



Photo by Diana Haecker

**FRESH AND NATURAL** — Fish hang to dry on a rack at the beach overlooking Grantley Harbor. Protection of the sensitive area was the mission of an oil spill drill last week.

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**SILVER MEDAL** — Nome's Elijah Cabinboy won a silver medal in the Alaskan High Kick, reaching 91 inches high. See more WEIO results and photos on page 10.

## NJUS grapples with rising power generation costs

By Sandra L. Medearis

The Nome Joint Utility System board voted to increase the fuel surcharge on oil it is feeding into its generators to light the town.

At a penny a kilowatt, the increase slated for the July billing will take ratepayers' costs up by \$5 per 500 kilowatts.

Sagging revenue numbers tell him that Nome Joint Utility System needs to raise the fuel surcharge to the extent allowed by the current NJUS tariff, said John K. Handeland, utility manager. That means raising the charge to 21.51 cents, replacing the current 20.5 cents.

The increase would put \$182,000 into the utility's budget, the utility manager, said.

The fuel surcharge accommodates rises in fuel prices. Based on 2014 fuel projections, the total cost per gallon for new fuel received was \$3.663, which would have raised the surcharge to 22.5 cents per kilowatt,

a raise of two cents. However, factoring in lower cost fuel already on hand plus a rebate for fuel that tested below BTU values in the 2013 supply lowered the average total cost per gallon to \$3.5387, halving the increase to one cent per gallon.

The board approved the increase July 16, but they were degrees cooler than lukewarm on the issue. The rising cost of electric power has them stymied.

The board held their own feet to the fire as well as Handeland's, with their oft-expressed—but unsatisfied—concern that a continued increase in utility costs would drive ratepayers out of town.

A continuing increase in power costs would cause ratepayers to start turning off lights and to slow down their meters in other ways, with the result that kilowatt sales would droop, bringing down revenue.

The revenue increase expected from rate increases wouldn't happen,

Berda Willson, board chairwoman observed.

### Fewer kilowatt sold

The revenue from kwh sales was already down from 2013 by 10 percent, Handeland said Monday. A major impact occurred when Rock Creek Mine shut. A comparison of figures for January to June 30, year on year, showed that, although the mine did not operate last year, maintenance, running pumps and the like, had added to NJUS' bottom line.

Add in energy saving moves by residents like installing LED light bulbs and the City's installation of LED street lighting.

They thought the electric bills would come down when the two giant wind turbines went up on Banner Ridge, board members said, but they have not. When the 900-kilowatt turbines started to spin, the

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## Bear and musk ox dispatched in defense of life and property

By Diana Haecker

Last week, on two separate occasions, a grizzly bear and a musk ox were taken in defense of life and property inside of Nome City limits.

On Tuesday, July 15 at 2:30 a.m., a Checker Cab driver flagged down a Nome police patrol car and reported having seen a brown bear near Belmont Point Cemetery and the dog lots at Nome Gold land, according to Nome Police Chief John Papisodora. NPD notified Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game personnel. Bill Dunker, Fish and Wildlife Technician with the department, responded.

According to Dunker, he received the information that several loose dogs chased a bear in the vicinity of the AC store, the cemetery and the northern side of Little Creek Road.

He met up with Nome police offi-

cers Justin Timm and Jim Edson and together they searched the area for the bear, initially to no avail.

Dunker then drove north on the Nome-Beltz Highway and spotted the bear at Nome musher Kirsten Bey's dog yard. He saw the bear had gotten into a container that stored dog food.

Dunker called the NPD officers in and together they tried to run off the bear by making loud noises, but that didn't have the desired effect. "At one point it looked like the bear was approaching one of the dogs," Dunker said. That triggered the decision to dispatch the bear. Dunker and one of the NPD officers shot the animal.

The animal was classified as taken in defense of life and property. Its hide and skull were salvaged and

sent to Fairbanks to be processed. Dunker said the hide will be auctioned off at the Fur Rondy in Anchorage.

As for lessons learned, Dunker said the public should not store food, trash, animal parts or fish outside as those items may attract bears. Once habituated to finding food near human settlements, those bears are likely to become nuisance animals and most likely will be shot to protect humans.

Kirsten Bey said she was out of town when the incident occurred.

Her dog sitter texted her what had occurred when he came in the morning to find the food container knocked over and about 20 pounds of dog kibble scattered next to it.

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## Valuable lessons learned in Teller oil spill response drill

By Diana Haecker

Only rarely do oil spill removal organizations, OSRO for short, embrace bad weather, rough seas and uncooperative elements.

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But in the case of Alaska Chadux, the OSRO that set out last Wednesday to test how fast they could get oil spill response equipment from Nome to Teller, bad weather was just what they wanted and what yielded good results in terms of lessons learned.

Alaska Chadux conducted a drill that simulated an oil spill at Port Clarence.

The drill was one component of a three-part exercise to test oil spill response plans in place for Chadux members, consisting of operators of marine vessels transporting fuel in state waters, companies that operate large oil storage facilities and commercial fishing fleets.

Part one of the exercise was a

barge equipment deployment held in Homer in May. It simulated the initial response actions to be taken by onboard crew and Chadux responders as they arrived on scene.

Part two was a tabletop exercise held in June. It involved an incident management team comprised of personnel from seven member companies. They were tasked to create a response plan to clean up oil during a Teller scenario.

Part three was to test the logistics of getting oil spill response equipment stored in connexes in Nome to Teller.

The intent of all three exercises was to test member response capa-

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Photo by Diana Haecker

**DRILL** — Alaska Chadux response crew deployed an oil spill boom across the 200-ft. washout at the Teller sandspit as part of an oil spill response drill.



Letters

Nancy  
Well, another summer has just about reached the halfway point, with a nice June and just OK, July. The weather has been better than last year to be sure, but hoping for more sunshine.  
Everything is in full swing, with the airport improvements, road repair, gold mining and crabbing fleets coming and going, my favorite time of year.  
I've been following a story of David versus Goliath in *The Nugget* the past month with interest, and would like to make a few comments.  
It seems that some of our city council members would like to change not just the rules, but also the spirit of the "process" of awarding the Fire Department maintenance contract.  
Matt Johnson vs. Rolland Trowbridge. Sure, Matt Johnson (Goliath), Fire Chief, family man and neighbor. He's a good guy; some of us grew up with and went to school with him and have known Matt all their lives, and have had work done in his shop over the years and as the volunteer fire dept. chief, admire his dedication and commitment to public service. Heck, I've known Matt for years, and have had work done several times on my old truck over the past 30 years I've lived in Nome.  
But to award this contract on that bases, is neither right nor fair.  
On the other hand let's look at Rolland Trowbridge (David) He's only been in Nome for a few years; most of us don't know him at all. We just know he is a new guy, trying to take a job away from our friend. Sure he went through the process just like Matt to bid on the contract, but we don't know him!  
Well, I had an opportunity to meet Rolland this past month. My old pick up broke down and needed some work. I've been to every shop in town over the years, and I had heard

there as a new shop in town and decided to go there.  
I must say the work was first class, his shop clean, he and his employees were polite and professional AND he was a little cheaper.  
While talking to him I found him to be smart, and very unassuming. He mentioned that had moved here from the East Coast and had stopped in Nome on his way to San Francisco. (How do you stop in Nome on your way to SF?)  
Well, he sailed a boat from the East Coast through the Northwest Passage with his family and stopped here on the way to SF! San Francisco's loss our gain!  
Welcome to Nome Rolland, you bring the sprit, attitude and search for adventure that most of us were looking for when we made the decision to locate here.  
Nancy, I just wanted to even the battle up a little bit, I can see both sides, but what's right is right, we need to let Rolland have this contract, he bid on it fair and square, by the

rules! If he can't do the work, that's another story.  
And Matt, love you brother, but as the Fire Chief of Nome, you need to be fair and honest, while working with your competition in the auto repair business.  
Let's all pray for some more sunshine. It's not easy living in Nome!  
Your Neighbor  
Terry Day  
Nome, Alaska

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

Editorial

Are They Nuts?

Why are the Republican candidates kissing up to the Tea Party? It's hard to believe anyone could be such a flaming idiot. Treadwell, Sullivan and Miller— what a bunch!  
Just when Treadwell seemed to be the sanest, he joined Miller in support of a 30 percent national sales tax. In Nome this would be on top of our city sales tax. Of course this would be in place of the IRS, which they wish to abolish. Thus the billionaires would get off tax free, and they can only buy so much tissue paper. How would Alaskans survive paying outrageous prices for food, fuel, rentals, mortgage and auto loans? How would the unemployed survive? It's hard to believe the Republican candidates all have gone off the deep end just to curry Tea Party support. As if they haven't launched themselves into extreme enough orbit, they all have piled onto the stupidity of denying climate change science. How can they repudiate facts as plain as the noses on their faces about global warming?  
What a sad day for the Republicans in Alaska. Don't they realize they don't need the Tea Party? Alaska has its own brand of windings. What is wrong with being trustworthy and caring for good government? We need to look out for the well being of ordinary citizens, not just the billionaire boys. —N.L.M.—

A Look at the Past



Circa 1906 Photo Courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum  
A BUMPER CROP – Display of vegetables raised by S.A. Shay, Council, Alaska. Shay's vegetable stand also served as the Council Post Office.

