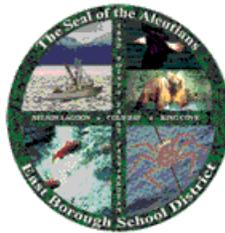
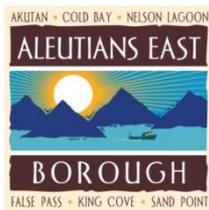


In the Loop



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

D.C. Indian Affairs Official to Get First-Hand Look at King Cove's Transportation Access Issue

Recent Transportation Survey Underscores Need for Road Corridor



Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs Kevin Washburn

Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs Kevin Washburn will get an up-close view of the proposed King Cove road and land exchange next week, weather-permitting. Washburn plans to travel to the eastern Aleutians on June 27th to conduct government-to-government and public meetings. He will also hear why King Cove residents believe the proposed road corridor is the only way to solve the community's transportation access problem.

“We are so grateful that the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs will be visiting King Cove,” said Della Trumble, spokesperson for the Agdaagux Tribal Council and the King Cove (Native) Corporation. “It is crucial that the Department of the Interior take the human factor into consideration, which it has not done up until now. That was the most critical missing piece to the puzzle when the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service expressed its opposition to the road in its final environmental impact statement (EIS) earlier this year.”



Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs Kevin Washburn will visit King Cove this week.

“The health and safety of King Cove residents are at the heart of this matter,” said Jim Kenezuroff, president of the Native Village of Belkofski. “We would like Washburn to meet with the people of our community and listen to them talk about the ordeals they’ve experienced, which for some, included losing loved ones. It’s imperative he understands why a road is the only viable and practical solution to our transportation access problem.”

It has been well-documented through personal diaries, testimonies, anecdotal information and miscellaneous data that if you live or work in King Cove, you can expect to access the Cold Bay Airport about 60 – 70% of the time as a “normal” travel expectation. King Cove residents describe normal as being able to travel within a few hours of expected flight times (both arrivals and departures) with reasonable flying conditions, including factors such as daylight, visibility, turbulence and rain/snow/fog.

Another contemporary measure of these widely-known travel constraints was conducted last fall by Solstice Alaska Consulting, Inc. Solstice used a statistically-valid sample size in conducting household interviews to document these trends and concerns. Surveyed households in King Cove indicated that 61% of their travel was for health and medical reasons. Seventy-eight percent reported having a family member who experienced significant stress at the thought of



Poor weather has delayed the Coast Guard from getting into King Cove for medivacs on a number of occasions.

flying between King Cove and Cold Bay, and 58% have had a family member who couldn't get out of town when they needed to during a medical emergency. Sixty-nine percent report they've experienced significant travel delays 50% of the time. Almost every resident interviewed



King Cove residents reported in a transportation survey that they've experienced significant travel delays 50% of the time.

expressed the fear that they wouldn't be able to get to Cold Bay during a health crisis. King Cove, which is accessible only by small plane or boat, is surrounded by mountains and is well-known to be treacherous in bad weather, which occurs throughout the year. Flights are delayed or cancelled about 30 to 40

percent of the time due to high winds or dense fog. The King Cove

Transportation Survey is available on the Aleutians East Borough website. http://www.alautianseast.org/vertical/sites/%7BEBDABE05-9D39-4ED4-98D4-908383A7714A%7D/uploads/Final_King_Cove_Transportation_Survey_Report.pdf

“It's clear that a road would provide the only safe, reliable transportation to the all-weather Cold Bay Airport,” said King Cove Mayor Henry Mack who is also a member of the Agdaagux Tribal Council. “It will give our residents the peace of mind they deserve – something many people in the Lower 48 take for granted.”

Washburn's trip is the direct result of community officials and residents meeting with former Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar, and discussions between Senators Murkowski and Begich and Secretary Salazar. These discussions prompted Salazar to task Washburn to visit King Cove to “assess the medical evacuation benefits from the proposed road” and collect information regarding “whether and to what extent the road is needed to meet the medical emergency requirements of King Cove”. Washburn's report will then be provided to the new Secretary, Sally Jewell, as additional information in preparation for her visit to King Cove in August.

