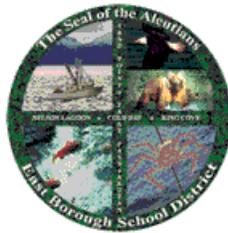
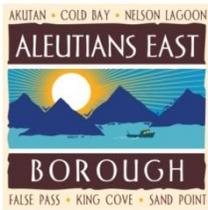


In the Loop



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

Cold Bay Residents Participate in Community Development Plan Workshop

The Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF) is updating the Cold Bay Airport Master Plan. And Cold Bay residents are getting a say in the process. Thursday night, (April 14, 2009) consultants with DOWL HKM and Aleutians East Borough Community Development Coordinator Ted Meyer hosted a public meeting at the Cold Bay



Cold Bay residents listen to DOWL HKM Consultant John Jones during a presentation on the Cold Bay Airport Master Plan yesterday. Photo by Monty Martin.



AEB Community Coordinator Ted Meyer points out major areas and issues that will be considered in the Cold Bay Airport Master Plan. Photo by Monty Martin.

Community Center. The major issues that are being considered in the plan include runway lengths, FAA safety standards, community land use, facility needs, and access and aprons for the new terminal. The goal is to have construction efforts begin during the summer of 2010.

If you missed the meeting but would still like to comment, contact John Jones of DOWL HKM at (907) 562-2000 or email jjones@dowlhkm.com. You can also contact Judy Chapman with DOT&PF at (907) 269-0519 or email judy.chapman@alaska.gov. Input to the plan will be accepted for the next few months.

GAO Representatives Visit Cold Bay, Sand Point and Nelson Lagoon to Examine Oil & Gas Process



Three members of the Government Accountability Office (GAO) based in Seattle and Washington, D.C. visited the Aleutians East Borough to learn more about the possibilities of oil and gas development near Nelson Lagoon. The

AEB Administrator Sharon Boyette and three members of the Government Accountability Office recently met with Cold Bay residents to discuss the possibility of oil and gas development. Photo by Monty Martin.

GAO is the investigative arm of Congress. It is charged with examining matters relating to the receipt and payment of public funds. Last week, GAO representatives visited Sand Point, Cold Bay and Nelson Lagoon. They were looking for answers to the questions: How do local people feel about the lease sale? And do people feel that the Interior Department's Minerals Management Service is doing a good job in its work related to the lease sale? Their report will be released in January, 2010, on the GAO website (www.gao.gov).

Update on King Cove's City Streets Project



King Cove's street project has begun. The new bridge is expected to be completed by the end of June.

King Cove's city streets project is fully underway. The new bridge, which replaces the Ram Creek culverts, is expected to be in place by the end of June. The contractor, Twin Peaks Construction Company, is scheduled to complete the project by mid August.

The city needs an additional \$2.5 million to pave 4 miles of city streets. The city is hopeful grant funding will come through from the State of Alaska and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Depending on

available funding, paving may begin in the summer of 2010.

Borough Launches Multi-Hazard Mitigation Planning Process

By Eileen Bechtol

Disasters, such as avalanches, coastal erosion, earthquakes, floods, high winds, landslides, tsunamis, wildfires, and severe weather are events beyond human control. However, reducing the risks and damages from these events through mitigation efforts is possible. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) wants to ensure that each community's critical facilities and services will continue to function after a natural disaster. FEMA has funds available for projects that can help to do this.



AEB is working on a multi-hazard mitigation plan to ensure FEMA funds are available in the event of a disaster, such as a tsunami.

Preparing a Multi-Hazards Mitigation Plan (MHMP) is the first step in this process. Risks from each type of hazard are assessed, critical facilities are identified within the community and their vulnerability to hazard is determined. Potential losses are estimated, and community land use is considered. With this information, a mitigation strategy will be developed, including mitigation goals, objectives and actions to reduce or avoid long-term risk or damage from disaster events. Projects will be identified, evaluated and prioritized, and an implementation strategy will be developed.

