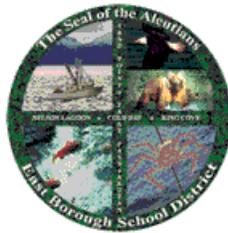
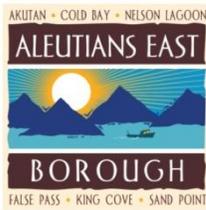


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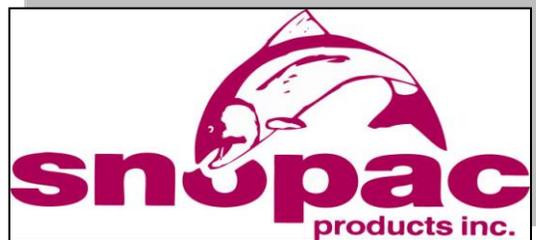
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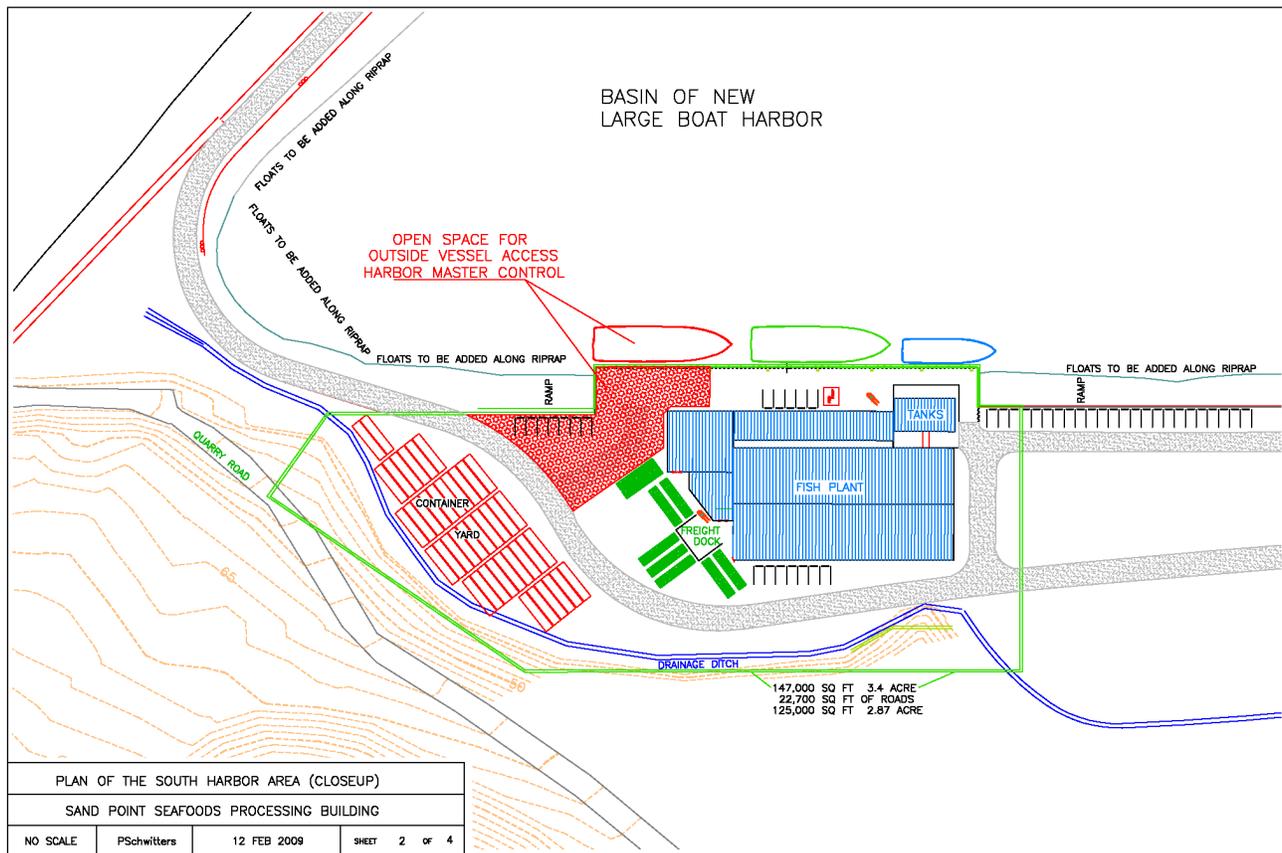
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## **Snopac Provides Update on its Proposed Sand Point Seafood Plant Project**

*By Nancy Blakey, owner, Snopac Products*

Snopac Products recently opened an office in Sand Point's City Building to provide information and serve as a focal point for the proposed Sand Point shore-side seafood plant project. Paul Schwitters of Snopac was in Sand Point, manning the office, until Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. After that, Tiffany Jackson will be available from 12 – 1 p.m. weekdays. Weekend hours will be posted. Preliminary plant designs and the latest information on the status of the plant are available to peruse at the office.





