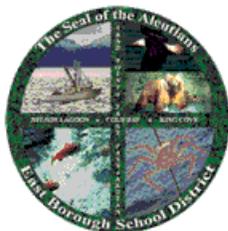
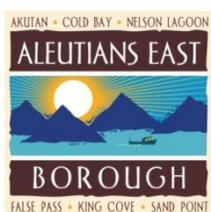


In the Loop



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

AEB's New Administrator Takes the Helm

Rick Gifford, the new administrator for the Aleutians East Borough, began his first day on the job at the Anchorage office on Monday, June 25th. Before taking the reins with the AEB, Rick served as manager of the Kodiak Island Borough for seven years. Rick also served as Assistant City Manager and Finance Director for the City of Seward from 1988 to 2005.

He said he's excited about his new position with the AEB.

"I would say the thing that impressed me the most about the Aleutians East Borough is the amount of projects occurring in each of these communities," said Rick. "There is a lot going on, and the Borough seems to be



Rick Gifford took the reins as AEB's new administrator on June 25, 2012.

pretty aggressive in trying to make economic development happen for its communities. I would like to see that momentum continue.”

During his first week on the job, Rick has been busy working on the Borough’s various issues and projects.

“These communities depend on their livelihoods. If we don’t work towards building the infrastructure, it’s difficult to have a good economic base, especially as it relates to transportation.”

Rick said he’s looking forward to taking on the challenges of the Borough communities and looks forward to working with the Mayor, Assembly and community residents. Welcome aboard, Rick!

AEBSD School Board Votes to Close Nelson Lagoon School

The last day of the school year is almost always an exciting day for kids. It signifies that summer is just around the corner, and there won’t be any schoolwork until the fall. However, the six students with the Nelson Lagoon School won’t be returning to their familiar building when the new school year begins. The Aleutians East Borough School District board decided on May 30th that the school would not reopen in the fall because there were too few students.

“In addition, the likelihood that prospects for the near future of enrollment reaching 10 or more students was grim,” said Tim Stathis, who began his first day as the new AEBSD Superintendent yesterday (July 2, 2010). “The State of Alaska will only fund a school if the school enrolls 10 or more students,” he added.



The AEBSD School Board decided to close the Nelson Lagoon School.



**AEBSD
Superintendent Tim
Stathis**

Stathis said a small school of 10 to 20 students can generate between \$250,000 to \$500,000 in state funding. However, a school with under ten students generates \$0. In past years, the school district requested funds from the Aleutians East Borough and then obligated its overall budget to supporting Nelson Lagoon’s school with under 10 students.

“But continuing that without the prospect of the school generating state funding is an impossible obligation to justify,” Stathis said. “The cost to the district’s overall budget is simply too vast in detriment to the District’s overall mission.”

Nelson Lagoon Village Tribal Administrator and AEB Assembly Member Justine Gundersen has three grandchildren that were attending the school (Loryn, age 13; Thea, age 11 and Nolan, age 9). However, this summer her son, Theo Chesley, daughter-in-law, Sherry, and grandchildren will be moving to Anchorage.



**Nelson Lagoon
Tribal
Administrator and
AEB Assembly
Member Justine
Gundersen**

“The demise of a school is very, very harmful to a community,” Justine said. We used to have a growing population, but then it began to decline. Our economy relies on fishing. If our fishing goes down the tubes, we don’t have economic opportunities.”

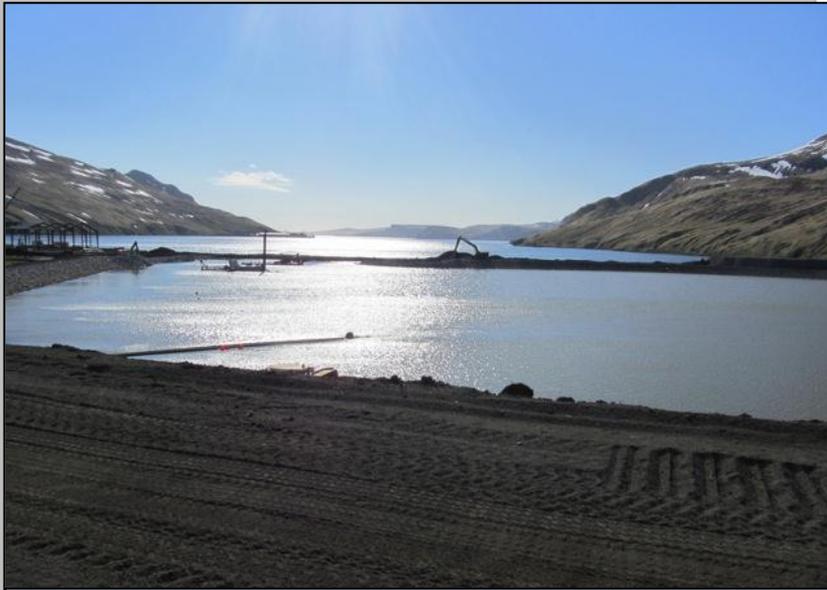
Stathis said if the community were to have 10 students living in the community at a later time, the school district would be obligated to provide a school for them.