The plan must be approved by the local government, FEMA, and the state Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHS&EM) before it is official. Once the plan is finalized, the community is eligible to apply to FEMA and DHS&EM for funds for the community's identified mitigation projects. The Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services has funded a multi-hazards mitigation for the AEB. WHPacific, Inc. and



The planning team is interested in finding out which natural hazards, such as earthquakes, are of most concern to the communities.

Bechtol Planning and Development (BP&D) have been hired to help the community to prepare the plan.

The MHMP will include information specific to the AEB, and the Cities of Sand Point, King Cove, Cold Bay, False Pass, and Akutan, and the Tribal Village of Nelson Lagoon, including critical facilities, potential threats from natural hazards and strategies to minimize the risk to residents

and property. Strategies may be for immediate implementation or for long-term activities. They can range from educating residents about what to do in the event of a natural disaster, to relocating structures away from high-risk areas.

Your ideas are valuable to the planning team. In the following months, information will be sent out to the communities and public meetings will be held on the project. We are interested in which natural hazards are of most concern to the communities and any ideas on projects that could mitigate damage. The planning team hopes that you will take an active role in the AEB MHMP development. If you would like more information or have questions or comments, you can reach the planning team by email or phone:

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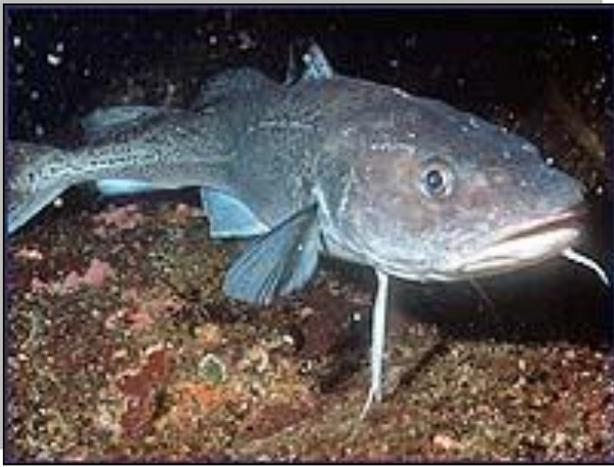
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Further information can be found on the DHS&EM website at:

<http://www.ak-prepared.com/plans/mitigation/mitplanresourcesa.htm>

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

Meets June 3 – 9, 2009 in Anchorage



The NPFMC will take final action on the Bering Sea Aleutian Island Fixed Gear Parallel Fisheries issue during its June meeting.

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC) will take up several major issues on June 3 – 9, 2009 at the Anchorage Hilton Hotel. The council will take final action on the Bering Sea Aleutian Island Fixed Gear Parallel Fisheries. The action contains an amendment to limit access in the Pacific cod parallel waters fishery.

The NPFMC will also review a discussion paper on Gulf of Alaska vessel capacity. In addition, the council will review alternatives for the parallel waters issue in the Pacific cod sector split (discussed in the next story). Refining alternatives for the chum salmon bycatch analysis is another issue the council

will consider. Visit the link below for more information on the agenda items.

[Link to NPFMC Draft Agenda - June 3 - 9, 2009](#)

Gulf of Alaska Pacific Cod Sector Split

By Sam Cotten, AEB Fisheries Consultant and NPFMC Member

The reason the North Pacific Fishery Management Council is considering the Pacific cod sector split is discussed in the purpose and needs statement:



The Council is considering the Pacific cod sector split issue during its June meeting.

“...competition among the various gear types...”; “the competition among the sectors... may contribute to higher rates of bycatch, discards and out-of-season incidental catch of Pacific cod”; participants... who have made... investments and are dependent on the fishery face uncertainty...”; “allocation of the catch among sectors may reduce uncertainty and contribute to stability across the sectors.”

