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READY TO LAUNCH— With receding sea ice, the spring hunt is on in the region and Nome hunters are getting ready to launch their boats. Hunters report many healthy seals in the region, but also reports came in of more seals suffering from a mysterious disease that is currently under investigation by the National Marine Fisheries Service and NOAA. See story page 20.

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Commission created to formulate Alaska's Arctic policy

By Diana Haecker

While in its second session, the Alaska 27th legislature passed a joint resolution to create an Arctic Policy Commission that is tasked to shape an arctic policy. With significant climate change-driven uncertainties, opportunities and challenges affecting the Arctic, the Alaska legislature recognized the need for a policy that asserts Alaska's rights in the far North. Nome Mayor Denise Michels and the Bering Straits Native Corporation submitted letters of intent to

fill a seat at the commission.

The commission was one of the recommendations that came out of the Alaska Northern Waters Task Force that researched the opportunities and challenges of the changing Arctic. Mayor Michels had been a member of the NWTF. The Speaker of the House Mike Chenault and Senate President Gary Stevens are charged to appoint most of the 20-member panel. On the commission are three seats for Senators appointed by the Senate President and three

Representatives appointed by the House Speaker. The governor gets to appoint one member from the executive branch. Chenault and Stevens jointly appoint members representing the federal government, one tribal entity, the mining industry, the oil and gas industry, an accredited Alaska university, fisheries, a local government, a coastal community with experience in a coastal management program, an international Arctic organization, a conservation group, marine transportation and lo-

gistics, a Native corporation and a licensed marine pilot.

Mayor Michels in her letter of intent said that she is seeking a seat designated to represent a local government or for a coastal community with experience in a coastal management program. She wrote that the city council knows and approves of her request to seek an appointment to the commission.

BSNC has also submitted a letter of interest for the seat designated for a Native corporation. "It is essential that the Bering Strait region have a

seat at the table due to our strategic location and the fact that the lands along the coastline from St. Michael to Shishmaref are, in large part, owned by BSNC and the village corporations," BSNC vice-president Matt Ganley wrote to the *Nugget* in an email correspondence.

The Arctic Policy Commission is tasked to make preliminary recommendations on an Arctic policy by January 2014 and deliver a final Arctic policy by January 15, 2015.



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KIDS DON'T FLOAT— Norton Sound Health Corp. employee Patti Lillie, right, fits a life jacket on Kyle Reynolds, 11, while his friend Alex Sherman, 8, middle, looks on, during last Saturday's Safety Fair held in Nome.

Shall shallow-draft vessels park on the Snake?

By Sandra L. Medearis

The Nome Common Council has introduced a measure to ease port crowding during the oncoming onslaught of gold seekers needing to use the Port of Nome facility for moorage.

The panel voted at a special meeting Monday to put a Port of Nome tariff amendment into first reading that would require dredges and mining craft that have a draft shallower than 20 inches to tie up the Snake River. In return for staying out of the Small Boat Harbor the proposed amendment would give such users a 50 percent reduction on moorage rates.

On May 17 the Nome Port Commission adopted the tariff revision, now before the Council for approval, which originally set for a draft of less than 30 inches, but then changed the depth to 20 inches. Commissioners went for the shallower draft after Lucas Stotts, assistant harbormaster, measured a representation of dredges and reported that the no-two-alike offshore mining craft have

at least shallow draft in common. Putting the cutoff at vessels drawing less than 30 inches of water would put some pretty big dredges into the narrow channel of the Snake River, Stotts told the commission.

Moorage on the Snake River falls under Port of Nome docking facility jurisdiction as far as included by Nome's city limits, meaning as far as Bering Air at least. According to the tariff, the area extends from the corner of the MS 410 property near the concrete launch ramp, to the armor stone at the end of Belmont Street, and up river to the city limit boundary.

Vessels drawing less than 20 inches of water, including support vessels, may only moor in the Snake River area, and may not dock any-

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Airport plan minimizes Snake River relocation

By Sandra L. Medearis

The state Dept. of Transportation has released a draft environmental assessment for a \$46 million project for runway safety improvements at Nome Airport. Runways do not meet FAA safety standards. Runway Safety Areas need to be adjusted by width and length.

Failure to update the runways to satisfy a federal mandate would result in loss of airport certification. That would mean no jet service.

While an earlier plan called for changing the mouth or the course of the Snake River for four miles to take care of the main runway, the preferred alternative presented at a May 16 meeting will shift the river bed by half its width westward for only 900 feet in order to route it around an extension to the end of the East-West Runway.

While there still will not be enough room to expand the runway by 1,000 feet to fully satisfy requirements, the project will put fill comprising crushed concrete and other manufactured product to support the weight of Boeing 737 aircraft should one overshoot the runway. The material is designed to crush under the weight of the plane to prevent structural damage and to help brake the landing gear. Runways would be graded to broaden them as close as possible to the FAA standard width of 500 feet.

The Crosswind Runway also does not meet safety standards in that the Runway Safety Area is too narrow by 200 feet and lacks safety area beyond either threshold. For improvement, the north threshold would be

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Snake and Nome rivers break-up, water comes close to homes

By Diana Haecker

A combination of a record rainfall on Wednesday followed by a record-breaking 63°F Friday speeded the break-up process of the area's rivers. The Snake River's gauge at the Teller Road Bridge peaked at 10.3 feet on Sunday at 2 p.m. and fell to 9.55 feet at 9 a.m. Monday, the National Weather Service reports.

Snake River resident Marguerite LaRiviere said that water came close to their driveway, but didn't reach their house. However, a neighbor on the south side of the bridge said it's the highest they've seen the river rise in their seven years of living at the banks of the Snake River. "The water is about three feet from our house," said Shoni Evans, Snake River resident. Evans said that the river rose faster than in previous years, due to the warm temperatures and last week's rainfall. Ice jams have been moving along the Snake River, with a few still stuck upriver but a large 25-yard jam near the town Snake River Bridge to Port Road broke loose around 1:30 p.m. on Sunday. On Monday, the Snake River was

flowing freely, pushing along chunks of ice toward the harbor channel out to sea.

The Nome River at Dexter is keeping residents on their toes as water is in people's yards and flooding the roads. Dexter resident Gay Sheffield reported that water is creeping closer to their house but no ice jams are visible. Houses are standing like tiny islands surrounded by melt water and river water. At the end of Osborn Road, the Nome River rose over its banks and came within feet of Bev Gelzer's camp on the weekend.

Wes Adkins with the National Weather Service said that break up seemed even keeled and as of press time on Monday, no damages to homes or camps have been reported. Adkins said that the double whammy speeded up break up as record daily rainfall over deep snowpack in the hills caused snow to melt faster than any kind of warm day.

"Then we had a record high temperature with 63°F, beating the record high for May 18, 1980," Adkins said.

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Photo by Nils Hahn
ANYTHING GOES— Seasonal Nome miners set up shop and their rustic accommodations along Front Street in Nome.

Letters to the editor must be signed and include an address and phone number. Thank yous and political endorsements are considered ads.

Editorial

Get Involved

Too many times folks will say they hate politics, that their vote doesn't count and that no one cares. Well, we have to care enough to get involved with the democratic process. It was my recent good fortune to participate in the grass roots of party politics by attending the Democratic Party State Convention in Fairbanks. It was the first time I had ever attended such a function and I was quite impressed. Folks really worked well together. It was amazing how committees of 30 or 40 Democrats could work so intensely with such congeniality. The wide range and variety of backgrounds of folks from all over Alaska worked together to craft a party platform that was clear and concise and meet the ideals of all Alaskans. It seemed that the rural-urban divide did not exist. There was unity and willingness to listen to every concern. Alaskan unity is a force to be reckoned with. It shows how grass roots citizens can influence the direction of a party politics. It makes one proud to be an Alaskan and restores faith in the power of the ordinary citizen. —N.L.M. —
(Note: To find out more about the Democratic State Convention see www.alaskademocrats.org)

A Look at the Past



Photo and comment courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum Director
THEY FOUGHT TO KEEP US FREE — Nome sent men and even sled dogs to fight in the trenches in Europe during World War I. All branches of the U.S. military are represented at the Red Cross Dance in Nome, Alaska July 1918.

Nome Norton Sound Tide Predictions (High & Low Waters) - May 24 - May 30, 2012

Date	Day	Time	High Tide	Time	High Tide	Time	Low Tide	Time	Low Tide
5/24	Th	10:08 am	+1.3	5:23 pm	+1.2	2:04 am	-0.1	2:10 pm	+1.1
5/25	Fr	10:46 am	+1.3	6:02 pm	+1.2	2:46 am	-0.1	3:02 pm	+1.1
5/26	Sa	11:15 am	+1.3	6:57 pm	+1.1	3:28 am	-0.1	3:55 pm	+1.0
5/27	Su	11:40 am	+1.3	8:22 pm	+1.1	4:08 am	0.0	4:49 pm	+1.0
5/28	Mo	12:04 pm	+1.4	10:21 pm	+1.0	4:48 am	0.0	5:42 pm	+0.9
5/29	Tu	12:29 pm	+1.4	11:46 pm	+1.0	5:26 am	+0.1	6:33 pm	+0.7
5/30	We	12:56 pm	+1.5			6:06 am	+0.2	7:24 pm	+0.5

Daily variations in sea level due to local meteorological conditions cannot be predicted and may significantly effect the observed tides in this area. All times are listed in Local Standard Time. All heights are in feet referenced to Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW).

Weather Statistics

Sunrise	05/24/12	05:11 a.m.	High Temp	+63°	05/18/12	RECORD!	National Weather Service Nome, Alaska (907) 443-2321 1-800-472-0391
	05/31/12	04:50 a.m.	Low Temp	+26°	05/15/12		
Sunset			Peak Wind	28 mph,	SE,	05/16/12	
	05/24/12	12:49 a.m.	Precip. to Date	02.78"			
	05/31/12	01:08 a.m.	Normal	03.86"			
			Snow on Ground	trace amount			

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Rainfall breaks all time record for May

By Diana Haecker
For the first time this year, Nomeites woke up on Thursday, May 16 to the sound of raindrops dripping from their roofs. This first rainfall made a splash by breaking the all-time record rainfall for May recorded in Nome's 106-year history of weather data keeping, says National Weather Service meteorologist Wes Adkins.
Thursday's rainfall beat the previously set record of 0.76 inches on May 28, 1996. Last Thursday's rainfall didn't seem all that ferocious, but Adkins reminds that May is usually not a wet month. "May and June seem to be dry months, and warm," said Adkins. "Whereas July, August

and September are considered our wet months.
Adkins noted a trend of months showing "normal" temperatures alternating with months that had colder than normal temperatures. The trend began in November 2011 proving to be a bitter cold month. December showed normal temps. January 2012 won't be forgotten as it became the coldest January on record for Nome. February showed temperatures in the normal range, until March was colder than usual. April was normal and so far, May seems to continue the pattern, being colder than normal. "In fact, last Friday we tied a record for the lowest high temperature of 24°F," said Adkins.

The Climate Prediction Center calls for June to be slightly below normal temperature-wise and with a near normal level of precipitation.
Patches of ever-shrinking snowfields still dot the tundra around Nome. This winter saw an accumulated snowfall of 81 inches, slightly more than the "normal" of 74 inches. However, Adkins said that previous years had a much higher accumulation of snow, as the winter of 2010/2011 saw a total snowfall of 92 inches.
As for the sea ice, the shore-fast ice broke off to reveal the glittering open ocean on Saturday, May 12.



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RECORD BREAKING — The Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department celebrated their dedicated volunteers with a barbeque party at the public safety building, under sunny skies and record-breaking 63°F on Friday afternoon.

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Thursday, May 24

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 6:15 p.m.
*FED Child Nutrition and Learning	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*What you Should Know About RSV	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*City League Vball	Nome Rec Center	6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
*Body Blast	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Friday, May 25

*Pickup bball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*CAMP CLASS	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Youth Soccer Gr K-2	Nome Rec Center	2:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Youth Soccer Gr 3-6	Nome Rec Center	3:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Tae Know Do	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Drop-in Soccer(15+)	Nome Rec Center	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 26

*Summer Hours Begin	Nome Rec Center	CLOSED WEEKENDS
*Essential of Discipline: The Middle Years	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Child Abuse and Neglect Video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	4:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 27

*Summer Hours Begin	Nome Rec Center	CLOSED WEEKENDS
*Still Shiny Video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Contraception Video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.