**The preliminary design of the proposed seafood plant is available for viewing in Snopac’s Sand Point office.**

The next steps to make the plant a reality are securing the land and investors. Snopac owners Greg and Nancy Blakey are arranging a community meeting with representation from all interested groups to talk about pooling their resources. Snopac will bring in a professional facilitator from Seattle to run the meeting, which will likely involve a two day process: one meeting to talk about what a plant would mean to the community and the second meeting to come up with concrete goals, specific tasks and a timeline. The tentative dates for the meetings are March 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

The proposed Sand Point Seafood plant got a significant boost when Paul Schwitters was brought on board for the project. Paul is a naval architect and a mechanical engineer who got his start over 30 years ago, working with the fishing and processing fleet in Seattle. He went on to rebuild several boats and processing lines for the All Alaskan Seafoods fleet of processing ships. In 2003, Paul went to work for Yardarm Knot, where he helped to increase the efficiency and volume of the Red Salmon cannery from 6.5 million pounds in a season to 18 million pounds per season.

Paul's latest work took him to Singapore where he was the engineering manager for a drilling rig which required rebuilding and updating. It was in Singapore where Greg Blakey, CEO of Snopac Products, contacted him about the opportunity to design a state-of-the-art plant in Sand Point for a year-round fishery. Paul wrapped up his Singapore contract at the end of the year and signed on with Snopac to push the project forward.

"I am excited to work on a project like this," Paul said. "It is an opportunity to design an efficient plant for established and emerging markets, with the future in mind."

Snopac is confident there are robust profits to be made from the rich seafood resources of the Area M fisheries. In most Alaskan fishing communities, there is healthy competition with multiple processing companies competing for the fishermen's catch. Sand Point fishers have had limited buying competition in the past. Currently, the community is indicating a strong interest in entering the Area M market with a processing plant owned and managed by the fishermen, for the fishermen. It's a plant that has the potential to turn a profit, and also stimulate the community economically, politically and socially. Snopac's drive and interest in the Sand Point Seafoods plant is twofold: to have a share in the profits and to help develop a model where local fishers and the community have a controlling interest in their own resource. For further information, contact the Sand Point Seafoods office at 383-2502 or Nancy Blakey at [nblakey@snopac.net](mailto:nblakey@snopac.net).

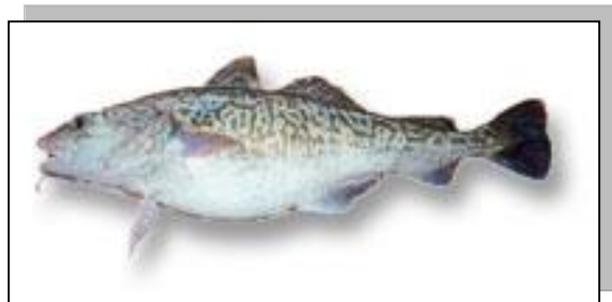
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## Summary of Issues Taken up by the NPFMC

### Meeting Feb 4 - 9, 2009 Seattle, WA

*By Sam Cotten, NPFMC Member and AEB Fisheries Consultant*

**Cod:** Sector Split: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC) changed the schedule from initial review in April and final action in June, to initial review in June and final action in October. Initial review is the last chance to get in any new ideas. After the council lays out the alternatives, the public will have a chance to review and comment. The



Pacific cod

staff will do the analysis and the NPFMC can (potentially) take final action. I am happy to provide more information on request.

**Fixed gear recency:** The council is still on track to take final action on the fixed gear recency issue. Those LLPs that haven't been used recently will not get a cod endorsement. There is a proposed exemption for CQE communities including Sand Point and King Cove, that would allow LLPs owned by residents of those communities to get cod endorsements even without recent activity. Those endorsements will have some restrictions, including a requirement for the LLP to stay in the community if sold.

