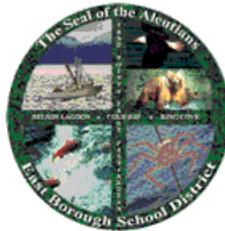
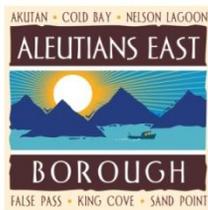


## In the Loop



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

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## **NOAA Determines Nomination of Aleutian Islands as a National Marine Sanctuary is ‘Insufficient’**

Last Friday (Jan. 23, 2015), NOAA [denied](#) a nomination that would have created the Aleutian Islands National Marine Sanctuary. The Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS) determined that the nomination, as submitted, was not sufficient.

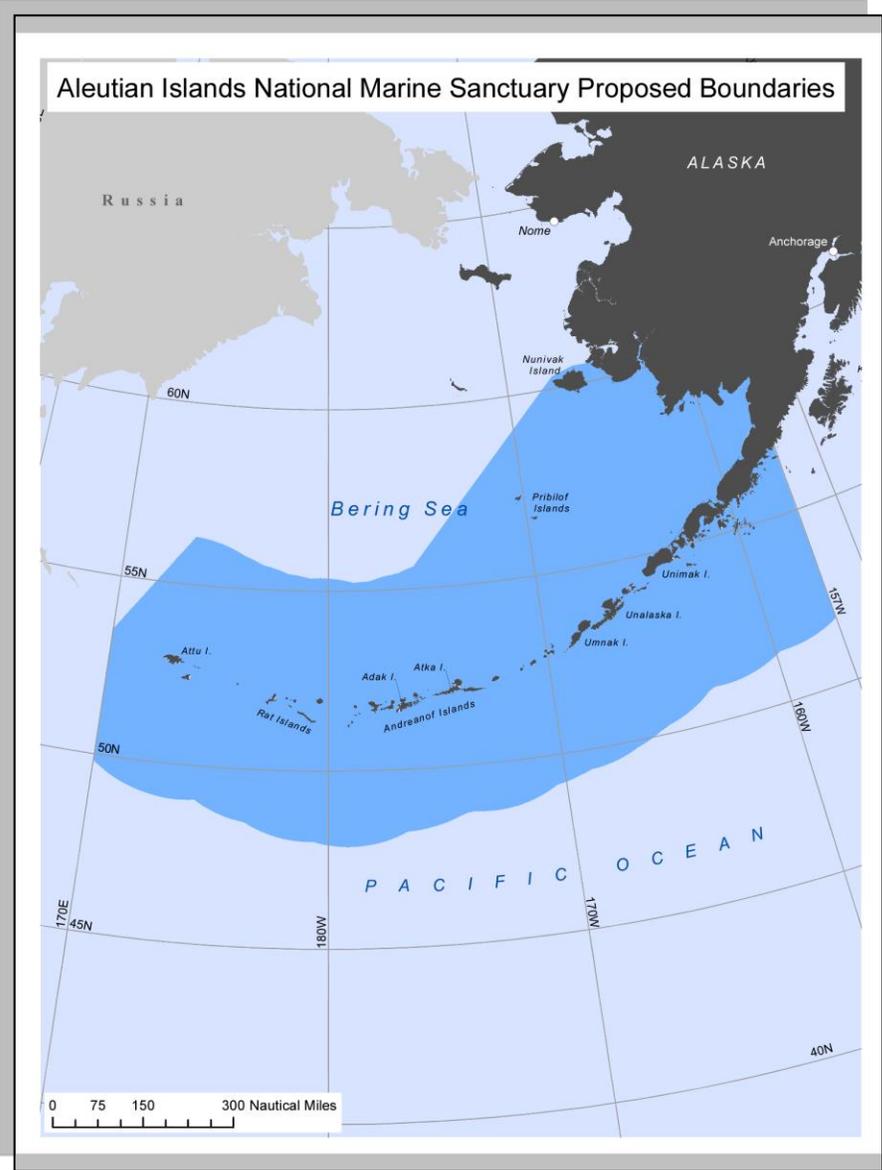
About a month ago, Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER) and several environmental organizations submitted the nomination. The proposed sanctuary would have encompassed all federal waters along the entire Aleutian Islands archipelago to the Alaska mainland, including federal waters off the Pribilof Islands and Bristol Bay, an area approximately 554,000 square nautical miles.

