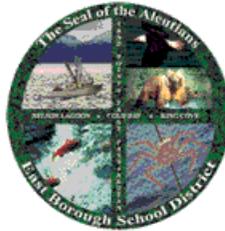
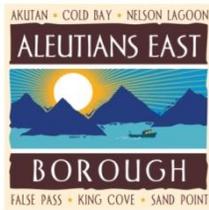


## In the Loop



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

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## Tustumena's Return to Service Postponed Once Again

### Kennicott Schedule Getting Revised to Provide Service in Sept.

The Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF) announced this morning that the Tustumena's return to service is being delayed indefinitely. The announcement came after repair work to the ferry failed U.S. Coast Guard inspections. As a result, the Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) cancelled Tustumena sailings through September.



“We are extremely dismayed that the Tustumena

The Tustumena's return to service has been delayed indefinitely.

is not ready to return to service,” Commissioner Pat Kemp of DOT&PF said in a press release.

“This delay affects many communities, residents and small businesses across Alaska,” Kemp said. “Our top concern is that Alaskans get the ferry service they depend on as quickly as possible. The safety of Alaskans, however, can never be compromised.”

The ferry has been in a Seward drydock since last fall. Since then, the date of its return to service has been pushed back at least twice before. In the meantime, AMHS managers are revising the schedule of the M/V Kennicott to provide service in September to Southcentral and Southwest Alaska, including the Aleutian Chain. An updated schedule will be made available online at [FerryAlaska.com](http://FerryAlaska.com).

**For more information, visit the links below:**

[AMHS press release](#)

[Anchorage Daily News article](#)

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## **Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs Washburn Visits King Cove; Promises Residents’ Voices will be Heard**

Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs Kevin Washburn has a deeper appreciation of why the proposed land exchange and road from King Cove to the Cold Bay Airport is so important to residents. Washburn visited King Cove June 27 – 29, 2013 to focus on medical evacuations and the trust responsibility the United States has to Native communities. That appreciation included a visit to the Cold Bay dock, the clinic and the Izembek Refuge. Washburn saw



Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs Kevin Washburn climbs the ladder at the Cold Bay dock during his visit.

first-hand where the proposed road from King Cove would connect to existing roads in the refuge. Afterwards, he visited the King Cove clinic and spoke to health practitioners there to learn about the challenges of medevacing patients during harsh weather.



**King Cove City Administrator Gary Hennigh shows Washburn where the proposed King Cove road to the Cold Bay airport would connect to existing roads in the refuge.**

“Time if of the essence. When someone is facing a critical illness, they need to get to a hospital, and it shouldn’t depend on the weather,” Washburn said during the community meeting. “You’ve got a wonderful clinic, and you’ve got great medical staff, but it’s not a hospital and it’s not a complete

E.R. with specialists.”

Washburn listened to heartfelt testimony from residents about how distraught they felt when their loved ones were medevaced on rough boat or plane rides during stormy

weather. In some cases, patients had to wait hours or even days until improved weather allowed travel to occur at all.



**Nurse Practitioner Cameron Spivey explains what the capabilities and limitations of the King Cove Clinic are to Washburn.**

King Cove resident Janet Bear said easier access to and from King Cove can mean the difference between life and death. She said in 2011, her 6 month-old daughter, Tiffany, needed to be medevaced to Anchorage during severe weather, which prevented scheduled air travel.



**King Cove resident Janet Bear provides testimony about a difficult medevac two years ago involving her infant daughter, Tiffany.**

"She was having difficulty breathing and her heart rate was fluctuating," Bear said. "There were extremely high winds, gusting 70 to 100 miles an hour in blizzard conditions. If it weren't for the medical care she received, she wouldn't have survived the night."

The Coast Guard was called in to help. However, because of the harsh weather conditions, the agency was delayed. When the Coast Guard was able to make it in, she, the baby, and the child's father, got on the

plane, along with a health practitioner.

“All of us, including the Coast Guard, put our lives on the line,” Bear added.

Fortunately, the baby was able to get the medical attention she needed in time. However, that isn’t always the case.

“I’ve been at the clinic, helping them set up medevacs when the Coast Guard said, we can’t come in. We don’t have the resources to come in right now,” said Chris Babcock, King Cove Fire Chief. “I appreciate the times when they do come in. But they’re a small organization, and they have a lot of



**King Cove Fire Chief Chris Babcock tells Washburn that the Coast Guard can’t be the community’s only option for medevacs.**

other things that they have to do. They can’t be our only option.”

“The Coast Guard, Guardian and Lifeflight will come maybe 65 to 70 percent of the time, if we’re really lucky,” said King Cove emergency medical technician Bonita Babcock. “But people don’t just get sick on nice days. People have heart attacks at night in the winter when it’s blowing. We have a lot in this clinic, but not enough to take care of



**Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs Kevin Washburn told community residents he will make sure residents’ voices are heard by the Secretary before she makes her final decision. Kristi Williams, Counselor to Washburn, is seated on the left.**

advanced cardiac patients”, she said.

Washburn told community residents that he wasn’t there to make any promises about how the final decision will come out.

“I’m here to listen to you and provide a broader context than just the information from the Fish and Wildlife Service because there’s more to the story than the things they looked at.”