“Until then, the AEBSD will work with the parents of any children needing educational services there to help decide the best options for an excellent education”, he added. “If there are students to be served within our region who are not living where a school is present, we will be establishing our own correspondence school and serve the children accordingly, if that’s an option parents wish to have. I am open to working with the community members of Nelson Lagoon concerning the ongoing educational ramifications of the school closure.”

For more information, visit the link below:

[Read more: Alaska Dispatch article](#)

Akutan Harbor To Be Completed by October



The contractor is currently completing the dredging of the mooring basin and installing the rock for both the north and south breakwaters.

The Akutan Harbor Project is nearing completion. The contractor is currently completing the dredging of the mooring basin and is installing the rock for both the north and south breakwaters. The project involves constructing two rock breakwaters totaling approximately 1,500 feet in length and dredging 960,000 cubic yards of material to create an entrance channel and mooring basin. The contractor will obtain, deliver and place rock for the breakwaters. The rock for the project is being produced in Unalaska at the Ugadaga quarry. The estimated date for completion is mid-October of this year.

In February 2010, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District, awarded the \$31.9 million contract to Knik Construction Co., Inc., of Anchorage to construct the boat harbor at Akutan. Total federal funding of \$28.6 million came from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The Aleutians East Borough, the local sponsor, provided \$3.27 million.

Photos by Anne Bailey



The estimated date for completion of the harbor is mid-October of this year.

AEB Natural Resources Director Promotes Cold Bay Airport Live Crab Initiative at ASMI Forum

Previously published in Fish News on June 27, 2012



AEB Natural Resources Director Ernie Weiss discussed the Cold Bay Airport live crab initiative at ASMI's forum this week.

A packed audience turned out for a forum hosted by the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute on exploring new seafood export opportunities. The forum was held last week (Tuesday, June 27, 2012) at the Hotel Captain Cook in Anchorage. AEB Natural Resources Director Ernie Weiss discussed one of the most exciting topics: the possibility of shipping live crab from the Cold Bay Airport to Asia.



Ernie Weiss has been working closely on the live crab initiative with Alaska Crab Coalition Executive Director and ASMI Shellfish Committee member Arni Thomson (left) and Cold Bay resident Gary Ferguson, owner of G&K.

Last year, Cold Bay shipping company G&K, owned by Gary Ferguson, shipped more than one million pounds of seafood products for Peter Pan Seafoods, based in King Cove, through the Cold Bay Airport to Anchorage. The seafood includes fresh and frozen salmon, roe, cod milt and frozen crab. Ernie said this market could be expanded, providing a new market for fishermen, resulting in increased prices and revenue for the Borough and the City of Cold Bay.



Ernie Weiss said the goal is to ship live crab directly from Cold Bay to Asia to avoid some of the dead loss.

“We really don’t want to compete with Anchorage. We want to partner with Anchorage,” said Ernie. “The Alaska Bering Sea Crabbers is currently shipping live crab out of Dutch Harbor via Anchorage to Asia. However, the extra stop adds time, fuel and crab dead loss. We’re hoping to ship crab directly from Cold Bay where the crab is picked out of the water to save some of that dead loss. It’s not the distance that’s the major factor. It’s more the time on the ground and the handling of

the crab. We'd like to open up a market where crab and other fresh seafood could be shipped in good condition to Asia."



Several hurdles need to be overcome before live shipping of crab can occur, such as completing infrastructure projects, hiring a customs agent and getting empty China-bound freight planes to stop in Cold Bay.

Ernie said before that happens, several hurdles need to be overcome. They include getting empty China-bound freight planes to stop in Cold Bay. Another would be to hire a customs regulations agent who is based in Cold Bay. Infrastructure will also need to be completed, which includes establishing a terminal apron, completing dock

improvements, installing a dock crane, having live crab tanks or holding pens and frozen/cool storage facilities.

During the past few years, discussions have been in the works between the Aleutians East Borough, the State of Alaska and other organizations, such as the Alaska Crab Coalition, APICDA, Aleutia and the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute, to work out the logistics.

Cold Bay is a regional hub, providing air service connections between the lower Alaska Peninsula and Anchorage. The Cold Bay Airport, with its 10,415-foot main runway and 5,125-foot crosswind runway, has the fifth longest runway in the state and the third longest non-military runway. It also serves as a major refueling stop and weather diversion stop for some flights en route to the Aleutian Chain, as a search and rescue base for the U.S. Coast Guard, as a regional medevac hub and as an alternative emergency landing airport for many transpacific flights.