The allocations will be based on historical catches by the various sectors. The sectors include:

- Trawl catcher processor (CP)
- Trawl catcher vessel (CV)
- Hook and Line (HAL) CP – with an option to further divide between boats greater than 125’ and those less than 125’. HAL CV – with an option to further divide between boats greater than 60’ and those less than 60’.
- Another option for the Central Gulf is to divide greater than 50’ and less than 50’.
- Pot CV – option greater than 60’ and less than 60’.
- Pot CP
- Jig vessels

The following tables show possible allocations, depending on which years are chosen and depending on how the various sectors are identified. The council may choose percentages from the tables or within the range of options shown. For example, if the council chose 1995-2005 (best 7 years), the Trawl CV allocation would be 46.6%

and the pot CV allocation would be 27.9%. If 2002-07 (best three years) were selected, the trawl sector would get 26.5 % and the pot sector would get 44.9 %. The council also has the option to choose a number somewhere in the middle, even if that number is not specifically listed in the table.



Pacific cod

Table E-2 Potential percent allocations of the Western and Central GOA Pacific cod TACs

Western Gulf	Period	HAL CP	HAL CV	Jig CV	Pot CP	Pot CV	Trawl CP	Trawl CV
1995-2005:	Best 7 years	19.7%	0.6%	0.5%	2.2%	27.9%	2.5%	46.6%
1995-2005:	Best 5 years	18.6%	0.7%	0.5%	2.5%	30.4%	2.4%	44.9%
2000-2006:	Best 5 years	21.6%	0.7%	0.7%	2.3%	40.5%	2.6%	31.7%
2000-2006:	Best 3 years	21.4%	0.9%	0.8%	2.7%	41.3%	2.7%	30.2%
2002-2007:	Best 5 years	22.6%	1.2%	0.6%	1.6%	45.7%	2.4%	26.0%
2002-2007:	Best 3 years	22.2%	1.5%	0.7%	1.8%	44.9%	2.5%	26.5%
Central Gulf	Period	HAL CP	HAL CV	Jig CV	Pot CP	Pot CV	Trawl CP	Trawl CV
1995-2005:	Best 7 years	2.8%	17.3%	0.2%	1.5%	24.7%	5.3%	48.1%
1995-2005:	Best 5 years	3.4%	17.6%	0.2%	2.0%	25.2%	5.6%	45.9%
2000-2006:	Best 5 years	4.2%	20.8%	0.3%	1.0%	25.3%	4.4%	44.1%
2000-2006:	Best 3 years	4.7%	19.4%	0.4%	1.4%	27.9%	4.4%	41.9%
2002-2007:	Best 5 years	5.2%	22.6%	0.3%	0.4%	25.8%	3.5%	42.3%
2002-2007:	Best 3 years	4.9%	21.5%	0.4%	0.5%	28.1%	3.3%	41.3%

Table E-3 Potential percent allocations of the Western and Central GOA Pacific cod TACs under sub-options to split sectors by vessel length

Western Gulf	Period	HAL CP	HAL CP	TRW CP	TRW CP	TRW CV	TRW CV
		<125	>12	<125	>125	<60	>60
1995-2005:	Best 7 years	16.8%	2.9%	1.1%	1.4%	32.8%	13.8%
1995-2005:	Best 5 years	15.4%	3.1%	0.8%	1.6%	30.9%	14.1%
2000-2006:	Best 5 years	18.1%	3.6%	1.4%	1.2%	24.6%	7.1%
2000-2006:	Best 3 years	17.6%	3.7%	1.3%	1.4%	23.6%	6.6%
2002-2007:	Best 5 years	17.5%	5.1%	1.5%	0.9%	21.4%	4.5%
2002-2007:	Best 3 years	17.6%	4.6%	1.6%	0.9%	23.0%	3.5%

Table E-3 Potential percent allocations of the Western and Central GOA Pacific cod TACs under sub-options to split sectors by vessel length