According to a letter from Daniel Basta, the director of ONMS, the rationale for reaching this conclusion was mostly based on the lack of support from community interests.

“We certainly came out in opposition,” said Ernie Weiss, the Director of Natural Resources for the Aleutians East Borough. “I think the communities and tribes showing their opposition to this nomination played an important part in this determination.”

Earlier this month, the Aleutians East Borough Assembly unanimously passed a [resolution](#) opposing the nomination of the area as a marine sanctuary after the Qagan Tayagungin Tribe of Sand Point brought the issue to the attention of tribes and local governments in the region. The City of Sand Point, the City of Adak, Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference Board of Directors and the Agdaagux Tribe of King Cove passed similar resolutions. The City of Unalaska plans to do likewise tonight (Jan. 27, 2015). The Qagan Tayagungin Tribe, the Akutan Corporation, the Akutan Traditional Council and the King Cove Corporation sent letters expressing their disapproval of the nomination.

In its resolution, the Borough stated it is not aware of any support from regional communities, tribes or local groups for the nomination. The resolution further stated that the potential designation would make all restrictions to fishing and other commerce permanent and would authorize further onerous permanent restrictions. The Borough, cities and tribes in the area are concerned this would have caused economic harm to communities, which are primarily dependent on commercial fishing.



Recently, Alaska Representative Bryce Edgmon introduced a resolution opposing the designation of the area as a marine sanctuary. Several other legislators signed on as co-sponsors.



Alaska Rep. Bryce Edgmon

Last week, Congressman Don Young introduced legislation (HR 332) to prohibit the Secretary of Commerce from designating a new marine sanctuary in Alaska



Congressman Don Young

under the National Marine Sanctuary Act, without first obtaining approval from Congress.

Lack of community support was only part of the reason ONMS rejected the nomination. Basta also stated that the nomination didn't clarify the level of support from the federal and state agencies listed as potential management partners.

"It is equally important to identify any offers of partnership from tribal governments, local jurisdictions, non-government organizations or universities to assist in managing this area," Basta stated in his letter.

Basta also wrote that ONMS concluded that the nomination provided little to no description as to how this area would provide opportunities for education, such as specific partnerships and commitments from educational groups.

While Basta spells out why the nomination was deemed insufficient, he also offers alternatives to PEER, such as considering nominating a smaller area or a series of smaller areas that encompass the specific resources believed to be of highest value for a possible national marine sanctuary designation.

"We're still apprehensive that we may see another similar nomination in the future," said Weiss.

Rick Steiner, a member of the PEER board of directors, indicated in a [press release](#) that he isn't giving up.

"While we are disappointed by NOAA's reaction, we remain undeterred," Steiner said in the release yesterday.

However, both Weiss and Basta point out that the demonstration of wide community support remains a key consideration for ONMS to accept a nomination.

# Gov. Walker Announces Three Commissioner Appointments; Names Cotten as ADF&G Commissioner

*Press release from the Governor's Office*

One week ago, Governor Bill Walker announced the appointment of three new members to his Cabinet. Those include Sam Cotten as Department of Fish and Game Commissioner; Chris Hladick as Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development Commissioner; and Ronald Taylor as Department of Corrections Commissioner.

Sam Cotten has been serving for the past two months as Acting Commissioner for the Department of Fish and Game. He was nominated by the boards of Fish and Game. Governor Walker approved the nomination.

A former member of the Alaska Legislature and Speaker of the House of Representatives, Cotten has served on a number of fisheries boards, including the North Pacific Fisheries

Management Council, the Alaska Commercial

Fishing and Agriculture Bank and the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute. He has also been an advisor in fisheries negotiations between the U.S. and USSR. Most recently, Cotten served as the fisheries consultant for the Aleutians East Borough.



**Gov. Bill Walker shakes Sam Cotten's hand after naming him Commissioner of ADF&G. Cotten served as Acting Commissioner for the past two months.**

“Sam’s years of involvement in fish issues give him the depth that we need to ensure we follow our constitutional mandate of sustained yield,” Governor Walker said. “Sam will make an excellent commissioner.”



Sam Cotten, Commissioner of ADF&G

the city manager in both Dillingham and Galena.

