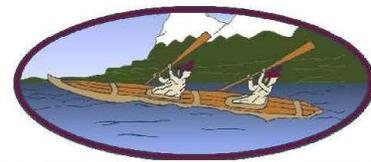
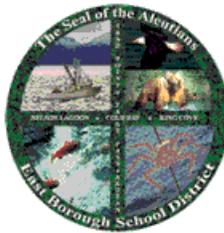
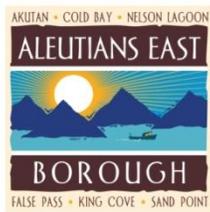


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## **NPFMC Takes Final Action on P. Cod Sector Split Motion**

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

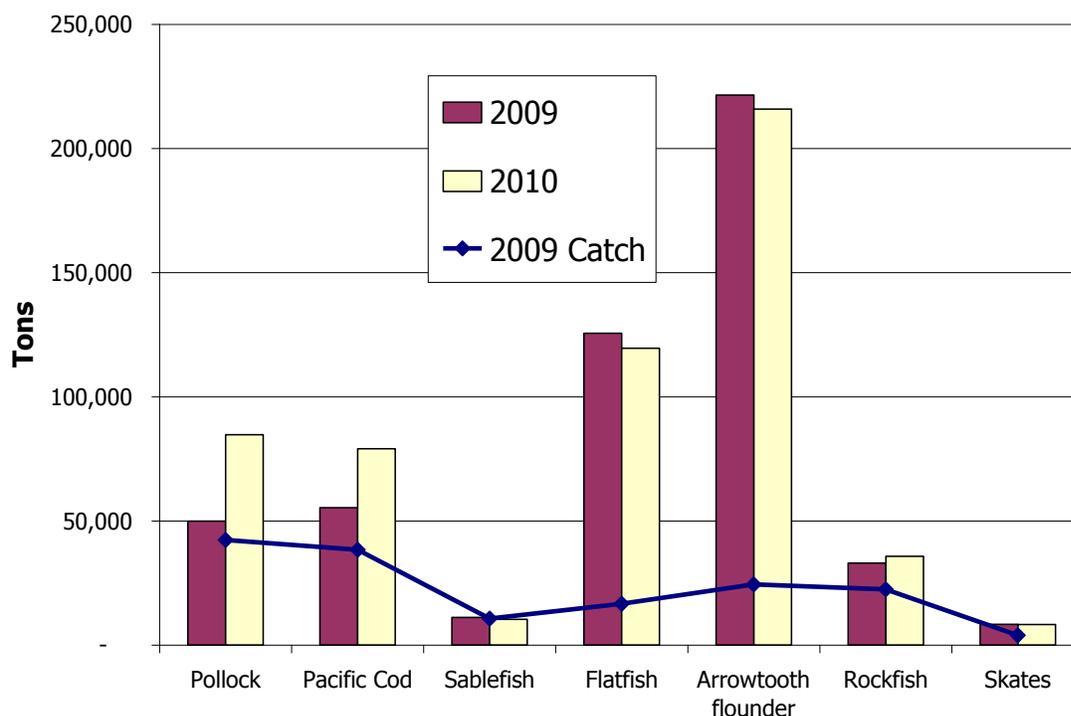
This week, the North Pacific Fishery Management Council took final action on the allocation of Pacific cod to the various fishing sectors. The allocations were:

Sectors	Allocations	A Season	B Season
Hook and line catcher processor	19.8%	55.3%	44.7%
Hook and line catcher vessel	1.4%	47.3%	52.7%

Pot vessel (combined catcher vessel and catcher processor)	38.0%	52%	48%
Trawl catcher vessel	38.4%	72.3%	27.7%
Trawl catcher processor	2.4%	38.2%	61.8%
Jig catcher vessel	1.5%		

The sector allocations were apportioned to the “A” season and “B” season based on the history of their harvest in each season. The trawl sector was allocated an additional 3% in the “A” season and had 3% deducted from the “B” season. The pot sector had 3% deducted from the “A” season and 3% added to the “B” season.