Earlier this year, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) recommended the “no action” alternative following the environmental impact statement (EIS) of the land exchange



**AEB Mayor Stanley Mack and King Cove City Administrator Gary Hennigh listen as residents provide testimony during the community meeting.**

and proposed road corridor from King Cove to the Cold Bay Airport.

AEB Mayor Stanley Mack said comments made by those opposed to the road and land exchange during the EIS meetings often left him shaking his head.

“You sit at these meetings, and you wonder, what is going on in people’s minds when you put a bird before a human life,” Mayor Mack said.

Later during the year, after several meetings with Senator Lisa Murkowski, outgoing Interior Secretary Ken Salazar agreed that the Department would take a second look at the process. As part of the review process, Washburn will focus on the medical evacuation needs of the community and will provide that information to Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell, who took office in April.

“We’re not asking for a lot,” said Bonita Babcock, during the recent community meeting in King Cove. “Anyone with common sense who takes the time to listen can see that, instead



**“We’re not asking for a lot. Anyone with common sense who takes the time to listen can see that, instead of being blinded by the money that the green lobby keeps pouring in,” Bonita Babcock said during the community meeting.**

of being blinded by the money that the green lobby keeps pouring in.”

Rep. Bob Herron (R – House District 37) told Washburn during the meeting that Alaska legislators believe the process has short-changed Alaska Natives on this issue.

“I would suggest to you, sir, that you go back and you



**Rep. Bob Herron suggested to Washburn that he “fight for the people in this room” during the community meeting.**

fight for these

people in this room. You stand up to Mr. Ashe (referring to the Dan Ashe, the Director of USFWS) because you’re going to report it based on your career skills of presenting a legal reason that the road should be there. I don’t know what the possible impacts of a road are,” Herron continued, “But the impacts of a lack



**“If something happens to one of us, it affects everyone, even if we’re not related,” King Cove resident Lonnie Brandell said. “We’re one big family.”**

of that road are absolutely certain.”

“I look at King Cove as one,” said resident Lonnie Brandell. “If something happens to one of us, it affects everyone, even if we’re not related. “We’re one big family.”

Brandell helped medevac his father several years ago on a 3-hour rocky boat ride to Cold Bay during stormy weather. His dad was later diagnosed with double pneumonia at an Anchorage hospital.

“We need that road,” Bonnie Babcock tearfully told Washburn. “We keep coming to these meetings, waiting for something to happen, jumping through more hoops. Maybe you’ll be the one who listens. Maybe you’ll be the one to tell our stories, the one who cares about us. That’s what we need. We need someone to care about us.”

Washburn told community residents that he vows to make sure residents’ voices are heard by the Secretary when she’s considering her decision.

“I admire you for fighting for this road. “You’re just trying to protect your community. It’s a very special community, and it deserves protection,” he said.



**“I admire you for fighting for this road,” Washburn told residents during the meeting. “This is a very special community, and it deserves protection.”**



**Washburn plans to compile a report on his visit, and provide that information to Interior Secretary Jewell.**

A day after the tribal and community meetings, Washburn left King Cove on a tender boat to Cold Bay after fog prevented small plane travel from the remote community. He plans to compile a report on his visit, and provide that information to Interior Secretary Sally Jewell. She plans to visit King Cove in early September before making her final public interest finding on this issue.

For more on Washburn’s visit to King Cove and testimony during the meeting, visit our Facebook link:

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.586657698040636.1073741836.364216026951472&type=1>

*Editor’s Note: Washburn requested that the tribal portion of the meeting be kept private and not be made available to the public and the press. He said this is out of respect for the integrity of*

*the government-to-government relationship. Therefore, photos and testimony for this story are from the community meeting only.*

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## **Additional Funding Approved for Akutan City Dock Improvements**

*Submitted by the City of Akutan*



The City of Akutan and Alaska's DOT&PF have signed a Memorandum of Agreement for the design and construction of improvements to the City-owned dock. Photo by James Botz, Mead & Hunt, Inc.

The City of Akutan and the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) have signed a Memorandum of Agreement for the design and construction of improvements to the City-owned dock. In addition to design and permitting work being completed by RMA

Consulting Group/Mead & Hunt Engineers, the project calls for installation of a new mooring

dolphin and associated access gangways; modifying, extending and repairing existing fender systems on the dock face and connecting mooring structures, repair of existing mooring bollards and placement of new mooring bollard attachments to dock, and provision of a new elevated mobile platform for the pedestrian gangway. Corrosion protection will be repaired and protection will be added to the west point of the dock. Two damaged piles will also be replaced.

The first phase of the project began in 2012 with a \$60,000 Denali Commission grant and a \$60,000 City match, to design new mooring structures for the M/V Tustumena, and to improve ferry passenger safety. In addition, the City identified a number of repairs and upgrades needed for long-term maintenance and operations. The dock is also used for fuel deliveries to the village



An example of corrosion and rust forming on the base of the dock.

and a variety of freight operations.



This photo shows one of the pilings that was hit. The weld was broken. Photo by James Botz, Mead & Hunt, Inc.

