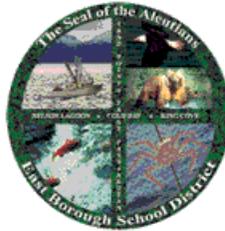
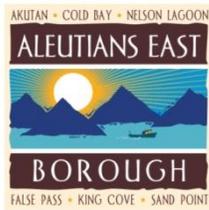


In the Loop



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

Judge Orders Alaska Redistricting Board to Create a New Election Map

Earlier today, Superior Court Judge Michael McConahy ordered the Alaska Redistricting Board to **redraw** the redistricting plan. McConahy said the Board did not follow the 'Hickel process', that is, follow the mandates of the Alaska Constitution before considering the Voting Rights Act.

Judge McConahy remands the plan to the Board, and they are to bring back a plan 'solely compliant with the Alaska Constitution'. The Court intends to then remand that plan back to the Board for VRA



A Superior Court judge has ordered the Alaska Redistricting Board to redraw the redistricting plan.



AEB Natural Resources Director Ernie Weiss (front row), AEB Attorney Joe Levesque and Borough Assemblyman Paul Grondholdt (back row) listen to deliberations during a recent Board meeting.

considerations with the least deviation possible from Constitutional mandates.

The order mentions the election deadline and the Board’s interim plan, but does not directly address those issues. The order is *Stayed* for 5 days to allow parties to seek emergency relief from the Supreme Court.

The Board will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 24, 2012 via teleconference to discuss the impact of the decision and determine whether or not to make an appeal to the Alaska Supreme Court.

For more information, visit the link below:

[Alaska Redistricting Board website](#)

Izembek Land Exchange/Road Corridor Draft EIS Public Meetings Scheduled for Next Month

By Gary Hennigh, King Cove City Administrator



King Cove, AK

The draft EIS (environmental impact statement) review process for the King Cove Access Project has reached a critical point. Public meetings are scheduled for

Anchorage on May 3rd, Sand Point on May 7th, Cold Bay on May 8th, Nelson Lagoon

and False Pass on May 9th, and King Cove on May 10th. This will be the final time the collective voices of local residents will be heard in this process before the U.S. Secretary of the Interior and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFW&S) makes a final decision later this year.

At this point, our ultimate goal is to continue assisting the federal government in making sure the final EIS is as factual and fair as possible. In order to meet this goal, we still have a lot of work to do. The Agdaagux Tribe of King Cove, Belkofski Tribal Council, King Cove Corporation, City of King Cove, and Aleutians East Borough respectfully seek your help in reaching this goal by providing comments and questions at these meetings.

We are going to facilitate this process by developing a list of key issues and concerns in the DEIS that need to be addressed during this final public review period. This list, along with some suggested testimony examples, will be sent to all tribes and local governments in the Borough by next Friday, April 27th.

Representatives from the Agdaagux Tribe, King Cove Corporation, AEB and City of King Cove are planning to attend all of the public meetings to assist and encourage as many local comments and questions as possible. Please feel free to contact Della Trumble (497-2312), Laura Tanis (274-7579), or Gary Hennigh (274-7563) if you have any questions or special requests for assistance.

Public Meetings:

Date	Time	Community	Location
Thurs., May 3, 2012	7 p.m.	Anchorage	Campbell Creek Science Ctr.
Mon., May 7th	7 p.m.	Sand Point	Council Chambers
Tues., May 8th	7 p.m.	Cold Bay	Community Center
Wed., May 9th	2 p.m.	Nelson Lagoon	Community Center
Wed., May 9th	7 p.m.	False Pass	Larsen Center
Thurs., May 10th	6:30 p.m.	King Cove	Multipurpose Center

For more information on the DEIS, go [here](#).

The public comment period ends May 18, 2012.

Cold Bay Airport Succeeds in Keeping Lighting System on Runway 32



The Cold Bay airport's medium intensity approach lighting system, taken from runway 14-32 looking southeast. Photo by Michael Tickle.

The FAA has announced that the Cold Bay Airport's Medium Intensity Approach Lighting System (MALSR) on Runway 32 will remain in place. The FAA *was* considering decommissioning the lighting system until the agency got an earful from the public, local pilots, aviation organizations, businesses, Cold Bay residents and the Alaska delegation concerned about the retention of the lighting system.

