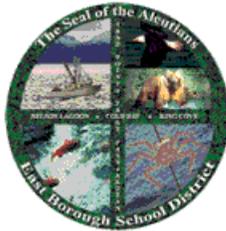
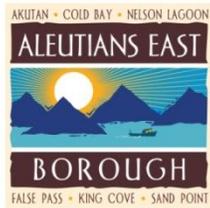


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## Izembek Land Exchange Passes Alaska Legislature

House Bill 210 (HB210), the Izembek Land Exchange Bill, passed the Alaska Legislature this week. HB210 passed the Senate 20 to 0 on Monday, April 12, 2010. It passed the House during the last session by another unanimous vote. Because of a small amendment on the Senate side, the bill returned to the House for “concurrence” with that change. After agreeing with that change, the House again voted unanimously in favor of HB210. This legislation completes the state’s role in the agreement and allows for the land exchange to occur

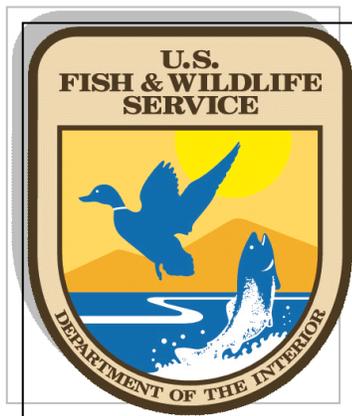


As part of the land exchange, the federal government would receive 61,000 acres from the State of Alaska and the King Cove Corporation.

between the federal government and the state, pending an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and a positive finding by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior.

Part of the Public Omnibus Public Land Management Act would establish a process to increase the size of the Izembek and Alaska Peninsula Wildlife Refuges by more than 61,000 acres (donated from the State of Alaska and the King Cove Corporation) in exchange for a small single-lane gravel road corridor (206 acres) leading from King Cove to all-weather airport in Cold Bay. In addition, 1,600 acres of refuge lands on Sitkinak Island would be transferred to the State of Alaska. As a condition of the exchange, an EIS must be conducted and the Secretary of the Interior must determine that the land exchange and the road corridor are in the public interest.

FWS plans to hold five scoping hearings in the Borough April 26 - 30, 2010 as part of its Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). It's a chance for hundreds of Borough residents to let FWS know their thoughts on the proposed land exchange and road corridor. Residents in King Cove say the road access would provide safe, reliable surface transportation connection to the Cold Bay Airport and a critical link to the outside world. (See below for the latest scoping meeting schedule planned in the Borough communities).



## **PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS IN SAND POINT, NELSON LAGOON, COLD BAY, FALSE PASS, AND KING COVE ON THE IZEMBEK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE LAND EXCHANGE/ROAD CORRIDOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

Monday, April 26 – **Sand Point**, City Chamber Room at 4 - 5:30 pm;

Tuesday, April 27 – **Cold Bay**, Community Center, 7 p.m.;

Wednesday, April 28 – **Nelson Lagoon**, Community Center at 1 - 2:30 pm;

Thursday, April 29 – **False Pass**, Community Center, 12:30 - 2 p.m.;

Friday, April 30 – **King Cove**, Multi-purpose building at 3 - 5 p.m.

**Please note that the dates and times are weather dependent. Please check with the Aleutians East Borough for updates.**

**YOUR COMMENTS AND PARTICIPATION ARE IMPORTANT. PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING ONE OF THE MEETINGS.**

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## **Two Sessions of Free Safety Training Scheduled for Borough's Commercial Fishermen**