When construction funding from the Denali Commission was not appropriated, the City turned to Alaska DOT&PF for help in identifying another source of funds. As a result, the Akutan City Council approved the submittal of grant applications to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for Ferry Boat Discretionary Funds in the amount of \$881,000, and Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding of \$614,000. The Council also approved

a \$281,000 City match for the construction phase of the project. Approval of the FHWA grant was confirmed in the Memorandum of Agreement

signed in early May of this year, for a total project budget of \$1.776 million.

Under terms of the agreement, Akutan will complete the project design, environmental documents and right of way certification, as well as final plans, specifications and cost estimates for advertising of construction bids. DOT&PF will procure contractor services and construct the improvements. The City's consulting and engineering team will work with DOT&PF and the construction contractor throughout the project. A construction date for the project will not be determined until the design, environmental documents and permits are completed. The City and DOT&PF are making every effort to fast track this phase of the project in hopes of going to bid by the end of 2013 and proceeding to construction in early 2014.



This photo shows the fender portion of a piling that is severed from the dock. Photo by James Botz, Mead & Hunt, Inc.

In confirming the receipt of federal and State funding and the agreement between the City and DOT&PF, Mayor Joe Bereskin stated, "Like all communities in the Eastern Aleutians, Akutan depends on having a safe and workable dock for ferry service and community resupply. We appreciate the willingness of our City Council, State DOT&PF and FHWA to invest in this important project. These improvements will also get us ready to receive a new, larger ferry being planned for service in the Aleutians."

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# Russian Polar Explorers Embark on Aleutian Adventure to Document Early Russian Roots

## Plans Include Visiting AEB Communities in Early August



Russian polar explorer Mikhail Malakhov plans to visit Aleutian communities beginning next week to document the early Russian roots.

A pre-eminent polar explorer, Mikhail Malakhov, celebrated as a “Hero of the Russian Federation,” is setting his sights on several Aleutian communities this summer to document history in some of the old Russian settlements of western Alaska.

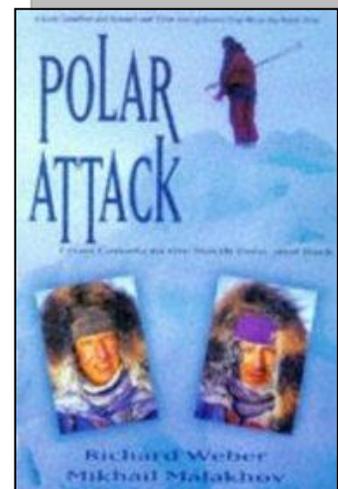
“His purpose is to see first-hand the Alaska that early Russian explorers experienced and to capture that history and bring it back to his fellow Russians and to Alaskans,”

said Tim Troll, former Sand Point City Administrator (1992 – 1996),

currently the Executive Director of the Bristol Bay Heritage Land Trust and a self-described amateur historian.

Mikhail Malakhov is an illustrious explorer, well-known for having visited the North Pole and Antarctica many times. Several years ago, he accomplished one of the last feats of endurance at the North Pole. He and Canadian Peter Weber walked to the North Pole and back without support. They carried everything that they would need with them. Their adventure is documented in their book, *Polar Attack*.

“He is the real deal,” said Troll. “For his exploits, he was named a Hero of the Russian Federation, one of the first civilians to be so honored. He is also a former member of the Duma, Russia’s parliament.”



Mikhail Malakhov is one of the authors of the book, *Polar Attack*.

For the past four years, Malakhov has been exploring Russian history and the sites of old



From left to right: Russian explorers Mikhail Malakhov (Jr.); Polar Explorer Mikhail Malakhov (Sr.); and Alex Malakhov plan to visit several Aleutian communities beginning next week.

Russian settlements by kayak, mostly along the Yukon, Kuskokwim and along the Nushagak. He began his Alaskan adventure by following the routes of early Russian explorer Lavrenty Zagoskin, who explored those river systems from 1842 to 1844. Malakhov hails from the same town as Zagoskin and has created a museum in his hometown to

honor Zagoskin and other Russian explorers.

This summer, his latest exploration will take him to Chignik, Perryville, Sand Point, King Cove, Cold Bay, False Pass, Akutan, Unalaska and Nikolski. He will begin his trip in Kodiak where he will launch a 60-foot sailboat out to Adak with several stops in between.

“The 60-foot sailboat is about the size of the ships used by the early Russian explorers,” Troll explained. “They intend to stop at most of the communities in the AEB and hope to visit with people in the communities, gather information about Russian influence in the region, talk about their quest and visit sites of the

old Russian settlements they have identified from researching old maps and high resolution satellite



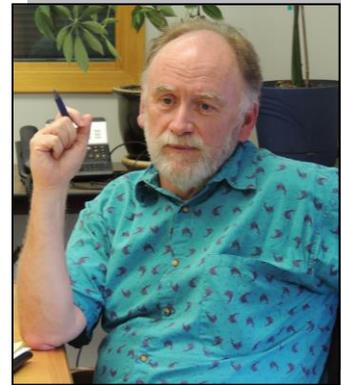
Earlier this week, Malakhov and his sons met with staff from the City of Sand Point, King Cove and the Aleutians East Borough at the Anchorage office to discuss their upcoming trip.

images.”

During visits to other western villages in the past, Malakhov’s entourage, often included his two sons, Alex and Mikhail, and historians, naturalists and scientists.

