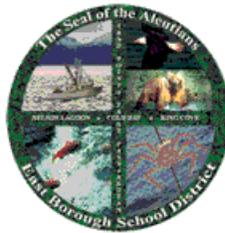
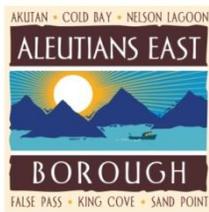


## In the Loop



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

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## False Pass Completes Dock Resurfacing Project City Hopes to Secure Funding for Dock Anodes Soon



Crews recently completed a dock resurfacing project in False Pass.

The False Pass city dock just got a new lease on life after crews recently completed a much-needed dock resurfacing project. The \$150,000 project ensures that the dock can receive the Alaska Marine Highway System ferry for at least another 20 to 30 years.

“The Alaska Marine Highway System had recommended we fix the dock surface due to a number of dents from bobcats moving crab pots,” said Chris Emrich, False Pass City Clerk.

As the years went by, the wear and tear on the dock's surface began to show. The City received \$50,000 from the Aleutians East Borough for the resurfacing project. The City kicked in the remainder of the funding.

"We used local hire and local machinery," said Emrich. "The guys did a a wonderful job -- that's for sure! Now it's in better shape for any kind of freight going across it."

While the City is pleased with the results, there's still another problem looming beneath the surface of the water. False Pass needs to replace the dock annodes, which have been in place for about 24 years, since the dock was installed.

"The original ones are decayed and need to be replaced," said Emrich.

Emrich said he has received estimates for \$153,000.

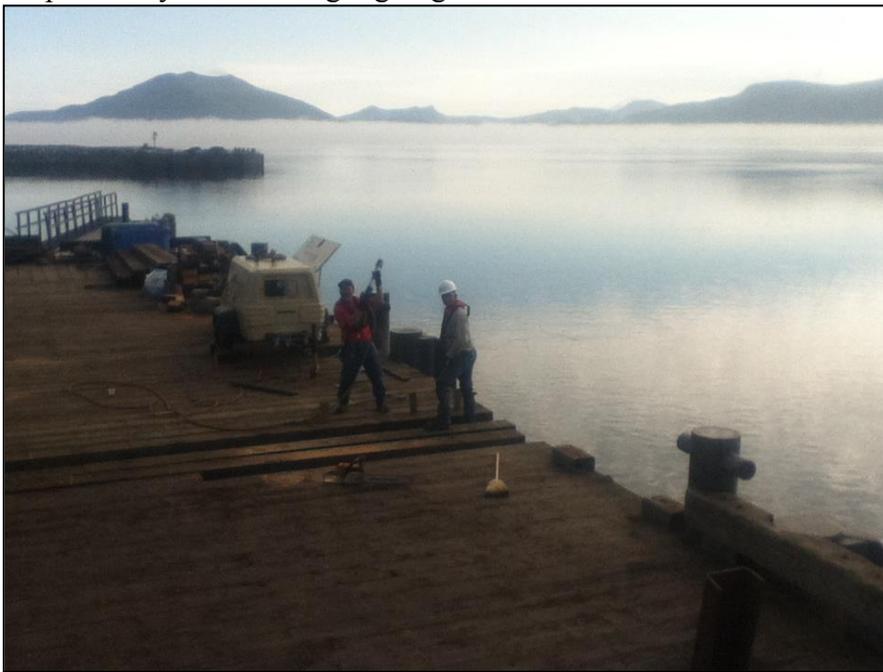
The next step is to find the money to get the project started. However, funds are very limited for any type of project that isn't construction-based.

"When they're just maintenance or repairs, it's a lot harder to find grants for that," he said.

With that in mind, Emrich is enlisting the help of people working for key agencies such as the Alaska Marine Highway System and the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development (DCCED).

"The state official from the DCCED is also in charge of our community block development grant for our generators," said Emrich. "That came to a close-out, so she should be here sometime next month. I guess she's the go-to lady for our region to try to find funding from the legislature or other state funding opportunities. We might have to try to get a legislative grant."

If False Pass is successful in getting funding for the dock annodes, the project would be scheduled for August of next year.



The Borough contributed \$50,000 for the \$150,000 dock resurfacing project. The City kicked in the remainder of the funding.

“It’s a good window of time when the salmon fishing season is winding down and the weather starts to kick back up in the fall,” Emrich said.

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## Sand Point Receives New Road Surfacing

*By Andy Varner, Sand Point City Administrator*



The City of Sand Point recently wrapped up nearly three miles of paving in the community on the Airport Road.

The City of Sand Point recently completed nearly three miles of paving in the community. The primary focus of the project was removing the decades-old cracked and “alligatored” asphalt of the Airport Road and replacing it with new materials. This involved ripping up the existing asphalt, fixing some of the soft spots through excavation and filling, and recycling the crushed asphalt into the new mix. The City Public Works crew also performed admirably in ditching the entire length of the road to help with drainage to ensure a longer

life for the road.

In addition to re-surfacing over 2.5 miles of Airport Road, the City and contractor QAP also paved a section in downtown Sand Point leading to the Trident facility. The processor also employed QAP to do some paving around their property, and the School District received some in-kind paving from QAP for the outdoor basketball court.

The road surfacing was completed on a tight timeline over the late summer and is a success for the community. The project was made possible by a State GO Bond Designated Legislative Grant, with additional contributions from the City, the Aleutians East Borough and Trident Seafoods.



The paving work involved ripping up the existing asphalt, repairing some of the soft spots through excavation and filling and recycling the crushed asphalt into the new mix.

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## Mt. Pavlof Gains Control of Temper After Blowing off Steam

Residents of the Aleutians East Borough we're feeling a sense of déjà vu last week after Mt. Pavlof gave a repeat performance of June's dramatic eruption. Several months of inactivity followed until the volcano could no longer contain its temper. What began as a light wisp of steam venting from the mountaintop soon escalated into a full blown eruption. The Alaska Volcano Observatory (AVO) changed the color code from orange (watch) to red (warning). On Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, the National Weather Service warned planes to avoid



Steam could be seen venting from Mt. Pavlof last week as activity briefly increased. Photo by Michael Tickle.

flying into the area.