“It's so important that the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs and the Interior Secretary visit King Cove to get a first-hand look and truly understand the issues that affect this community,” said Aleutians East Borough (AEB) Mayor Stanley Mack, a member of the



Washburn will visit the clinic in Cold Bay to discuss its role in medivacs.

Qagan Tayagungin Tribe. “It is the key to making the right decision.”

Washburn will begin his trip visiting with Cold Bay Mayor Jorge Lopez and other local officials. From there, he will visit the Cold Bay Clinic to discuss the role it provides in supporting medivacs out of King Cove. This will be followed by land and air tours to view some of the lands in the proposed Izembek land exchange. He will also experience a portion of the more than

40-miles of existing roads in the refuge. A special focus will be showing Washburn where the proposed one-land gravel road would connect to the existing refuge road system. Several years ago, former U.S. Fish & Wildlife Director Dale Hall praised the wilderness values of the lands proposed for exchange by the State of Alaska and the King Cove (Native) Corporation and said their value “was significant.” He noted



Part of the state land conveyance in the proposed land exchange.

that it contains large areas of tundra swan nesting as well as prime brown bear and caribou habitat, including bear denning areas.

“This pristine, valuable land is what Assistant Secretary Washburn will also see,” said AEB Mayor Stanley Mack. “Unfortunately, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service neglected to take these lands into consideration during its recent environmental impact statement. We’re optimistic that this time, the process will be conducted fairly. We’re certain Washburn will look at this land offer with new eyes and will listen to residents’ heartfelt stories of hardship with new ears.”



Washburn will also visit the King Cove Community Health Center.

After Washburn’s tour of the Izembek area, he will fly into King Cove and tour the City as well as visit King Cove’s clinic. Later, he will hold government-to-government meetings followed by a community meeting at the King Cove Community Center. Washburn will depart King Cove via a fishing vessel to Cold Bay, weather-permitting, on the following morning (June 29th). He will disembark at the often perilous Cold Bay dock

where fishing boat medivacs occur, including a climb up a 25-foot ladder above the often nearly freezing Cold Bay.

“I’m confident the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs will have a new mindset after getting a first-hand look at King Cove and visiting with our residents,” said King Cove Mayor Henry Mack. “A balance has to be struck between protecting human life *and* the surrounding wildlife.”

“Our Aleut (Native) ancestors were successful in living in harmony with the natural environment for thousands of years. I’m sure the Assistant Secretary will agree that we can continue that tradition,” said Trumble. “A small, single-lane gravel road won’t change the respect our people have always had for the land that has sustained us. This land has been a significant part of our past, and it will always be an important part of our future.”

Sand Point’s Small Harbor Renovation Project Launches this Summer

The Robert E. Galovin Small Boat Harbor renovation project in Sand Point is scheduled to begin within the next 30 to 60 days. Pacific Pile and Marine (PP&M) has been selected as the prime contractor on the job, and Transpac, out of Anacortes, Washington, is fabricating the designed float system.

The \$10 million harbor project is being funded from three sources: a \$5 million state grant; a \$3 million bond package from the City; and \$2 million bond funds from the Aleutians East Borough.



The Robert E. Galovin Small Boat Harbor renovation project in Sand Point is scheduled to begin this summer.

PP&M has provided a tentative construction schedule that is detailed below. The next 6 to 9 months will prove challenging, trying to accommodate both users of the small boat harbor and those that are working to improve it. With a little patience and understanding, the end product will be well-worth the efforts.

Phase One - West Side / Floats B and C

Planned Date:

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| · Work barge arrives on site | 8/17 |
| · Demo begins | 8/20 |
| · Materials barge with floats arrives | 8/17 |
| · Float and piling installation begins | 8/27 |

- Utility installation 10/8
- Phase one substantially complete 11/5

Phase Two - East Side / Floats A and T

- Demo begins 10/31
- Materials barge with floats arrives not determined
- Float and piling installation begins 11/21
- Utility installation 12/14
- Phase two substantially complete 1/15

Final inspections and project completion 1/15 to 2/15

Akutan Hydroelectric System Generating Cost Savings

By the City of Akutan

The City of Akutan is completing the upgrade and repair of an existing hydroelectric power generation system as part of the Alaska Energy Authority’s (AEA) renewable energy grant program. With \$1.39 million of State funding and a \$100,000 City match, construction was completed in the fall of

2012, and the system came online in

November.