## Gulf of Alaska Catch and Allowable Biological Catch Levels



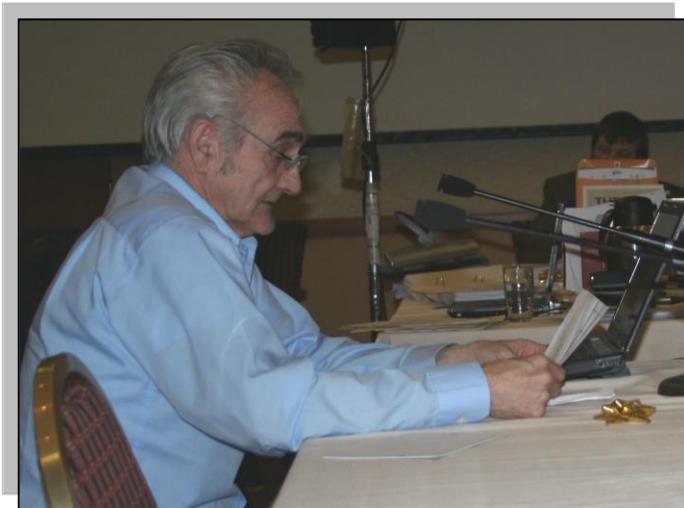
Testimony from the Borough focused on allocating fish to sectors that delivered to local communities, as opposed to catcher processors. While the catcher processors retained close to their lowest historical numbers, some felt they should have been given less in light of no contribution to the local economies, no local participation on the CPs, and the highest halibut bycatch rates.

The council also discussed chum bycatch in the Bering Sea Aleutian Islands (BSAI) pollock trawl fishery. The reason the issue was raised is because of concern over the number of chums caught by the pollock trawlers in the Bering Sea. The discussion also focused on Area M salmon fishermen because they caught more chums than the pollock trawlers. This indicates that there could be an effort in February 2010 at the Board of Fisheries to restrict fishing in order to reduce the chum catch.

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## **NPFMC Hears Testimony on P. Cod Sector Split Motion**

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**AEB Mayor Stanley Mack requested that the council provide the maximum allocation of Pacific cod to sectors that deliver fish to local communities and support the economies of fishing communities.**

Several AEB fishermen, elected officials and city administrators provided testimony on the P. cod sector split motion last week (Dec. 10 - 11, 2009). Those who testified in front of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council included AEB Mayor Stanley Mack, Dick Jacobsen of Sand Point, Raymond Nutt of Sand Point, Robin Larsen of Sand Point and King Cove City Administrator Gary Hennigh.

The proposal would divide P. cod among the different sectors, which include pot boats, trawlers, jiggers and longliners, to provide some stability to the participants.

AEB Mayor Mack told the council that if the council decides to allocate a large percentage of the P. cod total allowable catch to at-sea processing sectors, the Borough's communities don't stand a chance.

"The fish caught and processed at-sea provide few or no opportunities for local fishermen or processing workers," said Mayor Mack. "They produce no local tax revenue for our Borough. The Aleutians East Borough is asking for what is fair and equitable."

Mayor Mack told the council that the AEB Assembly recently passed a resolution calling for the maximum allocation of P. cod to sectors that deliver fish to local communities that employ local residents and support the economies of fishing communities.

"We believe this would meet the social objectives of the fishery management plan by providing economically viable fisheries for the well-being of our fishing-dependent communities," Mack continued.

The Mayor also said if the council should decide to allow mothership operations, the Borough believes they should be limited to operations inside municipal boundaries, at no more than three locations in a calendar year and there should be a cap of the Total Allowable Catch. He said if the council should decide to allocate P. cod strictly on the basis of historical catch, the AEB requests that as much of the harvester allocation as possible be made available in the "A" season and as much of the catcher processor allocation as possible should be deferred to the "B" season.

Sand Point fisherman Dick Jacobsen testified that the AEB communities are struggling, and school enrollment is declining. He asked the council to take the coastal communities into

consideration when they make their decision on the sector allocation motion.



**Sand Point fishermen Raymond Nutt encouraged the council to make a decision that's fair to pot fishermen.**

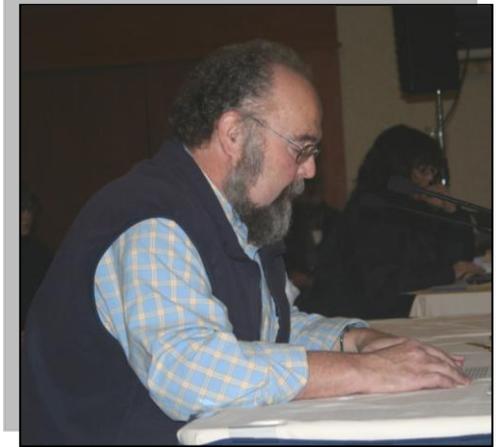
Sand Point fisherman Raymond Nutt told the council that there are about 12 pot boats in the community that take part in the fishery. He asked the council to look at the numbers and make it fair for pot fishermen during their deliberations.