Monday, May 28
Memorial Day

*Nome Rec Center	CLOSED	
*Pool	CLOSED	
*City Hall	CLOSED	
*Close To The Heart/Breastfeeding	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Project Diabetes Video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 29

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Preschool Story Hour	Library	10:30 a.m.
*Audiology Class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Vaccines and Your Baby Video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Drop-in Soccer (15+)	Nome Rec Center	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 30

*Pickup bball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Preschool Story Hour	Library	10:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 6:15 p.m.
*Denali Kid Care/Medicaid Class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*First Aid: Vol 2 Illnesses Video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*NCC Reg. Rescheduled Mtg	Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.

Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. (Tu-Sa)

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where else in the harbor unless specifically allowed by the port director or harbormaster, according to the proposed amendment. Support vessels may not remain attached to main vessels, or dock in the small boat harbor unless approved by the port director for safety or weather reasons.

However, any vessel, regardless of size may apply to the harbormaster for a Snake River permit, which will be issued in the harbormaster's discretion.

Vessels using the Snake River area for launching and haul out purposes only are not required to pay the mooring fee. Improperly moored vessels or vessels drawing less than 20 inches of water docked in the Small Boat Harbor without permission will be relocated at owner's expense, and assessed a fee. Repeat offenders will draw a fine.

At the May 17 Port Commission meeting, Commissioner Iura Leahu raised the issue whether the Port of Nome could have liability for vessels getting into trouble having been directed or confined to moorage on the Snake River.

Discussion winnowed out the stance that the Snake is unimproved

moorage at the user's risk. The proposed amendment contains a clause to that affect:

"Users should exercise due care when anchoring along the bank or in the mudflats. All moorage is undertaken at the user's own risk. The Port is not responsible for any damage to persons or property on Port property, including the Snake River area and all other facilities."

Boat owners also have a certain responsibility for watching their boats and their lines, Joy Baker, harbormaster, said.

The rate for any vessel docking in the Snake River is one-half the rate applicable to the vessel under the harbor docking schedule. Users must apply to the harbormaster for a Snake River docking permit, according to the tariff. Snake River permit holders must comply with the Port of Nome Moorage Policy and all other rules and regulations, including applicable tariff provisions.

Sport fishermen and subsistence users of the Snake River are exempt from the dockage fee.

The Port of Nome tariff amendment will come up for second reading, public hearing and final passage at the next regular meeting of Nome Common Council on May 30.

• Airport plan

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shifted 600 feet north to improve the RSA at the south end. The RSA would be made broader except at the south end where it would interfere with the Snake River.

Plans expect work to begin in 2013 and finish in 2015 to meet safety regulations demanded by a U.S. Congressional mandate.

"The project is safety driven," with respect to risk to human life and equipment damage, R. J Stumpf, DOT project manager said.

Shane Cherry, an expert in the flow of rivers, said the project to shift the Snake River would construct the new channel with a berm separating it from the flow of the river, with the final stage removing the berm between the two halves. This action would route the Snake River into its new path quickly with resulting turbidity (sediment stirred up) lasting only a day or possibly two, "not weeks," Cherry said.

Sarah Lindberg, an environmental manager with USKH, engineers on the project, said that naturally occurring arsenic above state Dept. of Conservation cleanup levels would

require separate handling. Some groundwater with high levels of arsenic at elevations above the river would seep into the excavation, Lindberg said. That water would be removed during excavation to keep it out of the river and disposed in the uplands to filter back into the ground water, in consultation with the ADEC. Preliminary plans call for earth excavated from the riverbank to go to a pad near the north end of the Crosswind Runway (north-south) for disposal. The state Dept. of Transportation worked to avoid high-value wetland areas in the design.

There may be some land acquisition.

Project managers said that fishing activities in the Snake would be interrupted intermittently, but not over long periods.

The state is taking comment until May 31 on the draft EA that is available at Nome City Hall and Kegoayah Kozgah Library. Look for "Nome Airport Runway Safety Expansion Project." An electronic copy is available at www.uskh.com/nome/index.htm.



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State DNR unlocks disputed mining lease tracts

By Sandra L. Medearis

The murky results of last fall's offshore gold mining lease sale have cleared—finally—to allow the three highest bidders on 16 leases to continue to entertain investors and plan for the mining season. For miners, spring breakup and clearing of the ice is a time that seems will never come. Likewise, three miners and runner-up bidders on the claims have waited all winter for the state to come across with a determination on paperwork the DNR said it did not receive. The holdup has stemmed from an appeal by one bidder.

On May 14, state Dept. of Natural Resources Commissioner Dan Sullivan settled an appeal that had held up award of leases 1, 3, 4, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 28, 36 and 39 after the Sept. 28 Nome Offshore Mining Lease Sale.

"I thought the state would make the right decision," Mike Benchoff, one of the bidding miners, said. "The lion's share of the leases went to a huge foreign company."

"I went out on a limb to get these 10 so we could have someplace for the people from this area to mine," Benchoff said. "I've seen it happen before. A large company comes in, buys up everything in sight and then

we end up working for them. No thanks."

The leases went for more than a combined \$9.3 million for nearly 24,000 acres of marine placer mining prospects. In the sealed bid portion of the lease sale, the South African company AngloGold Ashanti Ltd., in a consortium with DeBeers Marine, bid nearly \$7 million for sizeable leases offshore.

Further details

Settlement of the appeal stemmed partly from two miners working out an agreement on their own.

On Oct. 7, state DNR Division of Mining, Land and Water Director Brent Goodrum issued a determination on incomplete bids for the tracts, saying the division had found that two of the bidders—Mike Benchoff of Nome and Scott Meisterheim of Minnesota—did not submit a required qualification statement. That statement required bidders to affirm citizenship and be 18 years old or above.

Goodrum cited the Alaska law that states "No bid may be considered unless supported by the deposit and information required [by state law] unless the commissioner determines that any omission was immaterial or due to excusable

inadvertence and if the omission is corrected in the manner provided by notice of sale."

In his decision, Goodrum led the miners through the loophole, explaining in writing, "In considering the omissions of the two bidders, it appears there may have been some misunderstanding during the sign-in process the day of the sale that contributed to the incomplete bids."

The decision allowed Meisterheim and Benchoff to submit their statement of qualification within 10 days. They did. The DNR had already accepted the men's deposits on the lease tracts after they bid the highest for the tracts on auction day.

On Oct. 27, Goodrum sent copies of the decision to the three highest outcry auction bidders for each of the lease tracts—15 other miners—with information on the appeal process.

Bidder Norm Stiles filed the sole appeal against Goodrum's decision to let Benchoff and Meisterheim back into the auction. He appealed Goodrum's determination relative to Tract 4 on which Stiles was the second highest bidder. Meisterheim was the highest bidder on Tract 4.

Stiles' appeal locked up 12 tracts, the 12 on which Meisterheim and Benchoff were the highest bidders. Tracts 1, 3, 17 and 23 were not locked or "stayed" because Meisterheim and Benchoff were not #1 bidders on those four tracts. The highest bidder on Tract 1 relinquished his bid for Tract 1. Benchoff was second highest bidder for Tract 1, so Tract 1 was stayed by Stiles' appeal. The state offered Tracts 3, 17 and 23 for lease, reducing the incomplete tract sales to a dozen.

Let's play nicely

On Feb. 15, Stiles withdrew his appeal concerning Tract 4 in a deal between Meisterheim and Stiles that gave Stiles the shot at Tract 4 as second highest bidder in exchange for Stiles withdrawing his appeal with the hoped-for result that the DNR would release the other 11 tracts to Meisterheim and Benchoff. On the same day, the DNR received a letter from Kathleen Sullivan, business consultant, on behalf of Meisterheim stating that he wished to withdraw his bid on Tract 4 so that Stiles could be accepted.

The DNR commissioner's office

required Meisterheim to submit a notarized letter withdrawing his bid on Tract 4 and told Meisterheim that the agreement between him and Stiles was a private matter, that a ruling on Goodrum's determination remained a DNR matter.

However, Stiles' withdrawal of his appeal closed the issue, according to Dan Sullivan, DNR commissioner.

"Since there is no appeal pending before me, no further action is necessary and the department has closed the appeal," Sullivan said in his May 14 letter to the miners concerned. With the appeal closed, the Division of Mining, Land and Water could proceed with processing bid documents that include the statement of qualification forms submitted by Benchoff and Meisterheim in November.

Case closed—except that an appellant affected by the final administrative order may appeal to the state Superior Court within 30 days according to state law and court rules. Meisterheim, out of state, could not be immediately reached by telephone.

Nome man to spend 10 years in jail for sex abuse of a minor

By Diana Haecker

Vaughn Johnson, 58, was sentenced to 15 years in jail, with five years suspended last week, after having pleaded guilty to the charge of sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree.

Prior to the plea deal, the charge was sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree. According to court documents, Johnson stood accused of sexually abusing a nine-year-old girl in September 2011. Dis-

trict attorney John Earthman said that the punishment of 10 years in prison is significant for a first offender. Earthman explained that the plea deal is avoiding additional trauma to the victim, who does not have to go through a Grand Jury or jury trial to see justice done.

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Mining regulators and biologists team up to protect subsistence fishing

By Sandra L. Medearis

Several agencies are preparing rules to protect fish during the mining season. If approved, the state Dept. of Natural Resources will add the regulations to new mining permits and send the information as an add-on to already approved existing permits.

Subsistence and commercial fishers have attended meetings of official City of Nome and state panels responding to an expected increase in the number of mining rigs on the waters off Nome beaches this summer season to voice concern for fish and fishing equipment.

Those who deal with mining, water safety and fishery issues expect Nome's beaches, lease tracts and recreational mining areas to team with activity beginning next month. A barge load of equipment bringing 500 tons comprising the annual freight for Gold Prospectors of America Association, Port of Nome harbor dredging equipment, placer mining equipment for upland opera-

tions, also includes 48 tons of suction dredge and other offshore mining equipment, according to Harbormaster Joy Baker who has the itemized manifest on her desk.

Preparations for hosting the still unknown number of gold seekers as regards to law enforcement, safety and port use have broadened to include protecting subsistence harvests that have fed residents for decades.

Last season, several fishers reported nets ridden over by dredges and instances of accidental and intentional damage. This year, "zoo" has been used by officials to describe crowded operations offshore and in the Port of Nome facility.

State Dept. of Fish and Game and state Dept. of Natural Resources have collaborated on the rules to avert conflicts between subsistence, fish habitat and mining uses.

During summer months, mid-June to mid-September, the ADF&G issues shore fish set net permits for the coastal areas of Norton Sound with exceptions, for areas of interest to

fishers. Many residents of western Alaska obtain permits for fishing along the southern shores of the Seward Peninsula.

One may see the set nets measuring up to 300 feet in length with colored buoys and anchors at both ends just off shore. Rules require adjacent set nets to be 300 feet apart.

Based on information from an e-mail from DNR, proposed stipulations to protect fishing, fish and fishing equipment—still only proposals as of Monday, according to Jim Menard, ADF&G biologist, are these:

Offshore mining operators using suction dredge and mechanical placer mining equipment must observe a buffer zone around the set

nets.

There must be a 300-foot separation distance from any part of a set net.

If an eight-inch or larger suction dredge or placer mining operation, for example, an excavator with a wash plant on a barge or vessel, create any turbidity during mining, the separation must increase to 500 feet.

If a mining operator damages a set net, stipulations require them to immediately report the damage to ADF&G at (907) 443-5167 and DNR at (907) 269-8652.

Additional rules have been proposed to protect young fish at river mouths:

Mining is prohibited year around within 1/2 mile of any river mouth.

Additionally, for 10-inch and larger suction dredge or placer mining operations, mining within one mile of any river mouth between annual dates of June 1- July 15 is prohibited.

Both before and after the six week period, mining may occur between the one-mile buffer and the one-half mile buffer. The information from Kerwin J. Krause, DNR geologist/mineral property manager, via e-mail, emphasizes that no mining is ever allowed at any time within the one-half mile buffer of any river mouth.

Multiple agencies will meet in Nome to discuss mining issues again on May 30.