The control system in the powerhouse will also be upgraded later this year as the final phase of the grant-funded project. The system is already providing 35 - 40 percent of the City’s



Town Creek Channel above the school building



Spillway outlet pipes (left) and the main low level outlet conduit pipe along with seepage pipe (far right).

100 kilowatt (kW) power demand, which equates to a cost savings on diesel fuel of at least \$50,000 for the current year. The actual amount of power generated and dollars saved are dependent on weather conditions and stream flow rates, but the newly constructed improvements to the system will provide maximum return on the funds invested, and ensure long-term savings for the Akutan Electric Utility and its customers.

The hydro resource is a stream at the east end of the City of Akutan town site. It was originally identified as “No Name Creek,” and was later referred to as “School Creek,” but is now known as “Town Creek.” Stream flows were measured several times in the early- and mid-1980s. As a result, the stream was identified by the City as a potential source for hydroelectric power production.



Impoundment reservoir

In 1993, Akutan formed a joint venture with Alaska Power Systems (APS) for the design, construction, operation and maintenance of a hydroelectric power generation system utilizing the Town Creek resource. The system was constructed and became operational in October 1993. The City purchased 100 percent ownership in February 1994, which is owned and operated by the City’s Akutan Electric Utility, Inc.

The system consists of a powerhouse containing a 174 kVA hydro generator and a 125 kW diesel generator. A reservoir 800 feet above the powerhouse provides water to a Pelton wheel turbine



Flow in main low level conduit outlet pipe with seepage pipe on left and one of spillway pipes to right.

through a 4-inch plastic penstock. The powerhouse control system allows the hydro and diesel generators to operate in parallel and to be remotely controlled. The hydro generator has a peak capacity of 105 kW. The diesel generator has a peak capacity of 125 kW. The City’s average peak load is in the range of 90 - 100 kW.

Since its construction, the Town Creek system has undergone a variety of upgrades, to include enlarging of the impound dam and

several control system improvements. However, the system has continued to experience a number of problems, including reduced water flows from leakage and clogged intakes, inoperable shutoff valves, and various switching and control problems.

The newly completed upgrades and repairs include improvement of an existing access trail to support the movement of maintenance equipment and personnel to the main impoundments located on steep ground above the village. Small dams and impoundment structures were replaced, along with valves, gates and spillways to increase the flow of water to the hydro plant through the existing 800 foot penstock pipe. Maintenance equipment and a storage building have been positioned in the village to improve what is typically an intense



Cutoff wall materials

year-round maintenance program. New operation and maintenance manuals were developed and City operators were trained on the new system.

Control system work in the powerhouse is set to begin in the near future, with the primary goal of improving the use of increased stream flow from the system upgrades, and maintaining the maximum online capability of the hydro generator. Upgraded controls will also improve the synchronization of the hydro system with the City's diesel generators, for more efficient cut on, cutoff as stream flows fluctuate.



Town Creek Channel above the school building.

As the final phase of the project gets underway, the City is encouraged by the results of the system improvements, and particularly the daily cost savings from renewable energy. Operation of the system in 2013 will



Level sensor riser

determine if the City can meet the two primary goals of the project – reduce operating costs of the

electric utility by 30 percent, and increase annual savings on diesel to \$100,000 from 2012 levels. At the same time, the City can achieve two objectives of renewable energy development, creation of a sustainable energy source and reduced costs to customers.

FAA's Former Flight Service Station Building in Cold Bay is Now a Part of History

Since 1961, the FAA's Flight Service Building has been an icon in Cold Bay. The blue and yellow building could easily be spotted from the air located on the airport runway's visibility zone. However, this month the 52 year-old building is now a page in the history books after Marsh Creek, the general contractor, demolished it. The building was disassembled and pieces of it were packaged up to either go in the City's dump or to be transported to Seattle. Tearing down the building had to be done systematically.