Kenneth Mack, a pot cod fisherman from King Cove, asked the council to consider the most recent catch history years. In written testimony, he said he believes the

60/40 A & B season split is the best way to go.

Robin Larsen and Kylie Thompson of Sand Point testified on behalf of the trawl sector. Duane Foster was in attendance. Larsen and Thompson requested that their best years be used as the historic base for their allocation. They also emphasized the need for a larger allocation in the “A” season because trawlers have a difficult time harvesting their quota in the “B” season.

King Cove City Administrator Gary Hennigh encouraged the council to be fair to King Cove and all of its local P. cod (pot and trawl) sectors. He also requested that the council provide the maximum P. cod allocation possible to the local vessels and sectors which deliver fish to Peter Pan Seafoods and provide employment to local residents. Furthermore, Hennigh asked the council to balance this allocation decision by keeping the economic sustainability of King Cove as a key component in its decisions.

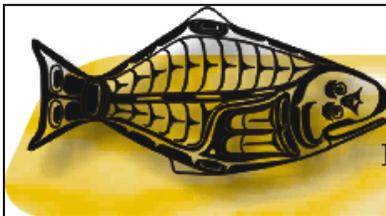


King Cove City Administrator Gary Hennigh urged the council to be fair to King Cove and all of its local P. cod sectors.

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## IPHC Staff Releases Preliminary Catch Limit Recommendations for 2010

*Previously Published in Fish News on Dec. 11, 2009*



Last week, the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) staff released its catch limit recommendations for 2010. The overall limit of 48.7 million pounds is 10 percent lower than the 2009 limit. Area 3B is down 9.2 percent from the previous year. Area 2C (Southeast Alaska) could be gearing up for a 26 percent reduction. If the commission moves forward with the staff recommendations, it will be the second year in a row that the total has been whittled down by ten percent.

Regulatory Area	2009 Fishery Catch Limit	2010 IPHC Recommended Catch Fishery Limit
Area 2A	0.95	0.76

Area 2B	7.63	6.59
Area 2C	5.02	3.71
Area 3A	21.70	19.99
Area 3B	10.90	9.90
Area 4A	2.55	2.33
Area 4B	1.87	2.16
Area 4CDE	3.46	3.25
Total	54.08	48.70

The IPHC Commissioners and advisors will hear public and industry views on these recommendations during the IPHC Annual Meeting (January 26 - 29, 2010) in Seattle.

[Read more: IPHC Staff Preliminary Catch Limit Recommendations - 2010](#)

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## AEB Assembly Drafts Project Initiatives During Recent Retreat

The AEB Mayor, Assembly and staff met in Anchorage for a three-day retreat Dec. 7 - 9, 2009. The first day was dedicated to a joint strategic planning session between the AEB and the AEB School Board, however, due to weather conditions, several board members were unable to travel from the region. At this point, that meeting has been postponed until Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> (tentatively) in Sand Point.



**AEB Resource Director Beth Stewart and Borough Fisheries Consultant Sam Cotten led the fisheries discussion during the recent AEB retreat.**

Later that evening (Dec. 7, 2009), AEB Resource Director Beth Stewart and Borough Fisheries Consultant Sam Cotten led the fisheries discussion. Beth and Sam reminded fishermen and



**The AEB Mayor, Assembly, staff members and residents participated in the fisheries discussion during the first evening of the Borough retreat.**

Assembly Members about the Alaska Board of Fisheries meeting, scheduled for Feb. 2 - 6, 2009, at the Egan Center in Anchorage. At that meeting, the board will take up numerous proposals affecting Area M fishermen. The fisheries discussion also focused on one of the Borough goals for the next several years, which includes fisheries development. Beth said that could mean mariculture (oysters, clams, etc.). Other ideas were to

possibly explore markets for flatfish and rockfish. Another suggestion was to work with the school district and have a portion of the curriculum focused on fisheries. That would include teaching young people how to participate in the council process (testifying in front of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council on fisheries issues).