Initially, the FAA stated that an airport improvement project would require the relocation of the Runway 32 MALSR system. The current system was installed in 1984. The FAA said relocation of the lighting system wasn't feasible due to its current condition and age.

Some of the concerns that were expressed included a reduction in runway visibility, which would further inhibit the ability of pilots to safely land or take off in marginal conditions, possibly resulting in life-threatening delays for medical emergencies, stranded passengers and potentially ruined seafood products. The Alaska delegation stated that the removal of the MALSR would ultimately restrict the use of the Cold Bay airport, which is an important hub for the Aleutians and southwest Alaska.

After the FAA's Service Area Decommissioning Committee heard a variety of concerns during the second comment period, the committee reversed its earlier decision to decommission Runway 32 MALSR at the Cold Bay Airport. Click on the link below to read the [FAA memorandum](#).

AEB Launches Facebook Page

In the Loop is excited to announce that the Borough now has its own Facebook Page. The Page was launched on March 23, 2012 and contains dozens of photos of the AEB communities and news announcements. Information is updated to the page several times a week, containing news of interest to the Borough, such as the upcoming DEIS Izembek/King Cove public hearings in the region. Find the page by going to this [Facebook link](#) or by visiting the [AEB](#)



[website](#). Then click on the “Aleutians East Borough” link below the “Find us on Facebook” icon. If you would like to receive updates from the Borough’s Facebook page, click on the “like” (thumbs up) button on the right side, below the cover photo.

Natural Resources News from the Alaska Legislature

By Ernie Weiss, AEB Natural Resources Director



The 27th regular session of the Alaska Legislature ended April 16th.

The 27th regular session of the Alaska Legislature ended Monday, April 16th. Governor Parnell then called a Special Session of up to 30 days beginning Wednesday April 18th to address 3 issues: oil tax reform, in-state gas line and a law enforcement bill, HB 359. Several fisheries bills passed both

the Senate and House before the end of the session:

- HB 60: Allowing geoduck farming and seed transfer.
- HB 144: Requiring ADF&G to report to the legislature on improvements to access fishing streams.
- HCR 18: Supporting University of Alaska programs that facilitate young Alaskans entry into commercial fishing careers.
- SB 91 Extends the date to license sport fishing operators and guides to 2015.

Two other fisheries bills that passed this year, HB 121 & HB 261, are of particular importance to the Aleutians East Borough.

HB 261, sponsored by Representative Bryce Edgmon, allows for loans of up to \$200,000.00 for the purchase of a commercial fishing entry permit, or for the replacement of a vessel engine to improve fuel efficiency. This doubles the amount available for these loans. Drift permits in both Bristol Bay and the Alaska Peninsula currently sell for more than \$100,000. "HB 261 will strengthen one of the Commercial Fishing Loan Act's most important purposes: To develop predominantly resident fisheries in Alaska," Edgmon said. "By helping to put a greater number of limited entry permits in residents' hands and by keeping a greater proportion of fisheries earnings in the state, HB 261 will fortify Alaska's economy."



Rep. Bryce Edgmon

HB 121 allows for loans, including loans for the purchase of fishing quota shares by community quota entities. Since the CQE program was implemented in 2004, only two out of forty-two CQE communities have been able to purchase quota share, due to a lack of funding and viable loan options. HB 121 was originally submitted at the request of the Governor to establish loans for the purchase of charter halibut permits and for mariculture start-up businesses. HB 121 as passed, includes the CQE loan provision with repayment terms up to 25 years and 5% down. Ten million dollars is included in the capital budget for the revolving loan fund. Aleutia is the community quota entity for King Cove and Sand Point.

Oil and Gas Exploration Incentives

Through passage of SB 23, the Alaska Legislature recently incentivized oil & gas exploration in certain basins throughout the state, including in the Aleutians East Borough Resource District. The legislation awards credits against the oil and gas production tax for exploration expenditures up to a maximum of \$25,000,000.00 or 80% of the exploratory drilling costs, whichever is less. Six areas in the state are specified for this incentive, including the area within 100 miles of Port

Moller. Award of the tax credit is subject to the determination of the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources that the exploratory well is distinct from other oil and gas prospects that have been previously tested by existing wells. The effective date of the legislation is January 1, 2013.