Chris Hladick, who will lead the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, has worked as the City Manager of Unalaska for 14 years, overseeing the construction of the \$72 million Carl E. Moses Boat Harbor and a new state-of-the-art \$62 million powerhouse. Prior to his work in Unalaska, he served as

Ronald Taylor, Governor Walker’s newly appointed Department of Corrections Commissioner, has worked for the State of Alaska for 25 years, including the last seven years at the Department of Corrections. Since 2012, he has served as the Deputy Commissioner of Re-entry and Population Management for DOC, where he oversaw inmate transition from institution to probation/parole supervision and the community.

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## BPS Debuts Processing of P. Cod During Winter Fishery this Month

*Submitted by APICDA*



APICDA’s Bering Pacific Seafoods (BPS), located in False Pass, opened in January to process Pacific cod in the winter fishery. Operating BPS and the False Pass Fuel Company throughout the winter positivity impacts commerce. It also helps to fulfill APICDA’s purpose to develop stable local economies in the region.

# Greenhouse Project Launched in Nelson Lagoon

*Submitted by APICDA*



Construction on a geodesic greenhouse in Nelson Lagoon began last fall. Photo courtesy of APICDA.

In the fall of 2014, Angel Drobnica, APICDA Renewable Energy and Fisheries Liaison, met with a team of visiting contractors and local residents to begin construction on a geodesic greenhouse in Nelson Lagoon. The 26-foot structure is passively heated by the sun and proved effective as soon as the last panel was set, reaching 80 degrees inside on a very cold and windy day. The dome is centrally located near the tribal office building and

is open to any resident with a green thumb, or anyone interested in trying out gardening for the

first time.

The first task this spring will be to fill the beds with a good soil base from a recipe of locally sourced ingredients. With proper management, soil can be made from pretty much anything including; sand, dirt, shells, kelp, fish waste, home compost or grass clippings. During the trip, the group met with a handful of people to discuss soil preparation and showed an informative video compiled by Western SARE (Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education).

APICDA has identified food security as a top community priority and it is the organization's goal to have at least one greenhouse in every city or village.

APICDA is hopeful that these growing spaces will provide access to fresh healthy fruits and vegetables while affording an opportunity for knowledge sharing and social gathering.



The 26-foot structure is heated by the sun. The dome is located near the tribal office and is open to any resident interested in gardening. Photo courtesy of APICDA.

# Sand Point Eagles Soar in Trident Tip Off Classic

## After Last Second Buzzer Beater



The Sand Point Eagles Won the championship game in the Trident Tip Off Classic against the King Cove T-Jacks in a last second buzzer beater. Photo courtesy of the 2014-2015 Sand Point Yearbook Class.

The boys' basketball championship game in the Trident Tip Off Classic nearly sent spectators in the gym over the edge with unbridled excitement.

“It was a last second buzzer-beater against King Cove,” said KSDP Radio General Manager Austin Roof. “It was a tight, tight game and was undoubtedly the best game I have seen in forever!”

On January 17<sup>th</sup>, the Sand Point Eagles took the championship with a score of 49 to 48.

“It was about as an exciting of a ball game as it could have been,” said Eagles Coach Brad Herndon. “It was quite amazing!”

Herndon said the game started out with the King Cove T-Jacks up by 11 points in the second quarter.

“They got stuck on 27 points in the second quarter,” Herndon said. “We crawled back to within 7 points at halftime. The score was 27 to 20. Then we kept chipping away at them a little bit at a time.”

Herndon said with four minutes left in the game, the Eagles tied the T-Jacks.

“The last 40 or so seconds were just a blur,” he said. “We had a couple of times when they were up three points with about 47 seconds left in the game. We brought it back to one point with a free throw by Colton Mack with twelve seconds left. Then they turned the ball over with five seconds left. Johnny Rotter took a shot and missed with one second left on the clock.”

The rebound came down to Evan Wilson. He put it back in. It went through the basket just about the time the buzzer went off.

“We ended up winning by one point,” said Herndon. “I’m a first-year coach here. However, someone else told me that spectators in the gym were the most excited and the loudest that they have been in years.”

“The crowd just erupted in cheers,” said Roof.

“Oh, you should have seen it,” said T-Jacks Coach Randal Newman. “The crowd went crazy! They (the T-Jacks) lost on a buzzer-beater. The score was 49 to 48. It was a little heartbreaking for them (the King Cove boys), but it was pretty exciting. We were on the wrong end of it, of course, but it was still exciting to see.”

“The (Sand Point) boys are walking around with a bit of a bounce in their step,” Herndon added. “We were beat earlier in the week two different times by King Cove, so to get a win in the championship game was pretty neat. The King Cove team is so well-coached and is always prepared. They played well.”