“They were surprised by the extent to which Russian influence can still be felt in many communities – in the names of people, the Orthodox Church and the Russian words and phrases incorporated into Native languages,” said Troll.

Troll met Mahakhov two years ago. At the time, Troll was living in Dillingham. He had put together a radio program of readings and interviews on local history and culture, called “Our Story” that aired for several years on KDLG. Mahakhov called him from nearby Koliganek, hoping he knew the possible location of an old Russian portage between the Nushagak River and the Kuskokwim River.



Troll met Mahakhov two years ago when the Russian explorer called about an old Russian portage between the Nushagak River and the Kuskokwim River.

“They found it and paddled down the Kuskokwim, across the portage from the Kuskokwim to the Yukon, ending their trip at Russian Mission on the Yukon,” Troll added.



King Cove City Administrator Gary Hennigh is interviewed about the community’s early Russian/Aleut days.

This year, it’s a new adventure and new terrain for Malakhov to continue his research on the early Russian influence in western Alaska.

“It’s so interesting, and it’s never been done before,” Mahakov said.

Earlier this week,

Mahakhov and his sons met with staff from the City of Sand Point,

King Cove and the Aleutians East Borough at the Anchorage office to get some pointers on whom to contact once they reach AEB communities. They wasted no time and began interviewing and videotaping King Cove City Administrator Gary Hennigh about the early Russian influence that can still be found in the Russian Orthodox church and in the names of several families residing in King Cove.



Mahakov’s son, Mikhail, interviewed King Cove City Administrator Gary Hennigh about the community’s early Russian roots.

“I told them that it should be an interesting experience to hear and learn from King Cove residents regarding their perception and the family ties to the Russian/Aleut days,” Hennigh said.

Next, Administrative Clerk with AEB’s Anchorage office, Linda Mack, became the subject of another interview.



Linda Mack, Administrative Clerk with AEB’s Anchorage office, was interviewed about her great grandmother’s Russian roots.

“I told them that I was pretty sure my great grandmother on the Dushkin side of the family was Russian, or at least she dressed the way the Russian women dressed -- always had on the long skirts and a scarf on her head,” said Mack. “I don’t believe I ever heard her speak English. My grandmother on my mom’s side of the family also wore the long skirts and scarf on her head.”

The Russian explorers are interested in meeting with residents in the Aleutian communities in the days and weeks to come. (See communities and expected

dates of arrival below). If you’d like to contact Mikhail, you can reach him by email at [centrepole@mail.ru](mailto:centrepole@mail.ru). Otherwise, you can look for him in your community as early as next week, arriving in a 60-foot sailboat, eager to begin his Aleutian adventure.

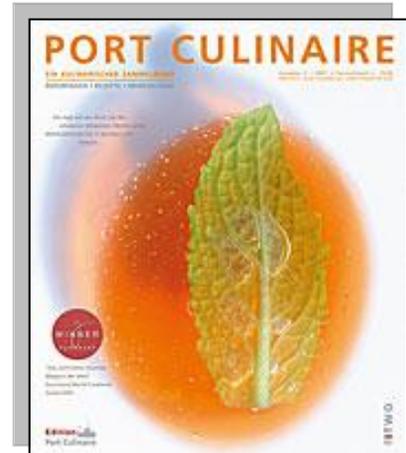
**Tentative Dates of Arrival to Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Communities:**

<b>July 29</b>	<b>Chignik</b>
<b>July 31</b>	<b>Perryville</b>
<b>August 2</b>	<b>Sand Point</b>
<b>August 5</b>	<b>King Cove</b>
<b>August 6</b>	<b>Cold Bay</b>
<b>August 8</b>	<b>False Pass</b>
<b>August 10</b>	<b>Akutan</b>
<b>August 12</b>	<b>Unalaska</b>
<b>August 15</b>	<b>Nikolski</b>

# German Magazine Editors, Chef Travel to False Pass & Nelson Lagoon to Highlight Seafood & Culture

False Pass and Nelson Lagoon will soon be propelled into the international culinary spotlight. Last month, editors from a top-shelf German magazine, *Port Culinaire*, along with a world-renowned German Chef, got a taste of the local Aleutian seafood and culture. The trip was coordinated by ASMI (Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute) and APICDA (Aleutian Pribilof Island Community Development Association).

“*Port Culinaire* has consistently been ranked as the world’s best food magazine,” said Joe Jacobson, International Program Director with ASMI. “The magazine is beautifully put together



False Pass and Nelson Lagoon will soon be featured in a top-ranking German culinary magazine.

featuring gorgeous scenic shots as well as great seafood photos.”

Magazine editors Thomas and Carola Ruhl traveled with internationally-acclaimed German chef Christopher Wilbrand, who owns a restaurant called Zur Post.

“The target market for the magazine is high-end chefs and sophisticated food consumers interested in fine foods from around the globe,” said APICDA Communications and

Marketing Director Gary Chythlook, who traveled along with ASMI’s Joe Jacobson and the international group. “The concept is to expose German chefs, who read the magazine, to unique foods from around the world. The hope is that chefs would then inquire about the product, order



*Port Culinaire* magazine editor Thomas Ruhl, ASMI’s Joe Jacobson, German chef Christopher Wilbrand and magazine editor Carola Ruhl stop in Cold Bay on their way to False Pass and Nelson Lagoon. Photo by Gary Chythlook, APICDA.

seafood from these Alaska communities, cook it for their customers and build a market for the product in the marketplace.”