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Northern Bering Sea Regional Aquaculture Association seats board

By Diana Haecker

A regional aquaculture association that was formerly known as the Norton Sound/Bering Strait Regional Aquaculture Association changed its name to Northern Bering Sea Regional Aquaculture Association and held elections for board members representing 15 Norton Sound and Bering Strait communities plus Nome.

In the past, there was confusion as there were two registered RAAs in the area bearing the same name of Norton Sound/Bering Strait Regional Aquaculture Association, NS/BS RAA for short. One is presided over by Nomeite Tim Smith, the other was presided over by Oscar Takak from Elim. Takak's entity was recognized by the Dept. of Fish and Game as the official regional aquaculture association, RAA for short. Alaska-wide regional aquaculture associations are entities that have a say in the development of salmon enhancement plans.

Officially recognized RAAs have the right to appoint three members who act as voting members on the so-called Regional Planning Team, or RPT. The Dept. of Fish and Game is allocated also three seats to complete the voting members. There are also three non-voting or ex-officio members of the RPT: Tom Sparks with BLM, Rose Fosdick with Kawerak and Tim Smith with the Nome Fishermen's Association. The RPT is charged with the development of an updated Norton Sound/Bering Strait Regional Comprehensive Salmon Plan and so far, two meetings were held in Nome to begin the task.

The election process for the newly named Northern Bering Sea Regional Aquaculture Association took place in February and March, asking city councils of the regional communities for a nomination of a representative. The city councils voted for their candidate and the person with

the most votes was named the representative for the district. The runners-up were named the alternate to the seat. The region was split into six districts and the following directors were seated: Oscar Takak represents the Northeastern Norton Sound comprised of White Mountain, Golovin, Koyuk, Elim. His alternate is Roger Nassuk Jr. Troy Apatiki represents the Island District of Gambell and Savoonga. Reggie Barr represents the Bering Strait District of Wales, Teller, Diomed, Brevig Mission. Stan Anderson represents the Nome District comprised of Nome, King Island Native Community, Nome Eskimo Community, Solomon and Council. Frank Katchetag represents Eastern Norton Sound comprised of Shaktoolik and Unalakleet, his alternate is Michael Sookiayak. Milton Cheemuk represents the Southern Norton Sound of St. Michael and Stebbins, his alternate is Fredrick Pete Sr.

Oscar Takak was voted president of the Northern Bering Sea RAA. Tom Gray was appointed to fill the sport fishing seat and is the vice president. Wes Jones holds a seat reserved for a processor and is the secretary. Roy Ashenfelter, holding a seat for Kawerak, is the treasurer. Perry Mendenhall was appointed to occupy the seat for subsistence fishing and Charlie Lean holds a director's seat for NSEDC. The seat for a representative of commercial fishing had not been filled.

Charlie Lean organized the regionwide elections and was appointed to be the public point of contact for the Northern Bering Sea RAA.

Lean said that the election took place without a specific RAA name because of the confusion that had ensued in the past and that work is afoot to incorporate the Northern Bering Sea RAA. State Dept. of Commerce, Community and Eco-

nomics Development records show that an application for a name reservation under Northern Bering Sea RAA existed, but the entity is not yet registered as a corporation or non-profit. Commissioner Campbell acknowledged the new entity as the former NS/BS RAA and that it has undergone a name change. In an April letter to Oscar Takak, Campbell affirmed that the Northern

Bering Sea RAA remains the official RAA that is authorized to participate in the RPT process.

Lean said that in the future, there would be an administrator housed at Kawerak Inc. to take care of the administrative needs of the RAA.

The board of the Northern Bering Sea RAA is set to meet on August 22.

According to a press release, the

RAA is calling for nominees for the commercial fishing seat and any vacant alternate seats early this summer so that they can be seated at that meeting.

Nominees to the commercial fishing seat are voted on by Norton Sound or Port Clarence commercial salmon fishing permit holders.



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Nome honors longtime ambulance volunteers

Photos and story by
Diana Haecker

Last Friday afternoon, Nome Ambulance Department volunteers were honored for their dedication and years of service to the Nome public. Nome's Public Safety Building was decorated with balloons, the parking lot was filled with emergency services volunteers and their families and the aroma of barbecued hot dogs wafted through the warm spring air. Mayor Denise Michels was on hand to honor the volunteers and together with Vicki Erickson, she handed out the awards, plaques and pins, recognizing the selfless services that NVAD volunteers deliver 24/7.

Charlie Lean topped the list in terms of longtime dedication to the Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department, having put in 31 years of volunteerism with NVAD. Mike Owens

is not lagging much behind with 29 years of service spent at the organization. Owens was not present because he was on duty, flying a medevac. Karen O'Neill, NVAD medical director has been with NVAD for 22 years. John Handeland put in 21 years dedicated to NVAD. Vicki Erickson has been with the department for 19 years, Tom Vaden for 18 years and Elsie Vaden for 10 years. Wes Perkins received honors for six years of service.

Volunteers having served for one year and more were also recognized with a certificate and a pin. They included Gregory Saclamana, Keith Conger, Danielle Sylvester, Michele Sullivan, Matthew Smith, Kevin Knowlton, Scott Johnson and Ben Froehle.

Erickson reminded those present that emergency service volunteers do

put in a significant amount of time and respond to calls that often come in the middle of the night.

Nome's Emergency Services Coordinator Mimi Farley said that the department has currently 34 volunteers at different levels. The department welcomes new volunteers and offers volunteer opportunities at different levels.

An entry-level position would be a driver for which a CPR card is required. Emergency Trauma Technician and Emergency Medical Technicians and paramedics require a more involved level of training and certification. Farley said EMT 1, 2 and 3 classes are held here in Nome on a regular basis. Ambulance volunteers sign up for eight 12-hour shifts per month.

Farley said the department is especially strapped for volunteers in

the summer time when people are busy. She added that the department is hoping to get another fulltime EMT on board for this summer season as city officials expect a large influx of people to Nome to engage in gold mining activities, both on and offshore.



GOOD TIMES— NPD Chief John Papasodora, left, and NVAD volunteers Kevin Knowlton and Jim West Jr. share a laugh.



LONGTIME VOLUNTEERS— Charlie Lean, left, was honored for 31 years of volunteerism with NVAD. Tom Vaden, right, was honored for 18 years of dedication.



ONE YEAR OF SERVICE— Gregory Saclamana was recognized for his first year of service with the NVAD, awarded by City of Nome Mayor Denise Michels.



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The Walk for Life sends a message of hope and celebration. As a community walking, we show support for those in need, as well as celebrating all the things that make life beautiful.

Suicide in the Bering Strait Region affects nearly everyone. However, recently we’ve seen a big push for suicide prevention efforts both in our region and throughout the state. Through Kawerak and in partnership with Maniilaq, the region is currently being served under the Garret Lee Smith Suicide Prevention grant. As

a result of growing community and regional partnerships, this is the second consecutive GLS grant Kawerak has been awarded.

Communities and individuals around the region are also finding ways to provide local prevention efforts including Family Fun Nights, community education, story circles, or inviting youth out to camp, hunt or pick berries. Suicide prevention is something that happens every day within a community. Special training or grant funding is not needed — it’s showing someone you care by sharing a skill, telling a story or speaking up when you notice someone might be having a difficult time.

It can be as simple as getting out and joining something like the “Walk for Life.” As a community we need to stand together and show that suicide is not a solution for our families, communities, and region. We will celebrate the blessings that life has to offer, be the friend there to listen when needed and when we ourselves feel that life is difficult, seek our own help and healing.



Photo by Diana Haecker

GOOD WALK— Babs Apok walks with her kids Jeremy, middle, and Luda, right, during the Walk for Life in Nome on Saturday, May 12.



MESSAGES FOR LIFE— White Mountain residents gathered during the Walk for Life event.



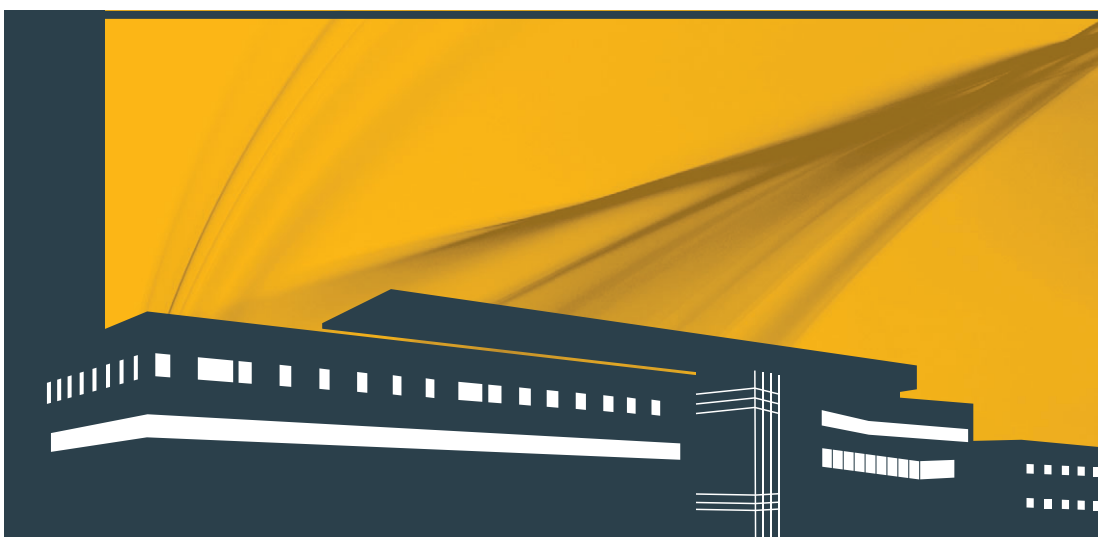
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TELLER WALK— Teller kids took to the streets during the Walk for Life event. Pictured from left to right are: Victor and Ben Ongtowasruk, Jennifer Bell, Ashton Menadelook, Jaden Ongtowasruk, Desmond Thomas, Riley Ablowaluk and Lauryn Garnie.

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Bob Lawrence, MD
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First, stretch your muscles every night before bed. This is the only treatment that is known to work for most children. It is important to stretch the muscles that tend to hurt. If your legs ache, stretch the legs. If your arms ache, stretch the arms.

Second, stay hydrated. This means drink plenty of water during the daytime. Avoid "pop," sugary drinks, or fruit juice.

And third, eat vegetables every day. Try to eat a vegetable of every color. Orange (carrots), green (broccoli), yellow (squash or corn), red (bell peppers or tomatoes) are vegetables with nutrients to help repair your muscles.

Finally, tell your parents if you have pain in your joints or if the growing pains occur in the daytime. Sometimes the pain is caused by an injury or a different problem that is not just growing pains.

Dear Dr. Lawrence,

How do you get rid of ear aches? Do you put ice on it? Or do you chew gum? Please tell me! Sincerely, Bode Leeper

Dear Dr. Lawrence,

How do you stop a pesky ear ache? Sincerely, Lizzy Hahn

Dear Bode and Lizzy,

I am so glad you asked this question because so many people get earaches. Treating ear pain is tricky because there are many things that cause the pain. The first step in treating ear pain is to find out what is causing the pain; then you will know how to best make it go away. Doctors and ear specialists use a special flashlight for looking at ears called an otoscope. This helps them determine where your pain is coming from.

Sometimes the pain is from deep inside the ear way behind the eardrum. Many times a virus or bacteria attack this part of the ear. To make it feel better, the doctor will have your parents give you medicine to kill the germs and take away the pain.

Sometimes the pain comes from the outside ear canal. This happens to a lot of kids after swimming. I know some parents who use a 50:50 mixture of vinegar and rubbing alcohol to make special drops to clean the ear after swimming. If pain and swelling worsen, the doctor will prescribe you drops to kill the germs and treat the pain in the outer ear canal.

Sometimes people get pain in their ears after flying. This is because the air inside the ear wants to get out when the plane is coming

down for a landing. Have you noticed how your ears want to make a "popping" noise when you are flying? Most of the time the air comes out a special tube hidden way back in your throat called a Eustachian tube. If the air cannot move out of this tube the pressure will push out on your ear drum and make it hurt. The best way to prevent this pain is to hold your nose and gently blow air back into your ears during the flight and after landing.