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07/25	Fr	6:31 a.m.	+1.2	4:06 p.m.	+1.3	10:04 a.m.	+1.0	11:39 p.m.	-0.0
07/26	Sa	7:22 a.m.	+1.2	4:54 p.m.	+1.3	11:05 a.m.	+1.0		
07/27	Su	8:01 a.m.	+1.2	5:42 p.m.	+1.3	12:17 a.m.	-0.0	12:03 p.m.	+1.0
07/28	Mo	8:30 a.m.	+1.3	6:31 p.m.	+1.3	12:53 a.m.	-0.0	12:55 p.m.	+0.9
07/29	Tu	8:52 a.m.	+1.3	7:19 p.m.	+1.2	1:28 a.m.	-0.0	1:43 p.m.	+0.9
07/30	We	9:12 a.m.	+1.3	8:07 p.m.	+1.2	2:03 a.m.	-0.0	2:28 p.m.	+0.8

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	07/31/14	06:02 a.m.	Low Temp	+36 07/18/14	
			Peak Wind	35mph, N, 07/19/14	
Sunset	07/24/14	12:38 a.m.	Precip. to Date	6.86"	
	07/31/14	12:11 a.m.	Normal	6.29"	

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Retired Admiral Robert Papp to serve as U.S. Special Representative for the Arctic

In a press statement Secretary of State John Kerry announced the appointment of retired U.S. Coast Guard Admiral Robert Papp as Special Representative for the Arctic. "President Obama and I are committed to elevating Arctic issues in America's foreign policy and national security strategy because the United States is an Arctic nation, and Arctic policy has never been more important, particularly as we prepare to Chair the Arctic Council in 2015," Kerry said. Admiral Papp served with great distinction as Commandant of the Coast Guard and retired in May after a stellar thirty-nine-year career. As Commandant, Papp navigated a difficult budget environment to recapitalize the Coast Guard's fleet, working with Congress to secure funding to complete five of eight National Security Cutters and to refurbish and restore the *Polar Star* heavy icebreaker to service. Kerry also announced the appointment of Fran Ulmer as special counsel to Papp. "I am also extraordinarily grateful that in our efforts, I will be able to rely on senior advice from a remarkable Alaskan, former Lieutenant Governor Fran Ulmer who, as President Obama's Chair of the U.S. Arctic Research Commission, will provide invaluable counsel as a Special Advisor on Arctic Science and Policy," said Kerry. Admiral Papp will soon travel to Alaska to consult with policy-makers. Kerry said the Arctic region is the last global frontier and a region with enormous and growing geostrategic, economic, climate, environment, and national security implications for the United States and the world. "With the team we're building at the State Department, we will make sure that the United States is in the strongest possible position to meet these challenges and seize these opportunities," he said.

Revised Magnuson-Stevens draft under public review

A revised draft of the Magnuson-Stevens Act reauthorization legislation is now available online for public review and comment, said U.S. Senator Mark Begich, chair of the Senate Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries and Coast Guard. The MSA is the primary federal law that governs marine fisheries management in U.S. waters. "This shorter, revised draft incorporates many comments from Alaskans and others around the nation who responded to our initial discussion draft in April," said Begich. "I hope the public will review these changes and get back to me soon so we can advance to the next step in the process." Begich noted that the current MSA version is still in draft form pending a formal introduction of an amended bill. The public will still be able to comment as the bill is taken up by Begich's subcommittee, and marked up by the full Commerce Committee before moving to the Senate floor for action. Any Senate version of MSA must then be reconciled with the House version. Begich held several MSA hearings around the nation and six listening sessions for Alaskans. The revised MSA discussion draft can be found at [http://www.commerce.senate.gov/public/?a=Files.Serve&File\\_id=645df928-1aee-416d-bb82-8739b0ad3656](http://www.commerce.senate.gov/public/?a=Files.Serve&File_id=645df928-1aee-416d-bb82-8739b0ad3656). Send comments to [Bob\\_King@begich.senate.gov](mailto:Bob_King@begich.senate.gov).

EPA releases proposal to protect Bristol Bay, Alaska fisheries from potential impacts

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 10 issued a proposal to protect one of the world's most valuable salmon fisheries from the risks posed by large-scale mining at the Pebble deposit, the agency announced last week. In a press release the EPA said that science has shown that development of the proposed Pebble mine, which is backed by Northern Dynasty Minerals and the Pebble Limited Partnership, would be one of the largest

open pit copper mines in the world and would threaten one of the world's most productive salmon fisheries. EPA Region 10 is seeking public comments on the proposal. The Bristol Bay watershed is an area of exceptional ecological value with salmon productivity unrivaled anywhere in North America. The region's streams, wetlands, lakes and ponds provide intact habitat that supports all five species of Pacific salmon found in North America: coho, Chinook, sockeye, chum, and pink. These salmon populations are critical to the health of the entire ecosystem, which is home to more than 20 other fish species, 190 bird species, and more than 40 terrestrial mammal species, including bears, moose, and caribou. Bristol Bay supports commercial, subsistence and recreational fisheries worth hundreds of millions in economic yield each year and create thousands of jobs. "Bristol Bay is an extraordinary ecosystem that supports an ancient fishing culture and economic powerhouse," said Dennis McLerran, Regional Administrator for EPA Region 10. "The science is clear that mining the Pebble deposit would cause irreversible damage to one of the world's last intact salmon ecosystems. Bristol Bay's exceptional fisheries deserve exceptional protection. We are doing this now because we've heard from concerned tribes, the fishing industry, Alaskans and many others who have lived and worked for more than a decade under the uncertainty posed by this potentially destructive mine. Simply put, this will be a uniquely large mine in a uniquely important place." EPA Region 10 is seeking public comment on its proposal from July 21 to Sept. 19, 2014, and will hold public meetings in Alaska from August 12-15. The Clean Water Act generally requires a Section 404 permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers before any person places dredged or fill material into streams, wetlands, lakes and ponds. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers authorizes those permits.

EPA has used its 404(c) authority sparingly, beginning the process in 30 instances and completing it only 13 times in the 42-year history of the Clean Water Act. EPA use of its authority has typically involved major projects with significant impacts on some of America's most ecologically valuable waters. The EPA determination is under public review and an Anchorage hearing is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, Aug 12. Other hearings are planned for Dillingham and villages in the region. Bill signed to boost investment in Arctic Last week, Governor Sean Parnell signed Senate Bill 140 designed to boost infrastructure development in the Arctic. SB140 creates incentives to attract private investment to build ports, roads, emergency and telecommunications projects in the Alaskan Arctic. SB140 came out of the work by the Alaska Arctic Policy Commission. "Over the last year-and-a-half of meetings with the Alaska Arctic Policy Commission (AAPC), we had vast discussions regarding how we can craft an Arctic policy for Alaskans, and what that policy will look like. All things pointed to infrastructure as the foundation, and all of the identified steps forward required a financing mechanism," said Senator Lesil McGuire.

"This is that mechanism. It will attract the private investment that we need while sending the message to the Federal Government that we feel fortifying and strengthening our assets in the Arctic is critical and we are not afraid to lead this massive undertaking." SB 140 authorizes the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority's to extend loans, loan guarantees, bonds and bond guarantees to develop infrastructure in the Arctic. "The private sector should lead investment, but many times shared infrastructure is best funded by government. SB 140 is the best of both worlds: it creates state-backed incentives to attract private investment," said Representative Herron. "Senator McGuire and I, as Co-chairs of the Alaska Arctic Policy Commission, are trying to convince the federal government to step up on the big investments needed in the Arctic: a deep water port, roads, airports, telecommunications, etc. In the meantime, this bill allows the state to lead by example, and I'm really proud of what the Legislature has produced here and applaud the Governor for approving this important legislation." The Alaska Arctic Policy Commission's final report to the Legislature is due in January of 2015.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, July 24

*Weekly Women's Circle	Prematernal Home	3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
*Vinyasa 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 Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*Native Games	Nome Rec Center	8:15 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Friday, July 25

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Drop-in Soccer (15+)	Nome Rec Center	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church(rear)	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 26

*Wyatt Earp Dexter Challenge	Anvil City Square	9:15 a.m.
*Dorothy Falls Hike	BLB Visitor Center	10:00 a.m.
*Summerfest 2014	Middle Beach	4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Airport Pizza (upstairs)	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 27

*AA Meeting	Airport Pizza (upstairs)	8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
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Monday, July 28

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Zumba Fitness	Nome Rec Center	5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
*NCC Reg. Mtg.	Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church(rear)	8:00p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 29

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Vinyasa 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.
*AA Meeting	Airport Pizza (upstairs)	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
*Native Games	Nome Rec Center	8:15 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 30

*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Zumba Fitness	Nome Rec Center	5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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energy produced from wind would reduce the need to burn costly diesel fuel in the thirsty 5.5-megawatt Wartsila generators. So far, the utility is not using the wind generators at full capacity.

"How can we better use the wind generators?" Berda Willson, board chair wondered. "Right now we don't see any benefit. We don't see any dollar amount relating to the use of wind."

Handeland explained that the kilowatts produced by wind had kept electric rate increases to a minimum.

### Do the math

Using the energy that wind turbines are spinning out at a dime a kilowatt was more complex than just subtracting wind energy from the community's demand and flipping the diesel generators up and down to provide the difference. Variation in wind speed and direction accounts for only a small part of the math problem.

The community uses less energy for various reasons, power plant operators do not want to operate the 5.2 megawatt Finnish Wartsila generators at less than 3.1 megawatts (60 percent of its capacity), because they will lose their kilowatts-per-gallon of diesel efficiency, increasing costs and rates.

"Therefore we are not always able to use all the wind kilowatts because we need to maintain the diesel generators at a certain percent of capability to stay in the fuel efficiency curve," Handeland said.

A component of the wind generator program is to reintroduce the utility's smaller generators into the system to fine tune wind integration into the diesel percentage, Handeland said. NJUS intended to use two Caterpillar units (3.4 megawatts and 1.8 megawatts) as emergency standby generators only. However, now NJUS has had the units modified with replacement switchgear and electronic controls. Testing has begun to get the generators recertified under DEC permitting. Once sufficient commissioning testing and monitoring has occurred, plant operators will activate automatic integration into the system.

"When we add the sources together and average them for top efficiency, we will be able to keep rates the same," Handeland said.

Still, there is another factor affecting the energy cost computation.