The opening bid for the Alaska Peninsula area-wide competitive oil and gas lease sale is scheduled for May 16th in Anchorage.

In 2006 & 2007, Shell Oil and Hewitt Mineral submitted bids for the Alaska Peninsula area lease sales, but lease sales each year since 2008 have generated zero bids in the area. In March, the State announced the Alaska Peninsula area-wide competitive oil and gas lease sale for 2012. The minimum bid is five dollars per acre, and the bid opening is May 16, 2012 at the Dena'ina Center in

Anchorage. Borough officials are hopeful that the incentives recently passed by the Alaska Legislature will increase developers' interest in exploration, and will result in some 2012 lease sales within the AEB.

More information on the lease sales can be found at:

<http://dog.dnr.alaska.gov/Leasing/LeaseSales.htm>

PSP: A Pervasive Public Health Problem in Alaska

By Bruce Wright, APIAI Senior Scientist

Paralytic shellfish toxin (PST) is a pervasive severe public health problem in Alaska, particularly for coastal Native shellfish harvesters, where illnesses and fatalities are a regular occurrence. The PST problem is statewide across the Gulf of Alaska, caused by three species of PST producing Alexandrium.



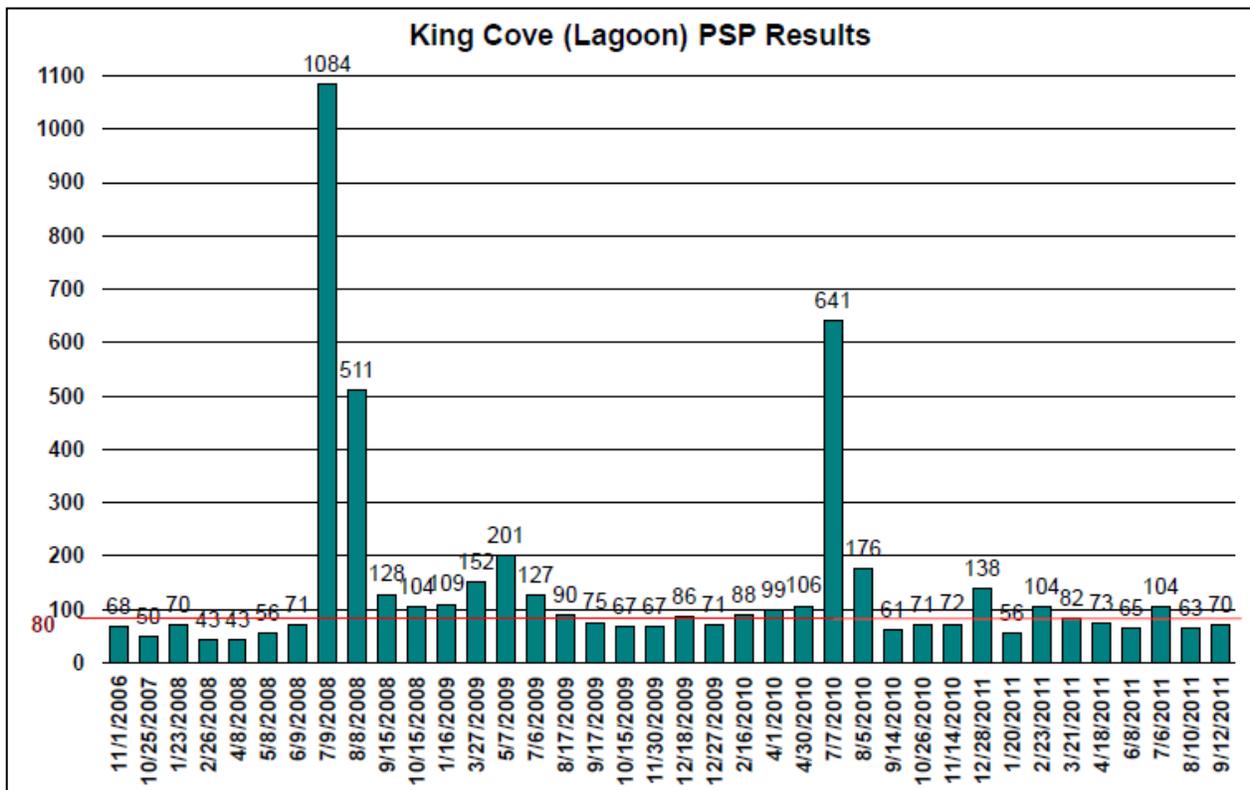
PST is a pervasive severe public health problem in Alaska.