The Cold Bay Airport has the fifth longest runway in Alaska.

Local, industry and state officials believe the time has come to move this initiative forward. The State of Alaska expects China to be its top export customer in the years to come, overtaking Japan. Cold Bay's world-class airfield, which is so critically close to crab fishing grounds,

presents an ideal opportunity to expand on seafood export opportunities directly from the Aleutians to Asia. AEB will keep readers posted on this exciting initiative as it gains momentum.

Visit the link below to view Ernie's PowerPoint presentation:

<http://www.aebfish.com/cbaitalcaffmiea.pptx>

Preparing for NPFMC and Board of Fish Meetings

*By Ernie Weiss, AEB Natural Resources Director
Previously published in Fish News on June 27, 2012*

A major focus of AEB's Natural Resource Department will continue to be on the upcoming meeting agenda items for both the State Board of Fisheries (Board) and the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council (Council, or NPFMC). Actions of the Council and the Board during meetings from October 2012 through March 2013 will have considerable impacts on our fisheries and fishermen.

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) release of the Proposal books this August will set the stage for the Pcod and salmon cycle of meetings beginning with the October Work Session of the Board, and moving through the regional Finfish Board meetings beginning in December. The Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Islands meeting of the Board will be held at the Anchorage Sheraton, February 26th through March 3rd, 2013.

Two genetic studies coordinated by ADF&G will be released this year, and should inform the Board's decisions on salmon issues. The Western Alaska Salmon Stock Identification Project (WASSIP) final reports are scheduled to be released by September, and the Southeastern District Mainland Genetic Stock Identification (SEDMGSI) report will be provided to the Board by December 2012.

Federal sector splits, implemented January 1st of this year, have changed the landscape for state-water Pacific cod (Pcod) fishermen. Both the Board and the Council are expected to discuss revisions to the Pcod fishery. The Council is expected to begin discussions on a rationalization program for all groundfish in the Central Gulf of Alaska.



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The Council meeting agendas for October and December are expected to include action on the new Steller sea lion EIS process.

The Council meeting agendas for October and December meetings are still being drafted, but will certainly include action on the new Steller sea lion EIS process, a ‘bycatch tools’ discussion (GOA rationalization), and crab agenda items including community provisions and Right of First Refusal (ROFR). The AEB Natural Resources Dept. is involved in several meetings this summer concerning all of these issues.

At the June meeting of the NPFMC in Kodiak, the Council voted to reduce halibut bycatch in the GOA by 15% for trawl vessels and hook & line catcher vessels over 3 years. The Council then moved forward on a ‘Comprehensive Bycatch Plan’, which will be on the October agenda and will include discussion of a catch share plan, or rationalization of Central GOA groundfish trawl fisheries. Western GOA fishermen will need to consider how they wish to be involved in this potential action.

The AEB will be working with the Gulf of Alaska Coastal Community Coalition (GOAC3) to prepare for some of these issues this summer and fall as appropriate. **The Natural Resources team is tentatively planning fishermen’s meetings in Sand Point at 10 a.m. on Aug. 21st and 10 a.m. on Aug. 22nd in King Cove.** We plan to use all available technology including video-conference to work with the region on fisheries issues. Our area fishermen have some important decisions to make in the coming months regarding potential policy changes, and the Natural Resources Department will be sharing the latest information and working closely with fishermen to best protect and enhance the fisheries of the Aleutians East.

For up-to-the-minute information go to www.aebfish.com, or ‘like’ us at www.facebook.com/AEBfish.

Coastal Zone Initiative public hearings scheduled

Alaska Lt. Governor Mead Treadwell announced his schedule for ten hearings around the state on a ballot proposal to establish a new Alaska Coastal Management Program (ACMP).

The hearings will be the first required under a new law passed by the Alaska Legislature in 2010. Alaska Statute 15.45.195 requires the lieutenant governor to hold at least eight hearings up to 30 days before the election in which an initiative is to appear on the ballot, with at least two

hearings in each of Alaska's four judicial districts. The ACMP initiative will appear on the August 28th primary ballot.

The hearing schedule is as follows:

Monday, July 2nd – 4 – 7 p.m. Kenai/Soldotna

Tuesday, July 3rd - 3 to 6 p.m. - Bethel

Monday, July 9th – 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Anchorage (Statewide Teleconference)

Monday, July 9th – 5 to 8 p.m. - Wasilla

Tuesday, July 10th – 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. - Kotzebue

Wednesday, July 11th – 4 to 7 p.m. - Fairbanks

Thursday, July 12th – 4 to 7 p.m. - Kodiak

Monday, July 23rd – 4 to 7 p.m. - Barrow

Wednesday, July 25th – 12 – 3 p.m. - Ketchikan

Thursday, July 26th – 4 to 7 p.m. - Juneau

Click on the link below for the press release:

<http://ltgov.alaska.gov/treadwell/press-room/full-press-release.html?pr=129>

Sleeper shark beached in King Cove



Bruce Wright poses with sleeper shark at Lake Iliamna

Last month we published a story about Bruce Wright's hypothesis that Pacific sleeper sharks may be the "Iliamna monster" and may be using other lakes around the world. "Every time you have a close look at this species, it surprises you," said Wright.