In order to place the large turbines at Banner Peak in optimum wind conditions, NJUS entered into a 20-year agreement with Banner Wind to provide power to the NJUS grid. Banner, a partnership between Bering Straits Native Corp. and Sit-

nasuak Native Corp. installed 18 generators of 50-kilowatt capacity on Banner Peak.

Effective Jan. 1, NJUS will assume control of the entire site through a land use agreement that includes operation of any Banner wind generator assets that remain. NJUS has a current contractual obligation to buy all the power produced by the Banner Integrity wind turbines standing with the utility's two EWT turbines. On Jan. 1, the power purchase agreement will expire.

Meanwhile, until Jan. 1, NJUS must buy and use power generated by the Banner Integrity turbines first, reducing the amount that can be used from the NJUS EWT generators, to stay within efficient diesel operation levels.

When NJUS erected the generators a year ago, utility management said the 164-foot EWT generators could save NJUS anywhere from 250,000 to 450,000 gallons of fuel in power generation annually. The tab for tapping the wind came to around \$9.069 million. The money did not come from ratepayers.

The lion's share, \$8.069 came from state grants from Alaska Energy Authority's Rural Energy Fund.

On Monday noon, the Nome Joint Utility System board approved a resolution urging the Nome Common Council to OK a project budget to spend the \$1 million in its Community Energy Fund.

The perception of rate payers was that wind was going to reduce the rates by reducing the amount of fuel the utility needed to satisfy the town's power needs, Willson said.

Wind generation had replaced a substantial amount of fuel oil, but costs associated with financing, tank maintenance, pollution control/spill training and handling were calculated into the price, as was depreciation, Handeland said.

These costs remain the same, despite lowered fuel use.

"The cost of filling the tanks has gone up. We have to pay for it," he added.

The board wants to investigate a number of possibilities for curbing electric power costs. How do other utilities operating wind generators integrate them into the system to lower the cost of energy?

Maybe NJUS could offer a rebate to customers based on savings generated by the wind turbines, Pat Knodel, board member, suggested.

NJUS could go into the fuel business, board members Carl Emmons and Fred Moody agreed.

"We could burn our own fuel. We have diesel vehicles. We might as well take advantage of it," Moody said.



*Photo by Diana Haecker*

**OFF LIMITS—** The City of Nome's Dept. of Parks and Recreation is in the process of re-seeding the lawn at Anvil City Square. In order to get the grass to germinate and develop into a nice park area, fencing was put up to keep foot, four-wheeler and snowmachine traffic off the area until next summer.

## The Dock Walk

Stormy weather and rough seas were the story of last week. This makes for a short Dock Walk as vessels were hiding inside the harbor to wait out the storm.

On July 15, Harbormaster Lucas Stotts reports no vessel movement. On July 16, the U.S. Coast Guard cutter *Spar* arrived and left again due to swells at the docks. The landing craft *Millie Cruz* departed with armor rock and headed to Unalakleet. On July 17, Brice Construction's tug and barge *Sam B/Lab* arrived and departed for fuel deliveries. Alaska Logistics' barge *Ocean Mariner* depart after discharging cargo.

U.S. Coast Guard *Spar* returned to

Nome. The sailing vessel *Balthazar* departed and headed south to Sand Point after spending the winter in Nome. Alaska Logistic's tug *Kaktovik* departed.

On July 18, the *Kaktovik* returned to Nome due to weather. The sailing vessel *Artika* departed and headed north to attempt the Northeast Sea Route, sailing along the Russian coast line. The sail boat had spent the winter in Nome. Crowley's barge *Pt. Thompson* departed.

On July 19 through 21, there was no movement in or out of the harbor. Stotts reported that on bad weather days, he and his staff caught up on paper work. "The Port office is just as busy, if not more busy when we

have bad weather," Stotts said.

In addition to paperwork, Harbor staff need to deal with everyone's dredges and skiffs that are left unattended and cause damages to others.

"I find myself very busy as weather usually causes delays in my scheduling of large traffic. When one vessel misses their window, it compacts the rest of the week or the month.

Storms during bad weather have a tendency to cause our water levels to rise and cause some dredges anchored, to drift away, which need to be rescued or cause them to drift into others," Stotts described.

## Sale of 'Spice' against the law

On Wednesday last week, Governor Sean Parnell signed Senate Bill 173 in Anchorage into law.

Senate Bill 173 makes misleading packaging illegal and establishes fines of \$500 per package.

The law stops the sale of illicit synthetic drugs by banning misleading statements on packaging.

Synthetic drugs are often used as alternatives to marijuana and cocaine. They are sold legally in stores statewide as potpourri, bath salts, plant food, and even iPod cleaners.

"The real truth here is 'Spice' is

not nice," said bill sponsor Senator Kevin Meyer. "Kids and parents see it sold legally in stores, and they think it is OK, but it's not. 'Spice' is very dangerous and responsible for hundreds of deaths every year in the United States. It is my hope this new approach for keeping it off store shelves will make a big impact."

The new law requires 'Spice' packaging to include labels, which specifically state what is contained in the packets, the intended use and the name of the manufacturer.

The packaging cannot be "false or

misleading" and must carry accurate directions for use.

The penalty for possession is \$500 per packet.

"This is a rabbit I have been chasing for many years. Despite our best efforts to outlaw the most common chemicals, manufacturers changed the compounds slightly to make them legal," said Senator Meyer.

"That's why we needed to take a new approach and focus on stopping the sale of these dangerous drugs based on their misleading packaging."

## • Bear and musk ox

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None of Bey's sled dogs was injured.

Bey said she stores dry kibble in a tightly shut garbage can, but after the incident moved the dog food container inside the house adjacent to

the dog yard.

### Musk ox

Other than confirming that she shot a musk ox in her front yard to protect her dog and herself, Icy View resident Diana Adams did not

give any further comments. Fish and Game area biologist Tony Gorn said the defense of life and property incident occurred in the morning of Thursday, July 17.

Gorn also did not comment any further.

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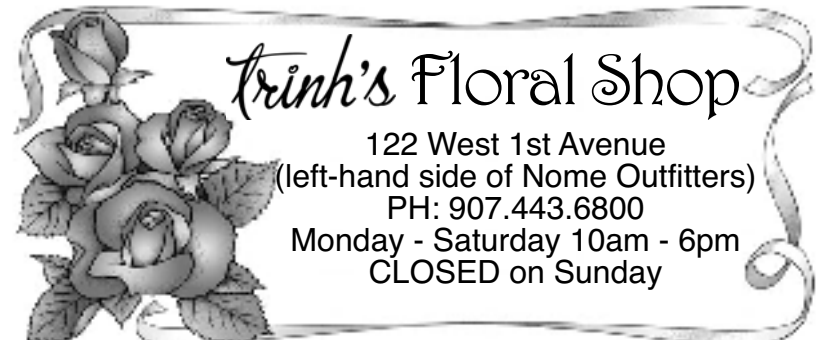
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**ORIENTATION**— Alaska Chadux response manager Colin Daugherty, far left, explains to DEC, industry and community observers that bad weather was actually good for the drill as it forced the response team to think of alternatives to deploy boom and response equipment in Teller, during a drill on July 16.

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bilities in the Northwest Arctic response region. The state is divided into 10 response regions. Part three focused on logistics and the so-called geographic response strategy, GRS for short.

The Alaska Dept. of Environmental Conservation initiated the drill to see if the GRS in place for the Northwest Arctic region could stand the test of reality.

The DEC mandates that operators of fuel transportation companies must have a contingency plan and the agency is charged to help develop and approve those plans, which are updated every five years. In most cases, fuel transports also take place in the Exclusive Economic Zone, a sea zone beyond the 3-mile state zone that extend from the coast to 200 nautical miles out at sea. Contingency plans for those fuel transports are approved by the U.S. Coast Guard and the Environmental Protection Agency.

John Kotula works in the DEC's Spill Prevention and Response Division under the industry preparedness program and manages the marine vessel section. Kotula explained that marine vessels transporting fuel need detailed plans to prevent oil spills and, in the worst-case scenario, to contain, control and recover spilled product to protect environmental sensitive areas such as Grantley Harbor.

### Transport and deployment

The drill involved deploying oil spill response equipment stored in connex boxes in Nome to Teller. A Q-Trucking semi truck hauled a trailer with two connex vans, multi-

ple pick-up trucks loaded with orange boom and a boat trailer with one of Nome's fishing skiffs were hauled to Teller. In addition, trucks and vans with observers embarked on the 70-mile trip.

The complexity of the oil spill response became clear as the convoy of observers reached the pebbly beach at Teller's Grantley Harbor. In addition to the Alaska Chadux response team and their contractors, several representatives from fuel transporting industry were present, three DEC officials, two Coast Guard officers, Teller Traditional Council President Wesley Okbaok and several other Teller residents.

Other observers included Kawerak Inc. Subsistence Director Brandon Ahmasuk, UAF's Marine Advisory Program agent Gay Sheffield and Nanuq Commission Executive Director Jack Omelak and staff, and two media reporters.

The response team left Nome at 7:45 a.m. By the time the observers arrived at noon, the team had already assessed that it was too dangerous to deploy boom across channel between the Teller sand spit and the Brevig Mission side. Instead, a washout in the Teller sandspit was used to demonstrate how the boom works. Alaska Chadux Response Manager Colin Daugherty said that the bad weather was perfect as it forced responders to quickly assess and come up with alternative plans.

Wesley Okbaok was busy informing the crew about details such as currents and their behavior in certain wind conditions. Okbaok was more than happy to share his knowledge.

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## Troopers suspend search efforts for missing Brevig Mission man

The search for missing Clarence Ray Olanna has been suspended, troopers said on Monday evening.

Alaska State Troopers received a report by the Brevig Mission VPSO that Clarence Ray Olanna, 21, of Brevig Mission has is missing. According to troopers, he did not alert his family of any travel plans. According to AST, Olanna was last seen around 1 a.m. on Tuesday, July 15.