**One of the Borough goals for the next several years is fisheries development, which could include mariculture.**

The following day, AEB Mayor Stanley Mack, Assembly Members and staff listened to several presentations, including a report from Aleutia and the Borough's oil and gas consultant. Other presentations focused on a report on the socioeconomics of the North Aleutian Basin Planning Area, Akutan's geothermal project and King Cove's hydro-electric system.

On the last day of the retreat, Facilitator Bill Dann of Professional Growth Systems assisted the Mayor, Assembly and staff in drafting strategic initiatives for projects to work on in 2010. Those projects include fisheries development (including mariculture), developing a Port Authority, alternative energy development (geothermal, hydro-electric, etc), implementing innovations in education and health programs and improving communications between the AEB offices.

[Link to PowerPoint Presentations \(Aleutia, Akutan Geothermal Project, Socioeconomic Environment for the NAB Lease Sale Prelim. EIS\)](#)

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## **Nelson Lagoon's Environmental Office Completes Beach Cleanup Project**

A six-person crew recently finished cleaning up beach debris from 22 miles of Nelson Lagoon's coastline. Nelson Lagoon's Environmental Office, which was established one year ago, secured a grant for the cleanup project.

The office hired six local residents (Leona Nelson, Ernest Mobeck, Jr., Emanuel Johnson, Bob Cahoe, Edward Ericksen and Elvis Johnson) to get the job done. The crew started the cleanup project at the dump on Sept. 17, 2009. The crew worked their way east, traveled around the point, and moved all the way around to the David River landing strip. Debris found included fishing nets, lines and buoys.

Nelson Lagoon's Environmental Office was established in the fall of 2008 through the Indian Environmental General Assistance Program via the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Mark McNeley is the Environmental Director. Ray Johnson and Leslie Carver-Johnson are the environmental assistants.

In 1992, Congress passed the Indian Environmental General Assistance Program Act (42 U.S.C. 4368b) which authorizes the EPA to provide General Assistance Program (GAP) grants to federally-recognized tribes and tribal consortia for planning, developing and establishing environmental protection programs in Indian country, as well as for developing and implementing solid-and hazardous-waste programs on tribal lands.

## EAT Hires New Dentist

Dr. Ken Lim is scheduled to arrive in Sand Point next month as the Eastern Aleutian Tribes' (EAT's) new full-time dentist. Dr. Jim Howell, EAT's former dentist, left EAT to complete a four-year oral and maxillofacial surgery residence in South Carolina. Dr. Lim is filling the "cavity" that Dr. Howell left behind. Dr. Lim will travel throughout the region to provide dental services. In the interim, Dr. Lauren Gagliano has been providing dental services for our remote communities.

Dr. Lim says he is looking forward to coming to Sand Point and getting away from the fast-paced southern California smog-and-traffic lifestyle. After his graduation, Dr. Lim just up and moved to Sitka on a whim.

"I didn't know a single soul out there," he explains, adding that it turned out to be one of the best experiences of his life. Ever since then he says he has always dreamed of returning to the 49th state to work and live.

Dr. Lim's interests include cooking, running, and motor scooters. While in dental school, he ran five full marathons, and restored a 1985 Honda motor scooter, an avocation that might come in handy in Aleutian communities with few roads. Although he says he hopes to catch up on some sleep in the Aleutians, he may be in for a surprise. He will be serving an estimated 1,800 people in villages and towns on the Aleutian Chain, where the lack of preventive dental care often comes with a high price: Native Alaskans suffer more than their share of dental decay and tooth loss.

Dr. Lim is excited about the unique opportunity to serve the dental needs of the people of the Aleutian Chain. "I hope to bring not only good quality dentistry, but good customer service that will integrate well with the local communities and culture "

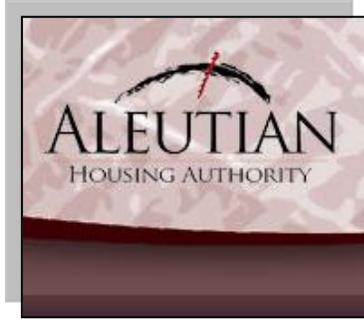
Ken was born in upper peninsula Michigan, and later moved to Montana. Since 1984 he has lived in Hawaii, where his parents still reside. He received his A.S. degree in X-ray Technology from Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences in Orlando in 1995, then garnered a B.S. degree in Medical Lab Technology from Southern College, in Chattanooga, Tennessee in 1999. Then he finished his degree in dentistry from Loma Linda School of Dentistry in southern California.