Recently, Chris Babcock, of King Cove, Alaska, spotted

something in the shallow water of the King Cove Lagoon, a lake of brackish water. Closer inspection revealed a Pacific sleeper shark rolling and thrashing around, and the shark's antics were filmed and posted on YouTube, <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=24QCOegcZ0E>.

When asked what might be happening, Wright said, "this behavior has not been reported for sleeper sharks, but if I were to guess, it looks pretty confused and unshark-like." According to Babcock, the shark approached him when he entered the shallow water, but later moved to deeper water.

In a paper recently published by Wright, Harbingers of Climate Change, Dominance of a Top Predator, Pacific Sleeper Sharks and Greenland Sharks, he described sleeper sharks as a species taking advantage of climate change and becoming a dominant predator in the North Pacific and Arctic Oceans. Then a few weeks later, Wright proposed that sleeper sharks may be capable of using freshwater and salmon-filled lakes for food and refuge. This mysterious fish seems to be becoming more mysterious.

Alaska Fishing Industry Sends Help to Japan Fishing Fleets

Group targets projects to help fleets return to fishing; starts with lifejackets

The Alaska Fishing Industry Relief Mission (AFIRM) has begun delivering aid to help fishing fleets of Northern Japan affected by last year's tsunamis.

"We were told from the outset that there would be at least a year before affected communities could respond to the basics of life and complete planning to be ready to identify meaningful projects," said AFIRM Chairman Larry Cotter. "In the meantime, we raised approximately \$380,000 and attempted to establish communications through the Japanese fishing cooperatives, consular office and processor network. We're up and running and looking to deliver help from the Alaska fishing industry to our counterparts in Japan."

Vancouver-based artist and filmmaker Linda Ohama had worked with a similar effort of the British Columbia fishing community, and contacted AFIRM to relay an urgent request from a small boat fleet near Sendai that was ready to get back fishing, but only lacked lifejackets. AFIRM sent the group \$5,500 to get them back on the water.

“This was a very small request monetarily, but we couldn’t overlook the symbolism and were happy to help. We understand Ms. Ohama will be returning to the area this summer and we look forward to hearing back on projects for specific needs in small boat fleets where we can help,” said Cotter. “In the meantime, AFIRM is supporting a suite of projects with the Ishinomaki Fish Market that serves as a regional delivery center for affected fleets.”

The group plans to send \$136,500 to purchase a three-ton capacity forklift and mid-size truck for use in the regional fish market, and a fish processing training simulator use for the Miyagi fishery high school to help provide the workforce to support deliveries by fleets in the tsunami affected region.

AFIRM, a 501(c) (3) non-profit charity, was first formed to assist the Gulf fishing communities following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005 and was re-activated for the tsunami relief effort. AFIRM has zero overhead given its volunteer board and staff, so 100% of all contributions will go directly for assistance. All donations to AFIRM are 100% tax deductible.

More information is available at AFIRM’s website at www.akjapanhelp.org.

King Cove City Crew Builds Ramp for Nita Walker’s House; Community Donates Motorized Wheelchair

A King Cove woman has a new motorized wheelchair and a ramp leading to her front door, thanks to the community pulling together to make it happen.

Recently, Char Hansen and her daughter, Carisa Brandell, held a bake sale at the A.C. Store to raise money to buy the ramp for Nita Walker, a former City of King Cove employee. Word spread quickly about the delicious goodies and the worthy cause. The pair baked moon pies, donuts, butterscotch cookies,



The City of King Cove provided the labor for the ramp that leads up to Nita Walker’s front door. Photo by Seward

chocolate chip cookies, no bakes, cakes, cupcakes and pies. The response was overwhelming.

“We were going to have the bake sale at the store, but we never got inside,” said Char. “We opened up the back of the truck, and we sold them right there. Everybody was waiting. We didn’t get the chance to unload them,” she said, laughing.



Mann Koso and Nita’s brother, A.J. Newman, donated the wood for the ramp. The City donated the labor. Photo by Seward Brandell.

Not only did they raise money from the bake sale, many people in town also reached into their pockets and donated whatever they could. The goal was to buy a ramp with the money raised. But then the City stepped up to the plate and donated the labor for the ramp while residents A.J. Newman, Nita’s brother, and Mann Koso donated the wood for the project.