The Nome AST post was notified at 7:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, July 16, searchers found Olanna's pants, socks, shirt and jacket left in a pile on the beach in front of town.

On Thursday, July 17, five boats, two four-wheelers and an Army National Guard Blackhawk searched

the area. According to AST, the Blackhawk flew for two and a half hours over land and water surrounding Brevig Mission.

The next day, volunteers in boats and ATVs continued searching without results.

On July 19, gusty winds again prevented boats to be launched, but searchers used four-wheelers to search for signs of Olanna from Brevig Mission to Lost River point.

As of Monday, July 21, searchers on two four-wheelers kept searching and were about to be joined by more "The weather has greatly hampered waterborne and air borne searching," wrote AST spokeswoman Beth Ipsen in an email to the *Nugget*. The search is limited to people on four wheelers and walking along the coast. Two

people brought a seal net from Shishmaref, but it hasn't been used because of the bad weather and stormy sea conditions.

Troopers suspended the search on Monday, 6 p.m., but local SAR continue to look for Olanna.

Brevig Mission Search & Rescue is in need of donations of food and supplies. Donations can be dropped off at Kawerak, where they will be consolidated and taken to Bering Air or Ravn to be shipped to Brevig.

Brevig Mission SAR requested monetary donations to compensate for gas, sandwich meats, bread, crackers, coffee, cookies, tea, sugar and paperplates, plastic cups and plastic utensils.

## Juvenile reaches plea deal in 2012 musk oxen killings

By Diana Haecker

On Friday, one of two children accused of wanton waste killing of seven musk oxen and of harassing musk oxen near Brevig Mission reached a plea deal with state prosecutors.

The child, identified by his initials W.O., pleaded guilty to the charges.

The plea deal included the forfeiture of W.O. family's ATV and the forfeiture of guns used in the September 2012 slaughter.

The deal included a \$3,000 fine.

According to the Alaska restitution statute setting the penalty for violations, the fine would be \$3,000

per animal killed in wanton waste. The fine amount, in this case, was reduced taking into the account the young age of the defendant.

According to charging papers, seven musk oxen were killed and left to rot in September 2012. The juveniles involved were charged with seven counts of wanton waste of a big game animal, seven counts of hunting without proper permits and one count of using a motorized vehicle to harass, drive, herd or molest game.

W.O. was 12 years old when he and another, a 10-year-old, over several days, used four-wheelers to

chase the musk oxen, then shot into the herd with several .270 and .22 rifle shots, wounding several animals.

W.O. admitted to having shot a musk ox with his 20-gauge shotgun and using the shotgun to "finish off" the musk oxen they had wounded.

On Sept. 29, 2012 Alaska Wildlife Trooper Jay Sears was notified of dead musk oxen found near Brevig Mission and investigated the case. He found two bulls and five cows dead in the Fish River and California Creek drainages.

The other child's case is still pending.



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**LOCAL KNOWLEDGE (top)** — Stanley Milligrock, left, listens as Wesley Okbaok, middle, explains current and weather patterns to Alaska Chadux Corp. General Manager Matt Melton.

**NOT AFRAID TO HELP (left)** — Teller resident Jacob Okbaok helped when the Chadux response team removed boom across the washout of the Teller sandspit, during a oil spill response drill.

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"We are happy they are here to keep our waters safe," he said. Because of the rain and the rough weather, most subsistence fishers were at Tuksuk Channel to fish and not one net was seen in the water.

Under certain circumstances, Okbaok said, currents run right alongside the shore. The Alaska Chadux response team consisting of eight team members used this information to set the boom right on shore to simulate the collection of oil transported by current along the shore line to one area, where it would be skimmed off the water.

Inside Grantley Harbor, near the tank farm, a cascading boom system was set up to demonstrate how spilled oil would be guided to an area where a skimmer would clean the water surface of the oil. The skimmer would pump the oil into a temporary collection tank with a capability of taking on 1,200 gallons of product. In a real oil spill scenario, Daugherty explained, the oil would then be pumped out into another collection tank and hauled off for disposal.

Booms fail if it has no angle into current. Setting the boom to cross the washout didn't allow for an angle into the current, explained Daugherty. "If deployed correctly, boom can work in 7 knot currents, but waves larger than two feet will spill oil over boom," he said. On scene, a 10-inch orange boom was strung across the 200-ft. washout.

But what if oil would escape under and over the boom?

Chadux General Manager Matt Melton explained that in a real case scenario, bigger boom would be deployed, but for the ease of demonstration, the smaller diameter boom was used in this drill.

With the rough seas of Port Clarence to the west and the calmer waters of Grantley Harbor to the East, and a raging channel in between, the challenge to protect the inside of the harbor became clear.

### Contain, control, recover

Melton said Chadux's role is to protect and clean up. "In a real scenario, we would be attacking out there," he said, pointing to Port Clarence. In case of a spill, the responsible party would first boom off their ship to contain the oil. Another ship that may be Chadux member could also come to aid in the initial response to boom off the leaking ship. This part was practiced in a drill that took place in Homer in May, Melton said. The drill in Teller was all about testing logistics. "It's simple to put boom in the water," said Melton. "The tricky part is to get boom in the right place in a quick and efficient manner."

Once alerted to a real spill, Chadux would make an assessment and put responders on a plane to Nome and haul equipment to Teller. At first, responders would aid the spilling vessel to contain the oil. Simultaneously, Chadux would dispatch larger vessels from Nome to sail to Teller in order to assist booming off the leaking vessel. In Nome, Chadux stores 3,000 feet of larger boom (20-26 inch in diameter), 300

feet of so called river boom (8 to 12 inches), an aluminum work skiff, several pumps and skimmers, absorbent pads, sweeps and boom. If need be, Melton said, they can deploy more equipment from Anchorage. "We have 30,000 feet of boom stored in the Anchorage area, ready to go," Melton said. For this exercise, they flew an inflatable boat from Anchorage, showing the capability to fly a boat to an incident. Once the first wave of responders is on scene and the Incident Command Center set up, a second wave of responders will attack.

One lesson learned had nothing to do with currents and weather, but how to manage logistics of deploying many people to a small community. "We need to figure out where to set up cots for the responders to sleep and rest," Melton said. In a small community like Teller, a large influx of people responding to a spill would stretch the community's capabilities. Plans need to be in place to supply the workers with food, places to rest and sleep after 12 hour shifts. "In a real response, we would bring in 50 to 100 people," Melton said. "And that's just us, not counting the Coast Guard and DEC people."

In case of the 2004 sinking and resulting oil spill of the Malaysian soy bean carrier *Selendang Ayu* near Unalaska, Melton said, Chadux had 150 people working for four months. "It depends on what the state and the Coast Guard require in a particular incident, but we roll clean up teams through for as long as it takes," Melton said.

What about storing boom and

equipment right there in Teller to save on response time to haul connexes from Nome?

Melton argued that the logic behind equipment storage in hub communities such as Nome is to save on costs. It would be too expensive to store oil response equipment in every village, and those additional costs would be passed on to the consumer, making fuel prices even higher in small communities.

Chadux is an oil spill removal organization, one of several operating in Alaska. It is a non-profit organization that is funded by member companies, who are in the business of transporting fuel, operating fuel storage facilities or also commercial fishery fleets. Those companies need

a contingency plan and part of the plan is to be a member of an OSRO. However, Chadux also responds to non-member emergencies. Last year, Chadux was involved in cleaning up spills after the spring flood of Galena. They also responded to the sinking of the fishing vessel *Lone Star* at the mouth of the Igushik River near Dillingham and of the partial sinking of the fishing tender *Fate Hunter* near Valdez.

### Reactions

With the projected increase in vessel traffic through the Bering Strait due to an increasingly ice free

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# Norton Sound – Kotzebue fish report

By Jim Menard, ADF&G  
**CRAB:**

The catch through Saturday morning was 141,500 pounds by 29 permit holders. The storm has slowed the harvest because only a few boats have been able to get out for the last several days and some that did quickly turned back. If the current catch rate continues the GHL will be reached by the third week of August. Crabbers are reminded to record the latitude and longitude and tag number of any tagged crab found in crab pots. Sublegal crab must be returned to the water unharmed. Do not rip the tag off because it will kill the crab.

The R/V *Pandalus* began the triennial Norton Sound crab survey on July 18, but came scurrying back to port after trawling a couple stations because of weather. The crew plans to go back out on the morning July 20, weather willing.

Chum-No goal established; Pink 25,000; Silver 550-1,100 (aerial survey goal) – cooperative project; NSEDC with assistance from Fish & Game.

Cumulative counts through July 13 were 2,172 kings, 6,660 chums and 139,236 pinks. The crew has been unable to count since the evening of July 13 due to high water. The average historical midpoint for chums at the tower is July 22 and the average third quarter points are July 15 for pinks and July 18 for kings.

Unalakleet River Floating Weir – No weir escapement goals yet established – cooperative project; Fish & Game, Native Village of Unalakleet, United States BLM and NSEDC. Major funding provided by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service – Office of Subsistence Management.

Cumulative counts through July 18 were 1,044 kings, 38,000 chums, 1.16 million pinks, 150 silvers, and 185 reds. Counts for kings and pinks by this

subsequent emergency order. Any king salmon incidentally hooked must be immediately released in the water.

Subsistence fishing is open 7 days a week.

Inglutalik River Tower – No escapement goals established – A cooperative project between NSEDC and Fish & Game.

Cumulative counts through July 12 were 1,600 kings, 61,000 chums, and 62,000 pinks. Counts for all species by this date were the highest in the 4-year project history, except for kings which were second highest. Unfortunately it looks like the end of the counting season because of high water. The crew left for Koyuk because of high water and when they returned to the camp, or where camp had been located, the camp was gone and presumably taken downstream. Once water levels drop a new site for the project may be located.