Newman said the T-Jacks aren’t used to such a close game.

“They really haven’t had one,” he said. “The big thing that I saw was the effort from both teams. Sand Point just didn’t want to lose that game.”

“It was just really great to get a victory and especially the way it happened and when it happened,” Herndon said. “It was very special.”

Herndon said several Eagles players shined during the game, including sophomore Colton Mack.

“He is a very gifted ball handler and just did super,” the Eagles coach said. “Evan Wilson, a junior, had 14 points and really played well. We had two freshmen who came in off the bench who played good defense. This is the first time we’ve held King Cove below 70 points in our six games, so I was really proud of the defense that the boys played as a team,” Herndon said.

For Newman, the players that stood out in the championship were brothers Ian and Conner Samuelson.

“Ian can shoot the ball from just about anywhere on the court, and he did exactly that,” Newman added. “He was amazing! Conner is just an all-star type defender. He guarded a 6-foot-five player down low the entire game. He did just an amazing job!”

Newman said there were four guys on the team who have never played high school basketball before. One was a senior. The other was a sophomore, and two were freshmen.

“Our boys did really well and played great defense,” said Newman. “It was their best defensive game of the year. But I think the last game and the five days on the road just kind of took their toll.”



T-Jacks Coach Randal Newman said the King Cove boys played their best defensive game of the year. Photo courtesy of Paul Barker.

Although the incredibly close game was disappointing for King Cove, comments could be seen on Facebook, as King Cove residents praised the T-Jacks, saying “You played your hearts out!”

For all the teams that participated in the tournament, the experience went beyond athleticism. It was also a bonding experience with each other and with other team members.

“Just the whole experience of being away from school for a week, playing basketball every day is brand new to them, and it seemed like the whole team really enjoyed it,” Newman said.

“There were 50 high school kids that were competing against each other just hours before the games, and they were sitting together socializing and having conversations,” Herndon said. “I think it was really good for the students. The parents of the ball players, staff, administration, community members did just a super job of hosting everybody. Parents brought sandwiches, fruit and cookies for the players after the games.”

Herndon, who lived in the Lower 48 before coming to Sand Point to teach and coach high school basketball, said watching the games in rural Alaska is a totally different experience.

“There (in the Lower 48), we drive 30 minutes to a game,” he said. “After they play, we leave and it’s over. The students there don’t spend any time with the opposing team. So this was something I really liked about the way the tournament was set up – how much time the students got to spend with each other and learn about each other. Everybody said they felt that Sand Point took very good care of the players.”

**Didn’t get to see the game? Listen to it [here](#).**

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## King Cove Rookies Win Championship Game in Trident Tip Off Classic

The King Cove Girls won first place in the championship game against the New Stuyahok Lady Eagles in the Trident Tip Off Classic by just three points.

“It was a close game the whole way through,” King Cove Rookies Coach Paul Barker said.



The King Cove Rookies took first place in the championship game of the Trident Tip Off Classic, winning by three points. Photo courtesy of Paul Barker.

“There were a lot of people (from King Cove) listening to it on the radio,” said forward Cameron Samuelson. “They said it was a real nail-biter”.

Barker said it seemed as if the New Stuyahok Lady Eagles were on the edge of making a big run at any time.

“We had the lead the whole game, but we just couldn’t break away. New Stu just wouldn’t go away. They were very resistant. They played a great game,” Barker said.

Things started to change towards the end of the game when New Stuyahok made a big weight push.

“The fourth quarter was thrilling because we were up and then they just kept chipping into our lead,” Barker said. “Towards the end of the game, our lead was down to three. With good passing and keeping the ball moving, we were able to hold them off by three points.”

“New Stu had a good shot out there in the 3-point line. That was the most challenging part for us,” Samuelson said. “They are really good shooters.”

While the game was a tight one, Barker said he wasn't surprised that the Rookies came out on top.



**"The King Cove girls played their absolute hardest, and it showed," said Rookies Coach Paul Barker. Photo courtesy of Paul Barker.**

"Honestly, this has been the best team I've had in three years," he said. "We were fully prepared for this tournament after working really hard at practice for the past two months. I knew as long as we accomplished our goals on the court, the girls would be successful in what they were doing."

The Rookies' success was due in large part to teamwork.

"I think the best part is that our team played really well together," Samuelson added. "We didn't have any negative energy towards each other. We played as a team."

