.C. this week in hopes that the U.S. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee will vote to report S. 1680 to the Senate floor this summer. The Izembek Enhancement Act proposes increasing the size of the Izembek and Alaska Peninsula Wildlife Refuges by more than 61,000 acres in exchange for a small, narrow road corridor leading from King Cove to the

all-weather airport in Cold Bay, Alaska. The legislation would provide the community with a long-term solution to its transportation access problem.

King Cove community members are hopeful Senator Jeff Bingaman (D – New Mexico), chairman of the committee, will allow the legislation to move forward based on health, safety and quality-of-life factors. The committee scheduled a hearing on the issue on April 15, 2008. In the weeks following the hearing, staff members from Bingaman’s and Senator Ron Wyden’s offices have been considering a number of management regulations to incorporate into the legislation to strike a balance between the needs of human life and possible environmental impacts to migrating birds in the Izembek Wildlife National Refuge.

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## Exxon Opposes Paying Interest to Plaintiffs



Exxon Mobil submitted a nine-page brief this week to the U.S. Supreme Court, stating it should not have to pay \$488 million in interest on the punitive damages owed to Alaska Natives, fishermen and other plaintiffs. The award stems from the company’s role in the 1989 oil spill in Prince William Sound. Exxon wrote in the brief that, “there is no good reason” for the U.S. Supreme Court to assess interest. Last week, plaintiffs asked the Supreme Court to make

it absolutely clear that they should receive interest payments. Last month, the court slashed the punitive damages award from \$2.5 billion to \$507.5 million.

The oil giant said it should not be penalized by awarding another \$488 million when the “substantial delay was not in any sense Exxon’s fault” but was that of the plaintiffs who appealed the lower court decision.



[Read more - Anchorage Daily News story](#)

[ADN article - Resolution of Exxon Interest Payment Issue May Be Soon](#)

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## Bristol Bay Sockeye Return Overwhelms Canneries



A huge sockeye salmon run in Bristol Bay appears to be far more than processors can handle, leaving commercial fishermen with full nets and light wallets. Gillnetters trying to sell the fish are finding out that processors will only take limited catches, and in some cases, canneries are suspending purchases entirely, saying they're struggling to keep up with the fish landed early last week. In the meantime, fishermen have been

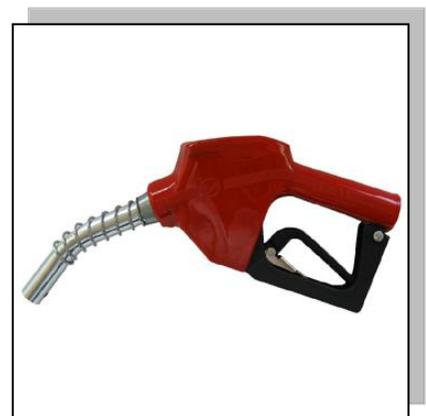
venting their frustrations to the governor's office. They say the same thing happened last year, and canneries should be better prepared to handle all fish caught.

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## Fishermen Reeling from Increasing Fuel Prices

Skyrocketing fuel prices are dashing the dreams of many of America's commercial fishermen, forcing some to consider putting their nets away for good. Fishermen and seafood economists say conditions are progressively getting worse, and some captains are thinking about leaving the business. To cut their costs, many fishermen from Florida to Texas are traveling to Mexico to fuel up. Other fishermen are making fewer trips or they aren't traveling as far to fishing grounds.



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## **Fisheries Fuel Tax Relief Act of 2008**

### **Introduced by Sen. Murkowski**



Sen. Lisa Murkowski, (R-Alaska) has introduced the Fisheries Fuel Tax Relief Act of 2008 (S. 3234). The legislation would amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a temporary income tax credit for commercial fishermen to offset high fuel costs.

The bill, introduced last month, was co-sponsored by Sen. Ted Stevens (R-Alaska). It was referred to the Senate Finance Committee.

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## **Japanese Fishermen Strike Over Rising Fuel Prices**

Commercial fishermen in the United States aren't the only ones struggling from soaring fuel prices. On Tuesday, July 15, 2008, fishermen across Japan, nearly the entire industry, staged a one-day strike to protest the rising cost of fuel. Organizers said the strike was the largest ever for the industry, involving 200,000 boats and 400,000 workers. Thousands of fishermen demonstrated in a park in central Tokyo while their boats sat idle in ports. According to the Japanese National Federation of Fisheries, fuel costs for Japanese fishermen have tripled in three years. The federation wants the government to help the industry with measures such as tax breaks.

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## **Development Association Opens Processing Plant in False Pass**

Bering Pacific Seafoods has opened for business in False Pass. The \$4.5-million processing plant, owned by Aleutian Pribilof Island Community Development Association (APICDA), plans to buy and process salmon, Pacific cod, halibut and sablefish. APICDA Joint Ventures Inc., the for-profit arm of APICDA, hopes to operate on a year-round basis. The plant expects to provide new markets for local and regional fishermen, offer local jobs and create tax revenue for the City of False Pass.