The group began their trip in the region on July 15<sup>th</sup>, traveling from Cold Bay to False Pass. In False Pass, they toured the Bering Pacific Seafood Plant and met with residents to learn more about the fishermen and their communities. While there, the editors visited with False Pass Mayor Tom Hoblet and fisherman Buck Laukitis.



**The group toured the Bering Pacific Seafood Plant in False Pass. Photo by Gary Chythlook, APICDA.**

“They (the magazine editors) really like to get to know the communities, learn where the seafood comes from, what the story is behind the communities as well as delve into some of the organizations that process the seafood,” said Jacobson.



**ASMI's Joe Jacobson interviews Ken Smith, General Manager of Bering Pacific Seafoods, while Videographer Zach Melms records it. Photo by Gary Chythlook, APICDA.**

“They enjoyed learning about what Bering Pacific Seafoods is doing for the fishermen and what APICDA has been doing as far as investments in the area,” Chythlook added.

“The group was able to see what life in Alaska is like, especially for some of these remote fishing communities,” Jacobson said.

In Nelson Lagoon, the group visited the storage facility and met with residents to learn more about the community.

“They have a large building that’s an asset available



**The group visited the storage facility in Nelson Lagoon. Photo by Gary Chythlook, APICDA.**

for future use,” Chythlook said. “They also had a great time visiting with Secretary/Treasurer APICDA Board Member Justine Gundersen (who is also the chair of APICDA Joint Ventures,



German chef Christopher Wilbrand prepares a salmon dish while visiting False Pass.  
Photo by Gary Chythlook, APICDA.

Inc.) She opened up her home in Nelson Lagoon and presented them with glass balls collected during beach combing. Justine provided the history of the community and how vital fishing continues to be to the economies in the region,” he added.

Because APICDA is primarily focused on tourism in Nelson Lagoon, the organization

was hoping to showcase its Nelson Lagoon

Adventure fish camps in the area. However, time constraints and tide conditions prevented it from occurring this time around. So the group drove along the beach and did some beachcombing instead.

Overall, the German visitors were impressed by the beauty and the rich history of the isolated communities.

“It was nice to show the investment in the region and the quality of the products that are coming out of this area,” said Jacobson.

“They liked the remoteness of the region, how dramatic the mountains were and that everything, including the seafood, is so pristine and fresh,” said Chythlook. “They also enjoyed getting a sense of the communities. It was a great opportunity to promote the seafood in the Aleutian region.”



The finished product – salmon ceviche. Photo by Gary Chythlook, APICDA.

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## Updated Sand Point Small Boat Harbor Rehab Construction Project Schedule

- **Last week in August:** Barges show up in Sand Point.
- **First week in Sept.:** Moving equipment and materials.
- **Second week in Sept:** Begin demolishing west side of harbor; B And C floats.
- **End of Oct:** Substantially complete B and C floats.
- **First week of Nov.:** Begin demolishing east side of harbor, timber dock and T and A floats.
- **Third week in Jan.:** Substantially complete all work.



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## UAF-Aleutian Campus Open House

*By Leona Christensen Long, Marketing Outreach Coordinator  
UAF - Interior-Aleutians Campus*

**UAF's Interior-Aleutians Campus Hosts Open House  
from 4-6 p.m. on July 30 at King Cove Community Center**

**Earn a University Certificate or Degree, Take UAF Classes Without Moving to Fairbanks**

UAF's Interior-Aleutians Campus (I-AC) is hosting an open house from 4-6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 30 at the King Cove Community Center. Bryan Uher, administrative manager for I-AC, Michael Hirt, program head for I-AC's construction trades technology program and

Dorene Bunch, who grew up in King Cove, will be at the open house to answer questions about the educational opportunities available to local residents.



**Michael Hirt, assistant professor and program head for I-AC's construction trades technology program, has more than 30 years of professional experience in plumbing and heating construction.**

“Whether your goal is taking classes towards a UAF certificate or degree or just learning something new, you can take college classes without moving away from King Cove,” says Hirt. “I-AC also offers hands-on construction trades technology classes in the Aleutians Pribilof region. In these classes, I teach my students how to troubleshoot their home’s boiler system and

controls, which may help them save money on heating costs. These classes also count toward an occupational endorsement in facilities maintenance.”

I-AC helps students apply for scholarships and federal financial aid. Students may also qualify for free federal financial aid or University of Alaska scholarships, in addition to funding from their Native Corporation and tribal council. For more information about financial aid or help with your application, contact Christine Clendenin at 888-474-5207 opt 1, ext 4 or via email [cmclendenin@alaska.edu](mailto:cmclendenin@alaska.edu).

“This open house is an opportunity to learn about local scholarship opportunities like the Eddie Mack Sr. Memorial Scholarship,” says Bunch, who grew up in King Cove and is now the administrative manager at UAF’s College of Rural and Community Development. “King Cove residents may be eligible for scholarship money from the Aleut Foundation, Belkofski Village Council or the Agdaagux Tribe.”