From 1973 to 2008 in Alaska, 168 cases of PST illness from personal use or subsistent harvests were reported, but the estimated actual number of illnesses may be 10-30 times the number of reported cases. PST, generated by toxic algae blooms and concentrating in Alaskan shellfish, is extremely hazardous to public health with the highest recording of 20,606 µg/100 gm obtained from blue

mussels, *Mytilus trossalus*, at Kodiak Island, which is more than 250 times the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) limit of 80 µg/100 gm.

While all coastal states in the continental United States monitor shellfish for marine toxins, including PST, and issue warnings and shellfish harvest closures to protect public health, Alaska has no monitoring and warning system for personal and subsistence harvests. Alaska funds only a testing program for commercially harvested and aquaculture produced shellfish as mandated by the FDA Interstate Shellfish Sanitation Program, through the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC).

In 2010, at least four illnesses and one fatality occurred in Alaska. High PST levels were recorded from Puget Sound north along the entire western North American coastline to Aleutian Islands. An Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-funded PST monitoring program for the Aleutian Islands measured hazardous levels of PST in the Aleutian communities of Akutan, Unalaska, King Cove, and Sand Point with PST levels recorded between 371-1084 µg/100 gm. The alarming concern is that this one-time funded EPA project has been the only intensive monitoring effort in the region and the funding ended in 2011.



As a result of the increasing concern about marine toxins in Alaska, particularly considering the prospect of increasing occurrences due to climate change, the ADEC established a recreational

shellfish/marine toxin workgroup to develop a community-based PST monitoring program. One major goal of the work group is to examine alternate PST testing methods to reduce the cost of monitoring and enable expansion of the program to more communities. A major missing component in the expanded interest is safe harvesting and the lack of data on subsistence species. 2008 sampling concentrated on the Aleutian area with some minor sampling from Kodiak Island and Southeast Alaska, and the data gathered from that effort revealed important information about PST levels at local beaches. The scarcity of data across the remainder of coastal Alaska provides an incomplete assessment of the risk of PST encounters with subsistence harvests.

The authors, with funding from the Environmental Protection Agency, adapted a community-based monitoring approach to educate and involve local people in testing their clams and mussels for PST. Community-based monitoring of environmental resource management is used to engage communities in ways that contribute to local sustainability and to build local capacity to accomplish environmental sampling, testing and data sharing. In the case of monitoring for PST,



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contaminants, ocean acidification, etc., community-based monitoring enables community members affected by a particular environmental issue to gather information and provide relevant information to governments or local citizens. We adapted community-based monitoring into the protocols for the PST projects since 2006 when the North Pacific Research Board funded a climate change PST project.

The 2006 project was developed to address the increased risks of paralytic shellfish poisoning due to the toxin range expansion as a result of the warming of sea water in the

North Pacific and the shift of species distribution, including harmful algal blooms that cause PST. This 2006 research project required the principal investigators to train technicians in communities from Ketchikan and north along the coast including communities in the Aleutian and Pribilof Islands in Alaska and the Commander Islands in Russia.

Traditional Knowledge vs. Scientific Method

The potential for PST occurrence, as a result of climate change is a growing health concern to the coastal Alaska Native residents. As subsistence users, many people rely on their local knowledge to determine whether it is safe to consume shellfish. Local knowledge dictates that PST occurrence is a summer event and can be identified by a red color in the water termed a “red tide.” Local and traditional knowledge may assist in reducing the health risk, but in Alaska, PST

illness occurs off season, during the winter, and toxic blooms may be colorless. Climate change also increases variability of weather and extreme events, especially in the transition months in spring and fall making it difficult to correctly identify any time frame for gathering shellfish. The traditional knowledge that people rely on for subsistence harvest, in the context of climate change, is insufficient to protect public health from PST. A community-based monitoring program on PST incorporates this new information and merges well with traditional knowledge.