Barker said the team members who stood out during the game were Cameron Samuelson, Peyton Kuzakin and Shankel Mack.

"Cameron led all scorers with 14 points," Barker said. "She was pretty dominant on the offensive and defensive rebounds. Cam and Shankel Mack (both forwards) played excellent on both sides of the ball. They were very complimentary to each other. The reason Shankel got 'player of the game' was she had the hardest defensive assignment. She was responsible for a lot of the defense on the side of the ball when New Stu was trying to shoot the most. So she had a tough job in that game. Peyton Kuzakin had more than 10 assists in the game. She had six in the first quarter."

Barker said overall, sharing the ball and working together as a team helped them beat New Stu in the championship.

"We went in confident," he said. "We executed everything we needed to do on offense and defense. They played their absolute hardest and it showed."

Barker and Samuelson said the team wasn't just there to play.

"There were also there for a bonding experience with some of the other teams," he said. "Everybody was very supportive of each other. It was a great tournament."

Missed the game? Listen to it [here](#).

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## Sand Point Lady Eagles Take Third Place in Trident Tip Off Classic Championship Game

The Sand Point Lady Eagles took third place in the championship game against the Port Alsworth Lady Lynx, with a score of 47 to 8. Essentially, the championship at the Trident Tip Off Classic Tournament was a rematch of the previous night's game in which the Lady Eagles claimed victory with a similar score.



The Sand Point Lady Eagles took third place in the championship game against the Port Alsworth Lady Lynx, with a score of 47 to 8. Photo courtesy: of the 2014-2015 Sand Point Yearbook Class.

As the championship game took shape, the Sand Point girls quickly gained on Port Alsworth, a team with a new program that has improved greatly throughout the tournament. Early on, Madison Thompson scored a couple of points back-to-back. She and center forward Desiree Mobeck shined throughout the game.

“Some of the dominance of down low of both Madison Thompson and Desiree Mobeck, just to the rebounds, getting it down to the post, there was no answer for that,” said Sand Point Lady Eagles Coach Emil Mobeck.

“The movement of the offense really distracts the defense, giving them the opportunity to get the post player down there,” Austin Roof of Radio Station KSDP said during play-by-play announcements. “They’ve converted the majority of the points so far with that one play – that or baseline tip-ins.”

The Sand Point Lady Eagles performed well as a team, and it showed during the game.

“Everybody is just starting to mesh together and become a good, solid team,” said Mobeck. “Dantezza Pangilinan, one of my main guards and defenders, is strong and dedicated. She’s right there and is an all-around player.”

Mobeck was also pleased that he was able to give all of the Lady Eagles team members a lot of playing time.

“I got to get some of my up-and-coming talented girls more time to play, and they ended up getting to score some baskets,” he said. “That really helped their mental psyche about playing basketball and learning that hard work really pays off. There was a lot of team effort, and everyone just wanted to help each other out.”

Despite being behind, Port Alsworth never stopped trying. By the end of the second quarter, the Lady Lynx maintained possession of the ball for some time before Lady Eagles guard Jonni Pilcher stole it. Moments later, Lady Eagles guard Justina Parami got the ball. She took a shot and the ball went in off the right side of the backboard just as the buzzer went off. By the end of the first half, the score was 31 to 4.

Roof noted that with such a large deficit going into the second half, it’s often easy for a team that’s so far behind to give up. “But knowing the Port Alsworth Lady Lynx, I don’t think that’s going to happen,” he said.

With four and a half minutes left in the third quarter, Lady Eagles guard Payton Stroud looked for an opportunity as Port Alsworth’s Charis Alsworth was dribbling the ball.

“Stroud just got right in on that loose ball and forces a jump ball,” said Roof. “She saw the ball right there in the bread basket, asking to be taken,” an animated Roof announced.

Roof noted there were so many opportunities on the bottom side of the post for Sand Point, leaving them with great-looking shots.

By the beginning of the fourth quarter, barring any dramatic change, it was pretty clear that Sand Point was going to take the third place championship. The game ended with a score of 47 to 8.

Overall, Mobeck was impressed with the tournament.

“The talent was pretty well matched up for the whole tournament,” he said. They are all really close in talent, and I’m glad to see that.”

**Missed the game? Listen to it [here](#).** Listen to the rest of the archived games on [KSDP](#).

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## KSDP Participates in Alaska TV News Station's Instagram Takeover

It's not hard to understand why Instagram, a photo and video-sharing social media network, is so wildly popular with iPhone and Android phone users. Millions of users seem to enjoy sharing a window into their lives and getting a glimpse into the lives of others, sometimes those of people or communities they know little or nothing about. Instagram is perhaps best known for its impressive number of photo filters that can provide a standard photo with the appearance of professional editing.