I-AC’s Aleutian-Pribilof Center offers classes in art, computer sciences, welding technologies, foreign languages, marine and atmospheric science classes. You can also choose from a selection of distance learning courses to earn credits toward a certificate, associate’s, bachelor’s or master’s degree. Students who register early have the best chance of getting the classes they want and staying on track for graduation.

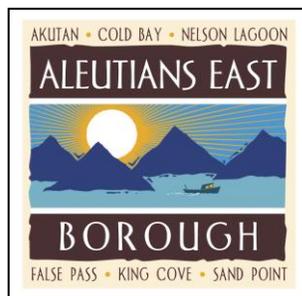
Register now for the fall semester. Registration is open now and classes start September 5. Visit

www.uaf.edu/iac for our class schedule and information about the programs offered. With prior approval, high school students may be able to get both high school and college credit for taking classes at I-AC. For more information, call Interior–Aleutians Campus 1-888-474-5207 or visit www.uaf.edu/iac. You can also contact Shawn Dickson, I-AC’s coordinator for the Aleutians Pribilof Center at 877-581-1666 or [sldickson@alaska.edu](mailto:sldickson@alaska.edu) or Mike Livingston, I-AC’s Sand Point facilitator at (907) 386-6000 or [mlivingston2@alaska.edu](mailto:mlivingston2@alaska.edu).

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## Taking Stock of Fisheries Resources

*By Ernie Weiss, AEB Natural Resources Director*



### **Cooperative AEB/ADF&G crab survey for 2014 gets start this summer**

The Aleutians East Borough is working with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to conduct a 2014 trawl survey for crab in the Unimak Bight area; the first ADF&G survey of the area in more than 20 years. The AEB Assembly included funding support for a new Unimak Bight survey in the latest fy2014 budget, and a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is currently being developed to facilitate the process. According to Mark Stichert, ADF&G Fishery Biologist, the last survey of the area predated the use of trawl surveying and would have been surveyed using pot gear. A good indication of crab or groundfish in the new survey could lead to a future fishing season opening in the area.

The ADF&G survey boat, the R/V Resolution handles the area surveys, and is making the 2013 survey rounds now. Kodiak area trawl surveys for this season are complete, and as of this writing, the ship is set to sail to Chignik for survey work there. The AEB area survey is expected to begin sometime around the third week in August 2013. ADF&G will conduct the formal Unimak Bight survey in summer 2014, however to help plan/design the new survey grid, the R/V Resolution crew plans to attempt several tows this summer between Cape Lazaref and Scotch Cap Light, as time and weather allow.

ADF&G has also recently conducted shrimp surveys each year in October using a small mesh trawl, including in Pavlof Bay. Since the funding for the stand alone shrimp survey trip has

ended, the R/V Resolution is carrying along a small mesh trawl and doors to be able to check for shrimp during this trip. The R/V Resolution will be stopping in Sand Point so the crew can make that gear switch for the Pavlof Bay shrimp survey.

The recently published 2012 Bottom Trawl Survey of Crab and Groundfish report is available here: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/FedAidPDFs/FMR13-27.pdf>

**Salmon mid-season update**



Commercial salmon fishing in the Aleutians East began in early June and could possibly continue until Halloween, depending on the local stock abundance. While the season is ongoing, we'll take a minute to compare this season's actual harvest numbers from the daily in-season reports with the projected forecast for this season that was published in February.

Bristol Bay 2013 <i>Projected</i> Sockeye Harvest	16,590,000	
Bristol Bay 2013 Actual Sockeye Harvest	15,634,000	as of 7/24/13
North Alaska Peninsula 2013 <i>Projected</i> Sockeye Harvest	1,672,000	
North Alaska Peninsula 2013 Actual Sockeye Harvest	587,170	as of 7/25/13
South Alaska Peninsula 2013 <i>Projected</i> Sockeye Harvest	1,837,000	
South Alaska Peninsula 2013 Actual Sockeye Harvest	1,959,078	as of 7/25/13
Chignik 2013 <i>Projected</i> Sockeye Harvest	2,581,000	
Chignik 2013 Actual Sockeye Harvest	2,253,272	as of 7/25/13

The majority of our area pink salmon are generally caught in August, but here's the South Peninsula pink run as it stands today:

South Alaska Peninsula 2013 <i>Projected</i> Pink Salmon Harvest	6,792,000	
South Alaska Peninsula 2013 Actual Pink Salmon Harvest	1,432,298	as of 7/25/13

ADF&G Area Manager Aaron Poetter will continue to closely manage the South Alaska Peninsula Salmon Fishery with Assistant Manager Nathaniel Nichols and Manager/Biologist Jeff Wadle. Normally, two of these individuals will always work out of the Sand Point office until the end of the season, with the third person stationed in Kodiak. You can call ADF&G in Sand Point at (907)383-2066