Testing for PST in Subsistence Foods

The Alaska Department of Epidemiology documents that Alaska Natives are 11.6 times more likely to encounter PST than the general population because they are more likely to consume untested clams. In the absence of any state-sponsored PST monitoring program to protect subsistence harvesters, supplementing traditional knowledge with conventional scientific research through a complementary approach was necessary to further reduce the PST risk. Community based monitoring provides for building local capacity, trained and educated residents who learn how to monitor shellfish toxicity in addition to understanding traditional observations. The combined effort assists people to identify the potential threat and reduce the threat of PST poisoning.

In 2009-2011, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) funded the second APIA PST project: The Response to Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning in Aleut Communities. This project was a multi-agency collaboration designed to develop methods for communities to monitor occurrence and distribution of PST toxins that will increase communities' capacities in devising a mechanism to better respond to the threat and minimize the risks of poisoning. From the beginning, this project was designed as a community-



The APIA PST program was designed as a community-based monitoring project.

based monitoring project and to build local capacity. The locally trained technicians shipped samples to the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation which completes the analyses and provide the results. Project oversight by a trained biologist has been necessary to insure the protocols are followed for sampling, shipping and sharing of the results. The biologist is responsible for training new field technicians, making sure samples are collected on time, budget tracking and proposal preparation and notifying and interviewing with media. This project was successful because we engaged the local communities and trained local people to be the community experts, and even though the 2010 season was high for PSP throughout the

Gulf and Alaska and especially in the Aleutian Islands, it was only the Aleutian Islands where no illnesses were reported. The community-based model worked and saved lives.

Cold Bay Students Learn from Visiting Children's Book Artist

By Stephanie DeVault, Cold Bay Teacher



Back row, left to right, teacher Ty DeVault, Lane Garner, Rocky Kremer, Evon Zerbetz, and teacher Stephanie DeVault. Front, left to right, Luke DeVault, Deseray Lyons, Matthew Lopez, Devin Lyons, James DeVault, Zenny Lopez.

The students at the Cold Bay School have just finished an amazing two-week residency with published children's book artist Evon Zerbetz. Evon's specialty is printmaking: using blocks of linoleum in which she carves images to print onto paper. Using this format, students were able to publish their own stories using linocuts for their illustrations. Students began by drafting adventure stories before Evon's arrival. With the framework of their stories in place, they hit the ground running by mapping out their illustrations on the first day. The second day already found the students with

carving knives in hand. The biggest challenge for students was learning to think in reverse, because in printmaking everything that is carved away from the block becomes white, and everything that is left behind receives ink. After their first block, however, the process became intuitive and students were able to visualize what their prints would look like when complete.

Evon is an amazing teacher and held the students accountable for making a plan before they were allowed to carve, editing their blocks during the printing process and using the tools safely. Each student had to carve a minimum of four blocks to illustrate his/her story. Students loved brainstorming ideas, learning



Evon Zerbetz helps students with their printmaking book projects.

new drawing techniques from Evon, and then putting their plans into effect. The result was incredible.



Left to right - Devin Lyons, James DeVault, Zenny Lopez, Rocky Kremer, Luke DeVault, Lane Garner, Deseray Lyons, Matthew Lopez.

The school also invited the community in for an evening of printmaking. In order to teach the process to adults, Evon prepared images for carving ahead of time. Each student got to teach an adult how printmaking works. The kids did a great job making sure the adults were holding their tools properly and going through the steps correctly. The designs that Evon created were, unbeknownst to the adults, serving a dual purpose. The carvings that the adults made were later used to create a permanent installation in the entryway of the school.

The culminating event was for the students to host a book launch party just as many authors and illustrators do in the publishing industry. The entire community was invited into our artists' studio where our student author/illustrators were on hand to discuss their stories and art. After everyone had had a chance to view some of the stories, Evon and teacher Stephanie DeVault, unveiled the new art piece in the school. It is a beautiful rendition of Cold Bay's signature landform Frosty Peak. It is beautiful and will permanently greet visitors to the school.