After a few days of increased activity, the AVO downgraded the color code from red to orange ("watch"). Photo by Carol Damberg.

For the most part, residents were only slightly affected with interrupted air travel, mostly on the Bering Sea side of the Alaska Peninsula. There were no reports of ash falling on communities.

A day later, Mt. Pavlof regained its composure and the activity quickly diminished. However, the AVO said the volcano could flare back up at any time.

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## Planning Underway to Secure Funding for Alaska's First Recovery House in Sand Point

Organizations and individuals involved with Reclaim Alaska are moving forward with plans to establish a recovery house in Sand Point for those wanting to live an alcohol and drug-free lifestyle. If it comes to fruition, it would be the first recovery house in rural Alaska. The goal would be to follow the Oxford House model, an international organization with democratically-run, self-supporting drug and alcohol-free recovery houses located throughout the United States, Canada and Australia. This concept was recommended by Dr. Tina Woods, former Community Health Services Regional Administrator with APIA.

“It all started with the Reclaim Alaska Substance Abuse Summit (held in Anchorage Sept. 10 – 12, 2014),” said Jennifer Harrison, executive director with Eastern Aleutian Tribes (EAT). “People in Sand Point said they wanted a recovery house.”



On September 30<sup>th</sup>, a meeting was held in Sand Point, which included all three tribes, the City, the Aleutian Housing Authority, EAT staff members and others involved with the Reclaim Alaska effort.

“At that meeting, everyone was supportive of the Oxford House model,” said Harrison. “It’s a place for people who have been clean and sober for at least a couple of months and where they can be around other people who are also clean and sober.”

Oxford houses get chartered with the national Oxford House organization, which is a non-profit 501(c) 3. The Oxford House model has three core concepts: 1) It has a zero tolerance policy. If someone reverts to their old drinking or substance abuse habits, they are evicted immediately. However, after 30 days of regaining sobriety, they do have the opportunity to reapply to live in the Oxford House. 2) The House is democratically run. Everyone gets a vote on which applicants are accepted into the house, depending on the candidate’s sincerity about his/her sobriety. 3) The houses are self-sustaining. Residents must have a job so they can pay their share of rent, utilities and the cost of common supplies (coffee, toilet paper, detergent, etc.). New residents usually share rooms. Those with seniority, depending on the size of the house, may get their own room.

There are four Oxford Houses in Alaska: three in Anchorage and one in Fairbanks. The houses can be all-men or all-women residents. Currently, all of the houses in Alaska are all-male. There are six elected positions in each house: a president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, chore coordinator and a comptroller (purchaser).

Last month, a tour was set up with one of the houses in Anchorage, the Oxford House: Northern Lights, which is an all-male house. Those who participated in the tour from the Reclaim Alaska group included Qangan Tayagungin Tribal members Dick and Edee Jacobsen of Sand Point; Pauloff Harbor Tribal Council and EAT board member William Dushkin, Sr.; AHA Housing Assistant Chrystalle Mercier; Unga Tribal Member and EAT Quality Improvement Manager Sharayah Foster; EAT Grants Director Jack Alcorn; EAT CHAP Director Doug Finney and EAT Executive Director Jennifer Harrison.

Harrison said she is impressed with the structure of the Oxford House model, especially given that it's democratically run.

"They have weekly meetings at the house, and that's when they pay their bills so everyone sees where the money goes," she said. "They also have household chore lists. If you break a rule, such as you didn't put away your dishes after a meal, the other residents can vote to fine you, and that money goes back into the house."

The size of the Oxford House – Northern Lights was very different from the vision that the Reclaim Alaska group has for its first recovery house in Sand Point.

"My first impression is that the (Anchorage Oxford) house is big," said Harrison. "The one we toured is a 10-bedroom place. The house we'd be looking at in Sand Point would be more like a three or four-bedroom place."

Harrison said the Aleutian Housing Authority (AHA) has four empty houses in Sand Point, and the organization is open to renting out one of them for an Oxford House. If the plan to establish an Oxford House gets the green light, the house itself would be the lessor.

## *Oxford House: Building Community*



“So underneath that lease, the residents can vote to evict people if they believe they drank or used drugs,” Harrison said. “Often, residents will test each other (using breathalyzers) with one or two witnesses to determine if alcohol is present.”

Once established, the Oxford House becomes self-sustaining because everyone pays into the expenses, and often they can build up a surplus. Harrison said she learned that’s how other Oxford Houses sprouted up across the country.

“A house had \$2,000 in their kitty,” said Harrison. “So they thought, we could divide this up amongst ourselves, or buy a new TV or couch. Instead, they decided to give a loan to a group of people who had applied to their house. That helped get the second house going. The idea is to grow. You don’t exclude. The first house helps the second house to get established, which helps the next house. They just kind of grow off of each other.”

The next step to get a house going in Sand Point is to propose the idea and have it included in the governor’s budget. If that happens, Harrison said it’s up to the region’s leadership to advocate with our Alaska legislative representatives to keep the funding in the budget.

“This is really important,” said Harrison. “This is what it’s all about. They would need to tell the governor what a great pilot project this would be, not only for the Aleut region, but for the entire state because this would be the first one in rural Alaska.”

If funding were approved for the Oxford House, Eastern Aleutian Tribes would be the funding recipient and would manage the pilot project until it becomes self-sustaining.

“Our idea is that it is a five-year pilot project and we would hire a full-time house manager that would be a resident of the house,” said Harrison. “Typically, that would be someone in recovery. That person would move to Anchorage from the region for 3 to 6 months and move into one of the Oxford Houses so they have a clear understanding of how it works. They would work out of our EAT office on the paperwork and would recruit other members for the house in Sand Point.”

Harrison said the house manager would also develop relationships with employers in Sand Point on behalf of prospective Oxford House residents.