The FAA's former flight service station building, located on the airport runway's visibility zone, was demolished recently. Photo by Hap Kremer.



The crew removed any material linked to asbestos first. Next, workers unbolted pieces of the building and cut it into pieces. Photo by Hap Kremer.

“They had a crew come out, and anything that was linked to asbestos was taken out first, and put in bags to be hauled for transport to Seattle,” said Cold Bay Air Traffic Control Specialist John Maxell. “After that, they came in and started unbolting the building, cutting it into pieces, including the steel beams and flooring.”

Crews have been hard at work, storing pieces of the former building in connex-type garbage containers, which will be barged out of Cold Bay this summer. The

concrete portions of the building were hauled to the City's dump.

Now, the Flight Service Station is housed in the Borough's terminal building, which is set back from the airport runway visibility zone. Although the former building was old and had problems, such as leaking, Maxwell still feels nostalgic about it.

"I just hate to see it go," he said. "I've spent more time in it than anywhere else in my career. But it's gone now. It sure had a great view."



Pieces of the former building will be hauled for transport to Seattle. Concrete portions were hauled to the City's dump. Photo by Hap Kremer.

Bering Pacific Seafoods Offers Incentive Program

Submitted by APICDA



Bering Pacific Seafoods

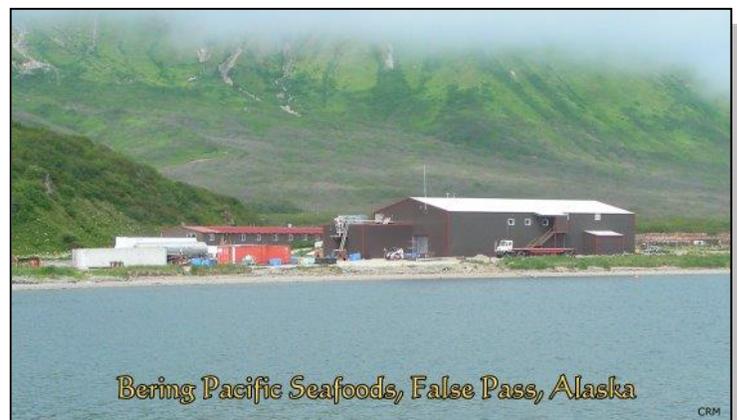
Bering Pacific Seafoods (BPS) opened for operation this year on June 7, 2013. The staff continues to work on the expansion to the plant in False Pass, which will be complete before September. BPS plans to operate as close to year-round as possible, buying cod in the fall and winter, herring in the

spring, while continuing to purchase sablefish and halibut.

Incentives

In terms of the 2013 salmon fisheries, for all deliveries BPS will:

- Participate in the 2013 June Chum Pool, separated by gear type (i.e. gillnet, seine). Fishermen will receive a check for sold chums following the end of the June fishery.
- Pay \$0.10 premium over the prevailing grounds price for sockeye.
- Provide once a week direct deposit to your designated account (without fees) upon request, paying previous week's landings, less advances or draws.



Bering Pacific Seafoods, False Pass, Alaska

- Also BPS can do bi-weekly, monthly, end of season or anytime during the season that you want to settle.
- Draws will be available upon request at BPS for up to 90% of what is legally available from unsettled fish tickets.
- Make fuel available from our tender, or provide a purchase order for our fishermen to purchase fuel and the cost of which will be deducted from your settlement.
- Provide a purchase order for our fishermen to buy groceries from the Isanotski store.
- Free haul out and boat storage in Nelson Lagoon (gillnet only).
- Up to \$500 credit on freight the following spring from False Pass to Nelson Lagoon for operating supplies for vessels hauled out in Nelson Lagoon (gillnet only).

Earn Alaska Airline miles



To become eligible for the Alaska Airline miles, an individual gillnet fisherman must sell 25,000 pounds of sockeye or 50,000 pounds of chums to BPS during the 2013 season, or an individual seine fisherman must sell 50,000 pounds of sockeye or 80,000 pounds of chums to BPS during the 2013 season.