Dr. Ken Lim. Photo: courtesy of Eastern Aleutian Tribes.

# Aleutian Housing Authority Individual Development Account

The Aleutian Housing Authority (AHA) Individual Development Account (IDA) program provides a saving incentive to low – income, Alaska Native/American Indian residents in the Aleutian and Pribilof Islands Region of Alaska. This program offers participants a match savings of **\$4 for every \$1 saved, for a total of \$5,000 for a savings purchase goal**. The program eligible savings purchase goals under the AHA IDA program are for starting a small business or purchasing a home. The participant must be employed and living in the Region to participate. This is a great opportunity to save for a small business or home purchase with an impressive savings match incentive!



If there are any questions or you would like an application for participation in this program, please contact Lori Canady at 1-800-478-5614, or email: [lori\\_canady@aleutian-housing.com](mailto:lori_canady@aleutian-housing.com).

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## Weatherization Update for AEB Communities

Aleutian Housing Authority plans to target five AEB communities within the next two years for its weatherization program. Weatherization work will begin in January 2010 in Akutan and in April 2010 for Nelson Lagoon. Weatherization is currently ongoing in King Cove. John Santos, AHA Weatherization Project Manager, will conduct additional home energy assessments in Sand Point in the fall of 2010 and in False Pass in the early spring of 2011.



AHA is always accepting weatherization applications. Requirements for the program include falling within the low-median income limits and residing at a current residence year-round. For more information on these income limits and other program information, please visit the Aleutian Housing Authority

on the Web at:

<http://www.aleutian-housing.com/servlet/content/weatherization.html>

or contact: Teresa Olekszyk, AHA Weatherization Coordinator at 1-800-478-5614.



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## Sand Point's KSDP Radio Installs Two New Satellite Dishes

830AM KSDP Radio / Aleutian Peninsula Broadcasting, Inc. in Sand Point installed two new satellite dishes recently. One of the dishes is a SIP dish and enables the radio station to receive statewide programming from the Alaska



Public Radio Network (APRN). With the SIP dish, the radio station will receive programs such as *Alaska News Nightly*, a statewide newscast heard weeknights on public radio stations in Alaska. KSDP is a regular contributor to *Alaska News Nightly*. KSDP has installed an Associated Press satellite dish to receive the AP's text news wire service.

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## Holiday Season Safety

### Suggestions to help make your holiday season safer:

*By Jeanie Burch, AEB Office Manager (Anchorage Office)*

#### **Decorations**

- ★ Wear gloves while decorating with spun glass "angel hair." It can irritate your eyes and skin. A common substitute is non-flammable cotton. Both angel hair and cotton snow are flame retardant when used alone.



- ★ However, if artificial snow is sprayed onto them, the dried combination will burn rapidly.
- ★ When spraying artificial snow on windows or other surfaces, be sure to follow directions carefully. These sprays can irritate your lungs if you inhale them.

### *Fireplaces*

- ★ Try not to burn evergreens or wreaths in the fireplace or in a wood stove. They are likely to flare out of control and send flames and smoke into the room.
- ★ Do not burn wrapping paper in the fireplace because it often contains metallic materials which can be toxic if burned.

### *Candles*

- ★ Burn candles only in fireproof containers on solid, fireproof surfaces and with fireproof drip pans to catch any wax overflow.
- ★ Do not leave unattended candles burning.



### *Toys and Gifts*

- ★ Be especially careful when you choose toys for infants or small children. Be sure anything you give them is too big to get caught in the throat, nose or ears. Avoid toys with small parts that can be pulled off or broken off.
- ★ If you are giving toys to several children in one family, consider their age differences and the chances that younger children may want to play with older kids' toys.

### *Plants*

- ★ Small children and pets may think that holiday plants look good enough to eat. But many plants can cause severe stomach problems. Plants to watch out for include: mistletoe, holly berries, Jerusalem cherry, and amaryllis.
- ★ Keep all of these plants out of children's reach.

