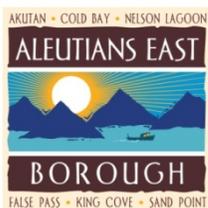


In the Loop

Special Edition



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

Fishermen's Meeting Scheduled in Sand Point to Express Concerns about the Season

The Aleutians East Borough (AEB) is conducting a meeting with fishermen in Sand Point to express concerns about the 2008 summer salmon fishing season. The meeting will begin at



Fishermen head home after a busy day of fishing near Sand Point.



Fishing boats tied up in the Sand Point harbor.

7 p.m. on October 13th in the Borough office. We anticipate discussion of issues such as the price paid to fishermen for salmon and the skyrocketing cost of fuel.

In June, Sand Point and King Cove fishermen staged a six-day stand down to protest the 70 cents per pound offer from Trident Seafoods and Peter Pan Seafoods for sockeye salmon. The

fishermen sat on shore for nearly a week after the season opened. In the end, fishermen settled on 70 cents per pound for sockeye. Peter Pan Seafoods also agreed to give King Cove fishermen a 20-cent-per-gallon discount on fuel. The Borough is encouraging fishermen to attend the meeting so all can discuss how the season went and express any additional concerns or ideas for the future.

Aleutia Becomes the First Regional Seafood Development Association in Alaska to Represent Two Areas

Sand Point, AK – Sept. 3, 2008 – Aleutia, a local marketing association for harvested seafood within the Aleutians East Borough, was recently recognized by the State of Alaska as a Regional Seafood Development Association (RSDA). Aleutia is the first RSDA in Alaska to represent two Fish and Game management areas: the Alaska Peninsula and the Aleutian Islands. On June 6, 2008, Emil Notti, the Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Commerce Community and Economic Development, approved Aleutia's RSDA application.



“When applying to become an RSDA, we were informed by the Office of Economic Development that our application was unique because we were applying to represent two management areas, rather than just one”, said Tiffany Jackson, Aleutia Operations Manager.

Aleutia’s primary goal is to promote and market seafood harvested near the Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands. Aleutia also hopes to implement a wide range of strategies to increase the income of fishermen in the area.

Other objectives include increasing marketing, promotions, public relations and consumer education programs to develop new markets for Aleutia seafood. As a recognized RSDA, Aleutia is now eligible for marketing grants to fund their efforts.

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Borough Hires New Hovercraft Captain



Hovercraft Captain/Pilot Rob Trumble

The AEB has hired long-time King Cove resident Rob Trumble to serve as the new hovercraft captain. Trumble has completed the AEB hovercraft training program and is United States Coast Guard (USCG)-certified as a hovercraft captain. He is the owner and captain of the FV Denali and a 30-year veteran Bering Sea fisherman. Mr. Trumble’s duties will include supervising and providing direction to the hovercraft crew members, maintaining regularly scheduled operations, ensuring availability as needed

for medevacs and charters, serving as the initial point of contact for all medevacs and maintaining documentation as required by Coast Guard regulations and AEB policies and procedures.

Other crew members are Amberly Weiss, Seward Brandell, Jr., Paul Tobin and Paul Schaack. Captain Amberly Weiss is the only female hovercraft captain certified on a BHT 130. Ms. Weiss is a local native who graduated from King Cove High School in 2002. Having grown up in King Cove and on



Hovercraft Captain/Pilot Amberly Weiss

vessels, she now has her USCG 100-ton certification and a radar & hovercraft endorsement.

Hovercraft Engineer Seward Brandell, Jr., is a King Cove resident and a former employee with the city power distribution system. After he was hired by the Borough, Mr. Brandell began training to become the chief engineer of the hovercraft operation. He attended a training course in Rosenheim, Germany for the repair and overhaul of Hoffmann propellers. Mr. Brandell recently began cross-training to become a hovercraft pilot.



Hovercraft Engineer Seward Brandell, Jr.



**Hovercraft Chief Engineer/Training Officer
Paul Tobin**

Hovercraft Chief Engineer/Training Officer Paul Tobin has 25 years of Canadian Coast Guard experience operating a hovercraft in Search & Rescue missions. Mr. Tobin provides the AEB's hovercraft personnel with the required training for hovercraft operations and manages the maintenance program.

Cold Bay resident Paul Schaack is a part-time hovercraft pilot. Mr. Schaack also works for the Department of Transportation in Cold Bay.

The hovercraft operates three days a week between King Cove and Cold Bay. The crew also transports medevac patients on an as-needed basis and is available for charters.

The Borough Anticipates Receiving the FAA's Signature Soon on the Lease for the Cold Bay Terminal Building

The AEB expects the FAA to sign the lease to rent space at the Cold Bay Terminal Building next week. The parties have agreed on the lease language. Earlier this week, the Borough affixed the final signatures from the AEB and the Borough's architect to the



Cold Bay Terminal Building

FAA's lease and sent it to the FAA via Express Mail. FAA officials say the AEB should receive an electronic fund transfer of \$738,000 early next week for tenant improvements which have been made to the FAA's specifications.

The Aleutians East Borough (AEB) began construction of a new 11,400-square foot airport and hovercraft terminal building near Cold Bay's all-weather runways in June of 2007. Construction of the first floor was complete in February 2008. Second floor tenant improvements were completed last month. The National Weather Service (NWS) signed its lease with the AEB on Aug. 28, 2008. On September 1st, the NWS, the Borough's first tenant in the terminal building, began moving into the new space.

The new quarters are in a facility that could soon become a first-class transportation hub for the Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands. The AEB is hoping to lease space to one or more air carriers. The terminal area will also be a convenience for hovercraft passengers, who can utilize the new space and the convenience of separate men's and women's bathrooms.

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Borough, City of Akutan Employees Move into Expanded Office Space in Anchorage

Five Borough employees moved into their new offices this week after two months of construction to expand the Anchorage suite. After Bethel Utilities' lease ended earlier this summer, construction began to expand the suite used by approximately 2,900



Assistant Borough Administrator Clark Corbridge takes in the view from his new office.



Borough Administrator Bob Juettner enjoys his new corner office.

square feet. A few AEB employees were sharing cramped quarters and the City of Akutan added two positions several months ago, which created the need to expand the

office space. Two Akutan employees will move into their new offices (recently vacated by Borough employees). In addition to the added office space, the reception area has been enlarged and the kitchen has been moved to the west end of the building.



Borough Community Development Director Sharon Boyette gets down to business in her new office space.



The enlarged reception area is located next to King Cove City Administrator Gary Hennigh's office.

Aleutians East Borough (AEB) – Elections

Don't Forget to Vote on Oct. 7, 2008



SAMPLE BALLOT

AEB Mayor:

- Stanley Mack
- Dick Jacobsen
- Paul R. Gronholdt
- Write in

AEB Assembly – Seat A:

- Marvin (Big Shot) Mack
- John Bruce
- Write in

AEB Assembly – Seat F:

- Justine Gundersen
- William Dushkin, Sr.
- Paul A. Schaak
- Stephen M. Francis
- Write in

AEB School Board – Seat C:

- Hillary Smith
- John Bruce
- Write in

AEB School Board – Seat D:

- Robert Kochuten
- Dawn Lyons
- Stephen M. Francis
- Write in

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