Tell your parents if you have ear pain that does not go away.

Dear Dr. Lawrence,

I sprained my ankle really bad once and it's been twisting every time I run a long ways. How do I fix it? Thanks, Colin McFarland

Dear Colin,

This is a great question. Did you know that a sprained ankle is one of the most common reasons a person goes to the doctor?

Ankle sprains can be very serious. Sometimes they take a long time to

heal. But here are a few things you can do to make your ankle stronger before your next long run.

First, practice moving the ankle through its six major motions: up, down, right, left, twisting inward and twisting outward. This prevents the ankle from getting stiff. Some people find it helpful to draw the A-B-Cs with the foot moving the ankle through its full range of motion. You can do this exercise many times each day.

Next, work on stretching and strengthening the ankle. Practice standing on your toes for a minute and then stand on your heels for a minute. Use your hand to pull and push against your ankle to stretch and then strengthen all the muscles that move the ankle. These exercises strengthen the ankle and, in a sense, build an internal ankle brace so your ankle will be less likely to twist while running.

Finally, you must teach your brain to trust the ankle again. A simple way to do this is to stand on one foot while doing something else like brushing your hair, dribbling a basketball, reading, or watching TV. Standing like a stork forces the brain to trust the ankle in lots of positions so it is less likely to twist again when walking, running, or playing

sports.

Tell your parents if your ankle keeps twisting after trying these exercises. Sometimes the doctor can help select a good ankle brace to

wear when you are playing sports.

I am proud of you for running and hope you take good care of your ankles so you can stay active your entire life.

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to Gram, Ella Tanner
of Nome!
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Love, your youngest granddaughter, Janice Doherty and Doug, great grand-daughter, Chrystie Salesky, daughter, Carol Olsen and Vic, Dawn Salesky and Jimmy Adams, Debbie and Tony Parsons and the Wielers.

PS ~ Thank you to Dr. Sai-Ling Liu, Terra Abbott, Carol Matthews, Annie Blandford, CeCe LeFleur and the caring staff at NSHC as well as Tom Vaden, John Handeland and others at the Nome Volunteer Ambulance crew for giving Gram the support and excellent healthcare she needed to ensure we could share another day with her.

*Photo: Ella Tanner of Nome and family friend, Helen Thomas of Buckland, Alaska.
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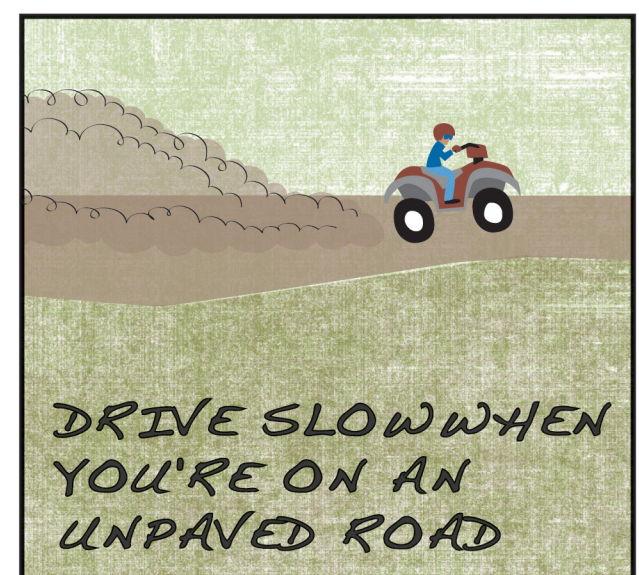
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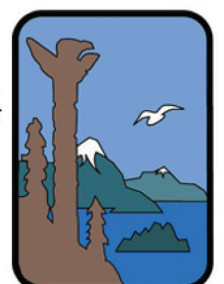
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Obituries

Laney Roberta Ahkinga August 1, 1987 – May 8, 2012

Laney Roberta Ahkinga, was born on August 1, 1987, at the Norton Sound Hospital in Nome, and spent most of her too-short life on Diomed, surrounded by all her favorite cousins whom she loved so much.

Laney had a passion for reading



Laney Roberta Ahkinga

from a very early age, and often had her nose in a book. Some of her favorites were the Twilight and Harry Potter series. Her teachers remember her as being an exceptional writer, especially of poetry, and a student who was a hard worker and deep thinker. But even with this determination to always do her best, she still had a delightful and infectious smile!

Laney loved her life on Diomed. She loved to sing, draw comics, and design awesome hairstyles. She never missed dressing up for Halloween, and attended every community celebration that included activities for children. Even when she had to leave the island, Laney's heart was always in Diomed.

In 2009, Laney became very ill and was medevaced to Seattle

where she was diagnosed with Primary Pulmonary Hypertension and Takayasu Arteritis. Laney and her mom learned that these conditions were incurable, and that the only hope was to try and control it through medication. Although she was physically weakened by her condition, Laney wished to continue living in Diomed as long as possible, so she could spend lots of precious time playing with her little cousins.

In 2010, she had to move to Nome, to be closer to the hospital due to her delicate health. She missed her aunties and many cousins on Diomed, but recognized that her health problems made it very difficult to continue living on Diomed.

Laney kept in particularly close contact with her favorite cousin, Becca, while Becca attended high school at Mt. Edgecumbe, in Sitka. They spent lots of time together on the internet reviewing poetry and songs Laney had written, exchanging pictures, and sharing movie previews and new songs.

Laney's life was brief, and revolved mostly around the big family she adored, but she still had many special dreams and gifts. Her heart was so large and filled with goodness. While she was loved by many, Laney is especially missed by her Mom, who was also her best friend, and there for her throughout her illness. Laney will never be forgotten, and her smile will always warm our hearts. She will be remembered as the little girl and beautiful young woman who always took the time to listen, to comfort and to love.

Laney is survived by her parents Opik Ahkinga of Nome and John Ahkvaluk of Diomed, grandparents Orville and Dora Ahkinga, Peter and Isabell Ahkvaluk of Nome and her aunts and uncles and numerous cousins from Diomed, Wales and Nome.

Laney is preceded in death by her great-grandparents Jacob and Catherine Ahkinga, James and Annie Iyapana, her aunt Roberta Ahkinga, uncle Christopher Ahkinga, cousins Sonja Ozenna, Timothy Kazingnuk, Jacob and Brandon Kakaruk, Elijah Okpealuk, James Jacob Ahkinga and her extended Ahkinga family.

Jacqueline Lee Perry

Jacqueline Lee Perry (Inupiaq name Aghmoya), 39, known to her family and friends as Jackie, died May 18 in Anchorage.

Jackie was born June 17, 1972 in Mt. Clemens, Michigan to Jack Appolloni and Eileen Norbert. Soon after, the family moved back to Alaska where Jackie grew up and called Anchorage home. For numerous years, Jackie worked in telecommunications as a financial analyst.

Jackie raised her two wonderful children, Ashley and Zachery, with love and kindness. With Ashley, Jackie encouraged her love of snow-



Jacqueline Lee Perry

boarding and other sports. She was a dedicated and proud hockey mom for Zachery. Jackie always told her children how much she loved and cared for them.

Jackie enjoyed the outdoors. She often fished on float trips with her family on the Kenai, Gulkana and Willow rivers. She also enjoyed hiking and biking on the numerous trails in south central Alaska.

Jackie loved family gatherings and especially barbeques. Her laugh and wonderful attitude was infectious. Jackie was witty and always loved to banter with family and friends. She was the "Ray of Sunshine" at any gathering.

Jackie will always be remembered as a loving mother, daughter, sister, and loyal friend. Our beloved Jackie will be greatly missed and may she find the peace she deserves.

Jackie is survived by her daughter and son, Ashley and Zachery Perry; her father Jack Appolloni and his

wife Kathy; her mother Eileen Norbert; her brothers Victor Appolloni and Peter Jorgensen; her sister and brother-in-law Angela and John Lowe; her sister Gina Appolloni; her partner Charles Hudson; numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

Folks who would like to make a donation in lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations go to the local Salvation Army.

Funeral Mass will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday May 24, at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 2111 Muldoon Road in Anchorage. Officiating will be Fr. Scott Medlock. A reception will immediately follow the services in the parish hall.

Arrangements were cared for by the Anchorage Funeral Home and Crematory. Jackie's obituary and online guestbook may be visited at www.AlaskanFuneral.com.

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Sunday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.

Community United Methodist

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Employment

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Trooper Beat

On May 13, at 3:20 p.m. the Alaska State Troopers contacted an intoxicated person in White Mountain. Investigation shows that the subject is on probation with conditions not to consume alcohol. The case has been forwarded to the District Attorney's Office for prosecution.

On May 13, at 10:24 p.m. AST received a report of disturbance in Saint Michael. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Tommie Otten, 38, of Saint Michael, for probation violation and violating conditions of release. Otten was remanded to the Anvil Mountain Correctional Center.

On May 14, at approximately 8:15 p.m. AST received a report of a death in Shishmaref. The investigation revealed Doug Hemmes, 69, of Unalakleet, had died in Shishmaref. No foul play is suspected. Next of kin was notified. The State Medical Examiner released the remains to the family.

On May 15, approximately 10:55 a.m., the Unalakleet Troopers received a report of a possible domestic assault in the village of Stebbins. Investigation revealed Irving St Clair Jr., 33, of Stebbins, physically assaulted his girlfriend during an argument. St Clair was arrested for one count of domestic assault in the fourth degree (DV). St Clair was held at the Stebbins Police Department pending arraignment. Alcohol was a factor.

On May 17, at about 5:00 p.m., the Elim VPO received a complaint that Randall Jones was assaulting his girlfriend outside a residence in Elim. Subsequent to investigation, Jones, 30, of Elim, was arrested for Assault IV, domestic violence and transported to Nome for arraignment.

On May 18, at about 11:00 a.m., a Nome doctor called to report 39-year-old Denise Oliver of Nome had died in the village of Golovin. Family was present at the time she fell unconscious. The SME was contacted and her remains were flown to Anchorage for autopsy. Next of kin was notified. Investigation is on going.

Legals

DEAN NAOMI BROWN, Beneficiary

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NOTICE OF SALE
Real property will be sold for cash in lawful money of the United States of America to the highest bidder at public auction at the main door of the Nome Courthouse for the State of Alaska, Second Judicial District, located at 113 Front Street, Room 230, Nome, Alaska, on the 31st day of July, 2012, at the hour of 10:00 a. m. In this notice "cash in lawful money of the United States of America" means coin or currency of the United States, United States Post Office money orders, or cashier's checks from a bank having a branch in the Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska. Proceeds of the sale will be applied to costs, expenses and attorneys fees incurred in the foreclosure and to satisfy amounts due under the Deed of Trust dated March 19, 2004 and naming JANET L. CARLISLE, as Trustor, and DEAN NAOMI BROWN, as Beneficiary, and YUKON TITLE COMPANY, INC. as Trustee, and the real property being further described as follows:

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Said Deed of Trust was recorded on March 26, 2004, at Document number 2004-000323-0, in the Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska. The street address for said described real property is 104 E. Front Street, Nome, Alaska 99762. The amount due under the Deed of Trust and Note is FORTY-NINE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY-NINE DOLLARS AND 50/100's (\$49,589.50), plus interest, late fees, costs, attorney's fees and other charges, and sums advanced by the Beneficiary and additional advances incurred to protect its interest in said real property.

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ALASKA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION

(AHFC) announces the availability of annual funding for the Operating Expense Assistance (OEA) program. This program is for organizations who meet the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), HOME Investment Partnerships Program criteria as Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) or who are interested in becoming CHDOs as defined by HUD 24 CFR Part 92.

The OEA program provides operating cost funding to CHDOs certified by AHFC. To receive OEA funds, a CHDO must demonstrate that it has or intends to develop, sponsor, or own HOME Investment Partnerships Program assisted housing outside of the Municipality of Anchorage.

Eligible applicants include only Non-Profit Organizations who qualify as CHDOs.

If selected by AHFC, successful applicants must execute a Grant Agreement and administer the funds in accordance with Federal HOME Program Regulations.

The only way interested parties can be included in this solicitation is by submitting an "Intent to Apply" form available on the internet: <http://www.ahfc.us> (select Notices, Notices of Funding Availability). Agencies that submit the "Intent to Apply" form will subsequently receive login access to the online application process.