“So the ramp was done without using the money we raised,” added Char.

More than seven people worked on the project, including City public works employees Ricky Delacruz, Les Brandell and Seward Brandell. It took two full days from start to finish.

“Seward came up with the idea to build her a ramp in the first place. By the time everything came around, everyone was involved,” said Delacruz. “It was amazing!”

Summer youth volunteers Kailee Calver and Peyton Kuzakin also pitched in.

“They were wonderful,” said Delacruz. “They were hammering whatever they could hammer.”

“It turned out very nice,” said Seward Brandell. “I feel very good about doing this for such a great person. It’s so nice to see a community pull together to help out.”

“She really loved it,” said Delacruz. “It was pretty amazing.”

But the community didn't stop there. They decided to use the money raised from the bake sale to buy Nita a motorized wheelchair.

"Everything has happened so fast," said Char. "I'm just thrilled! Nita is such a wonderful person, and we would do anything to help her out."

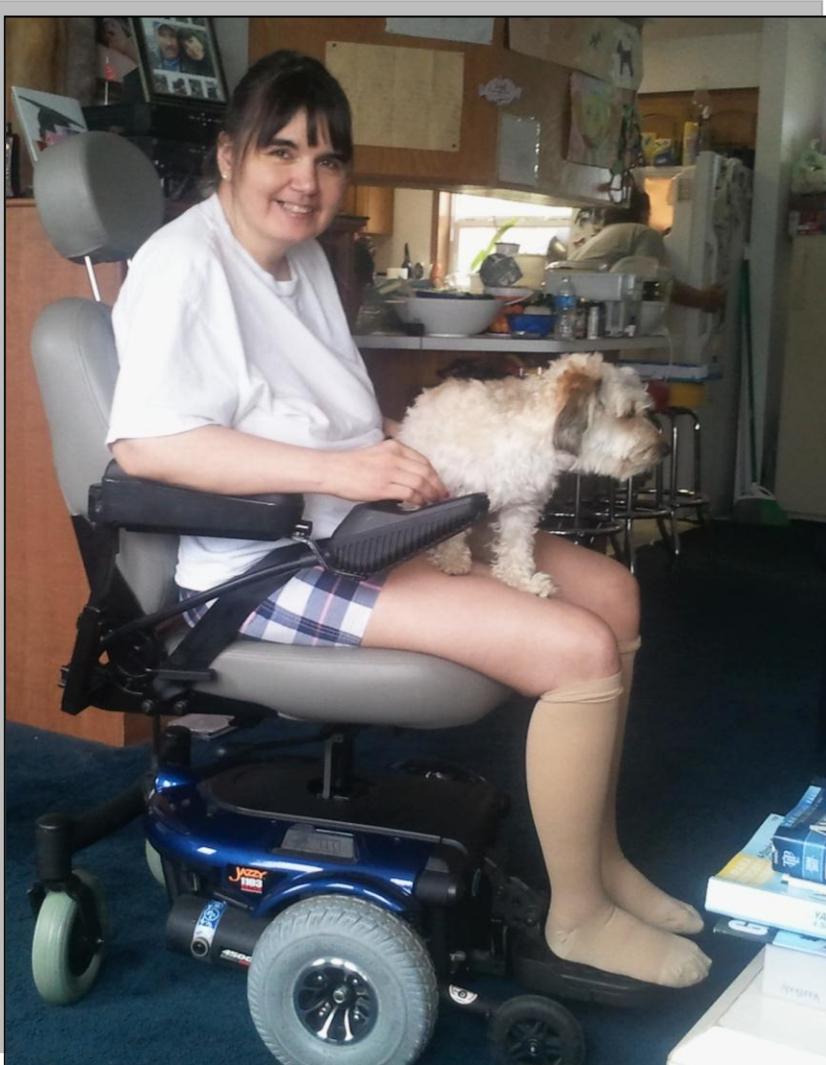
Nita's electric wheelchair arrived on Friday (June 29th). Coastal Transportation provided free freight to get it to King Cove. Several residents planned to deliver it to Nita over the weekend.

"Dave Bash did the research to find this wheelchair while he was on a business trip," said Char. "We never would have gotten this far, this fast without his help."

Dave made sure the battery was charged and ready to go before they delivered the motorized wheelchair to Nita on Sunday (July 1st).

"It's totally awesome," said Nita. "You can't ask for a better, more caring community. I'm so blessed," she added.

"It was wonderful to see her so happy," said Char. "Her kids were excited for her. We talked and laughed for an hour as we watched her ride around in the house," Char added. "It was worth every minute to see her



Nita Walker said she is so blessed and couldn't ask for a better, more caring community. Photo by Seward Brandell

smile and laugh."