## Elim Subdistrict

were 840 kings, 33,000 chums and 155,000 pinks. The tower crew has been unable to count since July 14 because of high water.

## Nome Subdistrict

For the fifth consecutive year the Nome Subdistrict escapement goal range of 23,000-35,000 chum salmon has been exceeded.

The subsistence set gillnet fishing schedule in the marine waters west of Cape Nome is from 6 p.m. Monday until 6 p.m. Saturday. The marine waters east of Cape Nome are open seven days a week. The fresh water subsistence area set gillnet schedule is from 6 p.m. Monday until 6 p.m. Wednesday and from 6 p.m. Thursday until 6 p.m. Saturday. Beach seining is allowed at the same time gillnetting is allowed in both the marine waters and fresh water subsistence areas through July 25. Effective July 26 beach seining will no longer be allowed.

All pink salmon subsistence catch limits throughout the Nome Subdistrict are waived, and except for the Solomon, Penny and Cripple rivers all chum salmon subsistence catch limits are waived throughout Nome Subdistrict. The Penny and Cripple rivers are closed to all fishing for chum salmon by regulation. The subsistence chum salmon catch limit in Solomon River is 40 fish. Check the back of the Nome Subdistrict subsistence salmon permit for the subsistence areas where set gillnetting and beach seining (until July 26) is allowed. There are no subsistence salmon catch limits in the marine waters.

Commercial salmon fishing has been on a weather hold. If weather improves then commercial salmon fishing periods will occur.

Eldorado River Weir - Escapement goal: Chum 6,000 – 9,200 – cooperative project; NSEDC with assistance from Fish & Game.

Cumulative counts through July 18 were 15 kings, 22,000 chums and 35,000 pinks. The chum salmon escapement is double the 5-year and 10-year averages by this date and for the fifth consecutive year the chum salmon escapement goal range has been exceeded.

Nome River Weir - Escapement goal: Chum 2,900 – 4,300; Pink 13,000 – Fish & Game project with assistance from NSEDC.

Cumulative counts through July 18 were 3,175 chums, 28,000 pinks and 13 reds. The average historical midpoint at the weir is July 18 for pinks and July 23 for chums. The chum salmon escapement is triple the 5-year average and double the 10-year average by this date and for the last four out of five years the chum salmon escapement goal range has been met or exceeded.

Snake River Weir - Escapement goal: Chum 1,600 – 2,500 – A cooperative project between Fish & Game and NSEDC.

Cumulative counts through July 18 were 2,300 chums and 6,000 pinks. The average historical midpoint at the weir is July 20 for pinks and July 21 for chums. The chum salmon escapement is double the 5-year and 10-year averages by this date and for the last four out of five years the chum salmon escapement goal range has been met or

exceeded.

Solomon River Weir – No escapement goals yet established – Fish & Game project.

Cumulative counts through July 18 were 697 chums and 7,700 pinks. Last year by this date the count was 456 chums with a final count of 1,377 chums.

Glacial Lake Weir - Escapement goal (aerial survey): Red 800 – 1,600 – A cooperative project between and Fish & Game and NSEDC.

A video system is being used exclusively this year and cumulative counts through midday July 8 were 3,223 reds, 1 beaver and 1 otter. This is the best red salmon count by this date since 2005. The Glacial Lake counts usually drop off about one week earlier than the Pilgrim River counts. The video has been retrieved with counts through July 15, so with Pilgrim River counts in a free fall since July 14 the video would likely show Glacial Lake counts dropping off too.

## Port Clarence District

The Pilgrim River and Lower Kuzitrin River is closed to all net fishing. No nets or seines can be put into the Pilgrim River or its tributaries or the Lower Kuzitrin River from 300 yards upstream of the confluence with the Pilgrim River to the mouth of Kuzitrin River.

Pilgrim River Weir - Escapement goal (aerial survey at Salmon Lake & Grand Central tributary to Salmon Lake): Red 4,000 – 8,000 – Cooperative project; NSEDC with assistance from Fish & Game.

Cumulative counts through July 18 were 36 kings, 4,600 chums, 2,450 pinks, and 3,475 reds. The count on July 14 (when net fishing closed) was 601 reds through the weir. The next 4 days have had counts of less than 100 reds a day with total for those 4 days of 227 reds.

At this time the Pilgrim River would not be expected to reopen to net fishing until the second week of August when historically over 95 percent of the red salmon run has passed through the weir. There have been 234 Pilgrim River subsistence salmon permits issued this season; the third highest number in the 51 years permits have been required.

## Kotzebue

The commercial fishery has taken off with 66 permit holders already participating surpassing the 65 permits that fished all of last year. The price has now hit 78 cents a pound for chum salmon. If that price were to hold throughout the season it would be the second highest price on record without adjusting for inflation. The highest price was 1988 when it averaged 85 cents a pound.

Cumulative catch was 75,830 chum salmon by 66 permit holders. The catch and effort are well above average and the CPUE is average.

Kobuk River Test Fish - Fish & Game project.

The crew got off to a fast start both on the water and catching fish on July 17. Extremely high water is causing some difficulties, but the test fish cumulative catch of 128 chums ranks sixth best in 22 years.



Photo by Jim Menard, ADF&G

## ANGLERS— Fishermen line the banks along the mouth of the Nome River.

**SALMON:**  
Norton Sound

The department opened the commercial salmon fishery in Subdistricts 2 – 6 until 6 p.m. Thursday, July 24. The buyer is setting up commercial salmon fishing periods based on weather and available capacity.

Permit holders are limited to 100 fathoms of gillnet and 6 inches or less mesh size and are reminded to stay in close contact with the buyer to make sure there is a market for their fish.

Preliminary Norton Sound commercial salmon catches this season are: 250 kings, 68,000 chums, 150,000 pinks, 230 reds and 260 silvers by 80 permit holders.

All counting towers have been knocked out by high water, except for Kwiniuk River. All weirs are standing strong and counting continues.

## Unalakleet Subdistrict

Sport Fishing: The retention of king salmon is prohibited and the use of bait is banned until August 15 or subsequent emergency order in the Unalakleet River drainage. Any king salmon incidentally hooked must be immediately released in the water.

Subsistence salmon gillnet fishing, with nets restricted to 6 inches or less mesh size, is open in the marine waters and in the Unalakleet River drainage, below the Chiroskey River and in all other fresh waters. Beach seining is open in all fresh waters 7 days a week. All king salmon captured in beach seines must be immediately released in the water unharmed.

North River Tower – Camp J.B. - Escapement goals: King 1,200-2,600;

date are the highest in the 5-year project history, and chums are in the middle. The average historical midpoints for chums and pinks are July 16, and for kings the third quarter point is July 18, however there has been no king passage the last three days.

## Shaktoolik Subdistrict

Sport Fishing: The retention of king salmon is prohibited and the use of bait is banned until August 15 or subsequent emergency order in the Shaktoolik River drainage. Any king salmon incidentally hooked must be immediately released in the water.

Subsistence salmon gillnet fishing, with nets restricted to 6 inches or less mesh size, is open in the marine waters and all fresh waters 7 days a week. Beach seining is open in all fresh waters 7 days a week. All king salmon captured in beach seines must be immediately released in the water unharmed.

Shaktoolik Sonar/Tower – No escapement goals yet established – cooperative project; NSEDC with assistance from Fish & Game.

Cumulative counts through July 13 were 2,000 kings, 38,000 chums and 395,000 pinks. The crew has been unable to count since July 13 due to high water. When the crew cannot count from the tower the sonar counts are then used, but on July 14 the sonar tumbled into the deepest part of the channel and cannot be retrieved until water levels drop.

## Norton Bay Subdistrict

Sport Fishing: The retention of king salmon is prohibited until August 15 or

Sport Fishing: The retention of king salmon is prohibited until August 15 or subsequent emergency order. Any king salmon incidentally hooked must be immediately released in the water.

Subsistence fishing: The retention of king salmon is prohibited when hook and line fishing until August 15 or subsequent emergency order. Any king salmon incidentally hooked must be immediately released in the water.

Kwiniuk River Tower – Camp Joel - Escapement goals: King 300-550; Chum 11,500 – 23,000; Pink 8,400; Silver 650-1,300 (aerial survey goal). Fish & Game project with assistance from NSEDC.

Cumulative counts through July 18 were 405 kings, 34,000 chums and 225,000 pinks. The average historical third quarter points at the tower are July 13 for chums, July 17 for pinks and July 18 for kings. The chum count ranks seventh best in the 50-year project history.

## Golovin Subdistrict

Sport Fishing: The retention of king salmon is prohibited until August 15 or subsequent emergency order. Any king salmon incidentally hooked must be immediately released in the water.

Subsistence fishing: The retention of king salmon is prohibited when hook and line fishing until August 15 or subsequent emergency order. Any king salmon incidentally hooked must be immediately released in the water.

Fish River Tower – No escapement goals established – cooperative project; NSEDC with assistance from Fish & Game.

Cumulative counts through July 14

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## Sound Off

Why I am Voting "Yes" to Repeal S.B. 21  
By Bill Walker

When throughput began to decline in 1988, I joined efforts to put more oil into TAPS. I have been to D.C. numerous times working to get ANWR open for exploration. I joined Governor Hickel and others in an epic battle to ensure Phillips Petroleum (now ConocoPhillips) could purchase ARCO, rather than BP, so Alaska could have more, not fewer oil companies. By opening the door for ConocoPhillips to come back to Alaska as a third major operator, Alaskans are better off today having them on the North Slope.

When issues arise with the oil companies, I always take the side that is best for Alaskans. This brings us to the massive oil tax reforms in SB21. Had I drafted SB21, it would have been a balanced piece of legislation with better incentives to bring more oil companies to Alaska, resulting in new oil into TAPS. Should Vote No prevail in the primary, as governor, I will follow the wishes of the voters on Proposition 1. However, given my 30 years of working in and around oil and gas issues here in Alaska, I felt it appropriate to explain why I am voting yes on Proposition 1.