To be eligible for funding under this program, "Intent to Apply" forms must be received by **4:30 p.m. Local Anchorage Time, May 30, 2012.** Forms delivered to an incorrect AHFC address or received after the deadline WILL NOT be eligible to apply and will not be considered for funding. Forms will only be accepted via email at: cslover@ahfc.us. Telefax and hard copy forms WILL NOT be accepted.

The application process for OEA funding involves three (3) stages. Applicants must (1) register for the online application system by submitting the "Intent to Apply" form by **May 30, 2012, 4:30 PM Anchorage Time** and (2) submit a Pre-Application using the online application system by **June 12, 2012, 4:30 PM Anchorage Time** and (3) submit a OEA Application using the online application system by **August 9, 2012, 4:30 PM Anchorage Time**. For further information pertaining to the application requirements and stages, refer to the "NOFA Application Instructions and Provisions" available on the internet at <http://www.ahfc.us> (select Notices, Notices of Funding Availability).

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Seawall

On 5-14 at 8:27 a.m. NPD responded to Hansen's to a reported theft. Store staff declined to press charges however, Christopher Ivanoff was issued a 12-month trespass notification from the premises.

On 5-14 at 9:23 a.m., NPD received a report from Nome Animal Control that unknown persons had climbed over the fence and removed a white Spaniel mix dog from the compound. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Nome Police.

On 5-14 at 12:13 p.m., NPD received a report of criminal trespass occurring at a Nome residence. The suspect was reported to have entered into the residence while it was occupied and took up temporary residence in room in the home. Investigation is continuing.

On 5-14 at 12:53 p.m., NPD received a report that two juveniles were in possession of tobacco products at the Nome Elementary School. The students were sent home. Investigation continues with citations pending.

On 5-14 at 2:52 p.m., NPD responded to a disturbance near the post office. As a result, Peter Anasogak was arrested for an outstanding arrest warrant and issued a citation for possession of an open container of alcohol. Peter Tocktoo was also issued a citation for open container.

On 5-14 at 11:16 p.m. NPD responded to a business on Front Street to a report of a severely in-

toxicated person on a licensed premises. Investigation resulted in the arrest of Marvin Okleasik for drunken person on licensed premises. He was taken to AMCC where he was remanded to custody with bail set at \$500.

On 5-16 at 12:35 p.m., NPD received a report of an assault occurring on Bering Street. Investigation is continuing. Injuries were minor.

On 5-16 at 4:19 p.m., NPD received a report of a theft occurring on 12-30-11. The complainant reported that \$100 was stolen from her and provided suspect information. Investigation is pending.

On 5-16 at 11:58 p.m. NPD received a report of an assault occurring at Front Street. Investigation was conducted and the case was referred to the District Attorney. There were no serious injuries, though the victim in this case sought medical treatment for injuries sustained.

On 5-17 at 12:27 a.m, NPD contacted Demolo Walton on Front Street. The contact resulted in Walton's arrest for violating conditions of probation and an outstanding arrest warrant. He was taken to AMCC where he was remanded to custody.

On 5-17, NPD conducted follow-up investigation into a burglary occurring at Nome Beltz High School during which several laptop computers and two projectors were stolen from the school. Investigator Koenig was charged with the investigation

which resulted in the recovery of several of the stolen laptops and two projectors. As a result of the investigation, Reed Eide was arrested and transported to AMCC where he was remanded on felony charges.

On 5-17 at 4:10 p.m., NPD responded to a disturbance at a residence on 3rd Avenue. Investigation resulted in the arrest of Denise Curtiss for violating conditions of probation. She was remanded to AMCC.

On 5-17 at 5:10 p.m., NPD responded to Front Street to a reported assault that had occurred earlier in the day on Front Street. Investigation resulted in the arrest of Gordon Ahnangnatoguk for Assault in the Third Degree (felony) and Assault in the Fourth Degree. Ahnangnatoguk was transported to AMCC where he was remanded to custody. No bail was set as both offenses were domestic violence offenses.

On 5-17 at 9:44 p.m., NPD contacted two persons who appeared to be in an altercation on Front Street. As a result, Shane Mike was arrested for violating conditions of probation and Assault on a Peace Officer. Mike was remanded to AMCC. No bail was set.

On 5-18 at 1:52 p.m. NPD responded to a reported assault at a residence at Spokane Street. Investigation resulted in the arrest of Scott McPeak for Assault in the Fourth Degree (DV); Assault IV on a Police Officer; Interfering with the

Report of a Domestic Violence Offense; and Resisting Arrest. McPeak was also issued a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol. He was transported to AMCC where he was remanded to custody. No bail was set as this was a domestic violence offense.

On 5-18 at 5:54 p.m. NPD received a report of the theft of 200 pounds of seal meat stolen from a residence on Steadman Street. Anyone with information is asked to call NPD at 443-5262.

On 5-18-12 at 11:56 p.m., NPD stopped a vehicle driven by Zachary Okitkon on E. G Street. The contact resulted in Okitkon receiving citations for Minor Consuming Alcohol; Minor Operating a Vehicle after Consuming Alcohol; Open Container; and Failure to Stop at a Stop Sign.

On 5-19 at 4:37 a.m., NPD stopped a vehicle driven by Stephen Alvanna. Investigation resulted in the arrest of Alvanna for Driving Under the Influence; Driving without a Valid License; and Minor Consuming Alcohol. Alvanna was transported and remanded to AMCC where he was remanded to custody with bail set at \$1500. Caitlin Mocan was also contacted during this incident with a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol pending service.

On 5-19 at 12:30 p.m., NPD responded to reported disturbance. Investigation resulted in the arrest of Sherry Kulukhon for Assault in the Fourth Degree (DV). Kulukhon was taken to AMCC where she was remanded to custody. There was no bail set as this was a domestic violence offense.

On 5-19 at 4:46 p.m., NPD responded to a residence to a reported disturbance. Investigation resulted in the arrest of John Kokuluk for Assault on the Fourth Degree (DV); Reckless Endangerment; and Violation of Conditions of Probation. Kokuluk was taken to AMCC where he was remanded to custody. No bail was set as this was a domestic violence offense.

On 5-20 at 2:29 a.m., NPD responded to a report of an intoxicated juvenile who was evading her mother. Investigation resulted in M.R., a minor, being served with a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol. M.R. was released to her mother.

On 5-20 at 1:02 p.m., NPD received a report of criminal mischief occurring on 3rd Avenue. Investigation indicates that during the early morning hours, unknown persons broke out the windows of two older vehicles; an orange pickup and a gray Bronco. Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call the Nome Police Department at 443-5262.

On 5-20 at 8:39 a.m. hours, NPD received a report that a person has broke open a door and walked into a residence where they didn't belong. Investigation resulted in contact with J.S., a minor. Charges of Criminal Mischief and Criminal Trespass will be forwarded to Juvenile Justice. J.S. was issued a citation or Minor Consuming Alcohol and released to their parent. On 5-20 at 9:51 p.m., NPD responded to a residence where it was reported that a window was broken out. Investigation resulted in the arrest of Perry Olanna for Criminal Mischief and Reckless Endangerment. Olanna was taken to AMCC where he was remanded to custody. Bail was set at \$1000.

On 5-20 at 10:20 p.m., NPD received a report that J.S., a minor had left his residence intoxicated and driving a four wheeler. Further information indicated the 4 wheeler was taken without permission. J.S. was located and arrested for Minor Operating a Motor Vehicle after Consuming Alcohol; DUI; and Vehicle Theft in the Second Degree. J.S. was taken to the Nome Youth Facility where they were remanded to custody.

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August 9, 2012, 4:30 PM Anchorage Time. For further information pertaining to the application requirements and stages, refer to the "NOFA Application Instructions and Provisions" available on the internet at <http://www.ahfc.us> (select Notices, Notices of Funding Availability).

For more information, or if unable to access the "Intent to Apply" form via internet, contact:

Colette Slover, Planning Department
Alaska Housing Finance Corporation
4300 Boniface Parkway
PO Box 101020, Anchorage, AK, 99510-1020
330-8275 or 1-800-478-2432 (toll-free statewide)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Proposed Issuance of an Alaska Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (APDES) Gen-

eral Permit to Discharge to Waters of the United States
The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has tentatively determined to reissue a discharge permit for the activity described below.
Permit No.: AKG375000
Permit Name: Small-Size Suction Dredge Placer Miners General Permit
Proposed Project and Location:
Facilities: Suction dredges with intake nozzles less than or to six inches and highbankers / power sluices that discharge to waters of the U.S.
Locations: Statewide with certain limitations
A Fact Sheet and associated documents are available for review. For inquiries or to request copies of documents, contact:
Nick Dallman
610 University Avenue
Fairbanks, AK 99709
907-451-2142
nicholas.dallman@alaska.gov
For office locations or to view electronic copies of the permit documents, please see the DEC web-

site at:
<http://www.dec.state.ak.us/water/wwwdp/index.htm>
Public Notice Start Date: May 25, 2012
Public Notice Expiration Date: June 24, 2012
Mailed comments and requests must be postmarked on or before the expiration date of the public notice. The deadline for written comments or request for public hearing is June 24, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. AST
Disability Reasonable Accommodation Notice
The State of Alaska, Department of Environmental Conservation complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you are a person with a disability who may need a special accommodation in order to participate in this public process, please contact Deborah Pock at (907) 269-0291 or TDD Relay Service 1-800-770-8973/TTY or dial 711 within 30 days of publication of this notice to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.
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CITY OF NOME

PUBLIC NOTICE

O-12-05-01 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE PORT OF NOME TARIFF NO. 8 SECTION 05.010 TO ESTABLISH RULES FOR MOORING IN THE SNAKE RIVER AREA, TO SET RATES FOR THE SNAKE RIVER AREA, TO DEFINE THE AREA KNOWN AS THE SNAKE RIVER AREA, AND TO RENUMBER MISNUMBERED SECTIONS. These ordinances had first reading at the special meeting of the Nome City Council on May 21, 2012 at 7:00 PM and were passed to second reading, public hearing and final passage at a regular meeting of the Council scheduled for **June 11, 2012 at 7:00 PM** in Council Chambers of City Hall located at 102 Division Street. Copies of the ordinances are available in the office of the City Clerk.
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The City of Nome is seeking proposals for the provision of Animal Control Services within the City of Nome.

For the complete proposal package please call the City Clerk's Office at (907) 443-6663.

Sealed proposals must be received at the office of the City Clerk (City Hall, 102 Division Street, Nome, Alaska 99762) by 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 19, 2012.

The City of Nome reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids and to waive any technicalities it deems appropriate and to rebid as it deems necessary and proper.

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For news anytime, find us Online at www.nomenugget.net

PUBLIC NOTICE

Bering Sea Nome, Inc. is making application for a new Restaurant or eating-place liquor license (Sec. 04.11.100) DBA Bering Sea Restaurant, located at 305 Front Street, Nome, Alaska 99762. Interested persons should submit written comment to their local governing body, the applicant and to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board at 5848 E. Tudor Rd, Anchorage, AK 99507.

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE
INTERIOR BUREAU OF
INDIAN AFFAIRS
ALASKA REGION
P.O. Box 25520
Juneau, Alaska 99802-5520

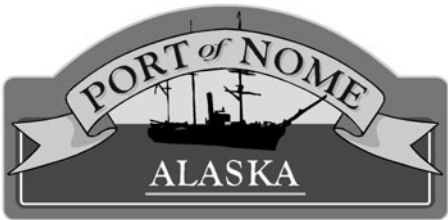


PUBLIC NOTICE

The Bureau of Indian Affairs, Alaska Region announces the appointment of Tom Gray as the Kakaruk Reindeer Herder Manager; all business will go through him. His officially appointed became effective on April 23, 2012. The previous manager was Julia Lee. Anyone taking reindeer without first notifying Tom Gray is in violation of The Reindeer Act, " ... shall not have Right of Title or Possession to that reindeer, and shall be subject to a fine of up to \$500.00." The Bureau of Indian Affairs will not give a permit for the sale of reindeer with the intent to butcher, the herders and in this case the Manager is responsible for their own butchering. All permits received are no longer valid, if you made previous arrangements or made a contract with Julia Lee; see Tom Gray for further instructions. If you paid for permits previous to Tom Gray's appointment, you will have to see Julia Lee for your refund. Tom Gray has the management authority of the Kakaruk herd. He has many years of experience in reindeer herding and the Bureau of Indian Affairs is lucky to have him as manager with his caliber in Reindeer Herding and Management.