The students, teachers, and parents of the Cold Bay School would like to thank the Alaska Council of the Arts and the Rasmuson Foundation for providing the grant; PenAir for donating airfare between Anchorage and Cold Bay; G&K Electric, Frosty Fuels, and the City of Cold Bay for generous monetary donations, and the Lake Hood Inn for donating lodging while Evon was in Anchorage. Most of all, we'd like to thank Evon for flying so far to teach us so many amazing artistic skills. She was a joy to have in our school and is already missed by the students.

Alaska Senators Ask for Answers about Village-Built Clinics Resources

Senators Lisa Murkowski and Mark Begich recently sent a letter to Dr. Yvette Roubideaux, Director of the Indian Health Service, asking for answers about the Village Built Clinics program in Alaska – and why the available funds aren't being directed to rural health concerns. The issue

was also raised in person with Susan Johnson, the Region X director of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) during a tribal listening session held in Seattle March 29th and 30th. Tribal health leaders, including Michael Christensen, Executive Director of Eastern Aleutian Tribes, raised the issue with DHHS to make sure DHHS is aware of the delayed response from I.H.S.



“We respectfully request that you respond to us in writing regarding the Indian Health Service’s failure to carry out its responsibilities to fully fund the leases IHS has entered into for Village Built Clinics in Alaska (VBC),” the Senators wrote.

“We understand these VBCs are critical to care of Alaska Natives within the villages and to the HIS’s responsibility to develop and operate the Community Health Aide Program in Alaska, yet many VBC’s are in poor condition or have had to close due to health hazards, leaving some Alaska Native communities without a clinic or ready access to health care.”



“In your written response, please explain why the IHS has not used available appropriations to fully fund the VBC program. Please also explain why the IHS has not entered into direct leases with the Villages using IHS’s authority under the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to ensure the leases fully cover the costs such as rent, depreciation, operation and maintenance expenses, and renovation or reconstruction.”

In a Facebook postdated March 16th, Murkowski wrote, “Village Built Clinics are critical to healthcare of Alaska natives in villages, yet the facilities are in poor condition or have had to close due to health hazards, leaving some communities without a clinic at all. I want to know why the Indian Health Services hasn’t fully funded the program”.

Most of the clinics in the Aleutian region are part of the Community Health Aide Program and rely on the VBC program support to operate. With IHS only funding about 45% of costs to operate, many clinics are now falling into disrepair as tribes or communities struggle to find extra funds for needed repairs.

Other News from Eastern Aleutian Tribes

Eastern Aleutian Tribes, Inc. will be holding their quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors May 27th at the Anchorage offices. During their last meeting, the Board approved 26 policies ranging from clinical to human resources.

EAT's Wellness Manager, Anna Buterbaugh, has announced that she will be retiring to spend more time with her family and grandkids. The position has been shifted to the region, and Sandra Lopez of Cold Bay has been selected for the position, which has been retitled "Patient Care Coordinator". Sandra will provide case management and will work closely with our providers, patients, and EAT Patient Navigator Marta Hahn. Anna's last day with EAT will be May 18th.



Anna Buterbaugh



Dental clinics will be conducted in April and in May in Akutan, Cold Bay, King Cove, and Sand Point weather-permitting. For more information, visit this link: [EAT Clinic News - Dental](#) .

The following Southcentral Foundation providers will be in the Region:

Stephanie Silianoff, Certified Nurse Midwife with SCF will be in King Cove April 23rd -27th. Certified Nurse Midwives provide gynecological, pregnancy and post-partum care. Dr. Nazly Mofidi, Optometrist with SCF, will be in King Cove May 14th – 18th. Please call the King Cove Community Health Center at 497-2311 to schedule your appointment.

Dr. Ferritha Leoncio, Family Medicine Provider with SCF will be in Nelson Lagoon April 24th – 27th. Family Medicine provides a full spectrum of primary health care for adults and children. Dr. Charles Spaulding, a dentist with SCF, will be in Nelson Lagoon May 6th – May 9th. Please call the Paul Martin Gundersen Memorial Clinic at 989-2202 to schedule an appointment.



Dr. Charles Spaulding, a dentist with SCF will be in False Pass April 30th - May 5th. Please call the Anna Hoblet clinic at 548-2742 to schedule your appointment.