First, taxes don't increase recovery from existing fields, geology and technology do. Production will decline no matter the tax structure. For example, although Kuparuk Field paid almost no production taxes through much of its history, decline continued. In order to stem decline, new fields and reservoirs need to be brought on line.

In 2010, Shell Alaska's vice president showed me their Alaska leases, which were all federal offshore (OCS). They are offshore he explained, not due to ACES, but because they hunt elephant fields. While new elephant opportunities are offshore, there is plenty of oil on state lands and Alaska needs the next wave of independents content with smaller finds. His point was that majors like Shell, BP and Exxon are high cost operators not interested in the smaller onshore prospects. Smaller operators

can leverage a lower cost structure to take on smaller projects. They hunt deer, not elephants.

Yet while oil decline in Alaska has continued, production has taken off in the Lower-48. That L 48 success is due to technology breakthroughs applied to shale plays and the activity of scores of smaller producers, not tax breaks on conventional legacy fields. Alaska should target tax and regulatory changes that will lead to that same success.

If Alaska is to experience dynamic oil production growth it will likely be in one of four areas. First is large offshore pools recently targeted by Shell in the Beaufort and Chukchi Seas. Since taxes are not paid to Alaska from offshore development, it is not a matter of tax policy. Second, is the exploration of new onshore fields. BP and Exxon will not explore outside of existing fields so tax reductions for them will yield no further exploration. Rather than hoping the larger companies explore for smaller pockets of oil, we want an attractive climate for smaller producers. The third area we should incent is the shale plays largely south of Prudhoe. It is not known yet whether they are economic, but the efforts of this large potential resource should be aggressively aided. Fourth, is heavy and viscous oil in the legacy fields (larger fields like Prudhoe and Kuparuk). These are massive in ground deposits that co-exist with the conventional pools already under development.

SB21 should have tied tax reductions to direct investment in those areas. Instead it awards reductions for continued production of already producing fields while eliminating the ACES investment credits. While ACES rewarded spending in Alaska, SB21 rewards existing production, even for oil that will be produced under any tax structure. The result will be more rapid production of the legacy fields, not more oil over time.

And Alaska was already competitive in the legacy fields. If royalty payments to the State as the landowner are added to taxes, SB21 yields less revenue than typically paid in the lower-48 or internationally. With the Administration's help, Senator

Stedman (R) compared the North Dakota take from royalty to the landowner and their state taxes to Alaska's system. Alaska would have received \$1.4 billion more this year under the North Dakota regime. A 2012 analysis to the Alaska Legislature showed ConocoPhillips's net income in Alaska on a per barrel of oil equivalent basis was approximately 4 time more profitable in Alaska than their L48 production.

However, ACES does need adjustment. The progressivity rate is too high and investment credits are not adequately focused on yielding large oil production increases. With minor adjustments the balance between revenue to the state and effective incentives can be achieved. Of concern to me is that under SB21 the producers can take all of their tax savings out of Alaska because the tax concessions were not tied to any reinvestment in Alaska.

Encouraging production solely through tax incentives is also failed policy. Instead tax breaks should coincide with other steps to encourage new investment and entrants. Wells can be drilled on Mental Health Trust lands in a fraction of the time and cost it takes for other State managed lands. Cutting the time and cost of permitting will significantly enable development. The State should also ensure new producers can access existing North Slope pipelines/facilities at a reasonable cost, and build roads to new developments to help make exploration affordable.

My concern is that SB21 will result in depleting existing fields faster but will do nothing to open new fields for the long term interests of Alaska. There are many dials that can be adjusted to put more oil into TAPS. If SB21 is repealed, under my leadership I will work with all parties to bring forth legislation that incentivizes new exploration to bring long term production of new oil into TAPS.

*Bill Walker is a lifelong Alaskan and owns a law firm in Anchorage that focuses on oil and gas law. He is an independent candidate for Governor*

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Dear Editor:

It was a disappointment to only see Democrat legislators at the July 15th Legislative Briefing on Inmate Facilities in Alaska's Correctional Facilities. Chaired by Senator French, other attendees were Senator Gardner, Representatives Josephson and Tarr. Representative Tuck, another Democrat, was patched in by teleconference.

This hearing was to gather information about the rash of deaths of inmates while under state care. People invited to speak were the top officials from the Dept. of Corrections and the AK Mental Health Trust Authority, head of the Correctional Officers Union, and some affected family members.

Why were Republican legislators not in attendance? Had they been there, they would have witnessed the cynicism that emanated from the Parnell administration officials as they repeated their standard line of these deaths being just business as usual. They would have heard the powerful testimony of family members whose loved ones died in our jails under questionable and preventable circumstances.

Legislators don't just pass laws and fund government programs. They're also to hold administration officials accountable for the way public dollars and programs are mismanaged.

The DOC currently is the largest mental health provider in Alaska with 65% of the inmate population having some form of mental illness. Like any disease, mental illnesses can be treated — and without help, it gets worse.

Since the Reagan Era, psychiatric institutions have closed resulting in

the criminalization of mental illness, as people left untreated end up in jail without proper care.

The correctional officers union sounded the alarm years ago and asked for help from Parnell administration officials and legislators, to no avail.

Why did Republican legislators not take part in the briefing, look Parnell administration officials in the eye and ask them about deaths that occurred under their watch?

Andrée McLeod (R)  
Anchorage, AK 99508

Dear *Nome Nugget*,

I visited during the Midnight Sun celebration a couple of years ago. I enjoyed seeing and being close to (while in an auto) the musk oxen. However, given the current situation I would suggest trying the same thing that we use on black bears down here in upstate New York (far from New York City). Game managers use rubber buckshot and slugs to encourage the bears to move out of and stay out of areas that are populated and frequented by people. It does no real damage and the sting and noise puts the fear of humans back into animals that have lost it. Sincerely,  
Larry M. Litwin  
Scotia, NY 12302

Dear Editor:

The state has not done an audit on the oil companies since 2007. The governor does not want to have the state do an audit because it would expose the fact that the billions of free dollars he is giving away is all going out of state. None of it will be spent in Alaska. The money the oil companies are spending now in the oil fields was planned a number of years ago and has nothing to do with the free give away of the state's bil-

lions of dollars to them. The governor is doing the smoke and mirrors thing, the empty hoop dance on this and so far it is working. The governor will be richly rewarded by the oil companies after he is out of office with a cushy high paid job. So he will be personally out on top with this while we will be stuck for years paying income and sales taxes to make up for the loss of income to the state's budget. The next thing to go will be the dividend check. Some call the governor Captain Zero, but when he gets that high paid job from

the oil companies after he is out of office, who will be Captain Zero then?

If 100,000 barrels of oil was increased through the pipeline of which projections say that is not going to happen, it would take to the year 2040 before the state would break even. By then the oil fields will be playing out. The oil companies will not give the state 8 billion free dollars to help us out when they leave and we will be in economic desperation by then. The door is swing only one way on this. The

state should take that money and develop the oil fields that the oil companies are not developing like Norway does. That way the state would get all of the money and the billions of free dollars would then in fact be used for developing the oil fields.

John Suter  
Chugiak, AK 99567

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**HALF MARATHON**— Oliver Hoogendorn, left, won the Half Marathon, Joey Fonseca placed second, and Rosa Schmidt was the first place winner for the women's Cape Nome Half Marathon.



Photo by Crystal Tobuk

**ON YOUR MARKS** (left to right)— Dora Hughes, Mallory Conger, Mercie McGuffey and Jane Lanford line up for the bike and full marathon.

## Fairbanks' Lanford wins third annual Cape Nome Marathon

By Keith Conger

With a full 26.2-mile marathon, a half marathon, and a marathon distance bike race, participants had plenty of ways to be challenged at the 3rd Annual Cape Nome Marathon Saturday.

The lone full marathoner was Jane Lanford from Fairbanks. She battled the wind, and handled the muddy conditions in a time of 4 hours, 13 minutes, 39 seconds. A veteran of over 76 marathons, she stated, "it was fun to be out there, but that wind was really hard."

Lanford, 59, began doing marathons in 1981 and is working to complete all the longer distance races Alaska has to offer. Her next marathon will be in Sitka.

Twelve people participated in the 13.1-mile half marathon. Nome's Oliver Hoogendorn, an upcoming co-captain of the Nome-Beltz High School cross-country running team, posted the fastest time at 1 hour, 43 minutes, 48 seconds.

Not only did Hoogendorn take first place overall, but also he posted the fastest time for an under 18 male. Hoogendorn was followed closely in time by Californian Joey Fonseca who came in at 1 hour 44 minutes, 18 seconds.

Recent Nome-Beltz grad Rosa Schmidt, who will be competing for Northwest Christian University in August, was the third runner overall, the first female to cross the line, and the first female under 18 to finish.

Schmidt set a female, half marathon course record with her effort. Her time would have won the half marathon the previous year.

Schmidt, said that her college coaches' running instructions are to do a long run each Saturday, so this race fit in nicely. "I've done 52 miles this week, and I'm just building by about five miles each week."

Three people competed in the 26.2-mile bike race. Nome's Dora Hughes was the first to pedal across the line with a time of 2 hours, 34 minutes, 38 seconds.

Aaron Rose, 14, who plans on cross-country running for Mount Edgecumbe next fall, was the second male in the half marathon under-18 age division with a time of 2 hours 12 minutes, 27 seconds. He has run the race three years in a row.

Rayne Lie and Rena Sparks were the second and third under-18 females to cross the finish line in the half marathon, with times of 3 hours, 7 minutes, 40 seconds, and 3 hours, 10 minutes, 48 seconds respectively.

Mallory Conger, 12, won the under-18 division in the bike race with a time of 3 hours 14 minutes, 13 seconds.