“They would be a cheerleader for the people moving into the house,” she said. “They would approach employers and say, hey, give them a chance.”

At the end of the five-year program, the house manager position would fade out, and the residents would run the house, based on the democratic Oxford House model.

“I think if we empower people, they will follow the rules and run the house themselves. I’m optimistic people will continue it.”

Harrison is hoping the State of Alaska will give this pilot project a chance. Once that happens, EAT can manage it. Organizations may decide to donate money towards the first month's rent for residents in Sand Point to help get them started in the Oxford House since finding a job can take longer in rural areas compared to urban cities.

“That would be different from the regular model,” Harrison said. “But residents and organizations with Reclaim Alaska thought this might be a great way to transition this model into rural Alaska.”

It's an opportunity and an idea many are excited to transform into reality.

“No one has tried to do this outside of urban areas,” she said. “This could be the first recovery house in rural Alaska.”

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## Examining the Root Causes of Alcohol/Substance Abuse Addiction and Focusing on Recovery

Recovery for individuals struggling with sobriety is a life-long process. Recovery for rural Alaska communities - community healing- requires an altogether different approach, according to Aleut and Athabascan elders.



Athabascan elder Wilson Justin spoke about effective ways to engage in community healing.

“All of the stuff that happens today, came from trauma,” said Wilson Justin, an Athabascan leader.

Justin, a panel member, recently spoke about the root causes of alcohol and substance abuse issues at the Reclaim Alaska – Substance Abuse Summit (Sept. 10 – 12, 2014). The theme of the panel was “Thinking outside the Box to Heal our People.” Justin said trauma persists because we blame. “How do you stop blaming? You rebuild the house. There are a lot of ways for individuals to

recover and heal, but only a few effective ways for communities, villages and towns to recover and heal.”

Justin said when the foundation is removed from a community (the health, well-being, language, songs and stories), the building collapses.

“The only way the building is going to be put back together is when the original people (the architects) tend to the building,” said Justin. “The architects have to come from the people themselves, not from outsiders, not from colleges, not from the State of Alaska or the federal government. No one can rebuild your

community but you.”



**Aleut elder Alice Petrivelli, Athabascan elder Wilson Justin and Dr. Tina Woods of APIA.**

Justin said several generations ago, tribes came first, then families and then individuals. He said today, it’s the opposite. It’s the individual first.

“We have to reverse that,” he said. “We have to go back to the way that it used to be. There are key features involved in regaining community health. It can be done. But first, we have to come to grips with what brought the house down, and that means we need to begin at the beginning.

We need to know our history, our language and our songs.”



**Aleut elder Alice Petrivelli said the Aleut internment that occurred during World War II was a traumatic experience.**

Aleut elder Alice Petrivelli, another speaker on the panel, is no stranger to trauma. She was born and raised in Atka. In 1942, World War II broke out. That event changed the lives of Aleuts forever. After Japanese bombs fell on Dutch Harbor and Japanese troops occupied the westernmost islands in the chain, the U.S. government moved Aleut residents from the islands to makeshift camps in the Alaska panhandle.

“They took us down to southeast Alaska because they figured it would be safe,” Petrivelli said. “They didn’t tell us where we were going. We didn’t know where they were taking us until they

dropped us off in Killisnoo (a defunct herring factory near Funter Bay). We didn't have anything. They chased us out of our homes, sent us to camps and then burned down our village."

Petrivelli said at the time, they didn't realize how this traumatic period had affected their lives. Life in Killisnoo was a far cry from the traditional lifestyle she knew in Atka. The residents were accustomed to independence while living in their home village. The men were always busy trapping in the winter and fishing during the summer.

"No one had time to party, like they do today," she said.

Petrivelli said people were just busy surviving. She felt fortunate that before the Aleut internment, the government left the residents alone. The Pribilof Islands were a different story.

"They ruled the Pribilofs with an iron fist," she said.

The Atka residents soon learned what that was like when they were shipped off to Killisnoo.

"That changed us," she said. "We didn't realize how much that had affected us. It almost ruined our traditions. A lot of our elders died because we didn't have enough food. We didn't have enough medicine. During the winter, it was hard to keep warm. I'll never forget that time."



Decades after the internment, Petrivelli struggled with food addiction. She later got help by participating in talking circles.

Petrivelli lived there from 1942 to 1945.

"After they had dropped us off at Killisnoo, we had two weeks' worth of food, a mattress, pillow and a blanket for each person. We were lucky we had people from Angoon to help us out after they found out what was happening to us. They hired men to fish with them and every day they brought us some salmon or whatever they could to help us survive. I am forever grateful to the people of Angoon."

More than 40 years later, Petrivelli struggled with an addiction.

"I can't really tell you what causes some young people to go on drugs, but I was addicted to food," she said. "Every time somebody hurt my feelings, every time I got angry and upset, I turned to food. Would you believe at one time, I weighed 285 pounds? That's how big I was. I

didn't realize how addicted I was until 1993. That's when I went to my first talking circle, and so many things came out. I realized I had a problem. Once I forgave my husband and everybody that hurt me, I lost weight."

Doctors told Petrivelli she was pre-diabetic. She had to cut down on her salt, sugar and fat.

Every morning, I had oatmeal and that horrible skim milk," she said, as the audience laughed.

"Today, I don't even look at it. But that's how I lost weight – and forgiving everybody, including myself. Everything I did to my body, I did to myself. Now people tell me I'm too skinny. I kind of like myself. The doctor tells me I need to gain weight. So everybody in my family is on a diet except me," she said, as she was greeted with more laughter from the audience.



**Dr. Tina Woods struggled with trauma issues after she was separated from her mother at the age of seven.**

For years, Dr. Tina Woods struggled with a different kind of trauma.

At the tender age of five, she and two brothers flew from the Pribilof Islands to Oregon to visit their father. At such a young, innocent time in their lives, they had no idea they would be separated from their mother for about seven years. Their father gained custody of the three children after learning that their mother was about to give birth to her eleventh child.