**Pollock:** My initiative to prevent expanded participation in the Gulf by the Bering Sea AFA fleet took a turn for the worse. On a 6-5 vote the council decided to go no further on this issue. The Pollock spokesmen said they did not expect to expand, and therefore the Gulf of Alaska fishermen had nothing to worry about. We will have to wait and see.



Pollock

The Bering Sea Pollock fleet will be limited to a hard cap on Chinook salmon. Large numbers of Chinook have been taken in recent years by the Pollock trawlers. The council will take final action in April on the level of catch that will be allowed and whether they will have any flexibility. More information is available on request.

The Gulf of Alaska trawl fleets also take a lot of Chinook salmon. The council will begin a review and possible action similar to the Bering Sea in regard to limits on numbers allowed. A discussion paper will be reviewed at the April meeting.



Tanner crab

**Crab:** The council reviewed the crab plan again during the February meeting but made no changes to the motion adopted during the last meeting. The only change was my proposal for additional community protection measures. Communities would have more time to act on their right of first refusal to purchase processor quota shares. The right would not expire as it could now under certain conditions. In addition, we

hope to clear up a problem that could arise if a processor were to sell the quota shares in a package with other assets that could even be in another location. The package may be out of reach financially for small communities. The idea is to require the seller to give right of first refusal on the quota shares only.

**Halibut:** The council took no action on halibut issues. However, the NPFMC did get a report from the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC). The bottom line was that the commission took about 1.5 million pounds out of areas 3A & 3B and gave fish to Area 2 and some to Area 4. I asked about the rationale, as the scientists had recommended otherwise. I was told that there was no rationale other than political. We may need to get someone from 3A or 3B on the commission. I suggested the rationale was “unwilling charity”, and the IPHC rep did not disagree.



Pacific halibut

### **Other issues**

**Arctic Fisheries Management Plan:** We closed the arctic, from the Bering Straits to the Canadian border. Little if any fishing takes place in this area now. However, this was viewed as a precautionary measure, as some unregistered vessels could legally have fished. It's very interesting, but it will not affect any current fisheries.



Rockfish

**Kodiak rockfish pilot program:** By congressional action (without any council participation), the rockfish pilot program gave harvesters and processors a share of certain rockfish species for a limited period of time. Harvest shares and processor quota shares were issued based on historical participation. That program is going to sunset, and participants want the council to extend it. The problem is the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act does not allow the council to issue processor quota shares. The end result will be a review of

the program and an analysis of what the council can do. It may also include some possible action before 2012, when the program will otherwise expire and return to the old LLP system.

**On the Adak front:** the council advanced a proposal (which will be considered in October) to place sideboards on certain processing vessels operating near Adak (Areas 541 and 542). The general idea is that some vessels, as a result of being in rationalized fisheries (like the AFA, Crab rationalization and Amendment 80) would now have the ability to compete with the Adak shore plant. Some vessels, like Trident's Katy Ann, have a history and would not be excluded. The vessels that would be excluded objected, and the community affected favors the action. The

council decided to wait until October because we may know more about other issues that could affect the plan (sea lion bi-op, and a possible split of the TAC (total allowable catch) between the Aleutians and Bering Sea.)

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## **Borough Promotes Onshore Gas & Oil Leases at the NAPE Trade Show in Houston, TX**

Borough Administrator Sharon Boyette, former Administrator Bob Juettner and Public Information Officer Laura Tanis recently presented an exhibit at the 2-day 2009 NAPE (formerly North American Prospect Expo) oil and gas trade show in Houston, Texas. The Borough brought flyers, maps, mitigation measures and other information about the onshore Alaska Peninsula oil



**AEB Administrator Sharon Boyette and former Borough Administrator Bob Juettner answer questions at the NAPE oil and gas trade show in Houston, TX.**

and gas lease sale scheduled for May 20, 2009. Several contacts were made. A number of seismology companies and a few independent oil and gas companies expressed interest in our area. The Borough plans to follow up with these companies.

Other Alaska organizations and agencies that participated included the State's Department of Natural Resources – Division of Oil and Gas, CIRI, Doyon and the Bristol Bay Native Corporation.



**Approximately 15,000 people attended the 2009 NAPE Expo.**

NAPE Expo was created in 1993 to provide a marketplace for the buying, selling and trading of oil and gas prospects and producing properties (added in 1998) via exhibit booths. NAPE brings state-of-the-art prospects and properties from U.S. and around the world, advanced technology and energy capital formation all together in one location, creating a pure market place to establish strategic alliances for doing business and initiating purchases and

trades.