The Cape Nome Marathon is organized by Crystal Tobuk, who graduated from Nome-Beltz High School in 2000. She has run the race the past two years, but has found that it is too hard to be both a race official and a participant.

"It's my guess that this is the western-most marathon in the United States," said Tobuk.

Knowing that it is very expensive

for people from Nome to travel and compete, Tobuk organized this race in 2012. "This was the first marathon that I competed in," said Tobuk. "I felt like if I can complete a full marathon, I can do anything."

Tobuk competed in her first Ultra-Marathon, the 50-mile Resurrection Pass Ultra, last fall.

The full Cape Marathon, as well as the marathon bike race, started at 10:40 at East End Park and ran to a

turn around just past Cape Nome. The half marathon participants were trucked out to the cape, and ran back against the wind.

According to race official Jeff Collins, the weather was a factor in

the race. He said, "Weather Underground posted a 17 mph reading at race time." He said that the winds picked up for the half marathon. "I think that by feel, it was more like 20 mph, gusting to 25."

## Alaskans are speaking out to oppose Ballot Measure 1

### A Stronger Economy

"I've seen firsthand how oil tax reform is growing our economy. I'm voting No because we need to give oil tax reform a chance."

Julie P., Self-employed bookkeeper



### More Jobs

"Bottom line is jobs. The opportunity for development leads to jobs."

Kevin P., Business Manager, Laborers Local 942



### Oil Tax Reform Is Working

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Tyler L., Co-owner, small construction company



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Kay S., Teacher



### More Money in the Permanent Fund

"It's a great thing. It's good for everyone."

Shannon B., Restaurant worker



"It is about Alaska's economic future. I'm voting No on Ballot Measure 1."

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"I am voting No on 1 to protect Alaska jobs."

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**NO PAIN**— Vanessa Tahbone of Nome, blue kuspuk, won the bronze medal in the ear pull.



**FISH CUTTING**— Willa Eckenweiler of Unalakleet won the silver medal in the event, taking 37.84 seconds.



**PAIN IN THE NECK**— Vanessa Tahbone of Nome, left, won the gold medal in the head pull.



**FLYING**— Makiyan Ivanoff of Unalakleet won the silver medal in the one foot high kick, reaching 100". Ivanoff also won the silver medal in the scissors broad jump, reaching 33' 2 3/4".



**CROWD EFFORT**— Nick Hanson of Unalakleet won the bronze medal in the blanket toss. Hanson also won the gold medal and set a new world record in the scissors broad jump, reaching 36' 7".





READY TO CUT?— Marjorie Tahbone of Nome took 30.58 seconds to cut her fish, thus setting a new world record. The former world record of 33.59 seconds was set in 2007 by Willa Eckenweiler of Unalakleet.



TWO FOOT HIGH KICK— Nick Hanson of Unalakleet won the silver medal in the event, reaching 94”.

# Nome’s Tahbone, Unalakleet’s Hanson post new records at WEIO

Several Nome and Norton Sound athletes participating in the 2014 World Eskimo Indian Olympics came home laden with gold, silver and bronze medals and the fine distinction of having set new world records. Norton Sound received 19 medals: 6 Gold, 7 Silver, 5 Bronze, the Sportsmanship award and set two new World Records.

Nome’s Marjorie Tahbone set a new fish cutting world record in 30.58 seconds, besting Unalakleet’s Willa Eckenweiler’s record of 33.59 seconds set in 2007.

Unalakleet’s Nick Hanson set a new world record in the Scissors Broad Jump, jumping 36 feet and 7 inches. In 1993, Jesse Frankson set the record at 36 feet 6 ¾ inches. The record was almost tied in 2005 at NYO by Alan Velasco by jumping 36 feet 6 ¼ inches. That record was tied by Nick Hanson at NYO in 2006. Hanson set the new record and commented, “Setting a new world record and receiving a gold medal is just a bonus. Achieving my personal best means the most to me.”

Hanson also received the Sportsmanship Award. Nicole Johnston and Sam Strange gave out the award and were very proud that 10 athletes were nominated by their peers. They said, this reflects on the kindness, quality and positive personalities of the current generation of athletes. The recipient Nick Hanson won by only one vote.

Chanda Simon of Fairbanks was crowned Miss WEIO, with first runner up being Naomi Ahsoak of Barrow, third was Christina Clark of Copper Center.

Norton Sound Results  
Elijah Cabinboy, Nome: Alaskan High Kick ,91”, Silver Medal; Blanket Toss; Silver Medal

Vanessa Tahbone, Nome: Ear Pull, Bronze Medal; Head Pull, Gold Medal

Stuart Towarak, Unalakleet: Two Foot High Kick, 92”, Bronze Medal.

Makiyan Ivanoff, Unalakleet: One Foot High Kick, 100”,Silver Medal; Scissors Broad Jump, 33’ 2 ¾”, Silver Medal.

Marjorie Tahbone, Nome: Race of the Torch 5K, 23 minutes 22 sec,

Gold Medal; Fish Cutting 30.58 seconds, Gold Medal (New World Record) Grease Pole Walk, 29 ½”, Gold Medal

Willa Eckenweiler, Unalakleet:

Fish Cutting 37.84 Seconds Silver Medal.

Nick Hanson, Unalakleet: Bench Reach, 47 ½”, Gold Medal;

Scissors Broad Jump, 36’ 7”,

Gold Medal (New World Record); Two Foot High Kick, 94”, Silver Medal; Muktuk Eating, 2 minutes 43.57 Seconds, Silver Medal; One Foot High Kick, 98”,Bronze Medal.

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**JUMP FOR JOY** — (Left to right) Rachel Berkeley, Cameron Minix, Danielle Slingsby, Ethan Hannon, Landon Wieler, Dustin Otton, Tia Prentice, Jonathan Smith, Kyre Milline-Cardenas, Hayden, Jason Gilder, Cole Gorn, Kaitlyn Johnson, Ayla Knodel, Kyle Martin, Richard Cross, Megan Timm, Caden Hanebuth, Daniel Brandt, Joey Fonseca. Camp CRAVER’s thank the Nome City Council and Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation community share funds for making 2014 Camp Crave possible with their generous donation.

# Stebbins and St. Michael held first Wellness Walk

The communities of Stebbins and St. Michael held their first Wellness Walk, on Saturday July 12.

Stebbins mayor Morris Nashoanak said the reason was to bring awareness to community wellness and to address suicide prevention.

The invocation was said by Deacon Francis Pete, Sr.

Speakers included Bernie Joe, Lucy Washington, Marian Mike, Alberta Steve, Ward Walker, Peter Kobuk, Leonard and Mary Raymond, Jessica Acoman, Joseph Steve, Jolene Lyon, Damian Tom and Morris Nashoanak, Sr. They talked about strengthening self esteem, pride, self respect and being aware of the signs of depression, guilt and self pity.

City of Stebbins organized the walk and asked both communities of Stebbins and St. Michael to address some of the key concerns by the communities. The Walk was designed to meet half way between the two communities, but due to road

construction a mile from Stebbins, the participants walked to the bluff north of Stebbins. One hundred and twenty-four people signed in for the “Wellness Walk.”

“Circle of Life” was the theme of the walk. The theme was inspired by old Yupik-Inupiaq artifacts that depict two circles within one bigger circle with a red dot in the middle. The red dot symbolizes a baby or the beginning of new life.

The organizers asked every person to write down the name of a loved one lost to suicide and to place it in a collection bin. Once the circle was completed and the names placed in the bin, the names were collected and burned.

After the ceremony, there was Eskimo dancing and a potluck with reindeer stew, hotdogs and Subway sandwiches donated by Kawerak Inc. Wellness. The St. Michael IRA council supplied the reindeer. Hotdogs and other support ingredients were donated from the City of Stebbins.



**WELLNESS**— Participants of the Stebbins and St. Michael Wellness Walk want to bring awareness to community wellness and address suicide prevention.



Photo by Andrew C. Lee

**CLOUDS OVER ANVIL MOUNTAIN**— Cirrus clouds above Anvil Mountain and Newton Peak are signs of a change in weather.



Photo by Meghan Topkok

**CAMP CIRCLE**— Camp Igaliq (window) brought 20 youth and 5 mentors from across the region. Lots of laughs, many new friends, and some of this summer’s best weather happened July 7-12 at the Salmon Lake Lutheran Church Camp site. The camp was sponsored by Kawerak Wellness in partnership with Norton Sound Health Corporation Division of Behavioral Health and the Lutheran Church.