"So when he took custody, from age 7 to 14, during my most formative years, I had no contact with my mother," Woods said, choking back tears as she relived the painful memory.

During her teenage years, she said she was emotionally and verbally abused.

"Everything from, you're stupid, you're fat, you're ugly – I heard it all," she said. "So throughout my teenage years, I attempted suicide three times. But God wants me here. I'm here in front of you because God wants me here."

One day as she was cleaning her room, she found a Danish cookie tin filled with letters. As she

explored further, she discovered a pile of letters addressed to her and her brothers from her mother, expressing her love for her children.

“So I read them all,” she said, as she paused to regain her composure. “I knew she loved me because I remember her very well.”

In 1989, years later, Woods made the long journey from Guam to Anchorage to meet her long-lost brothers and sisters. By that time, she was a young lady, and she was afraid that no one had come to meet her at the airport. Then she spotted one of her sisters who looked just like her mom.

“It was a very emotional reunion, and I have an amazing group of siblings,” she said.

Two days later, she hopped on another plane, bound for St. Paul to see her mother after a seven-year separation.

“We hugged,” she said, smiling.

However, alcohol played a large part in causing further trauma to Woods and the people she loved. Woods later learned that her mother had been suffering from alcoholism for years. At the age of 18, Woods got married. But alcohol infected her marriage and eventually destroyed it.

“My mother died from alcohol,” she said. “Alcohol also destroyed my marriage.”



Later in life, alcohol played a large part in causing further trauma to Woods and the people she loved.

Years later, she remarried, and today, after spending time exploring her past, she is in a good place.

“My husband is a wonderful man,” she said. “He accepts my past.”

Today, after earning her PhD, she is helping others suffering from trauma.

“I am a survivor,” she said. “I’m resilient, and I’m a good person. I have worked hard to forgive the trauma that I experienced in the past. I respect my western education, but I also respect the

native way of knowing. I have become who I am today because of elders like Alice and Wilson, whom I love dearly.”

Woods said it was after participating in talking circles that she began to realize who she was and what her purpose in life is.

“It is the greatest blessing that God has ever given me to sit in a room with an Aleut elder who is coming to me for individual therapy,” she said. “I have been blessed with a past that has allowed me to have empathy in order to help others heal themselves at age, 70, 80 and older. I am so very thankful,” she said.

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## **Vessel Discharge Permit Exemption for Fishing Vessels Expires December 19<sup>th</sup>**

*By Ernie Weiss, AEB Natural Resources Director*

Unless Congress can act quickly, all fishing vessels will be required to comply with strict new regulations as of December 19, 2014. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) plans to require a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Small Vessel General Permit (SVGP) for owners and operators of non-military, non-recreational, commercial vessels less than 79 feet in length.

A legislative moratorium in place, including an exemption to incidental discharge permits for fishing vessels and other vessels under 79 feet in length, will expire December 18<sup>th</sup> without congressional action. The EPA is set to implement the regulations on December 19<sup>th</sup>, requiring these vessels to carry the vessel discharge permit.

The Aleutians East Borough is urging coastal communities and fishermen to contact members of Congress to request action now to either extend the current moratorium on the vessel discharge permits or to make the exemption for fishing vessels permanent.

Earlier this year, the U.S. House passed the Coast Guard Reauthorization Bill (HR 4005), which contains a provision making the NPDES exemption permanent for commercial fishing vessels.

In April, the Aleutians East Borough signed on to a letter along with 112 other entities, urging members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation to approve the Vessel Incidental Discharge Act (S. 2094), which includes a permanent exemption from the permit for fishing vessels, including fish processing vessels and fish tender vessels, and commercial vessels less than 79 feet. The Committee approved S. 2094 in July.

On November 6<sup>th</sup>, Mayor Stanley Mack sent a letter to the Alaska Delegation requesting congressional action before the Dec 19th deadline. The Borough Assembly will also consider a resolution at their November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, urging swift action on the vessel discharge permits.

In the event Congress is not able to enact legislation in time to address this issue, fishermen need to be prepared to comply with the new EPA NPDES vessel discharge permits. The small vessel discharge permit is on the agenda for discussion at the upcoming [AEB Fishermen's meeting](#) November 19<sup>th</sup>, to be broadcast on KSDP/ [www.apradio.org](http://www.apradio.org). In addition, Rick Marks of the law office of Robertson, Monagle & Eastaugh, has prepared a step-by-step document, found here: <http://www.aebfish.org/vgpcply110614.pdf>, for use by Aleutians East fishermen to comply with the Vessel Discharge Permit regulations. These discharge permits will be required by the EPA on all commercial fishing vessels regardless of size, all USCG-inspected charter boats, and all commercial-use vessels under 79 feet starting December 19, 2014.

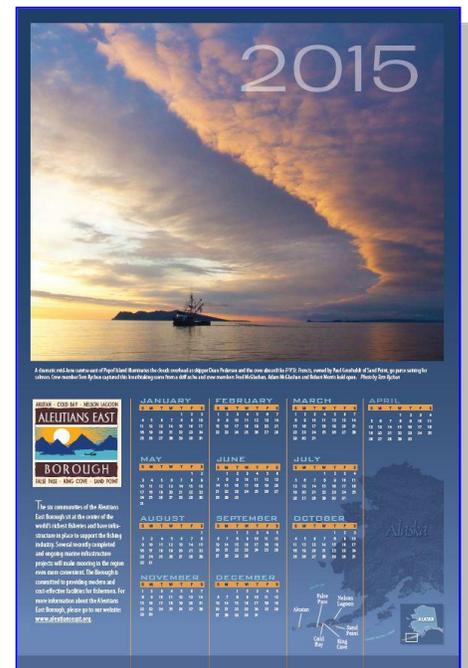
**Here's the link for more information about the Small Vessel General Permit from the EPA:**  
<http://water.epa.gov/polwaste/npdes/vessels/Small-Vessel-General-Permit.cfm>.