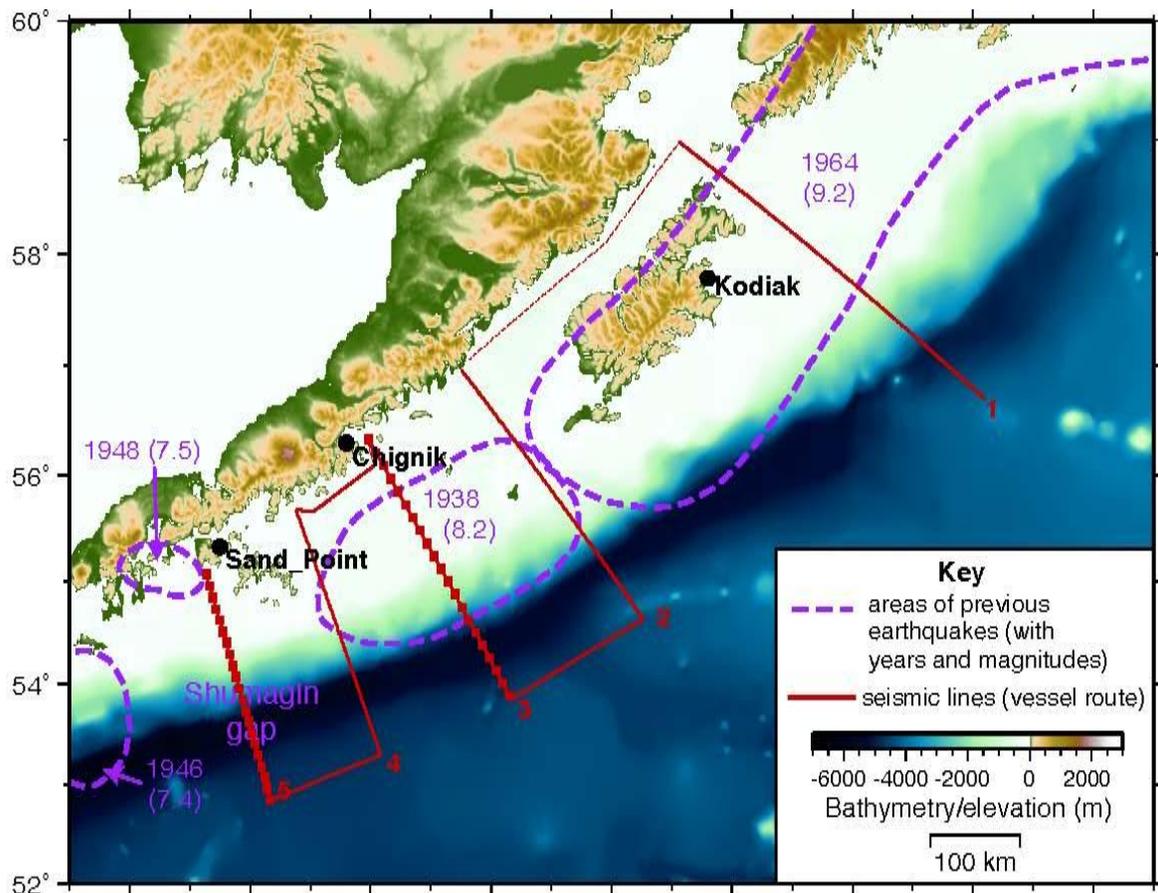
The Alaska Marine Safety Education Association (AMSEA) will offer a fishing vessel safety and drill conductor course in Sand Point on April 16 - 18, 2010 and in Nelson Lagoon on April 23 - April 24, 2010. All of these courses meet the U.S Coast Guard training requirements for commercial fishing vessels and are available **free** to commercial fishermen, thanks to funding from the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) and the U.S. Coast Guard.

To attend either of these courses, please register in advance. For the Sand Point and Nelson Lagoon sessions, contact instructor Jason Bjornstad in Sand Point at 907-386-1125 or 907-383-5355 during the evenings. You may also contact AMSEA's office in Sitka at 907-747-3287. Information and online registration is available at [www.amsea.org](http://www.amsea.org).

# Public Meeting in Sand Point To Focus on Planned Academic Seismic Study

Meeting Scheduled for April 21, 2010 at 7 p.m. in the Sand Point City Hall Council Chambers Room.

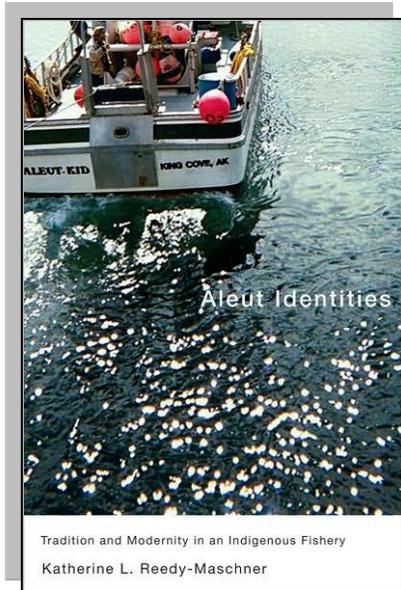
Doctors Donna Shillington (Columbia University) and Mladen Nedimovic (Dalhousie University) will provide a short presentation about a planned academic seismic study to understand the offshore fault that causes large earthquakes in this part of Alaska (e.g., 1938 and 1964 earthquakes).



Shillington and Nedimovic will be in town the afternoon of April 21 and the morning of April 22. They would be happy to meet individually with anyone who cannot attend the public meetings or who would like to discuss the project in more detail. To schedule a time, please contact them by email ([djs@ldeo.columbia.edu](mailto:djs@ldeo.columbia.edu)).

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## **Anthropologist Kate Reedy-Mashner's Book, *Aleut Identities: Tradition and Modernity in an Indigenous Fishery*, To Be Released on May 1, 2010**



Anthropologist Kate Reedy -Machner's Book, *Aleut Identities: Tradition and Modernity in an Indigenous Fishery*, is due out on May 1, 2010. Those interested can pre-order the book at Barnes and Noble and receive a 32 % discount by visiting the link below:

[Link: Barnes & Noble - Aleut Identities: Traditions and Modernity in an Indigenous Fishery](#)

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