Dr. Josiephina Souza, Family Medicine Provider with SCF will be in Sand Point May 14th – 18th. Family Medicine provides a full spectrum of primary health care for adults and children. Sarah Taygan, Certified Nurse Midwife with SCF, will be in Sand Point April 21st - April 25th. Please call the Sand Point Community Health Center at 383-3151 to schedule your appointment.

Dr. Rodica Popescu, a dentist with SCF, will be in Akutan May 19th - May 25th. Please call the

Anesia Kudrin Memorial Clinic at 698-2208 to schedule an appointment.

Behavioral Health Update

A “Kick Butts” day was hosted March 21st in Sand Point at the City Gym by EAT’s Behavioral Health Staff and Aleutians East Borough School District. The FATS (Fighting Against Teens Smoking) Group held a week-long series of events around Sand Point, and in fact, were the only group in the Alaska Statewide Tobacco Prevention Coalition to host a Kick Butts Week. Way to Go, FATS!! The FATS Group posted “4,000” all around Sand Point to raise interest in the event. More than 40 people attended, and learned that 4,000 is the number of compound chemicals in a cigarette. Everyone enjoyed McDonald’s burgers, chips and juice.



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EAT Behavioral Health Services has begun instituting a program partnering with community members to address issues within their communities. Behavioral Health services will be mailing Community Readiness Assessments in addition to educational brochures hoping to reach all community members soon and will compile the needs results by community-based feedback received from community members. The Behavioral Health Director along with members of the local clinic Behavioral Health team conducted two community presentations within Sand Point and had excellent participation from those community members present at each of the events. Similar presentations are planned within each of our Aleutian communities throughout the summer months and community members will be encouraged to become involved in local and regional Task Forces to address identified issues community members wish to overcome with the support of the EAT Behavioral Health team.

Looking for a job with Eastern Aleutian Tribes? Click [here](#).

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Lead: Aleutians

What brought us together?

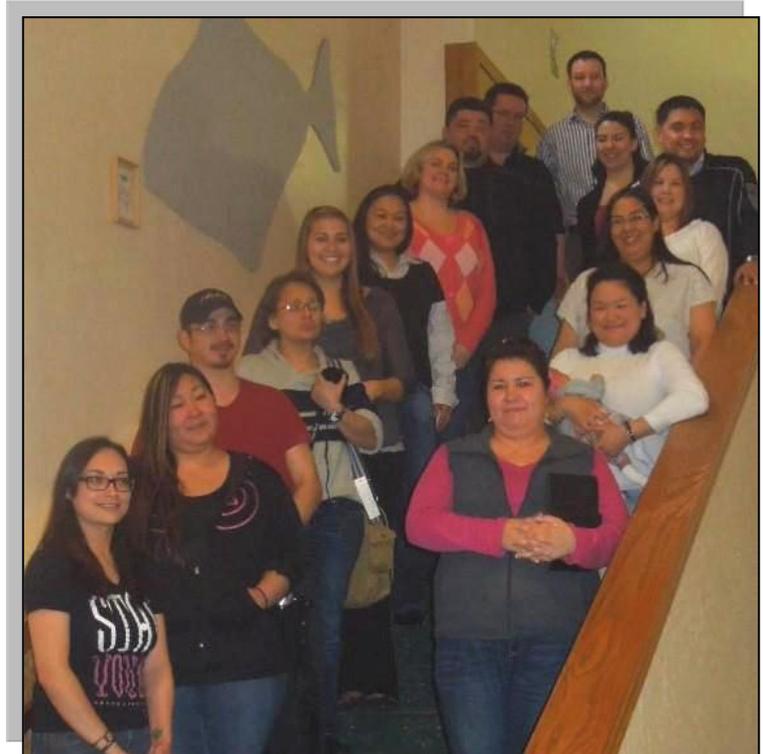
- We care about our homes and people.
- We're concerned about the many issues facing the region.
- We want our communities to be places that people want to live and return to.
- We want our youth to be inspired and more involved.
- We want to learn from current leaders.
- We want to have a voice for our generation and be part of the solution.

Mission

Members of Lead: Aleutians are active and engaged community leaders who act as positive role models and mentors, share knowledge, and encourage the next generation; take the initiative to learn from established leaders and better understand our history and current issues; and address challenges by asking difficult questions and proactively seeking out answers.

What we're about....