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## AEB Community Leaders Gear up for Annual Pacific Marine Expo in Seattle

AEB community leaders and staff are preparing to showcase updated infrastructure and recent improvements made in the Borough's communities with new promotional materials at the annual Pacific Marine Expo in Seattle (a.k.a Fish Expo or The Boat Show). Every year, expo attracts thousands of people affiliated with the commercial fishing industry to the trade show. The Borough capitalizes on this event to promote community harbors and other infrastructure appealing to commercial fishermen.

The Borough's calendar is always a popular promotional item at the Pacific Marine Expo. The 2015 calendar features a dramatic

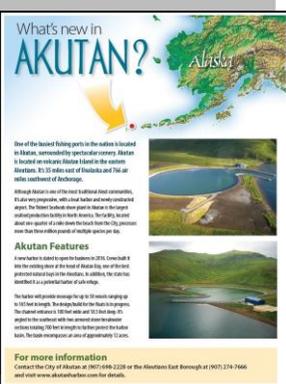
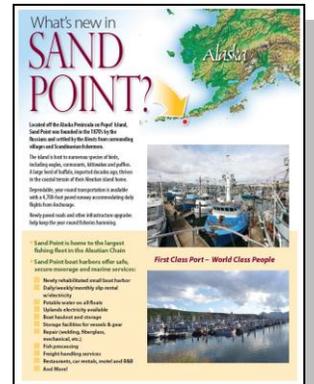


shot of a mid-June sunrise east of Popof Island. The photo was taken by Tom Kychun, a crew member aboard the F/V St. Francis. The boat featured in the photo is owned by Paul Gronholdt.

Several of the Borough community flyers were updated to reflect numerous changes that will appeal to commercial fishermen. False Pass, a beautiful Aleutian community, has several improvements, including a fuel farm (the False Pass Fuel Company), a much-needed amenity to draw more fishermen to the City's harbor. The False Pass Fuel Company (FPFC), owned by APICDA, supplies fuel for the fishing fleet, the City of False Pass, Bering Pacific Seafoods, heating oil and vehicle needs. The FPFC sits conveniently near the False Pass city dock. The City's small boat harbor accommodates 40+ boats from 32 to 120 feet in length. Other amenities include 3 docks and a haul-out trailer for boats up to 36 feet.



Sand Point, a scenic community, is located just south of the Alaska Peninsula on Popof Island. The City is home to the largest fleet in the Aleutians. Sand Point has two harbors: the newly rehabilitated 25-acre Robert E. Galovin Harbor accommodates vessels up to 150 feet and has 4 docks. The new 18-acre harbor and wharf also accommodates vessels up to 150 feet and has 2 docks. In addition, Sand Point offers other amenities, including its 150 and 35-ton lift, seasonal boat storage and marine welding and repairs.

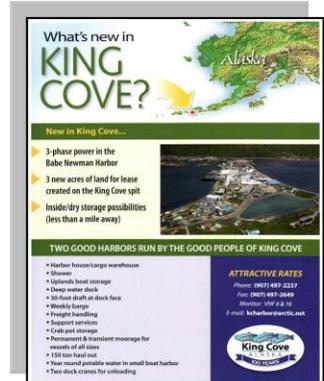


Akutan is promoting its harbor, scheduled to open in 2016. The harbor will provide moorage for up to 58 vessels ranging up to 165 feet in length. The design/build for the floats is in progress.

The channel entrance is 100 feet wide and 18.5 feet deep. Akutan, a city surrounded by spectacular scenery, is one of the busiest ports in the nation. The Trident Seafoods shore plant is located about one-quarter of a mile down the beach from the City, and processes more than three million

pounds of multiple species per day.

King Cove, a community surrounded by awe-inspiring topography, is situated in a narrow valley overshadowed by rugged mountains. The City has two harbors to promote: the 12-acre Robert "Babe" Newman Harbor and the 10-acre North Harbor. The Babe Newman Harbor accommodates 43 vessels up to 150 feet and has one dock. The North Harbor accommodates 90 boats up to 60 feet, and has 3 docks. The City also has

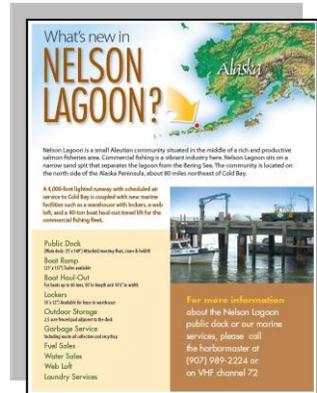


a 150-ton boat lift as well as other amenities. King Cove is also home to Peter Pan Seafoods, one of the largest cannery operations in Alaska.



Cold Bay is located at the tip of the Alaska Peninsula and 634 miles from Anchorage. The Izembek landscape surrounding Cold Bay includes volcanoes with glacier caps, which provide a breathtaking backdrop on a clear day. Cold Bay serves as the regional center for air transportation on the Alaska Peninsula, with its all-weather airport. The city has a new airport terminal building with space for lease and the capacity for a large number of passengers to pass through daily while handling hundreds of thousands of pounds of freight. The City also has a dock that measures 60 feet wide by 36-feet long.

Nelson Lagoon, a picturesque community, is situated on the north side of the Alaska Peninsula, about 80 miles northeast of Cold Bay. It's located in the middle of a rich and productive salmon fisheries area, and has several new marine facilities to promote. The Aleutian community has a warehouse with lockers, a web loft and a 40-ton boat haul-out travel lift for the commercial fleet. The main dock is 35' x 149', with an attached mooring float, crane and forklift.



## AEB Fishermen's Meeting

Many of those attending the Pacific Marine Expo from the region are also planning to participate in the AEB Fishermen's Meeting across the street at the Silver Cloud Hotel. That meeting will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to noon in the Avenue One South Room, located on the 9<sup>th</sup> floor.

Topics to be discussed include 2015 observer deployment plan changes, limited entry, the trawl bycatch socio-economic study, legislative fishing priorities, NPFMC agenda actions and Board of Fish Actions.