"I finally got to go into my kitchen," said Nita. "My other wheelchair was too low, so I wasn't able to cook anything. This one goes up and down. It's pretty awesome. It'll be so much easier now for my husband to help me get into the car. It's wonderful. I'm really happy. I want to thank everybody," she added. "Thank you so much! It means so much to me and my family."

News from Eastern Aleutian Tribes:

Eastern Aleutian Tribes Signs Agreement with Department of Veterans Affairs

Eastern Aleutian Tribes is one of 14 Alaska Native tribal health programs to sign an agreement with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) that will allow Alaska veterans living in our communities to receive health care closer to home.



This agreement will allow eligible veterans (those who have registered for VA benefits) to receive care in their home community through EAT. It also allows EAT to be eligible to be reimbursed by the VA for providing that care. Under the agreement, non-Native veterans also will be able to receive care at our clinics and Community Health Centers.

Sen. Mark Begich, who sits on the Veterans Affairs Committee and Sen. Lisa Murkowski, both praised the deal when it was announced on May 4th, calling it a historic agreement.

“Alaska Native veterans tell me all the time they’d rather receive health care at the clinic across the street in their village than spend money and time traveling hundreds or thousands of miles to a VA clinic,” Sen. Begich said. “This is truly a great step toward ensuring all of Alaska’s veterans can receive the care they need, when they need it, and in the most cost-effective and timely way.”

“Coming from rural Alaska didn’t keep thousands of Alaskans from serving their country, and Alaska’s veteran community should not be kept from the medical care they need because of geography,” Sen. Murkowski said. “From my first day in the U.S. Senate, ensuring that veterans are not disenfranchised from their earned VA benefits by reason of geography has been a core priority. Local care for rural Alaska veterans does not mean care in Anchorage. It means care close to home when it is available.”

If you are a Veteran, a Veteran’s dependent, the surviving spouse, child or parent of a deceased Veteran, a uniformed Service Member, or a present or former reservist or National Guard member, you may be eligible for VA benefits. In order to be eligible to receive VA care through EAT, veterans need to be enrolled with the Veterans Health Administration. A link is available on the EAT webpage, at <http://www.eatribes.org>. Please contact your local EAT Clinic or Community Health Center if you have any questions.

Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant awarded to EAT

USDA-Rural Development's Rural Utilities Service Approves \$422,521 Grant



USDA-RD Alaska State Director Jim Nordlund recently announced that USDA-Rural Development's Rural Utilities Service (RUS) funds have been awarded to the Eastern Aleutian Tribes, Inc. to help finance an expansion and upgrade of its telemedicine equipment.

“The Eastern Aleutian Tribes service area experiences what the U.S. Coast Guard calls the harshest and most challenging weather operating conditions in the U.S. The area also has at least 75 active volcanoes which can create huge challenges for providing care, in arguably some of the most remote communities in our nation,” said Michael Christensen, Executive Director, Eastern Aleutian Tribes, Inc.

“Receiving the award of this Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant will add the capacity to access critical medical and educational resources; and new technology that will allow development of a robust telemedicine and educational link system with which we can overcome many of the environmental and distance challenges. We are very excited that USDA-RD's RUS has allowed these vital services to be extended to our communities”, added Christensen.

“The Eastern Aleutian Tribes organization is the only health care safety net provider in the 80,000-square mile Eastern Aleutian region of Alaska; the West Aleutian community of Adak; and the Kenai Peninsula community of Whittier,” said Nordlund. The Tribes provide comprehensive health care services through several primary, behavioral and dental health care programs. The eight hub/end-user sites in this project are scattered throughout an island chain stretching 1,200 miles westward from Anchorage, the nearest urban area through thousands of square miles of ocean,” shared Nordlund.

Eastern Aleutian Tribes recently received an award from the Indian Health Service in appreciation for exemplary commitment in the Quality and Innovation Learning Network to improve the quality of an access to care for patients, families and communities. This award marks a milestone in our journey and celebrates EATs commitment to improving patient care. We look forward to continuing in this transformative work.

Kathy Eichner with the Joint Commission Resources visited Cold Bay and King Cove the week of June 19 - 21. This visit by the Joint Commission Resources was in preparation for EAT's initial survey by the Joint Commission scheduled for the week of September 10, 2012. During Kathy's visit, education was provided to all staff, including the survey process, priority focus areas, and the most challenging standards that will be covered in the survey. In addition, the environment of care in the King Cove and Cold Bay clinic was reviewed and suggestions for addressing some opportunities for improvement were noted.



Kathy Eichner, on her way from Cold Bay to King Cove. This was Kathy's first visit to Alaska, and she got to co-pilot the Cherokee

Individual and system tracers were also conducted, where further opportunities for improvement were identified. EAT is excited to move forward with accreditation through the Joint Commission, as it ensures our organization is providing the safest, highest quality care to our patients. EAT began this process in January 2011. When accredited, we will be one of five accredited in Alaska, and the first non-hospital tribal health organization. This JCR training was paid for by a HRSA technical assistance grant.