Central Gulf	Period	HAL CP	HAL CP	TRW CP	TRW CP	TRW CV	TRW CV
		<125	>125	<125	>125	<60	>60
1995-2005:	Best 7 years	0.8%	2.1%	1.1%	4.3%	8.0%	40.1%
1995-2005:	Best 5 years	0.8%	2.7%	1.0%	4.6%	8.5%	37.4%
2000-2006:	Best 5 years	0.6%	3.6%	1.7%	2.8%	1.7%	42.4%
2000-2006:	Best 3 years	0.5%	4.1%	1.4%	3.0%	1.7%	40.1%
2002-2007:	Best 5 years	0.8%	4.4%	1.7%	1.8%	1.1%	41.1%
2002-2007:	Best 3 years	0.5%	4.4%	1.4%	1.9%	1.5%	39.8%

Western Gulf	Period	HAL CV	HAL CV	HAL CV	HAL CV	Pot CV	Pot CV	Pot CV	Pot CV
		<50	>50	<60	>60	<50	>50	<60	>60
1995-2005:	Best 7 years	0.3%	0.4%	0.4%	0.2%	1.4%	26.5%	13.5%	14.4%
1995-2005:	Best 5 years	0.3%	0.4%	0.4%	0.3%	1.0%	29.3%	14.3%	16.1%
2000-2006:	Best 5 years	0.3%	0.4%	0.6%	0.1%	1.4%	39.1%	18.9%	21.6%
2000-2006:	Best 3 years	0.4%	0.4%	0.7%	0.1%	1.4%	40.0%	19.8%	21.5%
2002-2007:	Best 5 years	0.6%	0.6%	1.1%	0.0%	1.7%	44.0%	20.8%	24.9%
2002-2007:	Best 3 years	0.8%	0.7%	1.5%	0.0%	1.5%	43.4%	21.6%	23.3%

Central Gulf Period

1995-2005:	Best 7 years	12.5%	4.8%	16.0%	1.3%	1.5%	23.2%	11.4%	13.3%
1995-2005:	Best 5 years	12.8%	4.9%	16.3%	1.4%	1.4%	23.9%	11.3%	13.9%
2000-2006:	Best 5 years	14.6%	6.2%	19.0%	1.8%	0.6%	24.6%	10.9%	14.4%
2000-2006:	Best 3 years	13.9%	5.5%	18.0%	1.4%	0.7%	27.2%	11.4%	16.4%
2002-2007:	Best 5 years	15.4%	7.1%	20.5%	2.0%	0.5%	25.3%	12.1%	13.7%
2002-2007:	Best 3 years	14.7%	6.9%	19.8%	1.7%	0.5%	27.6%	13.0%	15.2%

Another option available for the Western Gulf would be to combine pot CV and trawl CV allocations.

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

ADF&G Releases Fishery Management Plans for 2009

The Alaska Department of Fish & Game (ADF&G) has released the following fishery management plans for 2009:

- 1) Southeastern District Mainland

[Link: Southeastern District Mainland 2009 Salmon Management Plan](#)



Several fishery management plans for 2009 are now available on the ADF&G Web site.

- 2) South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Fishery

[Link: South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Fishery 2009 Salmon Management Plan](#)

- 3) The AK Peninsula – Aleutian Islands - Sac Roe

[Link: AK Peninsula - Aleutian Islands Management Area Sac Roe Management Plan 2009](#)

4) AK Peninsula – Aleutian Islands Herring Food and Bait Herring Fisheries

[Link: AK Peninsula - Aleutian Islands Management Area Herring Food and Bait Fishing Management Plan 2009](#)

Reminder: AEB Fishermen Are No Longer Operating Under a Chum Cap During June Fishery

The Borough would like to remind Area M fishermen that we are no longer operating under a chum cap during the June Fishery. However, it's crucial that chum catches do not exceed previous regulatory limits. It's important that our fishery continues to operate in a responsible manner just as it has for the past several years.



The Borough reminds Area M fishermen that it's critical chum catches don't exceed previous regulatory limits.