For more information, visit: <http://www.aebfish.org/111914agenda.pdf>

# QTT and Partners Help Improve Early Language and Literary Skills for Children 5 years & Younger

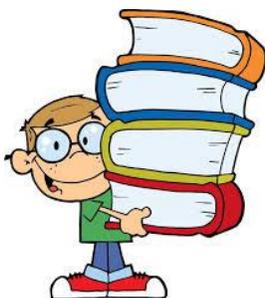
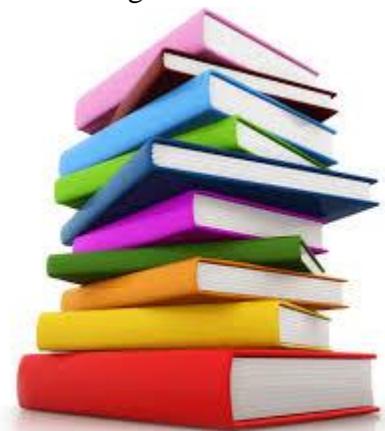
*By Tiffany Jackson, QTT Executive Director*



The Qagan Tayagungin Tribe, in partnership with Best Beginnings and Aleutian Peninsula Broadcasting, and many generous sponsors, have been proud to provide Dolly Pardon's Imagination Library in Sand Point for the past year. The objective of this program is to ensure kids arrive ready to succeed in school by helping to improve early language and literary skills. We do this with donations from our sponsors by providing one free age-appropriate book to each child age 0 to 5. Currently, this program has enrolled 42% of eligible children in Alaska, and 100% of children in Sand Point! By the end of December 2014, we will have provided the youth in Sand Point with 470

books.

The goal for this program is to expand it so it can be available to all children age 0-5 in the State of Alaska. Best Beginnings has given the Qagan Tayagungin Tribe the green light to start working with other communities in our region in order to serve more children in the Aleutians. In order to do this, we are looking for local advocates in each community who would be willing to enroll children, and promote the program in their community. We'll also be looking for sponsors to help us purchase the books for each of these communities.



If you're interested in being an advocate for your community to provide this program, please call the Qagan Tayagungin Tribe at 907-383-5616 and ask for Wendy or Tiffany, and we'll work with you on how to start enrolling children and working on sponsorship.

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## Cold Bay Honors Vets with Special Veterans' Breakfast



Cold Bay paid tribute to its veterans earlier this month by treating them to a delicious breakfast with all the trimmings. The vets feasted on biscuits and gravy, pancakes, fruit, eggs, banana bread, pumpkin bread, egg casserole, salmon quiche, sausage and bacon along with orange juice and coffee. Those who attended included Paul Schaack, Alan Ellis, Ken Richardson, Bobby Stacy, Robert Sigurdson and James Gibson. About eight Coast Guard personnel who were in town also enjoyed the sumptuous breakfast.



Dawn Lyons, Dailey and Candace Schaack made the food. The cleanup crew included Dawn, Candace, Kerry Burkhardt and Carol Damberg.

Cold Bay school kids contributed to the festivities by adorning the walls with banners and decorations.



Photos by Dawn Lyons

# Here's What's Happening at the False Pass School in November 2014

*By Kevin Barnett, False Pass Teacher*



In October, the secondary students here at False Pass School (8<sup>th</sup> grade and up) all participated in an intensive two-week-long Emergency Trauma Technician training class. They now have ETT certificates and are qualified “card-carrying” first-responders! The students gave up their evenings and an entire weekend to complete the class. We are very proud of them. We extend grateful appreciation to instructor, Susan Shoemaker, and to the Eastern Aleutian Tribes who sponsored the training to make it available in the community.

We were also visited by U.S. Fish and Wildlife biologist, Stacey Lowe, from the Cold Bay Izembek Refuge headquarters and enforcement officer, Kelly Modla from the Kenai Refuge, Anchorage. Students had a great time learning and refining archery skills, which our guests facilitated in our gym.



We also had a visit from the wildlife troopers who gave an informative and engaging presentation about

cold-water safety. Our students learned new things while sharing their own prior knowledge enthusiastically.

Our cold-water aquarium setup is providing us with numerous opportunities to observe salmon eggs as they develop as well as the plants and animals and how they interact in a healthy ecosystem. We collected specimens from our local stream, duplicated environmental conditions

in our lab, and have had numerous opportunities to pose, observe, and solve real-life problems involved with the care and rearing of wild salmon from egg to hatchling...and beyond!

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## Akutan Students Focus on Rock Properties

*By Prophetess Hayden, Akutan School Principal - Teacher*

In our Foss Science kit, Pre-k thru 6th grade are studying rock properties. Our school is near the beach, so we collected over 300 rocks to explore. We painted

rocks, sorted rocks, cleaned rocks, crushed rocks to see if we could find fossils. We also compared the color between wet and dry rocks, and carefully broke rocks to see if we could make a rock puzzle.



Natasha Bereskin is measuring a rock with a ruler. Ian Shangin is picking up a rock to measure. Aaliyah Hickson (pink and black jacket) is sitting next to Mia Bereskin, in the background. Photo by Prophetess Hayden.

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## Eastern Aleutian Tribes - Executive Director's Report

*By Jennifer Harrison*

### People

Welcome our New Hires:

- **Beverly Johansen**, Clinical Information Clerk (CIC)/Janitor/Community Health Representative (CHR), Akutan (first day September 1<sup>st</sup>)
- **Trisha Trumble**, Accounts Receivable (AR) Specialist, Anchorage (first day Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>)
- **Ross Bucher**, IT Technician, Anchorage (first day October 13<sup>th</sup>)
- **Amy Knissel**, Physician Assistant, King Cove (first day October 13<sup>th</sup>)
- **Ginger Bear**, temporary Janitor, King Cove (first day October 13<sup>th</sup>)



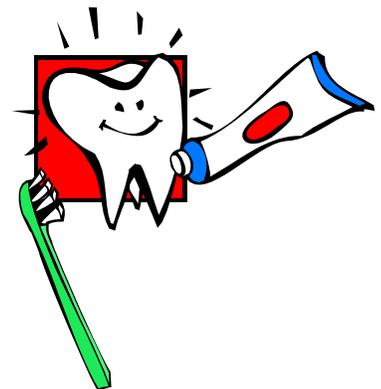
Congratulations to Riza and Bonita for successfully completing CHA Session IV! (Pictured from left to right: Linda Mack, Riza Bendixen, Bonita Babcock and Jennifer Harrison.