The top three fishermen by gear type (gillnet or seine), after meeting eligibility, will receive:

- 60,000 Alaska Airline miles to the season highliner in terms of fish ticket poundage sold;
- 40,000 airline miles to the second highest poundage;
- 20,000 airline miles to the third highest poundage.

Note: The highliner value does not include pinks. The values will be based on final settlements, after all adjustments.

We look forward to an exciting and profitable fishing season for everyone.

Questions about the BPS Incentive Program? Give us a call:

Ken Smith
General Manager

King Salmon Fishing Kicks Off Summer Tourism Season

Submitted by APICDA

APICDA Joint Ventures, Inc., tourism division looks forward to a good start of the 2013 tourism season. The Nelson Lagoon Adventures' two camps will host the first king salmon fishing clients on June 29. King season wraps up on July 23, and the camps transition into the silver season August 10 - October 12.

The Sapsuk River Camp is undergoing improvements starting in early June. They include additional client housing to increase capacity.

The Sapsuk River Camp offers an array of fishing possibilities, and depending on the time of year, the river will be teeming with king, silver or red salmon. Steelhead and rainbow trout fishing is also available.

Conventional fishing gear and tackle is provided, but clients are welcome to bring their own fly fishing gear.



Audrey Bradshaw and Larry Csonka will be at Nelson Lagoon Adventures camps hosting clients with APICDA staff.

NFL hall of fame running back and former first-round pick of the Miami Dolphins Larry Csonka will be at Nelson Lagoon Adventures camps July 5-13. Larry and Audrey Bradshaw will be co-hosting clients with APICDA staff in Nelson

Lagoon. This is their first year co-hosting clients at the camp. It will be a thrill for guests to be fishing alongside Larry and Audrey for kings in Nelson Lagoon this summer.

King Cove Fire and Rescue Picnic Draws Large Crowd

The annual King Cove Fire and Rescue Picnic was *the* place to be on the afternoon of June 1st.

“More than 100 people attended, which was a good turnout,” said King Cove Fire Chief Chris Babcock. “The weather was so good, people were able to be outside.”

Those who attended the big event lined up at the Community Center to dish up after checking out the delicious feast spread out in front of them,



The annual King Cove Fire and Rescue Picnic was held June 1st. Photo by Chris Babcock.

including salmon, hot dogs, hamburgers, beans and salad.

Finding out who won the raffle contest is another big attraction. The winners were announced at the picnic. Jane Trumble won the PenAir round trip ticket to Anchorage. Other big winners of the mega raffle were Jeff Walker, who received a \$500 gift certificate for the Alaska Marine Ferry. Summer Mack won a round trip ticket with Grant Aviation. Ian Samuelson won heating oil, donated by the King Cove Corporation. Bridget Rocilli is now the proud owner of a 47”



The winners of the raffle ticket contests were announced at the picnic. Photo by Chris Babcock.

flat screen smart 3D TV (donated by the City of King Cove) plus a 3D blue ray player (donated by the Roberts Company).

Five-thousand dollars was raised from the raffle tickets and the picnic. It will go towards the Firemen’s Scholarship (for graduating high school seniors), the 4th of July community fireworks display and the Women’s Club Santa Parade.



Les Brandell lends a hand at the hot dog grill. Photo by Chris Babcock.

“We thank everyone who attended,” said Babcock. “We also want to thank all who donated to the picnic with food, money and prizes.”

Peter Pan Seafoods Holds Fishermen’s Appreciation Dinners in Two AEB Communities

Fishermen in two of the Borough’s largest cities received a big sendoff just before the salmon fishing season began. Earlier this month, Peter Pan Seafoods hosted two Fishermen’s Appreciation Dinners in both King Cove and Sand Point. More than 200 people attended each dinner, including the fishermen, their families and Peter Pan Seafoods staff.

“The dinners are a show of appreciation for our fishermen in the respective communities,” said Dale Schwarzmiller, Vice President of Alaska Production at Peter Pan Seafoods. “PeterPan can’t be a fishing company without our fishermen. These guys are some of the best in Alaska, and we appreciate their efforts.”