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## **False Pass Harbor Update**

Kelly-Ryan Construction crews began dredging the entrance channel in the new False Pass Harbor last week. Meanwhile, the rock placement continues. Completion of the harbor is anticipated by this winter.

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## False Pass Landfill Road Bridge Goes Up



These photos, taken by Melanie Hoblet, show the pre-constructed bridge that Brice Inc. recently built. The bridge crosses a small creek north of False Pass, past the Boat Harbor and Isanotski Crab Pot Storage. It's part of the new landfill road.



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## Sand Point to Recycle Glass

*By Paul Day, Sand Point City Administrator*

The city of Sand Point needs sand? Well, not exactly. But plans are underway to purchase a glass pulverizing system and start removing glass from the waste stream in the Borough's largest community – and the end product will be safe and usable 'sand'.

Glass comprises a large portion (by weight) of the material that is thrown away by the average homeowner. In addition, glass is also a large portion of the waste generated from the local store, restaurants and bar. In Sand Point, this glass is then collected in our dumpsters (along with all other garbage) and burned



(melted) in the city-owned incinerator. Melted glass causes a real mess in the incinerator and is difficult to remove once cooled.

The city of Sand Point is in the process of purchasing a glass pulverizing system that will crush most discarded glass into a safe and usable material that will be used by the public works department to sand winter streets, as bedding for water and sewer pipes, in the sand traps at the local golf course and for other innovative purposes. Citizens and shop owners will be encouraged to segregate glass from their waste stream and place this glass in specially marked dumpsters strategically placed throughout the community. Public works will then collect this glass, crush it into sand, and re-use it for a better purpose. This will provide needed sand for Sand Point AND keep unwanted glass out of the community's incinerator.

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## HOVERCRAFT NOISE REDUCTION

*By Clark Corbridge, AEB Assistant Borough Administrator*



Many people are aware that one reason the hovercraft was chosen for the marine link between King Cove and Cold Bay was the hovercraft's comparative "friendliness" to the wildlife in the area. It now appears possible to reduce the hovercraft's noise footprint appreciably with some technological and operational improvements.

Noise comparisons are frequently made in decibels (dB). Because decibels are

defined using a logarithmic scale, “twice as loud” does not translate as “twice as many decibels.” Most people perceive a ten dB change as being about twice as loud. Some common examples:

- “whisper quiet” library 30 dB
- normal conversation 65 dB
- truck traffic 90 dB
- three feet from power mower 107 dB
- loud rock concert 115 dB
- 100 feet from jet engine 140 dB

It appears the hovercraft’s noise footprint can be reduced by applying a combination of:

1. Redesigning the blade shape, using the most current information and techniques;
2. Designing thrust propellers having more blades;
3. Reducing the diameter of the thrust propellers;
4. Reducing thrust propeller rpm; and
5. Reducing the power settings used in various phases of operation.

Fortunately, it appears that updating to the best available proven technology, as outlined above, may allow the hovercraft to cruise at slightly greater speed while using a bit less fuel than it now consumes. We now need to obtain hard engineering data regarding the cost of converting to an updated thrust propeller system and the feasible fuel savings, so that we can do a cost-benefit study projecting how long it will take to recoup the significant financial investment necessary to update the thrust propeller system. *(New props might be similar to scimitar-shaped blade propeller – shown on the right.)*



Using the best information we have available today (much of which has been derived from aircraft noise signatures), it appears the optimum combination of the above factors may result in a total noise reduction between 5 dB and 10 dB. That is equivalent to saying the best case scenario is, we may succeed in making the hovercraft half as noisy as it now is.

Such a large improvement in the hovercraft’s noise signature would make the craft even more environmentally friendly than it is now. That would be very desirable, both for the current King Cove to Cold Bay hovercraft route, and for the future hovercraft anticipated to carry passengers between the City of Akutan and the new Akutan airport.

## **Travel Writer Visits Sand Point for Magazine Articles and a Book**



Author Mike Coppock visited Sand Point in late May as part of his manuscript research for Mountain Press' Oceanside History of Alaska. Another article he's writing is about daily life in a remote fishing village for Sea Classics Magazine, scheduled to come out this winter. A third article focuses on things to do and the beauty of the region. That will appear in ISLANDS magazine. Borough Clerk/Planner Tina Anderson hosted Mike while he was in Sand Point, giving him a tour of the city. During

his tour, he interviewed a gold prospector. That article will be incorporated into his story on Alaska's Quiet Gold Rush appearing in Lost Treasures magazine.