- **Terri Douglas**, Nurse Practitioner, Akutan (first day October 20<sup>th</sup>)
- **Arlene Mauriello**, CIC, King Cove (first day November 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- **Ben Stewart**, itinerant Dental Health Aid Technician (DHAT) (first day November 4<sup>th</sup>)
- **Esther Olson**, Accounts Payable Clerk (part-time), Anchorage (first day November 17<sup>th</sup>)
- **Katy Nissen**, Behavioral Health Clinician, Sand Point (first day December 15<sup>th</sup>)
  
- Open Positions:
  - **Behavioral Health Aides\*** – Akutan and Nelson Lagoon
  - **Community Health Aides\*** – Akutan, Cold Bay, and Nelson Lagoon
  - **Dental Assistant\*** – Traveling to all sites
  - **Dental Health Aide Technician (DHAT)\*** - Next training starts in July 2015.
  - **Intern\*** (part-time) - Anchorage
  - **Medical Director/Physician** – 50% in Anchorage and 50% at all clinic sites
  - **Nurse Practitioner/Physician Assistant** – Continuous Recruitment for itinerants and full-time in Sand Point
  - **Special Projects Manager** – Anchorage

\*No experience necessary. Training will be provided.

### Service

- “Caught Ya Caring” Winners from September All Hands Staff Meeting:
  - **Karen Kalamakoff** (CHR, Sand Point)
  - **Joseph Mackey** (CHA III, Adak)
  
- “Caught Ya Caring” Winners from October All Hands Staff Meeting:
  - **Edward Smith** (IT Coordinator, Anchorage)
  - **Betty Calugan** (Administration Director, Anchorage)
  - **Debora Malavansky** (Administration Assistant, Anchorage)
  
- Executive Director:
  - Nelson Lagoon – November 17 - 22<sup>nd</sup>
    - Community Listening Potluck on Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm
  - Whittier – January 21-23<sup>rd</sup>
    - Community Listening Potluck on Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00pm
  - False Pass – February 23 – 27<sup>th</sup> (tentative)
  
- EAT Dental Department:
  - Sand Point: Dr. Costa on November 10 – 28<sup>th</sup>
  - Cold Bay: Dr. Costa on December 15-19<sup>th</sup>
  
- SCF Optometry:
  - Sand Point: December 1-5<sup>th</sup>
  
- Upcoming Emergency Management Services Classes



- ETT in Cold Bay: November 10-19th
- ETT in Sand Point: December 7-15<sup>th</sup>
- ETT – EMT1 Bridge – Sand Point: February

### **Growth/Innovation**

- We have requested proposals from video production companies to do the Founders’ Story and received several to review.
- We are researching the possibility of providing a billing service for one of our City’s ambulance services.
- We are working on a concept paper to request State funds for an Oxford House pilot project in Sand Point. Oxford Houses are sober/clean living facilities for those in recovery.

### **Report on Events:**



Ruth Kudrin, Joe Borshanian, and Jennifer Harrison shopping for potluck.

On Tuesday, August 26, 2014, the **Anesia Kudrin Memorial Clinic in Akutan** hosted a community listening potluck. The room was packed with **40 community members** and three staff members. Here are the community members’ responses to our questions:

#### **What do you like about the Anesia Kudrin Memorial Clinic? –**

- Love it. It could be made bigger. We are running out of room. Make it two floors.
- Staff Members
- Location
- Dependable emergency services

#### **If we had more resources, what could the clinic do to help us be the healthiest people in the nation?**

1. Provide fresh vegetables and fruit
2. Have WiFi available and used at Daycare
3. Eat more Native foods, traditional ways.

#### **Rank of the following potential new or expanded services/programs:**

1. Increase number and length of these specialty visits:
  - a. Dentist/DHAT(16)
  - b. Optometrist (eye doctor) (9)
  - c. Behavioral Health Clinician (4)
2. Chiropractor (10)
3. Elder Assistance when in Anchorage (9)



**What do you think is our #1 barrier to community wellness?**

1. Knowledge on living sober - acceptance
2. Exercise
3. Geographically challenged

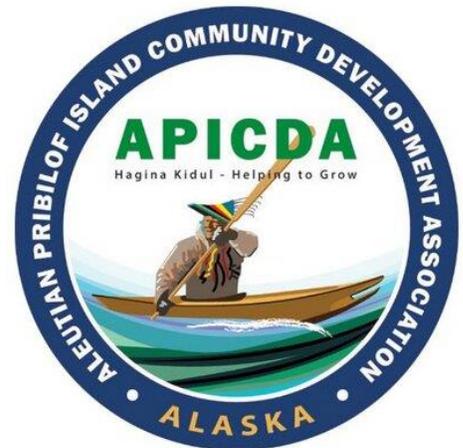
**What is your dream/long-term goal(s) for Eastern Aleutian Tribes?**

1. More dental visits, eye doctors, etc.
  2. Expand facility – 2<sup>nd</sup> story?
  3. To become the #1 health organization in Alaska.
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## **Job Announcement from APICDA:**

### **Director, 8(a) & MBE Development:**

Aleutian Pribilof Island Community Development (APICDA) is a rapidly-growing company serving the community development efforts of the Aleutian Pribilof Islands. Leveraging the APICDA communities' economic advantages is a strategic goal of the company. One objective of this goal is to acquire federal contracts through existing and future subsidiaries. As an Alaskan community development owned company, APICDA has enormous potential for business development in the government contracting and corporate subcontracting sectors. The company seeks an additional member of our team to develop and perform our government contracting and minority business strategy. The Director, 8(a) and MBE Development, will be a thoughtful leader with robust federal government, SBA and MBE sales experience. The candidate selected for this position will have a proven track record, including an existing business network and sales results in Small Business Administration 8(a) contracting and/ or MBE. Reporting to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), this position's primary focus is to expand the presence of APICDA and its subsidiary companies in federal contracting and MBE business opportunities.