Recently, Sand Point got in on the action after Alaska television news station KTVA launched a web series called *Instagram Takeover*. Sand Point was featured in week 3, thanks to the participation of KSDP General Manager Austin Roof.

"Actually, we didn't pursue this at all," Roof said. "It came to us. Jason Sear, the individual responsible for the online presence for KTVA, used to be the program director for Dillingham's KDLG. He called us and said he had a hole to fill. He asked if we wanted to do it. It was really short notice, but I said, 'Yeah, let's go for it.'"

One of the photos Roof posted was of himself posing with Sand Point's basketball mascot, the Eagle, which was especially appropriate considering the Trident Tip Off Classic basketball tournament was just around the corner at that time.

"That was showing how important basketball is to the rural communities," said Roof, "and especially because this is the most popular program we do throughout the year. It's kind of the heartbeat of the community."



KSDP General Manager Austin Roof poses with Sand Point's official mascot, the Eagle. "That was showing how important basketball is to the rural communities," Roof said.

Another photo featured a scenic shot of Sand Point at dusk. The caption read, “Greetings from Sand Point Alaska! We are a small fishing village on an island in the Eastern Aleutians. For the next week, I am going to show you the beauty and joy in our community from the eyes of a public radio station. Get ready for amazing views, people and lots of basketball!!!!”



**KSDP DJ BigWave Dave Dillard’s show is very popular in the Aleutians.**

The radio station’s DJ BigWave Dave Dillard was the focus in another shot. In the caption, Roof wrote “3 college degrees, 25 years fishing and chef credentials gives BigWave Dave Dillard the experience he needs to be the full-time DJ for KSDP. His show is extremely popular in the Aleutians and broadcasts nearly 8 hours a day.”

“He’s becoming iconic for the radio station here, in terms of identifying who we are, through him,” Roof said.

Showing regular moments in life was the focus of another photo. The picture shows Pastor Scott picking up freight from a boat that came from Seattle, which contained 2,000 pounds of food. The caption read, “People make orders together to keep shipping costs low. Currently a gallon of milk is \$12 in Sand Point, so getting food from down south is a real blessing! Remember us next time you are in a grocery store.”

“It kind of tells a little bit about what it’s like out here for us,” Roof said.

Another photo highlighted two young men from Sand Point, Matthew Bravo and Troy Bousley, members of a local hip hop group. The caption read in part, “Our production studio doubles as a recording studio, which is used by the local youth to create music as a positive outlet.”

“That was one of the best photos, actually,” Roof Said. “They formed a group called 3-d and release all their stuff out there to independent media outlets, such as ReverbNation, SoundCloud and Rapzilla. In terms of the radio demographics for Alaska, they’re in the top five of the most listened to hip hop groups. They really work hard.”



**Matthew Bravo and Troy Bousley, members of a Sand Point hip hop group, 3-d, were also highlighted in KTVA’s Instagram Takeover: Week 3.**

Roof and his wife are experienced users of Instagram, so this was a project they were comfortable with.

“We knew what to do,” Roof said, “So by playing around with filters, we were able to go pretty far.”

Roof said the feedback he received about the Instagram Takeover featuring Sand Point came mostly from KTVA’s Digital Content Manager Jason Sear.

“He actually said people were really digging them,” Roof added. “It was going over really well.”

Roof said he also received feedback from the various “communities” they tapped into, such as the basketball community and the hip hop community.

“When we started hash tagging all the hip hop ones, that spread it out to a big hip hop community outside of Alaska,” Roof said. “People would post things like, ‘Oh, this is awesome! Love hearing this stuff.’”

When Roof tagged the photos associated with high school basketball in rural Alaska, it went to the basketball community.

“People said, ‘Oh, this is so exciting! Love seeing this kind of support. Basketball is life.’ It was cool,” Roof said, “because the neat thing about social media on this level is that when you capture a photo, it can go so far in different directions.”

Roof said he saw that happen with a photo that was very Alaskan, such as the scenic Sand Point shot.

“That was picked up by people who love Alaska,” Roof said. “The hip hop one was picked up by the music community, and all the way down the line. It was really cool. People gave feedback and liked it. People in Sand Point also thought it was a cool project.”