Notice To All Vessel Owners/Operators

A Docking Permit is required prior to launching any watercraft into the Small Boat Harbor or Snake River Area.



Effective May 1, 2012, no dredge, skiff, or other marine vessel (except for subsistence/sport hunting and fishing craft) may be launched into the waters of the Nome Inner Harbor without first obtaining a permit from the Harbormaster's office. The Nome Inner Harbor includes the Small Boat Harbor docks, Turning Basin and the Snake River shorelines extending up river to the City limit boundary. A completed permit application must be submitted to the Harbormaster's office. Permits may be issued for either the Harbor or River (based on draft) for vessels that have:

- A valid vessel registration number.
- Proof of liability insurance. (Insurance requirements can be waived for a fee provided the vessel's total petroleum product capacity is less than 50 gallons.)
- The vessel name displayed in a visible manner.
- A functioning VHF radio onboard.
- Working navigational lights onboard.

Permit Applications are available at the Harbor Office, City Hall and online. Contact the Harbor Staff at 907-443-6619 or visit www.nomealaska.org

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NOTICE

Nome Offshore East and West Beach Recreational Mining Areas

The Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land and Water, hereby gives notice that **May 30, 2012** will be the deadline for the division to receive offshore suction dredge applications from miners interested in mining in the Nome offshore east and west beach recreational mining areas during calendar year 2012. This deadline is being implemented as a precautionary measure to mitigate potential safety concerns, prevent overcrowding, and provide for efficient processing of the permits and effective management of the two recreational mining areas.

5/10-17-24

Notice: Pilgrim Hot Springs

Pilgrim Hot Springs is off limits to hunting and camping. Persons or groups may not camp at Pilgrim Hot Springs for hunting, nor may game be taken from the Pilgrim Hot Springs property. Pilgrim Hot Springs is open for non-hunting public access, provided visitors obtain a permit. Additionally, the public is hereby notified that Unaatuq, LLC is the sole owner of the Pilgrim Hot Springs property and that no other entity or individual may restrict access to valid permit holders. Permits may be obtained in person at the following places: **BSNC Land and Resource Department, 110 Front Street, Suite 300, or the Nome Visitors Center on Front Street, or the Aurora Inn Hotel, 302 East Front Street.**

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Sitnasuak Native Corporation

Notice of the 39th Annual Meeting of Shareholders

- Saturday, June 2, 2012
- 10 a.m.
- Mini-Convention Center
- Nome, Alaska

Purposes: Election of four (4) Directors and other Business as listed on the agenda.

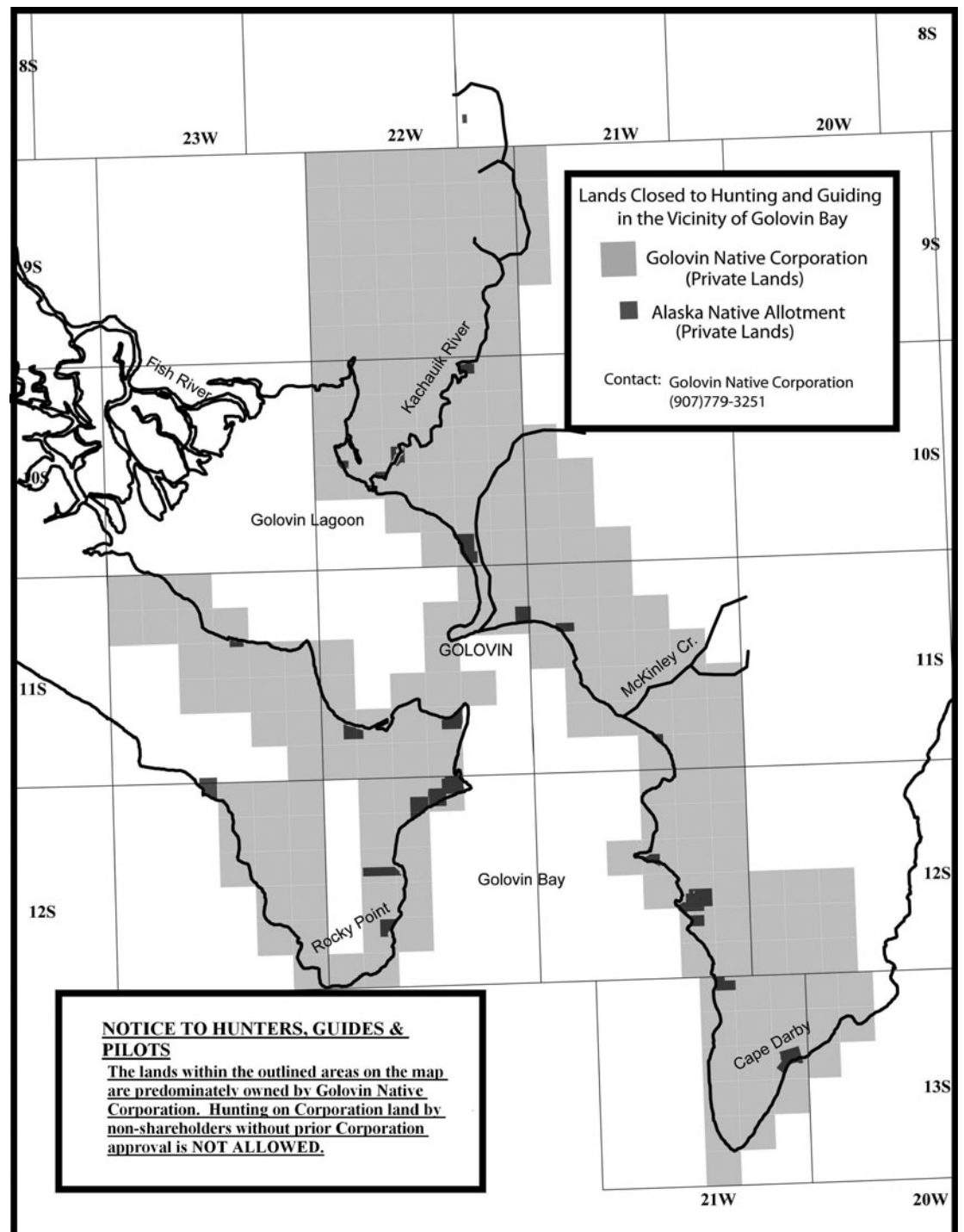
- Rides will be provided for Elderly Shareholders.
- Call Dave at **(907)387-1226** to arrange your ride before **May 30th, 2012**
- Call or email Dave for information on how to watch or listen to the meeting remotely.

Please contact **Dave Evans**, Shareholder Registrar, for more information at **387-1226** or **devans@snc.org**

www.snc.org



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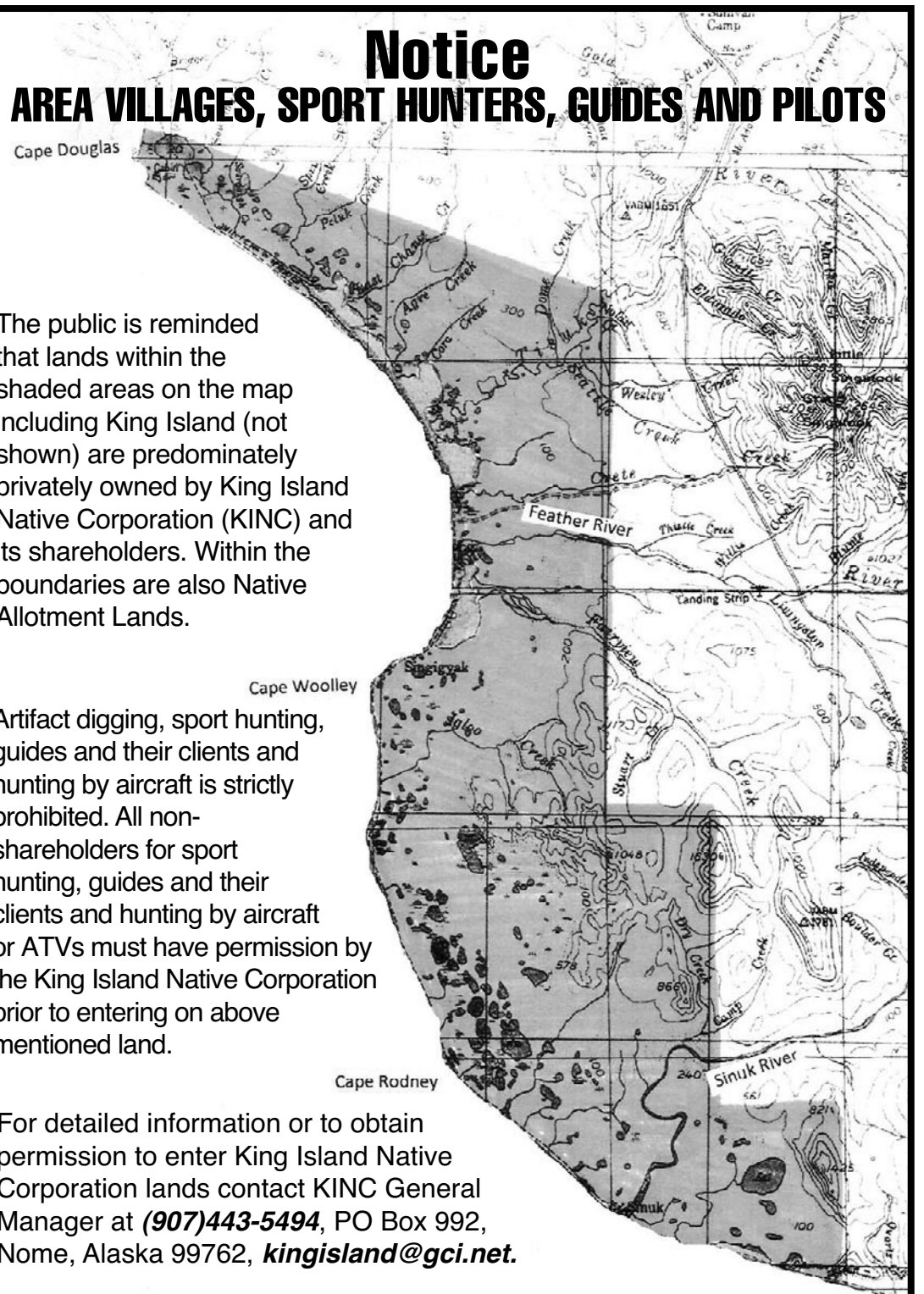


Notice AREA VILLAGES, SPORT HUNTERS, GUIDES AND PILOTS

The public is reminded that lands within the shaded areas on the map including King Island (not shown) are predominately privately owned by King Island Native Corporation (KINC) and its shareholders. Within the boundaries are also Native Allotment Lands.

Artifact digging, sport hunting, guides and their clients and hunting by aircraft is strictly prohibited. All non-shareholders for sport hunting, guides and their clients and hunting by aircraft or ATVs must have permission by the King Island Native Corporation prior to entering on above mentioned land.

For detailed information or to obtain permission to enter King Island Native Corporation lands contact KINC General Manager at **(907)443-5494**, PO Box 992, Nome, Alaska 99762, **kingisland@gci.net**.



Court

Week ending 5/18
Civil

Change of Name of Minor; Ford, John W. - Old Name; Erickson, John W. - New Name; Ford, Melissa K – Parent
Change of Name of Minor; Ford, Jamison L. - Old Name; Erickson, Jamison L. - New Name; Ford, Melissa K – Parent
Dissolution with Children - Superior Court; Barr, Herbert A. – Petitioner; Barr, Rebecca J - Co-Petitioner
Stalking: Ex Parte; Minor Party – Petitioner; Minor Party – Respondent

Small Claims

No current claims on file.