The Director, 8(a) and MBE Development, is accountable for bringing in new accounts and expanding existing client relationships. The position will drive business development, guide capture management and proposal efforts, pitch prospective clients, and act as an external

voice for the company through published work and presentations. The successful candidate will influence all phases of the client engagement process, from strategy conceptualization to final execution.

The Director, 8(a) and MBE Development, will work collaboratively with managers of subsidiaries to create business development strategies in support of federal government accounts. The position will also work directly with the subsidiaries' sales team in developing and maintaining relationships with existing and new clients to assess their needs and create new business opportunities.

**Education:** Bachelor's degree in English, Business, Accounting, or related field. Prefer advanced (role relevant) education. Equivalent education, experience, and training may be substituted for the degree requirement on a year-for-year basis.

**Experience:** Minimum of seven (7) years of progressive experience in business development, contract management, legal, or other closely related field. Prior experience in fishing industry and/ or native organizations is preferred. Equivalent education and training may be substituted for experience.



Extensive experience with obtaining and managing U.S. Small Business Administration 8(a) contracts. Additional experience preferred, though not necessary, with the Native 8(a) program, U.S. Department of Defense and state government contracting.

In addition to the qualifications listed above, must be proficient with MS Excel; have strong analytical skills; and good communications skills. Must be willing to travel on occasion.

**Location:** Seattle, WA

**Benefits:** Competitive compensation based on education and experience. Excellent benefit package includes paid-time off; paid holidays; medical, dental, vision, life insurance; and 401(k).

To apply please submit cover letter and resume/APICDA employment application to:

[hr@apicda.com](mailto:hr@apicda.com)

## Job Opening:

### CITY OF FALSE PASS JOB DESCRIPTION

#### Utility Manager

APPOINTMENT	-	By Mayor
SUPERVISOR	-	City Clerk
WAGE	-	As negotiated
WORK SITE	-	Electric Utility, Pump house, Airport, Landfill, Streets and Roads, Boat Haul, Municipal Dock and Snow Removal.
HOURS OF WORK on call.	-	Generally 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., plus
CLASSIFICATION	-	
Regular Full Time		

#### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

1. Ability to work with minimal supervision and carry out written and oral directions.
2. Good physical health, ability to lift 70 pounds.
3. Ability to work cooperatively with agencies such as PHS, VSW and DOT & PF.
4. Ability to read and follow instructions from manuals, identify and order parts, materials and supplies.
5. Experience with pumps, hoses, small engines and heavy equipment operation and maintenance, and power plant operation and maintenance.
6. Successfully pass power plant operator and Public Health service qualification tests.
7. Possess or able to obtain valid Alaska Drivers and CDL licenses.
8. Strict adherence to OSHA and all other State, Federal and City safety standards.
9. Must hold or be able to pass Provisional Water Treatment exam

## 1. JOB DESCRIPTION

### **Boat Hauls**

1. Operate and maintain Boat Trailer
2. Operate heavy machinery in conjunction with the boat trailer to launch and haul out boats

### **Service disconnect and reconnect of utilities (Water and Electricity)**

### **Fire hall**

1. Equipment maintenance – Testing and repairing pumps, ambulance, fire truck.
2. Test and distribute as necessary fire extinguishers and smoke detectors

### **City Shop**

3. Clean and organize, tool inventory
4. Proper disposal of used oil and other hazardous materials
5. Repair and maintain all city owned vehicles
6. Services and maintains all City heavy equipment to include electrical generation equipment, keeps log books and maintenance records on all City heavy equipment to include electrical generation equipment and submits timely purchase requests for all repair parts, maintenance supplies, materials and all other duties as assigned.

### **Water Treatment Plant and Wastewater**

1. Operate, maintain and observe water treatment plant.
2. Operates pumping equipment
3. Reads flow meters and gauges
4. Inspects equipment to detect malfunctions
5. Records data in treatment and operation and usage logs, submits these to the City Office in a timely manner.
6. Dumps specified amount of chemicals, such as chlorine, ammonia, lime and fluoride into water or adjusts automatic devices that admit specified amounts of chemicals into tanks
7. Gather water samples and ship for testing

1. Order supplies to maintain clean water
2. Septic pumping and proper disposal of septic waste
3. Willing and able to obtain water treatment certifications
4. Keep operation logs and submit in a timely manner to the City Office

### **Electric Plant**

1. Operate, maintain and observe generators
2. Monthly fuel hauls
3. Daily fuel tank checks
4. Monthly meter readings
5. Meter replacements

Keep operation logs and submit in a timely manner to the City Office

### **Municipal dock and warehouse**

1. Trash collection and removal
2. Check and maintain operability of lights
3. Turn on/off water as needed for vessels
4. Unload freighters and meet Alaska State Ferry
5. Operate and maintain crane

### **Harbor**

1. Trash collection and removal
2. Check and maintain operability of lights
3. Turn on/off Electricity for vessels
4. Register Vessels
5. Fire Extinguisher & life rings

The Utility Manager will operate heavy equipment as needed and where necessary. Some of the equipment includes: backhoes, bulldozers, front-end loaders, bobcats, dump trucks, compactor, grader, screen plant, truck, 4-wheeler. All maintenance departments require troubleshooting and repair of equipment. They should be able to communicate effectively with the Mayor, Vice-Mayor, City Clerk and other co-workers including federal and state agencies. They will attend City Council meetings and prepare reports/updates regarding the Maintenance department. In the absence of a Maintenance Person this position may be expected to perform this duty as well All other duties as assigned/appointed by the Mayor and City Council.

## 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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