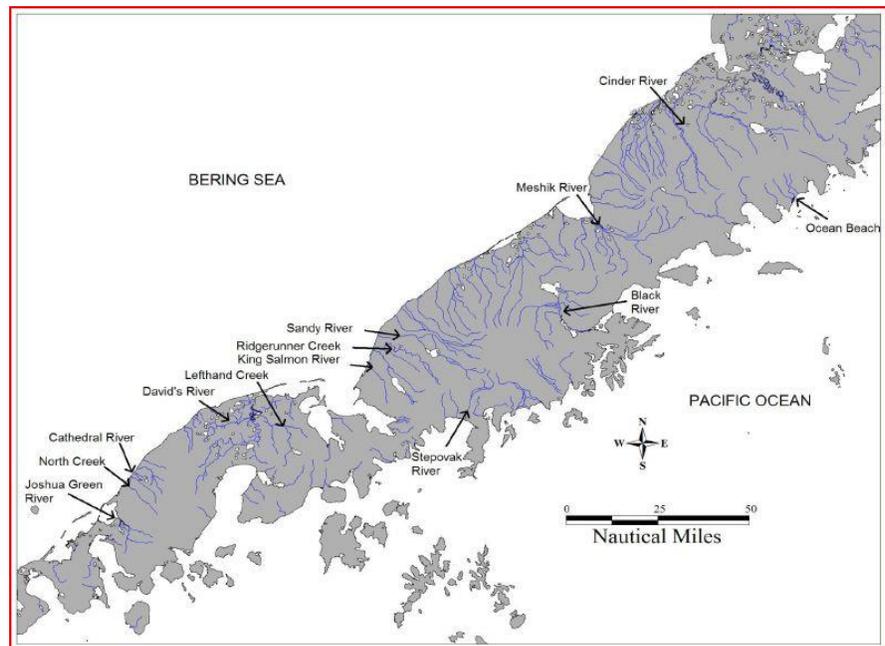
## **Genetic Sampling of North Peninsula Chinook Salmon**

The Alaska Legislature has supported ADF&G stepping up research of Chinook (king) salmon in recent years, in response to widespread low returns of Chinook salmon across Alaska. This summer ADF&G is moving forward with a Chinook salmon genetic sampling plan for North Peninsula streams in order to develop an improved genetic baseline of the species on the North Alaska Peninsula. These stocks are under-represented in the genetic baseline in part because of the remote locations.

This summer's operational plan for the genetic sampling of Chinook salmon on the North Alaska Peninsula includes:

- Aerial surveys to locate spawning or migrating Chinook salmon
- Collecting genetic samples from spawning Chinook using beach seines
- Collecting samples from juvenile salmon using baited minnow traps

Samples will then be shipped to the Gene Conservation Laboratory in Anchorage for analysis.



The iconic king salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*), the Alaska State fish, is the largest of all salmon. Chinook are harvested by subsistence users, as well as commercial and sports fishermen. Chinook are also used as bycatch in the federal groundfish fisheries. You can find the 2013 operational plan for Chinook Salmon Genetics Sampling along the Alaska Peninsula at this link: <http://www.sf.adfg.state.ak.us/FedAidPDFs/RIR.4K.2013.06.pdf>

Possible Chinook salmon spawning stocks to be sampled during summer 2013.

Courtesy ADFG – (figure 2) Chinook Salmon Genetics Sampling along the Alaska Peninsula and Adjacent Areas Operational Plan, 2013.

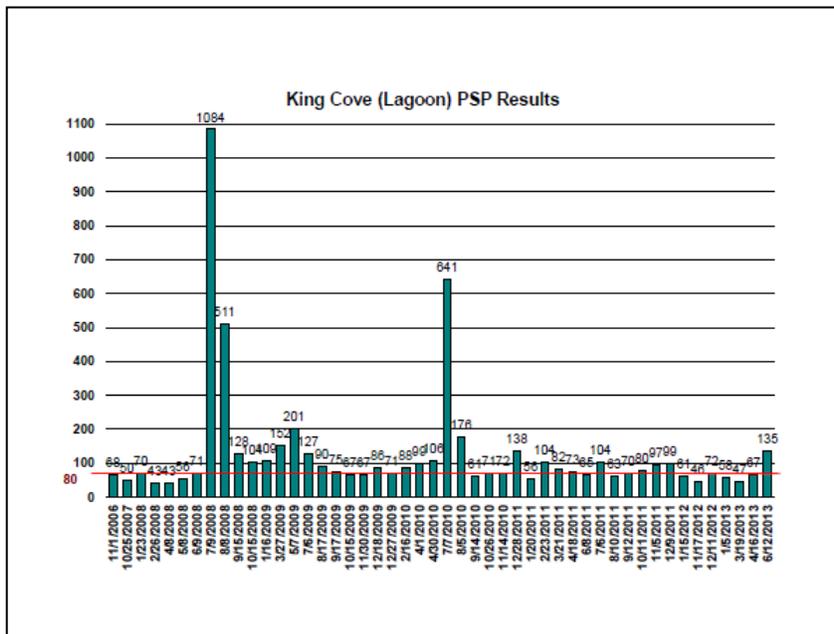
For more info go to <http://www.aebfish.org>

## June PSP Results for King Cove Exceed FDA Limit

By Bruce Wright, APIA Senior Scientist

The paralytic shellfish poisoning (PSP) results for King Cove, Alaska (butter clams collected 6/12/2013 in the Lagoon) had PSP toxin levels of 135 micrograms/100 grams which exceeds the FDA limit of 80 micrograms/100 grams. See the attached graph.