Roof said the scenic shot of Sand Point was picked up by people who love Alaska.

If you’re interested in seeing some of the Instagram photos, visit this link:

[KTVA's Instagram Takeover - Week 3](#)

# What's the Big Idea?



## NEW COMPETITION!



## ALEUTIAN marketplace

The Aleutian Pribilof Island Community Development Association (APICDA) and the Aleut Corporation (TAC) are pleased to announce the reopening of the Aleutian Marketplace Competition, designed to highlight business development and innovation in the 12 communities served by APICDA and TAC.

### ELIGIBILITY:

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Adak, Akutan, Atka, Cold Bay, King Cove, Nikolski, False Pass, Nelson Lagoon, Sand Point, St. George, St. Paul and Unalaska.

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For rules and entry forms, go to:

### Congratulations to the 2014 Winners!

**1st Place:** Kristjan Laxfoss,  
Unalaska - Pollock fish franks

**2nd Place:** Anne Morris,  
Sand Point - Aleutian burger

**3rd Place:** Blaine Shaishnikoff,  
Unalaska - Hydroponic greenhouse

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- ★ Sustainability
- ★ Ability to create jobs

- 1st place wins \$1,000
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- 3rd place wins \$350
- (new award!) former resident \$500

**DEADLINE:** March 13, 2015

Business idea(s) cannot be for an existing business. Entrants can be of any age and can also be a current business owner. Think "Out of the Box" and Win!

[www.apicda.com/aleutian-marketplace](http://www.apicda.com/aleutian-marketplace)

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# Eastern Aleutian Tribes

January 2015

*Submitted by Jennifer Harrison, EAT Executive Director*

## Quality Improvement

- Selma Ramsdell, Human Resources Director, has conducted a True Colors – Team Building for **Customer Service training** in King Cove and Sand Point and she plans to visit the other clinics in the next few months.
- Our Board has approved a revised Social Media Policy, so we will start utilizing our **Facebook** page more. Check us out! [Facebook](#)



Wellness Event in Sand Point – August 2014

## People

- Welcome our New Hires:
    - **Leann Mack**, Accounts Payable Technician, Anchorage (first day January 5<sup>th</sup>)
    - **Robin Medina**, Special Projects Manager, Anchorage (first day January 5<sup>th</sup>)
    - **Honey Lou Wilson**, Dental Assistant/DHAT in training, King Cove (first day January 5<sup>th</sup>) \*She will be traveling to all villages with Ben Stewart, DHAT.
  - Open Positions:
    - **Behavioral Health Aides\*** – Akutan and Nelson Lagoon
    - **Community Health Aides\*** – Akutan, Cold Bay, and Nelson Lagoon
    - **Medical Director/Physician** – 50% in Anchorage and 50% at all clinic sites
    - **Nurse Practitioner/Physician Assistant** – Continuous Recruitment for itinerants
- \*Note: No experience necessary. Training will be provided.

## Service

- “Caught Ya Caring” Winners from December All Hands Staff Meeting:
  - **Patti Holmberg (IT Technician, Sand Point)** and **Karen Kalmakoff (CHR, Sand Point)** for helping me out at the front desk during the week of December 8<sup>th</sup>. Without these two people helping, I would have never been able to handle the front office by myself.

- I nominate **Patti Holmberg (IT Technician, Sand Point)**! Patti has been filling in at the front desk when needed and it is greatly appreciated.
- **Joseph Mackey (CHA, Adak)** - Joseph has been instrumental in working with our staff in the goal of getting Adak clinic the best it can be. What is particularly impressive about Joseph is the fact that he continues to independently identify jobs, deficiencies, and overall clinic needs without being asked or managed.
- “Caught Ya Caring” Winners from January All Hands Staff Meeting:
  - **Summer Mack (CHA III, King Cove)** - I would like to nominate Summer Mack for going above and beyond for a patient. A patient was having difficulties using their at-home equipment, so Summer took it upon herself to go to their house and help them out. The patient appreciated the extra service.
- I would like to nominate **Lori Petersen (Payroll/Benefits Manager, Anchorage), Betty Calugan (Administration Director, Anchorage), Selma Ramsdell (Human Resource Director, Anchorage) and Debbie Malavansky (Administrative Assistant, Anchorage – picture to the right)** for their patience and always taking the time to help me through all the many things I seem to forget!
- **Susan Shoemaker (Itinerant CHAP)** - She is hard at work to get our providers and communities well trained. Takes lots of time after hours! And weekends and she never complains. Exactly the opposite. Very encouraging employee to work with! Thank you for being GREAT!
- **Executive Director:**
  - False Pass: February 23-27<sup>th</sup> (community potluck on February 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm)
  - Cold Bay: February 27-28<sup>th</sup> (community potluck on February 27<sup>th</sup>)