- We're connecting our region's communities and generations by improving communications and encouraging future leaders and new ideas.
- We're preparing young leaders to lead by sharing resources and building relationships that will have a positive impact for our future.
- We're creating opportunities for young leaders to step up.
- You can get involved and connected on our Facebook. We hope you'll support us, and utilize this group as a resource.



Vision - As young community leaders in the region, we recognize:

The sharing and carrying forward of the knowledge and experience of our elders is critical, and important to all generations;

Our individual and community identity is derived from and maintained by our heritage and culture;

The stewardship of our unique natural and human resources determines our economic sustainability and future;

Formal, informal and traditional education is key to a healthy, growing community;

Our vision of the future must infuse well-established ideas with new perspectives.

Action Items for Lead: Aleutians

- Grow awareness
- Establish a social network through exchanging information, online and social communication, professional outreach, and community outreach and awareness.
- Create and promote more community activities and events.
- Unangax culture and/or annual general regional festival.
- Pool our network resources for mentorship.
- Opening up/increasing communication between current leaders and community members — establishing accountability.

To find out more about Lead: Aleutians visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/LeadAleutians or email the group at lead.aleutians@gmail.com .

Job Openings

HoverLink, LLC (“HoverLink”) is a respected maritime employer providing crew to operate the hovercraft ferry service between Akutan Island and Akun Island, Alaska for the Aleutians East Borough. The hovercraft ferry service vessel is the SUNA X, a BHT-130WD hovercraft (the “Vessel”) which is currently endorsed by and adheres to the United States Coast Guard



regulations for Subchapter T vessels.

The vessel is crewed by one hovercraft captain, one hovercraft first officer/pilot, and one hovercraft high speed deckhand. The crew is supported by one hovercraft maintenance engineer who is a land-based staff member. The crew serves in a year-round rotation schedule with three (3) weeks on duty in Akutan, followed by three (3) weeks off duty.

HoverLink is an equal employment opportunity employer. All employment decisions will be made without regards to race, color, creed, ancestry or national origin, religion, gender, age, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, genetic testing information, or any other trait or characteristic protected by applicable federal, state or local law.

See links below for job openings:

[Hoverlink Hovercraft Captain - job announcement](#)

[Hoverlink Hovercraft First Officer Pilot - job announcement](#)

[Hoverlink Hovercraft High Speed Deckhand - job announcement](#)

For more information, link to [Hoverlink, LLC](#)

High School Students Leadership Opportunity

The Alaska State Chamber's Alaska Business Week program is a weeklong high school leadership program held on the UAF campus from July 14th through 21st. They also partner with the UAF School of Management to *offer two college credits* to students who successfully complete the week-long program.

Students spend the week on the college campus living in the dorms, attending a series of 'company' meetings developing a successful business strategy, competing with other student teams and hearing from a variety of business leaders who share their insights on business, leadership, ethics, marketing and what it takes to be successful.



Student teams are mentored by senior business executives who work with the student teams all week to help guide them and develop their leadership skills. Students also create a new product or service, as well as develop new friendships with their peers from all over the state. At the end of the intensive week, student teams defend their business strategies to a panel of business executives as well as actively market their new creations to potential investors.

Tuition is \$450 for the week, which includes room, food, materials and activities fees and college tuition fees. Thanks to the sponsorship of many generous businesses and individuals, *many scholarships are available*, and free transportation opportunities are also available thanks to Era Alaska.

For more information and for on-line applications, please see: www.uaf.edu/abw.



Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association, Inc.

Urban Unangax/Aleut Culture Camp 2012

Children 10 & Under: June 25 – 29, 2012 9 – 11:30 a.m. (check in at 8:45)
June 30, 2012 to 4 p.m. at the Heritage Center

Youth 11 & Up: June 24th 1 to 5 p.m.
June 25th – 29th 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (check in at 8:45)
June 30th, Meet at APIAI at 9 a.m., Heritage Center at 12 to 4 p.m.

Adult Classes: June 24th – June 29th, 6 to 8 p.m.
June 30th, 12 to 4 p.m. at the Heritage Center

Where: All classes will be held at the Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association's Unangam Ulaa Building at 1131 E. International Airport Rd. in Anchorage.

For more information, and to access applications for children, youth and adults, go to this [link](#).

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