PSP levels will likely be different in adjacent beaches and will change with time. Littleneck clams usually do not reach as high of toxicity levels as butter clams and littleneck clam toxicity



continue to Fall 2013. Data tables are at <http://environmentalaska.us/paralytic-shellfish-poisoning-in-alaska.html>.

Past and current funding for the PSP project: Alaska Recreational Shellfish Pilot Program, Region 10 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (IGAP), North Pacific Research Board, NOAA Monitoring and Event Response for Harmful Algal Blooms (MERHAB) Research Program and the Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association.

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## Cold Bay Library Gets a Makeover



The Cold Bay Library recently got a makeover, thanks to the efforts of several hard workers. Photo by Donna Lyons.

It's one of the best places to quench your thirst for knowledge in Cold Bay, and now your visit to the Cold Bay Library will be even more rewarding. The library recently got a makeover, thanks to the efforts of several hard workers. The walls were painted gray/blue. New furniture was added to help with the function of the library. In addition, young children can look forward to playing with some new toys.

However, that's just part of story. The library now has several new books and movies to add to its collection. The books include: *A Walk in the Woods* by Bill Bryson; *East of the Mountains* by David Guterson; *The Gun Book for Boys*; *Blue Jay the Pirates*; and *The Lemonade Wars*. Movies include: *Zero Dark Thirty*; *Stand up Guys*; *Guilt Trip*; *Great Powerful Oz* and *Life of PI*.

If you haven't had a chance to check out the library's new look and resources, stop by tomorrow (Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>) from 1 to 3 p.m. for its grand re-opening.

The City of Cold Bay would like to thank Kurt Uttecht, Donna and Devin Lyons for their hard work.

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## News from Eastern Aleutian Tribes



- The Board of Directors for Eastern Aleutian Tribes is in the process of interviewing for the position of Executive Director for the organization.
- EAT would like to welcome and introduce the following new employees and staff changes that have occurred recently! Welcome to one and all!
- Katharine Eby, PA-C, has moved from her assignment in Adak to a full time provider position at the King Cove Clinic.

Welcome to Steve Guevara, our new Behavioral Health Clinician, based in the Sand Point Clinic. Steve is settling in, so stop by to say hello!

Cameron Spivey, NP, will be changing sites, too! She will be moving from our King Cove Clinic to our Whittier Clinic.

Cynthia Galaktionoff, working out of the Adak Community Health Center, has accepted the position as EAT Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement Coordinator. She will be working from Adak, but travelling to other EAT sites as part of her duties.

It is with pleasure to inform all that Brant Mursch has stepped up as EAT's Director of Finance, effective July 8<sup>th</sup>. Brant has oversight of the Finance and Billing staff and can be reached at ext. 526, in the Anchorage office – (907) 277-1440.

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## **\*EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY\***

The City is accepting applications for the following full-time permanent position:

**POSITION:** City Clerk

**SALARY:** D.O.E + benefits

This position is under the direction of the Mayor and Sand Point City Council and works with other personnel at City Hall to insure prompt and courteous service to the citizens of Sand Point.

### **DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Preparing and assembling meeting agendas, post all meetings and public notices timely, attend all council meetings and take minutes, draft and prepare ordinances and resolutions, maintain municipal records and files, issue various city licenses and permits, responsible for city leases and agreements, open and distribute incoming mail to appropriate departments, conduct city elections, passport agent, and assist the general public and city employees with any questions or concerns.

**\* \* \* POSITION WILL BE OPEN UNTIL FILLED \* \* \***

THE CITY OF SAND POINT IS A DRUG FREE WORKPLACE  
Applicant must pass mandatory drug screening at the time of employment.  
THE CITY OF SAND POINT IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER  
Women & Minorities Are Encouraged To Apply.

Please contact the City Office at 383-2696 for an application or if you have any questions.

## **\*EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY\***

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## Job Announcement for Secretary/Receptionist

APICDA Joint Ventures (AJV) is a qualified applicant for the position of Secretary/Receptionist. This full-time-permanent position is located in Anchorage, Alaska.

The Secretary/Receptionist manages the day to day operations of the office, providing clerical support to APICDA and AJV staff, working directly with the customers of our region .

**Qualifications:** Will be punctual, have an outgoing personality, possess excellent communication and interpersonal skills, have a well-groomed appearance, and the ability to receive and act upon direction from multiple supervisors. The applicant must have a strong secretarial background and the ability to work on a variety of special projects. Must be dependable, organized, learn quickly and multi-task.

Specific skills required, but are not limited to, scheduling and taking minutes for board meetings, strong internet skills (experience using Alaska Airlines EZ Biz preferred, but not required), basic computer programs (Microsoft Office), email, and standard office equipment (phones, fax, copier, postage meter). A high school degree or equivalent is required.

**Compensation:** Hourly wage range depending on experience. Excellent benefit package includes health, dental, vision, life insurance, plus Paid Time Off and Retirement Plan.

APICDA is EEOC.

Applications available through web site at: [www.apicda.com](http://www.apicda.com). Submit applications to our e-mail address at [humanresources@apicda.com](mailto:humanresources@apicda.com).

## 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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