Paving the Way for a Liquid Adventure in Alaska

Get Ready for a Jet Ski Ultra marathon



You've followed the Iditarod, the Yukon Quest and the Iron Dog over the years. Soon, you can add the new Alaskan Wet Dog Race to the list of ultra marathons. When the event launches in 2011, the approximately 2,000-mile Jet Ski

race will take riders from the Port of Anchorage to the Alaska Peninsula, around Kodiak and back to Anchorage. Expedition organizer John Lang hopes the \$2 million purse will entice 500 race teams participate.

Before this race makes its debut, six riders will do a test run of the course, making brief stops in 23 towns and villages, including Cold Bay, Sand Point, King Cove and False Pass. You can look forward to seeing a familiar Alaska icon at some of the checkpoints. Four-time Iditarod champion Martin Buser will join forces with five other drivers to get a feel for the course, the equipment and the safety precautions.

A 35-foot support vessel will meet the riders in Anchor Point and accompany them. The Wet Dog trial run will begin at 2 p.m. on May 19, 2009, from the Port of Anchorage. The riders are scheduled to stop in Sand Point (May 28th or 29th), King Cove (May 30th) Cold Bay (May 30th) and False Pass (May 31st). The riders will have transponders with them, so if they're delayed, check their Web site to find their exact location.

For more information, visit this link: [Link to Alaskan Wet Dog Race](#)

Title for Borough's P.I.O. Changed to Communications Manager

The title for the Borough's Public Information Officer (Laura Tanis) was recently changed to Communications Manager. The Borough believes the new title better describes Tanis's job duties. Tanis has worked for the AEB for two years. Among other things, Laura writes, edits and distributes three newsletters (*Fish News*, *In the Loop* and *The Pipeline*), maintains and updates the Borough's Web site (www.alutianseast.org), writes press releases, creates brochures and prepares for and participates in trade shows (including the Pacific Marine Expo and NAPE).

AEB Office Manager Becomes a Grandmother... Again



Rich Burtch and wife, AEB Office Manager Jeanie Burtch, are grandparents for the second time.

and Danielle, her daughter-in-law. This is Jeanie's second grandchild. Her first lives in Oregon with her oldest son.

AEB Office Manager Jeanie Burtch held her newest grandchild in her arms for the first time on May 4, 2009. Justin Burtch weighted 7 pounds 10 ounces and was 21 inches long the day he entered the world in Wasilla. The proud parents are Brian, Jeanie's son,



Justin Burtch, born on May 4, 2009, is the newest addition to the Burtch Family.

King Cove Fire Department Rescues Cat Stuck on Top of Light Pole



The King Cove Fire Department arrived on the scene to rescue a cat stuck on top of a light pole.

George Simmons of the Electric Department lent a hand by climbing up and rescuing the frightened feline.

Photos By Mike Bedizen, Jr.

Rescuing cats from trees is one of the many good deeds that fire departments perform. But rescuing a cat from on top of a light pole? That's going above and beyond.

And that's exactly what the King Cove Fire and Electric Departments did on May 6,

2009. The



The King Cove Fire Department used a two-stage ladder to rescue the cat as curious onlookers watched.

unusual site attracted a small crowd. The fire department put a two-stage ladder on the light pole.



George Simmons of the King Cove Electric Department brought the cat down from the light pole.



King Cove Calendar Items:

- King Cove Head start Program – Father Involvement Annual Fundraiser Picnic – Sat., May 16, 2009. Picnic at 2 p.m. Graduation occurs at 3 p.m. Both events take place at the Community Center.
- Annual Firemen’s Picnic: Sat., May 30, 2009 at 4 p.m. in the old school – little gym.

Aleutia Offers Incredible Membership Rates For Area M Fishermen



Aleutia is offering 2-year memberships at an unbelievably low cost of \$50.

For those who have already paid \$100 for their membership, that rate will now carry over for four years. Each new member gets a free Aleutia hat.

For more information, contact Tiffany Jackson at (907) 383-5909 or send an email to Aleutia_Tiffany@arctic.net .

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