Eastern Aleutian Tribes welcomes aboard **Megan Mackiernan**. Megan is a National Board Certified Physician Assistant. She attended medical school at Methodist University in Fayetteville, NC "Fort Bragg". She comes to us from the National Health Service corps scholar program. Megan is from Western North Carolina, where she taught science in a rural high school. She has two cats, Eleanor and Hippocrates. Megan will be based in King Cove. Her interests include hiking, gardening, knitting and cooking. She enjoys photography and looks forward to the beautiful scenery of the Aleutians.



EAT welcomes aboard Physician Assistant Megan Mackiernan

Behavioral Health Update

EAT Behavioral Health Director Gary Williams recently received notification from the Alaska Commission for Behavioral Health Certification that he has fulfilled the requirements for

certification as a Chemical Dependency Counselor Supervisor (CDCS). With this certification, he is now a qualified Clinical Supervisor for licensed or certified behavioral health professionals or for those working towards that level of clinical counseling careers. Congratulations Gary!



EAT Behavioral Health Director
Gary Williams

EAT Behavioral Health Services has begun instituting a program partnering with community members to address issues within their communities. Community Readiness Assessments in addition to educational brochures have been sent to all EAT community members.

Behavioral Health Director Gary Williams will engage each community to address identified issues community members wish to overcome, with the support of the EAT Behavioral Health team.

The Sand Point Substance Abuse Coalition holds meeting every two weeks, and has sponsored several family community events, including movie nights and bonfires, and educational opportunities.

If you believe you have a need for Behavioral Health Services, please contact your Community Clinic or call Behavioral Health directly at

Emergency COPE Line—800-478-2673

King Cove Clinic – 907-497-2311

After Hours –907-497-8203

Sand Point Clinic – 907-383-3151

After hours – 907-386-1227



Dental clinics will be conducted in July in King Cove and Sand Point, weather-permitting.

King Cove:

July 12 – 29th: Becky

July 30th – Aug. 9th: Dr. Costa & Erik

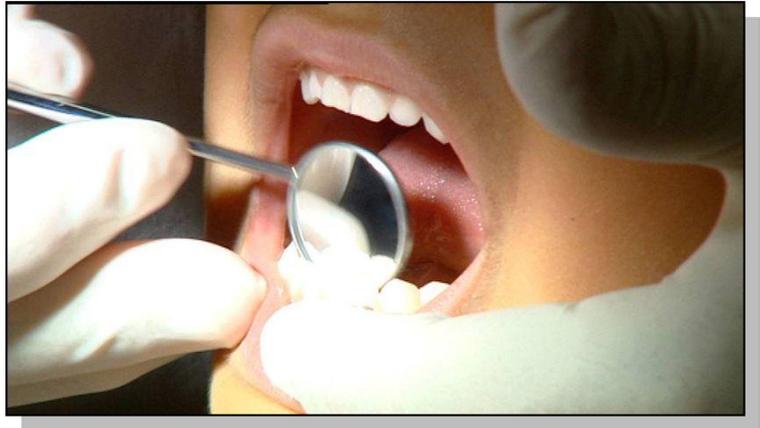
Sand Point:

June 18 – July 6th: Becky & Chelsea

July 9 – 13th: Chelsea

July 16 – 27th: Dr. Costa, Chelsea & Erik

July 30th – Aug. 10th: Becky & Chelsea



The following positions are currently available at Eastern Aleutian Tribes:



Clinical Services

Nurse Practitioner/Physician Assistant- Full time – Continuous Recruitment - Provide preventative, primary and emergency care and work as a team with other health care providers, CHA/P and first response team to ensure continuity and quality community health care.

Community Health Aide - Full time - Provides primary (acute, chronic, and preventive) health care and emergency care to those seeking health services in an assigned village. The Community Health Aide/Practitioner CHAP base of operation is in the village clinic.

All Providers and CHA/P providers may be asked to travel for short term coverage assignments at other clinic sites within Eastern Aleutian Tribes.

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APIA's 2012 Culture Camp Draws Large Crowd During Closing Ceremony



Dancers performed for family members and friends during APIA's Culture Camp closing ceremony.

APIA's Culture Camp ended with a bang at the Alaska Native Heritage Center in Anchorage over the weekend. The Urban Unangax/Aleut Culture Camp 2012

began June 25th and ended with a closing

ceremony and potluck on June 30th.