More than 200 people attended the Fishermen’s Appreciation Dinners in Sand Point and King Cove (pictured above). Photo by Tom Livingston.



Chef Enrique Vianna and his staff prepared a wide variety of food and desserts for King Cove fishermen and their families. Photo by Bonnie Folz.

Families in both communities were treated to a delicious feast.

At the Sand Point dinner (June 4th), some of the local fishermen grilled top quality steaks. Denise Calugan and the Harbor Café crew prepared the salads, side dishes and desserts. At the King Cove dinner (June 5th), Peter Pan chef Enrique Vianna and his staff prepared a variety of food, including prime rib, Opilio crab,

shrimp, side dishes and desserts.



Assistant Chef Raymond Cooley carves up prime rib at the King Cove dinner. Photo by Bonnie Folz.

“We try to schedule the dinners to take place in early June, several days before the season starts,” said Schwarzmiller. “It’s a good opportunity to relax and get to know our fleet and their families better. It’s a fun evening.”

Help Fight Prescription Drug Abuse & Misuse; Safely Dispose of Unused, Expired & Unwanted Meds

By Eastern Aleutian Tribes

Prescription Drug Abuse is a serious, growing problem in Alaska and across the country. It is our nation’s fastest-growing drug problem, and we see the problem in our own communities. The unsafe disposal of medication is another problem for our environment. You can participate in two ways.

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- Please **do not** include:
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Trade	Generic
Adderall	dextroamphetamine/amphetamine
Ambien	zolpidem
Hydrocodone	
Morphine	morphine sulfate
Oxycontin	oxycodone
Percocet	Oxycodone/acetaminophen

Trade	Generic
Phentermine	Phentermine hydrochloride
Ritalin	Methylphenidate
Valium	diazepam
Vicodin	Hydrocodone
Xanax	alprazolam

For your controlled substances, we encourage you to fight prescription drug abuse by safely disposing of your unwanted and expired medicines by returning those medications directly to your nearest clinic healthcare practitioner.

Thank you for making your community safer by reducing the amount of unwanted medicines in homes, thus reducing the possibility of prescription medicine misuse and abuse. Proper disposal of medicines through drug take-back options like these also helps to prevent excess amounts of trace pharmaceuticals in our water tables.

Please call 1-866-328-4911 for more information.



Eastern Aleutian Tribes – Visiting Provider Schedule

Akutan – 698-2208
June 17 – 21
Dr. Mofidi, Optometry



June 24 – 29
Dr. Popescu, Dental

Cold Bay – 532-2000
June 6 – 7
Dr. Scott, Family Medicine

King Cove – 497-2311
June 3 – 5
Dr. Scott, Family Medicine



Emil Berikoff Sr. Memorial Scholarship

**APICDA announces the availability of the Emil Berikoff Sr.
Memorial Scholarship for the 2013-2014 school year.**

Undergraduates attending college full-time or part-time may apply. Applicants must be formally accepted at a college or university, demonstrate financial need and submit a complete application packet by the deadline and must meet one of the two residency requirements: 1) historical relationship to one of the following communities Atka, Akutan, False Pass, Nelson Lagoon, Nikolski, St. George, or Unalaska or, 2) a minimum of 5 year permanent residency immediately prior to applying in one of the seven communities listed above. **Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.**

Deadline July 1st, 2013 @ 5:00PM

(Applications must be received in the APICDA Office by Deadline)

Submit Applications to:

Mail: 717 K Street, Anchorage, AK 99501

Email: education@apicda.com

Fax: (907) 646-7741

*Visit www.apcida.com for application form and more information about
APICDA Scholarship Programs*

**APICDA Joint Ventures, Inc. is accepting applications
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Atka Pride Seafoods, Inc. – Atka, Alaska

Bering Pacific Seafoods, Inc. – False Pass,
Alaska

- ★ \$ 9.00 per hour.
- ★ Food and Housing are provided at no cost.

- ★ Round-trip airfare provided upon completion of employment agreement.
- ★ Minimum 150-day Employment Agreement Required.
- ★ Work hours vary based on production. Prefer experience processing Halibut, Salmon and Black Cod.

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