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## Cold Bay Elects New Mayor, Vice Mayor

The Cold Bay City Council accepted former Mayor John Maxwell's resignation during its meeting on Tuesday, February 17, 2009. The Council then appointed Stephanie DeVault as a new council member for Seat C. Afterwards, elections for Mayor and Vice Mayor were held. Jorge Lopez was elected Mayor and James H. Smith Jr. was elected Vice Mayor. Lopez ran unopposed. Smith ran against Dailey Schaack. The terms for Lopez, Smith Jr. and DeVault expire on Oct. 20, 2009.

Mayor Jorge Lopez is employed by Alaska Department of Transportation. He is also an EMT1 and the squad leader of the local ambulance service.



**Stephanie DeVault is sworn in on the Cold Bay City Council.**  
Photo by Monty Martin.



**Jorge Lopez (left) and James H. Smith (right) are sworn in as Cold Bay's Mayor and Vice Mayor.**  
Photo by Monty Martin.

He joined the council in October of 2005.

Vice Mayor Jim Smith joined the council in October of 2006. He is employed by the National Weather Service and is the local Weather Station Office Manager.

Stephanie DeVault is new to the council. She is employed by AEB School District as a teacher – as is her husband, Ty.

# King Cove and Sand Point Schools

## Welcome WebGrader™!

By Gus Perkins, AEBSB Instructional Technology, Testing Coordinator & Webmaster

The AEB School District is proud to present a new grade book program called WebGrader™ for our students' grades. The King Cove School and Sand Point School staff members were introduced to WebGrader™ this month. Secondary school and elementary school parents and students will be able to access WebGrader™ over the Internet and view current assignments and grades, access classroom materials and communicate with teachers. WebGrader™ will keep you updated on your student's assignment-by-assignment progress and grades as they are recorded to date, in real time. The "Webnotes™" feature in WebGrader™ will be an efficient tool for you to send and receive information from your student's teacher.

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## Geocaching Comes To Sand Point

*By Paul Day, City of Sand Point Administrator*



Geocaching (pronounced "geo-cashing") is a high-tech treasure hunting game played throughout the world by people equipped with GPS devices. The basic idea is to hide or find hidden containers, called a geocache, outdoors and then share your experiences online. Currently, there is one geocache hidden in Sand Point and it has yet to be found! If you're interested in a fun and inexpensive way to explore the great outdoors and you have access to a hand-held GPS, and then simply go to [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com) and in about 10 minutes, you too can become a geocacher – you might just be the FTF (first-to-find) Sand Point's first geocache!

# King Cove's Multi-Purpose Facility Is a Big Hit with the Community

*By Rob Lanham, King Cove Recreation Department Head*

Since the permanent turnover of the "Old King Cove School" to the City of King Cove, much has been done to utilize the building to its maximum potential. Late last summer, the City of King Cove moved the Co-Op Second-Hand store and the Library into the old school (Multi-Purpose Facility). This eliminated the costs required to maintain the old Co-Op building, where the library was also formerly housed. The short-term result has been an increase in donations to the Co-Op and additional business for the store.



**Nita Walker serves a customer at the new Co-Op Store.**

**Photo by Rob Lanham.**



**Three I-Mac computers, obtained from the school for \$300, assist in research.**

**Photo by Rob Lanham.**

Converting an under-used office space across from the Co-Op into a Career Center was the next upgrade. We decided to make information available in a single location for high-school students so they can learn about the endless opportunities available to them after high school. We

also provided materials to assist adults in furthering their education and obtaining training and employment. With the local emphasis on the commercial fishing industry, we have made numerous resources available to help individuals



**Mikayla looks for a little competition in a game of pool.  
Photo taken by Rob Lanham.**

planning to go into that line of work.

The upgraded office features three I-Mac computers for Web searches, catalogs and brochures from over twenty out-of-state colleges and universities, and DVDs from several colleges in



**Intramural basketball draws a big crowd of players and fans.  
Photo by Rob Lanham.**

addition to the Navy, Army and U.S. Marine Corps. A wide selection of magazines dealing with business, commercial fishing and military careers is also available. The center also features a comfortable sitting area, with a TV/DVD, stereo, and a table hockey game.