The Urban Unangax Culture Camp is held annually at Unangam Ulaa (Home of the Aleuts), APIA's Anchorage facility. The summer camp provided cultural enrichment activities for children, youth and adults and



Children learned traditional skills such as bentwood visor construction.

the opportunity to learn traditional skills such as bentwood visor construction, full-size and model kayak building, language, dance, basket weaving, beaded headdresses, regalia and skin sewing, traditional foods activities and many other fun activities.

During the closing ceremony on Saturday, children and youth performed the dances and songs learned during camp. Parents, family members and friends came to watch and brought dishes to share during the potluck.



A large crowd gathered at the Alaska Native Heritage Center on Saturday to enjoy songs and dances the children learned during camp.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

FINANCE MANAGER

REGULAR FULL-TIME
SALARY DEPENDING ON EXPERIENCE (DOE)



POSITION: Finance Manager

JOB LOCATION: Anchorage

POSITION TYPE: Full-Time/Regular

This is a fully benefited position. The City of Akutan offers a competitive salary package that includes a base salary with 5% COLA increase annually, an excellent health insurance program, leave, 15 paid holidays, and retirement credit through PERS (Public Employees' Retirement System).

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Facilitate developing, implementing and monitoring long-range financial and capital planning.
- Recommend and assist in the implementation of the City of Akutan financial goals and objectives; establish schedules and methods for various accounting services and financial systems; implement financial and accounting policies and procedures
- Oversee A/P, A/R payroll, cash flow, fixed assets, fund balances, investments, loans, grants, auditing, budgeting, forecasting, financial reporting and other financial functions.
- Ensure compliance with financial regulations and municipal code; develop, maintain and ensure compliance with financial policies and procedures.
- Review and verify proper coding of all general ledger transactions; coordinate cash needs with collections, payments and debt services; prepare weekly, monthly and year-end journal entries.
- Review, reconcile and audit City accounts; coordinate and participate in related financial annual audits; support and review audited financial

statements; oversee and document accounting procedures and internal controls.

- Manage work and development of staff; provide training and development opportunities.
- Train staff and inform management on internal control procedures; periodically audit work flow to ensure transactions are authorized and processed timely.
- Prepare, review, explain and verify various City of Akutan financial statements, analytical and statistical reports; prepare quarterly and annual financial reports for City Council members.
- Administer and review City of Akutan contracts; develop procedures to establish reporting schedule for subcontractors and grantors; interpret bond ordinances, covenants and other contract agreements to comply with accounting requirements.
- Administer and supervise the City's utility financial affairs. Establish and maintain utility funds; participate in preparation of electrical rate schedule, tariff, and cost of service; prepare and submit PCE and RUBA quarterly and yearly reports; provide support data to management and regulatory agencies.
- Ensure maintenance of financial and accounting software; identify and recommend changes when necessary.
- Maintain excellent working relationships with staff, management, banks, auditors, and government entities.
- Work on special projects as needed
- Regularly monitor and evaluate service delivery; assess workload, process and systems; identify opportunities for improvement and direct implementation of changes.
- Research, analyze and supervise the implementation of new technology in the accounting area including designing data input control procedures and data processing instructions.
- Maintain excellent working relationships with staff, management, banks, auditors, and government entities.
- Work on special projects as needed.
- Other duties as assigned.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

- Knowledge and experience with GAAP, FASB, governmental accounting, internal controls, financial reporting and compliance issues.

- Knowledge and experience on procedures for contract administration.
- Knowledge of principles and practices of cash management and investments.
- Knowledge and experience with accounting software (preferably Asyst) and MS Office applications.
- Knowledge of principles and practices of budgetary development, implementation, monitoring and management.
- Knowledgeable in local, State and Federal laws, ordinance and rules.
- Ability to organize and implement a variety of accounting operations/activities.
- Ability to interpret and explained pertinent Federal, State, local rules and regulations, and department policies and procedures.
- Ability to work with grantors, regulatory agencies and project managers on grant budgets and to monitor financial reports and grant financial assurances for grant compliances purposes.
- Strong supervisory and management skills.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Strong problem-solving, conceptualization, and analytical skills in order to review, evaluate, and make recommendations.
- Ability to manage and motivate remote staff and coordinate work efforts to meet deadlines; manage multiple assignments and responsibilities at one time.

DESIREABLE QUALIFICATIONS:

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in the field of accounting or business administration with concentration on course content in the field of finance with at least five years of experience in government finance or;
- A master's degree from an accredited college or university in the field of accounting or finance with at least two years of experience in local government's finance.
- Municipal experience is required.

CLOSING DATE:

A completed application with an employment resume must be received by the City Administrator no later than 4:00 PM on July 20, 2012 located at 3380 C Street, Suite 205 Anchorage AK 99503.

NOTE: The Finance Manager is a 2 year Contract Position renewable at the pleasure of the Mayor, and/or City Administrator.

WHERE TO APPLY:

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