Criminal

State of Alaska v. Justina Pete (6/27/67); Criminal Trespass 2nd; Date of violation: 5/13/12; 10 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.
State of Alaska v. Joann Aketachunak (2/29/84); 2NO-11-511CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 112701915; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 60 days, remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. Joann Aketachunak (2/29/84); 2NO-11-754CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 111498255; Violated conditions of probation; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. Joann Aketachunak (2/29/84); 2NO-11-836CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 111498273; Violated conditions of probation; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. Zachary Alexander Pete (3/15/92); Count 002: Possession, Control, or Consumption of Alcohol by Person Under Age 21; First offense; Date of offense: 2/4/12; Count 1 dismissed by State; Fine \$600 with \$300 suspended; Unsuspended \$300 is to be paid to the court by 11/15/12; Probation until 5/9/13; Comply with all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; May not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages.
State of Alaska v. Dennis Ivanoff (6/18/90); Criminal Mischief 4th; Date of violation: 1/18/12; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 60 days, 45 days suspended; Unsuspended 15 days shall not exceed time served; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Restitution: Shall pay restitution as stated in the Restitution Judgment and shall apply for an Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend, if eligible, each year until restitution is paid in full; Amount of restitution to be determined as provided in Criminal Rule 32.6(c)(2) within 30 days; Probation to 5/9/13; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer; Alcohol/Mental Health Assessment by 6/15/12; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare.
State of Alaska v. Wagner Mokiyuk (4/25/94); 2NO-11-573CR Possession, Control, or Consumption of Alcohol by Person Under Age 21; First offense; Date of offense: 9/8/11; Fine \$600 with \$400 suspended; Unsuspended \$200 is to be paid to the court by 11/15/12; Probation until 5/9/13; Comply with all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; May not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages.
State of Alaska v. Wagner Mokiyuk (4/25/94); 2NO-12-46CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: MCA; Filed by the DAs Office 5/9/12.
State of Alaska v. Jordon D. Lockwood (6/17/85); Count 001: Harassment 2nd; Date of violation: 10/28/11; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: 002; 50 days, 30 days suspended; Unsuspended 20 days shall be served with defendant reporting to Nome Court on 6/1/12, 1:30 p.m. for a remand hearing; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation to 5/9/13; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law (jailable offenses).
State of Alaska v. Adexzo Yuman (8/6/73); Driving Without Insurance; Date of violation: 1/27/12; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 15 days, 15 days suspended; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Restitution: Shall pay restitution as stated in the Restitution Judgment and shall apply for an Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend, if eligible, each year until restitution is paid in full; Amount of restitution to be determined as provided in Criminal Rule 32.6(c)(2) within 30 days; Probation to 5/9/13; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law (jailable offenses).
State of Alaska v. Galen L. Doty (2/24/86); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110822778; Violated conditions of probation; Sentence is imposed as stated in the attached supplemental judgment.
State of Alaska v. Louise Martin (3/8/84); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 112701735; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 45 days; Probation changed to no alcohol, bar/liquor stores; Assessed for treatment within 60 days of release; Warrantless test, search for alcohol; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage.
State of Alaska v. Foster Olanna (10/1/65); Misconduct with a Controlled Substance 6th; Date of violation: 5/2/12; 5 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 5 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Forfeit marijuana to State; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.
State of Alaska v. Dannita Malewotkuk (2/18/86); Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; Count 001: Assault 3 - Commit Assault 4, 2+ Convictions; Date of offense: 12/10/11; The following charges were dismissed pursuant to Criminal rule 43(a): Count 002: Assault 4-Cause Fear Of Injury; Count 003: Robbery 2- Use Force To Compel Delivery; Date of offenses: 12/10/11; Count 001: 24 months, 15 months suspended; Unsuspended time are to be served immediately; Police Training Surcharge: Count 001: \$100 pay to the court within 10 days; Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant was arrested and taken to a correctional facility or is being ordered to serve a term of imprisonment; Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that defendant immediately pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 per case to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: Defendant is being placed on probation; Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that the defendant pay an additional \$100 correctional facility surcharge; this surcharge is suspended and must only be paid if defendant's probation is revoked and, in connection with the revocation, defendant is arrested and taken to a correctional facility or jail time is ordered served; AS 12.55.041(c); DNA IDENTIFICATION: If this conviction is for a "crime against a person" as defined in AS 44.41.035(j), or a felony under AS 11 or AS 28.35, the defendant is ordered to provide samples for the DNA Registration System when requested to do so by a health care professional acting on behalf of the state, and to provide oral samples for the DNA Registration System when requested by a correctional, probation, parole, or peace officer; AS 12.55.015(h); IT IS ORDERED that, after serving any term of incarceration imposed, the defendant is placed on probation for 5 years under the following conditions: General and Special Conditions of Probation, as stated in judgment; Any appearance or performance bond in this case: is exonerated; Must register as a Sex Offender.

rectional, probation, parole, or peace officer; AS 12.55.015(h); IT IS ORDERED that, after serving any term of incarceration imposed, the defendant is placed on probation for 3 years under the following conditions: General and Special Conditions of Probation, as stated in judgment; Any appearance or performance bond in this case: is exonerated.
State of Alaska v. Sherrie Tom (3/10/87); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110009061; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Probation extended to 4/18/14; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. Wayne N. Reamer (1/16/81); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 107337942; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 120 days, consecutive with the term in Case No. 3PA-04-02887CR; Report to the Nome Court on May 25 at 1:30PM for a remand hearing; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. Stuart W. Rock (10/9/88); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110677905; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 60 days; Report to the Nome Court on 5/14/12 for a remand hearing at 1:30PM; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. Kenneth R. Ivanoff (2/20/82); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110677311; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 1 day, not to exceed time served; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. Dorothy Angusuc (3/29/60); Dismissal; Count 001: Assault 4th; Chg. Nbr 1; Count 002: Interfering with a Report Of A Crime Involving Domestic Violence; Filed by the DAs Office 5/17/12.
State of Alaska v. Lorraine Saccheus (11/8/85); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 113287203; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 15 days, remanded into custody; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. Dawny James (7/19/87); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110670912; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. Desjarles Bright (4/11/74); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 108182385; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated.
State of Alaska v. Ambrose Otten Jr. (11/22/61); 2UT-11-23CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110677509; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 30 days, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-12-11CR; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. Ambrose Otten Jr. (11/22/61); 2NO-12-11CR Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; Count 001: AS04.11.010(a)(fel): Sell Alcohol w/o License – Dry Area; Date of offense: 1/5/12; Count 001: 24 months, 20 months suspended; Unsuspended time are to be served immediately; Fined: CTN 001: Fined \$10,000 with \$0 suspended; Unsuspended \$10,000 is to be paid 11/9/16; Police Training Surcharge: Count 001: \$100 (Felony) pay to the court within 10 days; Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant was arrested and taken to a correctional facility or is being ordered to serve a term of imprisonment; Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that defendant immediately pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 per case to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: Defendant is being placed on probation; Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that the defendant pay an additional \$100 correctional facility surcharge; this surcharge is suspended and must only be paid if defendant's probation is revoked and, in connection with the revocation, defendant is arrested and taken to a correctional facility or jail time is ordered served; AS 12.55.041(c); DNA IDENTIFICATION: If this conviction is for a "crime against a person" as defined in AS 44.41.035(j), or a felony under AS 11 or AS 28.35, the defendant is ordered to provide samples for the DNA Registration System when requested to do so by a health care professional acting on behalf of the state, and to provide oral samples for the DNA Registration System when requested by a correctional, probation, parole, or peace officer; AS 12.55.015(h); IT IS ORDERED that, after serving any term of incarceration imposed, the defendant is placed on probation for 5 years under the following conditions: General and Special Conditions of Probation, as stated in judgment.
State of Alaska v. Dawn Oozevasuk (8/30/83); 2NO-11-531CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 112703103; Defendant refused probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: all remaining time, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-11-775CR; Remanded into custody.
State of Alaska v. Dawn Oozevasuk (8/30/83) 2NO-12-191CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge: 001: DVPO; Filed by the DAs Office 5/16/12.
State of Alaska v. Larry M. Ivanoff Jr. (12/29/87); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 107480403; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 45 days, remand 5/29/12 at Nome Court at 1:30 p.m.; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. Justin Ahkinga (1/23/91); Notice of Dismissal; PTR filed on 5/9/11; Filed by the DAs Office 5/16/12.
State of Alaska v. Leroy Kobuk (8/14/77); 2NO-08-814CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110126916; Violated conditions of probation; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. Leroy James Kobuk (8/14/77); 2NO-12-159CR Count 001: Assault 4th; DV; Date of violation: 3/17/12; Any appearance or performance is exonerated; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: 002, 003; 90 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 90 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.
State of Alaska v. Marvin Oklesik (11/25/77); Drunken Person on Licensed Premises; Date of violation: 5/14/12; 10 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.
State of Alaska v. Matthew W. Schwier (6/30/83); Hunting Season & Bag Limits for Red Fox; Date of Offense: 4/19/12; Police training surcharge due 10 days; \$10 (Infrac); Fined \$100 with \$0 suspended; Unsuspended \$100 to be paid by 6/15/12; The following items are forfeited to the State: The seized fish or game or any parts thereof: Fox; Comply with all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated.
State of Alaska v. Nancy Kiyuklook (4/16/82); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 106865316; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 12 months, recommend Seaside.
State of Alaska v. Gerry T. Koonooka (11/30/67); Judgment and Commitment; Count 001: AS04.11.010(a)(fel): Sell Alcohol w/o License – Dry Area; Date of offense: 9/30/11; The following charges were dismissed: CTN 002: AS11.71.060(a)(1): Cntrl Subs 6 Use/Display Any Amt VIA; Date of offense: 9/30/11; Count 001: 3 years flat; Defendant is to report to the Nome Court on 8/1/12 at 1:30PM for Remand Hearing to serve sentence; Release or bail conditions remain in effect until defendant reports to serve sentence; Fined: CTN 001: Fined \$10,000 with \$0 suspended; Unsuspended \$10,000 is to be paid 6/1/15; Police Training Surcharge: Count 001: \$100 (Felony) pay to the court within 10 days; Jail Surcharge: immediately pay a correctional facility surcharge of \$100 per case to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; DNA IDENTIFICATION: If this conviction is for a "crime against a