The most-recently-completed upgrade involved moving the Teen Center from its own building into the Multi Purpose Facility. Employees from the City Shop, Powerhouse, TelAlaska, Recreation

Department and local volunteers all pooled their resources and talents to make this a reality. Moving into the new location gained the Teen Center 500 square feet of additional space. It also allows the teens to move easily between the Teen Center and Open Gym without having to walk outside in adverse weather conditions.

“It is a safe place to hang out and socialize with friends,” added King Cove School Principal Ralph Lindquist.



**Annie and Judy work on pottery.**

**Photo taken by Rob Lanham.**

[Read more](#)

# T-Jacks Victorious in Elks Tournament Final

*By Kelsie Lanham*



**The King Cove T-Jacks claimed victory in the Elks Tournament last weekend. Pictured from left to right are Miles Walker, Cody Mack, Avery Samuelson, Jonathan Samuelson, Jordan Hamilton, Drayton Newman and Mark Newton. Photo by Rebecca Lindquist.**

The King Cove T-Jacks (boys' basketball team) defeated Bristol Bay 72 to 38 last weekend in the Elks Tournament, allowing them to become the champions. Both teams had just been back for a day from their road trip when they had to leave again to attend the Elks. The Rookies won their first game against New Stuyahok, 53-49. Coach Rebecca Lindquist said that they were just plain tired towards the end, and she hoped that they might improve for their next games. But this did not happen. They lost both of their other games against Newhalen and Bristol Bay. They placed fourth overall and hopefully will be able to get a lot of rest before their home games this weekend.

The T-Jacks claimed the championship at this tournament. They played very well, easily winning the games against Koliganik and Togiak to get into the championship game. They beat Bristol Bay by more than 30 points, and had the Mercy Rule put into effect during the championship. They did an amazing job and have a good chance to make it to state once again.

# King Cove Rookies Take Home the Top Trophy

## In the 25<sup>th</sup> Nenana Invitational Tourney

By Kelsie Lanham



The King Cove Rookies took home the top trophy from the 25<sup>th</sup> annual Nenana Invitational Tournament. Team members ( back row from left to right) Raylene Kochuten, Courtney Wilson, Whitnie Lanham, Carissa Brandell, Chasity Wilson, Honey Lou Wilson, Raven Samuelson, Candace Mack, (front row) Shauna Jo Calver, Marisa Mack and Leanna Bear pose for a photograph. Photo by Fannie Jo Newton.

The King Cove girls' basketball Team, the Rookies, was crowned the champions in the 25th annual Nenana Invitational Tournament (NIT). The AEBSD - King Cove Community donated thousands of dollars through fundraisers so the girls' and boys' teams could participate. Both teams played in the championship games against Noorvik on Saturday, Feb. 7, 2009.

Before the Rookies and the T-Jacks played in the NIT, the teams made a few stops along the way. They started their road trip in Anchorage, with the T-Jacks playing against Lumen Christi, and the Rookies playing an unexpected game against Port Lyons. The guys won their game, but the girls lost by 15 points.

Their second stop was in Wasilla, both teams playing against Wasilla Lake. The T-Jacks won once again by quite a bit, but the Rookies once again lost, this time in overtime. The end score was 48-45. This was Marisa Mack's first game back on the court, but she was a little rusty after her accident. The team was glad to have her back.

On Wednesday, both teams played Tri-Valley in Healey. The Rookies had three players score in double figures. Raylene Kochuten led them with 18 points, and Marisa and Chasity Wilson both had 10. The final score was 54-37. The T-Jacks had great scoring as well, with Jonny Samuelson making 30 points in that game to lead the boys. Also, Miles Walker got 14 and Jordan Hamilton scored 10 points. Both the T-Jacks and Rookies won their games against Tri-Valley -- a great way to end pre-tournament play, before the tournament kicked off the next day.

The next stop was Nenana. Our teams finally made it to the tournament and were ready to get to work on the court. Thursday night, both King Cove teams played against both Nenana teams.

The Rookies were losing by 6 points at half time, but Marisa had a great third quarter to bring them back up again. Raylene also had an amazing game, giving 110 percent to secure a win for the team. Unfortunately, Raylene fouled out later on. Nevertheless, the Rookies won 60-55 and came home with the top trophy.