### *Food and Cooking*

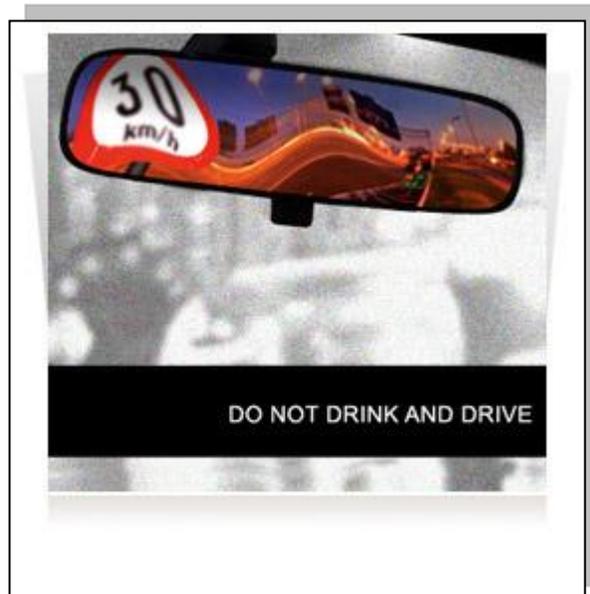
- ★ The holidays often mean preparing large meals for family and friends. Wash hands, utensils, sink, and anything else that has come in contact with raw poultry. Keep in mind that a stuffed bird takes longer to cook.
- ★ For questions concerning holiday turkey preparation and cooking, call the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline



at 1-800-535-4555. Refrigerate or freeze leftovers in covered shallow containers (less than two inches deep) within two hours after cooking. Date the leftovers for future use.

### *Alcohol, Parties and Driving*

- ★ Being a smart party host or guest should include being sensible about alcoholic drinks. More than half of all traffic fatalities are alcohol-related.
- ★ Use designated drivers (people who do not drink) to drive other guests home after a holiday party, call a cab or make plans to keep guests overnight.



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# Job Opening

Location: False Pass

## Post Office Positions

Two Post Office positions are open:

**Postmaster or O.I.C. (Officer in Charge):** This position is open to individuals who are already in the Postal Service system, have experience working in the Post Office and are looking for a full-time a career to become the Postmaster in False Pass with all the benefits this position offers. Please contact the Post Office for more information at (907) 548-2243.



**P.M.R. (Postmaster Relief):** This position is open to everyone, including individuals with no prior experience in the Post Office. Applicants must be willing to travel to False Pass for screening for this position if accepted and live in the community of False Pass. Pay is \$9.45/hr. P.M.R. positions have limited work hours and limited work days. They work when the Postmaster is unable to be present in the Post Office. This is not a full-time position. Qualified applicants must successfully pass a pre-employment screening to meet the U.S. Postal Service's requirement to be drug-free. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or have permanent resident alien status.

For further information on the O.I.C. or P.M.R. Post Office positions, please call the False Pass Post Office at (907) 548-2243. For more information on the community of False Pass, please see the City of False Pass Website at: <http://home.gci.net/~cityoffalsepass/> .

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# Job Opening

Location: False Pass

## 1. Community Health Aide/Practitioner:

Full-time.  
Salary: DOE.

## 2. Behavioral Health Aide I:

Full-time.  
Salary: \$10.93+/hr, DOE.



### 3. Community Health Information Specialist:

Full-time.

Salary: \$12.96+/hr, DOE.

These three positions are located in the False Pass Clinic and are managed and filled through Eastern Aleutian Tribes (EAT). For more information on these jobs and the filing procedure, please call EAT in Anchorage at (907) 277-1440.

For more information on the community of False Pass, please see the City's Website at:

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## Job Openings

Location: False Pass

- City Administrator:  
Full-time.  
Salary: DOE
- Maintenance Assistant:  
Part-time.  
Salary: DOE
- Harbormaster:  
Part-time.  
Salary: DOE
- Janitor:  
Part-time.  
Salary: \$12/hr
- Recreation Director:  
Part-time.  
Salary: \$12/hr



The dock and the new harbor in False Pass, AK. Photo by Melanie Hoblet.

For more information on any of the jobs above, please contact the City of False Pass at:

[cityoffalsepass@ak.net](mailto:cityoffalsepass@ak.net) .

- Tribal Office Manager:  
Part-time.  
Salary: DOE

For more information on the Tribal Office Manager position, please contact Melanie Hoblet at [Melanie.hoblet11@gmail.com](mailto:Melanie.hoblet11@gmail.com).