person" as defined in AS 44.41.035(j), or a felony under AS 11 or AS 28.35, the defendant is ordered to provide samples for the DNA Registration System when requested to do so by a health care professional acting on behalf of the state, and to provide oral samples for the DNA Registration System when requested by a correctional, probation, parole, or peace officer; AS 12.55.015(h); Any appearance or performance bond in this case: is exonerated when defendant reports to the jail to serve the sentence.
State of Alaska v. Darrell George Apassingok (5/31/81); Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; Count 001: Assault 3- Cause Fear Of Injury w/Weap; DV; Date of offense: 11/10/11; The following charges were dismissed pursuant to Criminal rule 43(a): Count 002: Assault 3-Cause Fear Of Injury w/Weap; Count 003: Misc/Weapons 4-Fire Gun By Highway; Date of offenses: 11/10/11; Count 001: 18 months, 9 months suspended; Unsuspended time are to be served immediately; Police Training Surcharge: Count 001: \$100 (Felony) pay to the court within 10 days; Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant was arrested and taken to a correctional facility or is being ordered to serve a term of imprisonment; Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that defendant immediately pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 per case to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: Defendant is being placed on probation; Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that the defendant pay an additional \$100 correctional facility surcharge; this surcharge is suspended and must only be paid if defendant's probation is revoked and, in connection with the revocation, defendant is arrested and taken to a correctional facility or jail time is ordered served; AS 12.55.041(c); DNA IDENTIFICATION: If this conviction is for a "crime against a person" as defined in AS 44.41.035(j), or a felony under AS 11 or AS 28.35, the defendant is ordered to provide samples for the DNA Registration System when requested to do so by a health care professional acting on behalf of the state, and to provide oral samples for the DNA Registration System when requested by a correctional, probation, parole, or peace officer; AS 12.55.015(h); IT IS ORDERED that, after serving any term of incarceration imposed, the defendant is placed on probation for 2 years under the following conditions: General and Special Conditions of Probation, as stated in judgment; Any appearance or performance bond in this case: is exonerated.
State of Alaska v. Justin Ahkinga (1/23/91); Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; Count 001: ATTEMPTED AS11.41.436(a)(1): Sex Abuse Minor 2- Penetrate Vic 13-15; Date of offense: 4/25/11; Count 001: 60 months, 36 months suspended; Shall report to the Nome Court on 8/1 at 1:30PM for a Remand Hearing to serve sentence; Release or bail conditions remain in effect until defendant reports to serve sentence; Police Training Surcharge: Count 001: \$100 (Felony) pay to the court within 10 days; Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant was arrested and taken to a correctional facility or is being ordered to serve a term of imprisonment; Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that defendant immediately pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 per case to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: Defendant is being placed on probation; Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that the defendant pay an additional \$100 correctional facility surcharge; this surcharge is suspended and must only be paid if defendant's probation is revoked and, in connection with the revocation, defendant is arrested and taken to a correctional facility or jail time is ordered served; AS 12.55.041(c); DNA IDENTIFICATION: If this conviction is for a "crime against a person" as defined in AS 44.41.035(j), or a felony under AS 11 or AS 28.35, the defendant is ordered to provide samples for the DNA Registration System when requested to do so by a health care professional acting on behalf of the state, and to provide oral samples for the DNA Registration System when requested by a correctional, probation, parole, or peace officer; AS 12.55.015(h); IT IS ORDERED that, after serving any term of incarceration imposed, the defendant is placed on probation for 5 years under the following conditions: General and Special Conditions of Probation, as stated in judgment; Any appearance or performance bond in this case: is exonerated when defendant reports to the jail to serve the sentence; Must register as a Sex Offender.
State of Alaska v. Raymond J. Larsen Jr. (3/22/94); Possession, Control, or Consumption of Alcohol by Person Under Age 21; First offense; Date of offense: 7/7/11; Fine \$600 with \$300 suspended; Unsuspended \$300 is to be paid to the court by 11/15/12; Probation until 5/17/13; Comply with all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; May not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages.
State of Alaska v. Lee Leon Kobuk (4/12/79); Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; Count 001: Assault 3- Cause Fear Of Injury w/Weap; DV; Count 002: Misc/Weapons 4-Possess While Intox; DV; Date of offense: 11/10/11; Count 001: 30 months flat; Remand into custody to serve sentence; Count 002: 6 months flat; Remand into custody to serve sentence; Consecutive to 001; Police Training Surcharge: Count 001: \$100 (Felony) pay to the court within 10 days; Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant was arrested and taken to a correctional facility or is being ordered to serve a term of imprisonment; Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that defendant immediately pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 per case to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; DNA IDENTIFICATION: If this conviction is for a "crime against a person" as defined in AS 44.41.035(j), or a felony under AS 11 or AS 28.35, the defendant is ordered to provide samples for the DNA Registration System when requested to do so by a health care professional acting on behalf of the state, and to provide oral samples for the DNA Registration System when requested by a correctional, probation, parole, or peace officer; AS 12.55.015(h); Any appearance bond in this case: is exonerated.
State of Alaska v. Vaughn Eugene Johnson (1/26/54); Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; Count 001: Sex Abuse Minor 2- Contact, Vict Undr 13; Date of offense: 9/5/11; Count 001: 15 years, 5 years suspended; Unsuspended time are to be served immediately; Police Training Surcharge: Count 001: \$100 (Felony) pay to the court within 10 days; Initial Jail Surcharge: Defendant was arrested and taken to a correctional facility or is being ordered to serve a term of imprisonment; Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that defendant immediately pay a correctional facilities surcharge of \$100 per case to the Department of Law Collections Unit, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: Defendant is being placed on probation; Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that the defendant pay an additional \$100 correctional facility surcharge; this surcharge is suspended and must only be paid if defendant's probation is revoked and, in connection with the revocation, defendant is arrested and taken to a correctional facility or jail time is ordered served; AS 12.55.041(c); DNA IDENTIFICATION: If this conviction is for a "crime against a person" as defined in AS 44.41.035(j), or a felony under AS 11 or AS 28.35, the defendant is ordered to provide samples for the DNA Registration System when requested to do so by a health care professional acting on behalf of the state, and to provide oral samples for the DNA Registration System when requested by a correctional, probation, parole, or peace officer; AS 12.55.015(h); IT IS ORDERED that, after serving any term of incarceration imposed, the defendant is placed on probation for 5 years under the following conditions: General and Special Conditions of Probation, as stated in judgment; Any appearance or performance bond in this case: is exonerated; Must register as a Sex Offender.

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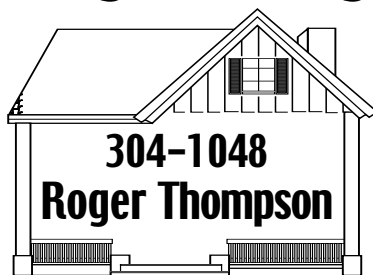
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Hunters report seeing sick seals during spring hunt

By Diana Haecker

While scientists still investigate the mysterious seal disease that plagues ice seals, regional hunters have reported over 20 sick seals showing either hair loss, open skin sores or unusually approachable behavior during this spring hunting season. Since last summer, all four species of ice seals turned up in unusual numbers showing symptoms of the disease throughout western and northern Alaska.

In December, an unusual mortality event was declared, which was supposed to initiate a focused federal scientific investigation into the cause and nature of the disease. The investigation is coordinated by the National Marine Fisheries Service under the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The cause of the disease, investigators say, remains a mystery. Testing, so far, has been negative for known bacteria and viruses, foreign animal diseases and a preliminary report ruled out radiation exposure.

Since the beginning of this year, hunters in the region have reported more seals showing hair loss and skin sores. One sub-adult ringed seal was caught in January near Nome that showed hair loss from its chest to the stomach. It was harvested but not sent in. The hunter shot it, saw it was sick and didn't bring it home, but reported it. In February and in March there were no diseased seals reported in the Norton Sound and Bering Strait region.

In April, however, the office of Gay Sheffield with the Alaska Sea Grant Marine Advisory program started getting more reports of sick seals. Sheffield reports that a hunter from White Mountain observed 15 bearded seals showing hair loss over

a time period of 10 days. The man was hunting between Topkok and Rocky Point, but didn't shoot the hairless seals. Two bearded seals were harvested in White Mountain. Sheffield said that one showed hair loss, the other hair loss and skin sores.

Also in April, one ringed seal showing partial hair loss was seen on the sea ice near Sledge Island. The hunter didn't take the animal, but observed blood around its breathing hole. In late April, an adult seal was shot out on the sea ice near Nome. It showed severe hair loss and its carcass was sent to North Slope Borough wildlife biologist and veterinarian Raphaela Stimmelmayer for a necropsy.

Sheffield further reports that in May, an adult bearded seal was harvested near Safety. It showed old sores, no hair and behaved lethargic.

Unalakleet hunters called in three sick ringed seals that showed hair loss. One of the three seals was an unusual case as it had a good coat, but showed a bloody patch on its back, where hair came off. The carcass was sent in for a necropsy, but the veterinarian wasn't convinced that this seal had the same symptoms as the diseased animals show.

As for walrus, a skinny walrus with sores on its head and flippers and a large bear scratch was harvested near the Southside of St. Lawrence Island. The hunters sent in a large chunk of the walrus' skin, but the investigating veterinarian determined that the walrus suffered from trauma, not the mystery disease. Also, in Chefornak, hunters shot a large adult walrus bull and discovered a big open sore under its armpit. The necropsy revealed that the sore came from a massive injury and was-

n't connected to the disease that seems to plague the seals.

Joel Garlich-Miller with the federal Fish and Wildlife Service, the agency charged with the management of walrus, said that so far, no walrus have been reported showing signs of the disease in the Bering Strait region. Walrus were included in the UME investigation because there were a few animals spotted at their haulout site in northern Alaska with unusual skin lesions. As the spring walrus hunt is in full swing in St. Lawrence Island and Garlich-Miller said that he has so far not received reports of disease-stricken walrus. Garlich-Miller reiterated that testing for known virus and bacterial diseases came back negative. Scientists hypothesize that something interrupted last year's molt. Molting is triggered by a hormone, which in turn responds to environmental cues and so researchers are beginning to cast their net wider by looking at data that could yield a clue why the seals didn't grow a new coat. Sick seals appeared throughout a wide geographical area: From Canada, North and Northwestern Alaska all the way south to Yakutat, Russia and Japan. With that in mind, oceanographers are looking for a large-scale abnor-

mality that occurred in the ocean during the molting season last year.

Garlich-Miller and Sheffield agree that there are a lot of healthy animals, both seals and walrus.

"I think it's also a good sign that we are seeing these hairless seals still alive after surviving a tough winter," Sheffield said.

Garlich-Miller said that so far, there is no evidence of people getting sick from eating or handling diseased seals or walrus. But since there are plenty of healthy seals and walrus around, Garlich-Miller suggests as a precaution to not eat the diseased animals, to cook the meat thoroughly and to safely handle the meat.

Although hair loss and skin sores have been reported in several walrus and polar bears last fall in the Chukchi and Beaufort Seas, Sheffield noted that there were no such reports from the Bering Strait region. "Thanks to our coastal communities for their vigilance and extraordinary efforts to provide reports as well as sending out the occasional carcass for testing," Sheffield added.

Sheffield asks hunters to call in animals that show symptoms. She encourages hunters to take multiple photos of the animal and close-ups. To report what they see to the fol-

lowing offices: NMFS Alaska marine mammal stranding hotline 1-877-925-7773. Barrow, Wainwright: North Slope Borough Division of Wildlife Management (907) 852-0350; Nome: Gay Sheffield, Marine Advisory Program/UAF-Northwest Campus at (907) 443-2397. If a sick seal is reported and sent to Nome, Sheffield will send it out for a thorough necropsy and further testing.



Photo by Gay Sheffield
NODULES— This seal, harvested in late April near Nome, was completely bald and shows nodules.

SEAL UPDATE: May 2012

To date this spring, reports of over 20 bearded and ringed seals with either, or a combination of, hair loss, skin sores, and/or approachable have been received from the Bering Strait region. The cause is still unknown. To understand if seals are healing or still sick – we need your input. Coastal communities should remain vigilant.



PLEASE REPORT UNUSUAL SEALS!

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- Gay Sheffield: **1-800-478-2202** or **443-2397** (MAP, Nome)
- NMFS (24 hr): **1-877-925-7773** (Marine Mammal Stranding Network)

SAFE HANDLING

It is recommended that hunters rely on their customary and traditional methods regarding handling and/or salvage of unusual animals.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

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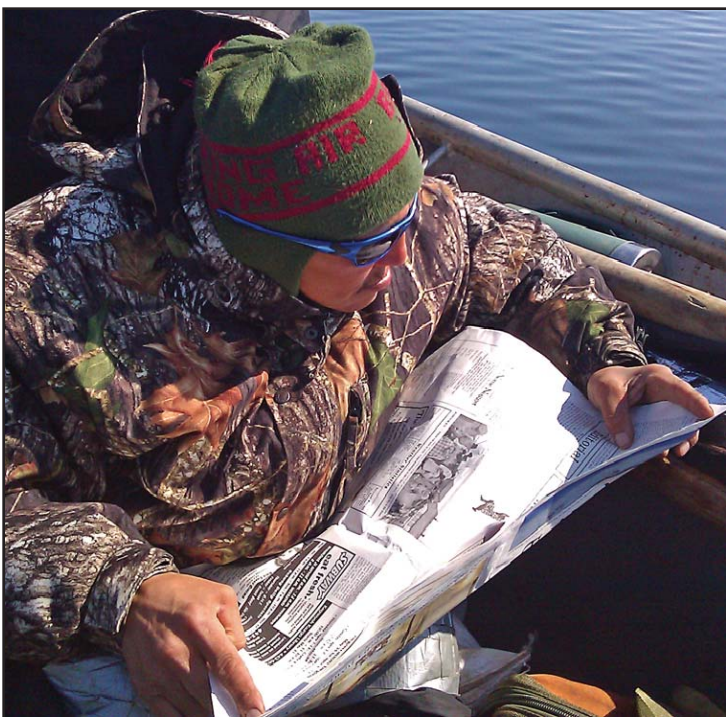


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KEEPING INFORMED— Joseph Akeya of Savoonga stays up to date on news of the Bering Strait region by reading the *Nome Nugget* newspaper during a recent spring hunting trip 12 miles out in the ocean off St. Lawrence Island. The *Nome Nugget* newspaper received the "2012 best weekly newspaper in Alaska" award by the Alaska Press Club.

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