[Read more](#)

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## EAT Now Offers Full-Time Dental Services

*By Ladonna Lindley, EAT Special Projects Coordinator*

Eastern Aleutian Tribes (EAT) can now add full-time dental services to its list of medical and behavioral health care delivery. Dr. Jim Howell and his RN wife, Sarah, arrived in Sand Point on a blustery day in the middle of January. Their latest stint was in sunny Florida, where Dr. Howell provided public health dentistry and Sarah worked as a nurse in a community emergency room. She also moonlighted in the psychiatric unit for Prison Health Services.

Sarah will be serving EAT as our Diabetes Nurse Case Manager and wellness educator,

caring for patients suffering from or at risk for diabetes. She will also provide education about diet and exercise for the community, starting with the children in school. She is already



Dr. Jim Howell and his wife, Nurse Sarah Howell, said they chose to come to the Aleutians because the communities offer an opportunity to perform the type of services they wish to practice and the lifestyle they want to lead.

developing innovative ways to get kids active and to create awareness about the risk of diabetes, which is increasing at an alarming rate among Alaska Natives. She's currently planning for the first ever "Aleutian Olympics: Spring Games 2009" which will be a field day for grades K-8 with a local flair and hopes that local businesses and families will get involved. Sarah is also involved with the Elders Program, including the Walking Club and the Hot Lunches Delivery for Elders.

Since his arrival, Jim has been steadily seeing patients. He is still putting together travel equipment, including a portable dental chair, hand pieces and dental tools. The couple will be based out of Sand Point but will also travel to other sites -- Akutan, Adak, Cold Bay, False Pass, Nelson Lagoon and King Cove.

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## **Bristol Bay Environmental Science Lab Offers A Volunteer Opportunity with its Energy Program**

Bristol Bay Environmental Science Lab is looking for a VISTA Energy Program Member to help in its Sustainable Energy Initiative at the UAF Bristol Bay Campus. The volunteer will learn new skills and help the community and environment.

AmeriCorps VISTA Member Benefits:

- Living allowance of approximately \$1088 per month
- Health care, life insurance, and child care assistance
- Following completion of a full year of service choose either:
  - An education award of \$4,725 or a \$1,200 cash stipend
- Expense-paid technical training on energy issues

VISTA Members must be at least 18 years old and willing to commit to the Energy Program for one year.

For more information, contact Dr. Todd Radenbaugh, UAF Bristol Bay Campus at 842-5109

Applications are available online from [www.ruralcap.com](http://www.ruralcap.com) or at UAF Bristol Bay Campus  
Postmark or fax deadline for completed applications to Rural CAP is February 20, 2009

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## **Up to \$1500 Travel Grants Offered for Native Artists**

The National Native Artist Exchange, a program of the New England Foundation for the Arts, provides travel grants for Native artists residing in any of the 50 states to visit different regions of the country so they may exchange artistic knowledge and skills. This fund is designed to assist American Indian, Native Alaskan and Native Hawaiian artists to teach, learn and collaborate in traditional and/or contemporary Native art forms through travel from one region to another.



Travel grants of up to \$1500 will be awarded, based on budgets appropriate to the scope of travel. Requests must be received no later than two calendar months prior to the departure for the proposed trip. Visit the Web site (link below) to review the program guidelines.

[Link to program guidelines](#)

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# Calendar of Fish Meetings

## Board of Fisheries:

**March 16 – 20, 2009 - Anchorage -** Statewide Dungeness crab, Shrimp, Misc. Shellfish (except Southeast, Yakutat and PWS) and Supplemental Issues. *Comment Deadline: March 2, 2009.*

[Link to Board of Fisheries Calendar](#)

## North Pacific Fishery Management Council

**March 30, 2009 – Anchorage Hilton Hotel –** GOA (Gulf of Alaska) fixed gear LLP recency (Final Action), GOA P-cod sector split (Initial Review), Amendment 80 Cooperative Formation (Final Action), Amendment 80 Lost Vessel Replacement (Initial Review), Amendment 80 Cooperative Report (Review), GOA Pacific cod sideboards for crab vessels (Final Action), Bering Sea Aleutian Islands (BSAI) Crab Regional Delivery Relief (Final Action), BSAI Crab Amendments (Discussion Papers), BSAI Fixed Gear Parallel Fisheries (Final Action), Bering Sea Chum Salmon Bycatch (Refine Alternatives), Bering Sea Chinook Salmon Bycatch EIS (Final Action), Bering Sea Bottom Trawl Sweeps (Initial Review), Bristol Bay Trawl Closure & Walrus (Discussion Paper), GOA Tanner & Chinook Bycatch (Discussion Paper), BSAI Skates Complex (Initial Review), Halibut Areas of Particular Concern Criteria & Process (Review/Discuss), Scallop Management (Team report/review and approve stock assessment and fishery evaluation).