○ **Dental Services**



- King Cove: January 20 – February 6<sup>th</sup> (Dr. Costa)
- Adak: January 19 – 22<sup>nd</sup> (Ben, DHAT)
- King Cove: January 23 – February 6<sup>th</sup> (Ben, DHAT)
- Sand Point: January 28 – February 6<sup>th</sup> (Dr. Popescu, SCF)
- False Pass: February 2 – 13<sup>th</sup> (Dr. Costa and Ben, DHAT)
- King Cove: February 17 – 20<sup>th</sup> (Dr. Costa)
- Sand Point: February 23 – March 6<sup>th</sup> (Dr. Costa)

**Finance**

- We received a “clean audit” for FY 2014! **Kudos to the Finance Department!**

**Growth**



- Received multiple proposals from video production companies to do the Founders' Story and selected **Alpenglow Productions**.

Oxford Houses are sober/clean living facilities for those in recovery. We are looking for match funding from local and regional partners and companies, so we can open one in Sand Point.



### **APICDA Vessels, Inc.**

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## **Job Announcement for AVI Fleet Manager**



APICDA Vessels, Inc. is hiring for the position of Fleet Manager. This is a full-time position located in Anchorage, Alaska. Duties include, but not limited to: managing fleet operations, organizing maintenance and repair, harvesting schedules, gear change overs, fish plans, budgets and financials, tender and crew contracts, vessel projections, analysis and procurement.

### **Minimum Requirements:**

Bachelor degree in business or related field a plus, five years previous work experience in owning or managing a vessel or fleet. Prefer advanced knowledge of vessel operations in Alaska Aleutian/Pribilof Island region and commercial fishing industry. Knowledge of diesel and gas mechanics, fabrication, basic electrical, hydraulic and refrigeration repair and maintenance. Requires travel to remote locations and ability to manage projects in these locations. Must be available weekends and outside normal business hours. Advanced use of

Microsoft office and emails, experience with budgeting, excellent communicator, team builder, leader, excellent time management and attention to details.

Competitive salary with comprehensive benefit package.

Applications available at [www.apicda.com](http://www.apicda.com). Submit application with cover letter and resume to: [hr@apicda.com](mailto:hr@apicda.com).

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## Community Financial Incorporated

### Executive Director Job Opportunity

**Posting Date:** January 4, 2015

**Reports to:** Board of Directors

**Posting Ends:** January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015 or until filled



#### Position Description:

Executive Director for Community Financial, Inc. (CFI), a certified Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI), serving the Aleutian and Bristol Bay regions of Alaska. Serving under the direction of the CFI Board of Directors, receive and screen loan requests; underwrite loan applications; present proposals for review to the CFI Loan Committee; negotiate loan transactions and close loans; assist in the monitoring and servicing of CFI loan portfolio; develop organizational policies & procedures; and market CFI loan products and services to potential new borrowers.

#### Qualifications:

- Hold a current NMLS license, or be willing and able to obtain one.
- Minimum 3 years lending experience, with clear understanding of the loan underwriting process

- Bachelor's degree or equivalent professional experience in a relevant field such as financial management, small business management, business administration or economics
- Thorough understanding of basic principles of accounting, finance and financial analysis
- Computer literacy in word processing, data base and spreadsheet programs, preferably Microsoft Word, Excel and QuickBooks
- Preferred experience with homeownership loans, small business lending and consumer finance
- Willingness and ability to travel within targeted rural communities of Aleutian & Bristol Bay region service areas to conduct site visits, visit borrowers & market CFI products & services
- Impeccable personal integrity; ability to maintain confidentiality of customer data
- Ability to pass good credit and criminal background check
- Good interpersonal, written and verbal communication skills



**Salary / Benefits:**

DOE, personal leave, and health insurance allowance.

Full Job Description available, upon request

Please send resume and cover letter to: Viola Yatchmeneff via email at: [viola.yatchmeneff@ahaak.org](mailto:viola.yatchmeneff@ahaak.org); fax: 1-907-563-3105; or mail: 520 E. 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99503.

## Got News?

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