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## **Sand Point's Culture Camp to Kick off Next Week**

*By Tina Anderson, AEB Clerk/Planner*

Culture Camp in Sand Point begins July 21<sup>st</sup> and continues through Aug. 1st. The Qagan Tayagungin Tribe has worked cooperatively with APIA, USFWS, Unga and Pauloff Tribal Councils, Shumagin Corp. and with the support from Aleutians East Borough and other businesses and organizations in the region has been able to provide a very successful culture camp for the past 8 years for Unangan/Aleut youth.





This year's camp will focus on Unangan Dance and Language, Aleut bentwood hat making, regalia making, bidarka making, drum making and basket weaving.

The camp is able to accept thirty students in the 5th through 12th grade from communities in the Aleutians East Borough. They also have a day camp for children in Sand Point from kindergarten through 4th grade.

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## EAT'S 2008 Floating Health Fair is a Success

*By Ladonna Lindley, EAT Special Projects Coordinator*

A 19.3 foot U-Haul on the ferry dock in Akutan where there are only boardwalks? Singing songs of wellness with residents at 11:00 p.m. in the net shed at Sand Point? A person dressed up like a bumble bee? These were just three of the strange occurrences last month when Eastern Aleutian Tribes hosted its first annual "Floating Health Fair".

The effort was the culmination of a year-long effort by Anna Buterbaugh, EAT's RN/Case Manager, to provide health education to the folks of the Aleutian Chain. Coordinating with the Alaska Marine Highway System, the State of Alaska, and various other entities, Anna persevered through numerous logistic and personnel challenges until the dream became a reality in June 2008.



The U-Haul was filled to the brim with informative displays, toothpaste, toothbrushes, fruit and veggie beanbags, berry baskets with Quit Line info, jump ropes, Frisbees, "Eat Smart" stickers, boating safety

and bear awareness posters plus a good supply of fishing poles when it made its way to Homer on June 26 to meet the “Trusty Tusty”.

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## False Pass Kicks off July Fourth Festivities a Week Later

By Melanie Hoblet, False Pass City Clerk/Treasurer

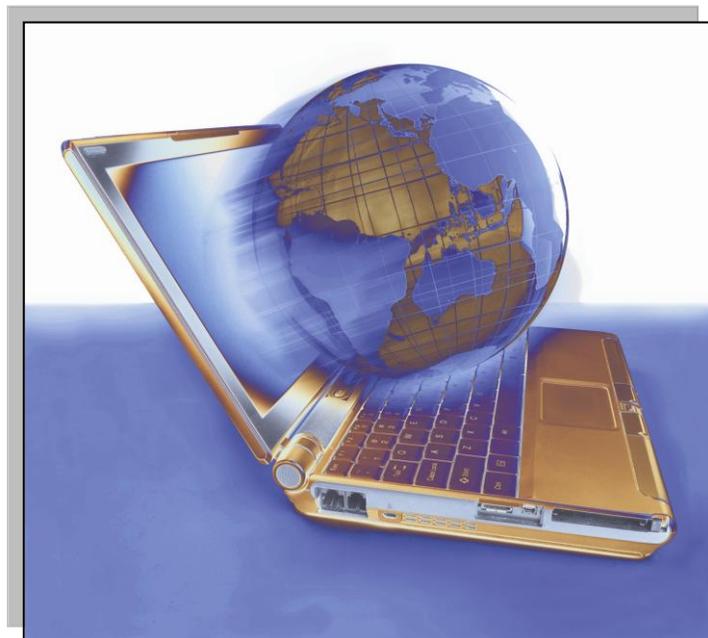
False Pass postponed its 4th of July festivities for a week due to poor weather. But on July 12<sup>th</sup>, the community more than made up for it. The city hosted a barbeque and races for the kids, which included a clothespin race, wheelbarrow race, pie eating contest, farthest ping pong ball throw, balloon race, egg toss, water balloon race and ice cream eating contest. There were prizes for all the kids and some for the adults. Special thanks to Nicole Hoblet and Pricilla Miller, who planned diligently for this event. The City of False Pass also wishes to thank all those who donated time, food, prizes, and showed the kids of False Pass a great time!



## **AEBSD Technology Department Gears up to Provide Distance Learning Courses**

*By Gus Perkins, AEBSD Instructional Technology, Testing Coordinator and Webmaster*

The beginning of the new school year, 2008-2009, is coming up quickly. The Aleutian East Borough School District's (AEBSD's) technology department has been working this summer to



get ready. The technology department is making changes to their Internet/district circuits to provide distance learning courses to all school sites. The changes will also provide increased technology services, connectivity and support. New Video Conference equipment has been purchased to “super-size” each school’s monitors and TV carts. The Technology Procedures and Policies handbook has been revised and will be presented to our students and parents to help improve care of school laptops.

The district Web page continues to grow for our students, staff and community.

To help connect our stakeholders, we have provided links to various pages. If your community would like to link a web page or you would like to suggest a link for the district web page, please forward your links/request to our webmaster, Gus Perkins.

[Link to AEBSD Web site](#)

# AEBSD District Calendar 2008-2009

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