[Link to NPFMC Calendar](#)



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# CH2M Hill Training Camps

**Direct Partnership between CH2M Hill, Alaska Department of Labor,  
The Aleut Foundation, The Aleut Corporation and  
Southwest Alaska Vocational and Education Center (SAVEC)**

CH2M Hill will provide participants with the specific skills required to obtain jobs as General Maintenance Technicians (GMT's). First year GMT's average \$50,000 annually (regular pay plus overtime) which immediately provides the participant with the opportunity to earn at least the average annual wage in Alaska. GMT's will typically work two 80 hour work weeks with two weeks off.

Training is Industry Specific and will result in industry-recognized skills and certifications through the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER).

Successful completion of all training courses will result in employment for participants. Students will receive hands-on training from journeyman level instructors.

These three weeks of training will be designed for students desiring careers in general maintenance. Class will be held April 5—25, 2009. Twenty applicants will be selected and all successful graduates will be hired by CH2M Hill.

**Applications will be accepted  
today through March 13, 2009**

**Applications are available from:**

Anchorage: Trevor O'Hara, CH2M Hill  
907-550-8151 or e-mail:  
[Trevor.Ohara@CH2M.com](mailto:Trevor.Ohara@CH2M.com)

King Salmon: Annette Wilson, SAVEC,  
907-246-4600 or e-mail:  
[annette@savec.org](mailto:annette@savec.org)

Aleut-Pribilof Region: Leatha Mercurieff  
TAF, 1-907-646-1929 or e-mail:  
[lafi@thealeutfoundation.org](mailto:lafi@thealeutfoundation.org)

*Minimum  
Requirements*

- An Alaskan resident
- 18 years or older
- Completed high school or have GED - transcript required
- Valid Alaska driver's license with access to 5 year driving record
- Must pass a drug check indicator
- Unemployed, underemployed, or need job skills training to become or remain self-sufficient wage earner.

- Housing, meals and training will be provided through a grant received from the Alaska State Training and Employment Program (STEP). To qualify for funding, applicant must have contributed to Alaska U.I. benefits within the last 3 years
- Students will be required to pay their own transportation expense (airfare R/T) to SAVEC for the three week training camp.
- Financial assistance may be available from regional organizations for all qualifying individuals within their service area.
- The University of Alaska Fairbanks may provide credit through the UAF Bristol Bay Campus and Housing and Urban Development Grant.

SAVEC  
P.O. Box 615  
King Salmon, AK 99613  
(907) 246-4600

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**5. Cost of Training:**

The cost of training is paid by the Joint Apprenticeship Committee, comprised of the Union and Union Contractors, as a part of each member's fringe packet. If the Scholarship Agreement is not breached by the apprentice, there are no scholarship fees. There are some fees for books and licenses.

**6. Drug and Alcohol Testing:**

A drug and alcohol test must be passed once you have completed the interview process and if you are offered a position in the Apprenticeship program. Also, random drug and alcohol testing will be conducted while enrolled in the Apprenticeship Program. Failure to comply with the testing, or a failed test, can result in expulsion from the program.

**7. Application:**

We hold two interview sessions each year. If you live in the Anchorage area you will need to pick up the application at the location listed below. If you live outside the Anchorage area you can call the office and request an application be mailed to you. The deadline for the Spring 2009 application process is **Thursday, March 26, 2009 at 5:00 PM**. The deadline for the Fall 2009 application process is **Thursday, August 20, 2009 at 5:00 PM**. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at the numbers listed below.



**PLUMBERS AND STEAMFITTERS LOCAL 367  
610 WEST 54<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE, ANCHORAGE, AK 99518  
PHONE: 907-562-2810 FAX: 907-562-2587  
HOURS: 7:00 AM TO 12:00 NOON, 1:00 PM TO 5:30 PM  
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY**



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## In the Loop Photo of the Month - Taken By Monty Martin



The late afternoon sun casts a breathtaking pink glow over Mt. Pavlof and the Aghileen Pinnacles beneath the moon, creating a spectacularly beautiful winter scene. Cold Bay's city dock is in the foreground. Photo taken by Monty Martin.

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**Got News?**



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