- VPSO:  
Full-time.  
Salary: DOE

For more information on the VPSO position, please contact Richard Krause of APIA at (800) 478-2742.



False Pass, AK. Photo by Chris Arend



John Nickels

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## **Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association, Inc. - Job Announcement**

Location: Anchorage

**Job Title:** Community Services Dept. (CSD) Administrator/EPA Peers Assistance Coordinator

**Location:** Anchorage

**Opening Date:** Dec. 8, 2009

**Closes:** Open until filled

**Salary:** \$20.52 - 23.11 hr, DOE + benefits

**Work Hours:** 7.5 hours per day

**Duties:** Provide direct administrative support to the Community Services Department (CSD) and EPA Peers Assistance Network Program. Provide overall disbursement of information and communication within and outside of the APIA Community Services Department. Individual will report to the Community Services Director and will:

- Manage Community Services Director's calendar, travel and work activities;
- Keep master schedule of projects and work planning, supporting the Program;
- Coordinate within the Community Services Department as needed and directed by the Community Services Director;
- Administer the EPA Peers Assistance Network grant program;
- Maintain the Peer Assistance Network desk and files and be available by telephone and email to provide assistance when needed to GAP (General Assistance Program) grantees;
- Travel to provide on-site assistance to GAP grantees;
- Ensure collection and maintenance of time sheet records and personal leave requests;
- Manage evaluation timelines;
- Cross train CSD employees and provide guidance and support as needed; and
- Attend meetings and conferences outside of office and travel to meetings and the regional communities.

**Qualifications:** High school graduate or equivalent with at least five years experience at an executive office level to include project/grants/contract management, report writing, basic bookkeeping skills and knowledge of the US EPA I-GAP program is preferred.

**Submit resumes to:**

Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association, Inc.

Attn: Human Resources Director

1131 E. International Airport Road

Anchorage, AK 99518-1408

email: [nancyb@apiai.org](mailto:nancyb@apiai.org)

Fax: (907) 279-4351

\*Native preference will be given to qualified applicant pursuant to P.L. 93-638.\*

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## **Rep. Edgmon Seeking House Pages for Next Legislative Session**

Rep. Edgmon would like to receive resumes from folks interested in working as a House Page for the next legislative session. The state will provide transportation to and from Juneau and uniforms for work. Our office will forward those resumes on to Speaker of the House, Mike Chenault, for consideration.

Pages are a range 12 position with the state. They must be a high school graduate, or within one semester of graduation, and they must possess a valid driver's license and a clean driving record.

We only intend to forward names of people who reside in House District 37. If you are interested in a Page job and don't reside in the district, we suggest you contact your local legislator to see whether he/she would recommend you to the Speaker.

Feel free to contact me with any questions,



**Rep. Bryce Edgmon (D -  
District 37)**

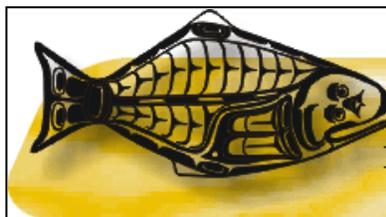
Adam Berg  
Staff to Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
800-898-4451  
269-0275 in Anchorage

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## Calendar of Events:

- **International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC)** - Jan. 26 - 29, 2009 - Seattle Marriott Waterfront - Seattle, WA - 2010 IPHC Annual Meeting.

[Link: 2010 IPHC Annual Meeting](#)



- **SWAMC Renewable Energy Workshop** - Feb. 3, 2010 - Hotel Captain Cook - Anchorage.
- **SWAMC Economic Summit & Business Meeting** - Feb. 4 & 5, 2010 - Hotel Captain Cook - Anchorage.



[For more information, explore this link](#)

- **Alaska Board of Fisheries** - Feb. 2 - 6, 2010 - Egan Civic & Convention Center - Anchorage.

[Link: BOF Calendar & Meetings Info](#)

[Link: Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands Proposal Book](#)



- **NPFMC** - Week of Feb. 8, 2010 - Benson Hotel - Portland, OR Issues include: AI Processing Sideboards - Final Action; AM 80 Cooperative Formation - Final Action; BSAI Crab Activities - Action as Necessary; BSAI Crab ROFR: Initial Review. [Link: NPFMC Three Meetings Outlook](#)





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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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