# 15th Annual Poorman’s Gold Panning Contest



Photo by Diana Haecker

**THERE’S GOLD**— Elise Davis went at it during the 15th annual Poorman’s Gold Panning Contest.

17 July 2014 - Old St. Joes Common			
1. Dwight Ross,	M-56,	Port Aransas, TX.,	18.0 Seconds
2. John Boudreau,	M-53,	New York City, NY.,	20.1 Seconds
3. Bill “Wild Bill” Gauthia,	M-40,	Worland, WY.,	21.0 Seconds
4. J. T. Fleming,	M-69,	Philadelphia, PA.,	27.0 Seconds
5. Kenneth Hughes,	M-55,	Nome, AK.,	27.4 Seconds
6. Jim Dunn,	M-45,	Toupah, NV.,	28.9 Seconds
7. Sam Boucher,	M-72,	Cedar Lake, CA.,	31.0 Seconds
8. Linda Steiger,	F-50,	Nome, AK.,	33.1 Seconds
9. Kevin Queen,	M-57,	Keokuk, IA.,	37.0 Seconds
10. Allaan Balodis,	M-41,	Erie PA.,	38.1 Seconds
11. Robert Lynn,	M-60,	Tem, CA.,	55.0 Seconds
12. Seth Noot,	M-9	Webster, AZ.,	1 Minute 01.9 Seconds
13. Margaret Gmyrek,	F-49,	Colorado Springs, CO.,	1 Minute 4 Seconds
14. Roger Webb,	M-73,	Phoenix, AZ.,	1 Minute 04.7 Seconds
15. Carl Sharp,	M-68,	South Salem, OH.,	1 Minute 06 Seconds
16. John Hammer,	M-68,	St. Joe, MO.,	1 Minute 16 Seconds
17. Kimberly Lane,	F-57,	San Martin, CA.,	1 Minute 35 Seconds
18. Celeste Menadelook,	F-24,	Nome, AK.,	1 Minute 39.3 Seconds
19. Joan Fleming,	F-70,	Springfield, PA.,	1 minute 45 Seconds
20. Steve Brock,	M-55,	Nome, AK.,	1 Minute 48 Seconds
21. Kristina Hoffert,	F-32,	North Pole, AK.,	2 minutes 14.4 Seconds
22. Barbara Payne,	F-72,	Cairo, GA.,	2 Minutes 16.2 Seconds
23. Stephanie Sepulveda,	F-20,	Boardman, OR.,	2 minutes 24.5 Seconds
24. Elise Davis,	F-45,	Nome, AK.,	2 minutes 44 Seconds
25. Robert Lemanski,	M-50,	Milwaukee, WI.,	3 Minutes 01 Seconds
26. Katie Ellanna,	F-30,	Nome, AK.,	3 Minutes 14 Seconds
27. Nina Nicholson,	F-69,	Cairo, GA.,	3 Minutes 37 Seconds
28. Doritza Rosas,	F-40,	Bakersfield, CA.,	4 minutes 24 Seconds

Judges for the 15th Gold Panning Contests were: Patricia A. Coyne from Peculiar, MO. and Charles “Gypsy” Krosecz from Sugarland, TX. Official Starter: Al Marconi from Torrance, CA. Sponsors for this annual event: GOLD PROSPECTORS ASSOCIATION of AMERICA and LEO and ERNA RASMUSSEN Weather: +45f, Cloudy and no rain!!





Photo by Sandra Medearis

**TELLS OF TOOL-MAKING**—Gunter Spreth of Hamburg, Germany explains how northern peoples made tools for survival.

# Scholar showcases Inuit tool making

**By Sandra L. Medearis**

Gunter Spreth, anthropologist and professor from Hamburg, Germany, for years has studied the ways of northern peoples. He has been fascinated by how the Inuit and Eskimos invented tools necessary for survival.

The Inuit and Eskimos, thousands of years ago, looked at bones and stones and saw tools: tools for hunting and fishing, tools for changing available resources into food and clothing.

During his annual summer study trip to Nome, Spreth shared his knowledge in several sessions at Carrie M. McLain Museum, demonstrating his findings to adult and children's groups.

Spreth's program of study was Innovative Inventions of the Inuit, one of the topics he has followed in northern studies for the past 45 years.

At the sessions on June 19, Spreth paid homage to clever and innovating tool making, pulling tools out his collection of 400-year-old tools, and passing them around for hands-on appreciation. Spreth showed how the innovative implements fit the function needed by hunter-gatherers.

His own three-year apprenticeship under a skilled craftsman before university gave him the key to understanding ancient tool making, Spreth said.

His mentor craftsmen hated to describe what they were doing.

"They had pictures in their minds. They could see what they were to do. They were similar to Inuit Eskimos—they thought in pictures, not in words," Spreth said. "A craftsman can understand things in many dimensions."

"The Inuit and Eskimo way of thinking allowed them to optimize a tool," he said. "We can learn. Words for communication are not enough. We can learn from the Inuit way of thinking. Spreth passed around a skin scraper of bone and flint. The creator of the tool had fashioned one side to fit the user's thumb and first two fingers to push the tool against an animal hide to clean and soften it for clothing or footwear. The other side of the tool had grooves to fit the middle and little finger for a firm grasp on the scraper.

The tool fit smaller hands.

"The men made them and the women used them," Spreth said, smiling.

The skin scraper tool like the example shown in Nome had drawn the interests of many museums and anthropologists, according to Spreth.

"It would be a prize winner among tools, This skin scraper is one of the best examples of anthropomorphic tools, tools to fit the hands of the users," he said.

Inuit beliefs and regard for animals also helped guide tool innovation. They wanted them to die quickly to save it from pain.

He has noted many examples in which northern peoples used specific animals for specific tools, Spreth told his audience of Alaska Natives and newcomers.

Spreth cited work by anthropologist Edward William Nelson. He found that Eskimos used fibers from whale ribs to scoop ice chips from fishing holes illustrating that hunters and gatherers were innovative craftsmen.

**They looked at plants and saw tools.**

**Poison for whales**

Eskimos hollowed out holes in harpoons and spearheads where they would deposit a fast-acting poison made from roots of the monk's hood flower. Sometimes they smeared it on blades.

"After about three minutes, the whales fins and fluke would be paralyzed and it would drown quickly," Spreth told the 25 or so people gathered around the table at the museum. "One of the rules, the old rules, was to shorten their pain when you catch them." Spreth added that hence came the practice of clubbing fish to finish them quickly.

His travels over the Seward Peninsula, Spreth included Teller, where he saw a dog with a blackish-brownish bone.

Picking up the bone, Spreth realized it was part of a woodworking mallet. It turned out to be the under jaw of a walrus. The toolmaker had cut only enough away to make a handle.

Next, Spreth displayed a rib bone that had been made to catch fish. Split into a wishbone shape, each end had hooks that could move together in a pincer action when the user raised it or the fish attempted to escape.

"These are examples of how certain bones make specific tools," Spreth explained.

The Inuit also took tools that already in use and improved them. An example is the pump drill used for hole making and to start fire, often with driftwood.

"My father used to make us pump drills for toys on King Island, to make us think," Vince Pikonganna shared with the gathering.

"The people of the Arctic were able to create an array of tools using available materials. What kind of technical thinking both long ago and today? Everywhere I look I see genius," Spreth said.



Photo By Sandra Medearis

**MAKING HOLES**—Parker Kenick explores the art of making a pump drill.



Photo by Sandra Medearis

**FITS THE HAND**— Vince Pikonganna remembers how his father made tools when they lived on King Island

## Coffee-Rubbed Tenderloin

Recipe by Miller Health Consulting, LLC

Makes Approximately 6 Servings  
Preparation Time: 2 hours  
Bake at 450°F for 20 minutes & 450°F for 30 minutes  
Difficulty Level: Medium

Ingredients:  
2 Tbsp. finely ground coffee  
2 tsp. jerk seasoning  
1 Tbsp. minced onion  
2 Tbsp. lime juice  
1-1 ½ lb. moose tenderloin

### Directions:

1. Combine coffee, jerk seasoning, minced onion, and lime juice in a small bowl. Stir to combine.
2. Gently rub coffee mixture onto all sides of the moose tenderloin. Cover and refrigerate for 2 hours.
3. Preheat oven to 450°F.
4. Place tenderloin in a shallow pan and bake for 20 minutes, turning after 10 minutes.
5. Reduce heat to 300°F, leaving the tenderloin in the oven. Bake for 30 additional minutes or until internal temperature reaches 145°F.
6. Let cool to room temperature. Refrigerate overnight before serving.



### Nutrition Facts

Serving Size	3 oz.
Amount Per Serving	
Calories	120
Total Fat (g)	1
Saturated Fat (g)	0
Cholesterol (mg)	66
Sodium (mg)	64
Total Carbohydrate (g)	1
Fiber (g)	0
Protein (g)	25
Vitamin A (%)	0
Vitamin C (%)	4
Calcium (%)	0
Iron (%)	4

### Tips:

- \*To serve, slice into thin strips to eat individually or on a sandwich.
- \*Pair with a colorful mix of vegetables for optimum mineral intake.



# Treadwell’s tax would crush homebuyers

**Treadwell would eliminate provision 30 million American families rely on**

U.S. Senate candidate Mead Treadwell is plugging a tax scheme that would crush homebuyers in Alaska, eliminating a provision over 30 million Americans rely on each year. Treadwell’s plan would force Alaskans and Americans to pay thousands of dollars more when buying a house.

Treadwell’s extreme tax scheme would eliminate the home mortgage interest deduction. The provision has been commonplace for American families hoping to buy homes and its elimination would shift the tax burden from wealthier Americans to lower-income households, strangling the finances of working Alaska families.

“Mead Treadwell’s tax scheme would not only raises taxes on everyday goods for Alaska households,

but eliminate a provision advancing the American dream of owning a home for thousands of working families in Alaska,” said Max Croes, Communications Director for Alaskans for Begich.

Treadwell’s 30 percent national sales tax would further complicate homeownership for Alaskans’, as the tax would include mortgage interest.

Republicans, Democrats, and tax experts alike have criticized the scheme. Former President George W. Bush’s administration rejected the proposal and said it would create “the largest entitlement program in history” because of the extreme poverty it would create among lower income Americans.

**How much would Treadwell’s sales tax cost Alaskans?**

Treadwell supports 30 percent National Sales Tax, elimination of home mortgage deduction

At the GOP debate in Homer,

Mead Treadwell strongly endorsed establishment of a 30 percent National Sales Tax. Treadwell joined Joe Miller in support of this tax, which would drive up the cost of basic consumer goods while eliminating the home mortgage deduction. The cost of living in Alaska already is 131 percent of the national average, and Treadwell’s sales tax would make it even harder to afford living in Alaska.

“Mead Treadwell is completely out of touch with working families if he’s proposing a 30 percent National Sales Tax,” said Mike Wenstrup, Chairman of the Alaska Democratic Party.

How Much Would Alaskans Pay For Mead Treadwell’s National Sales Tax?

- A \$200 load of groceries from Costco would cost \$260 with Treadwell’s tax.
- A \$12 gallon of milk in rural

Alaska would cost \$16 with Treadwell’s tax.

- A \$50 tank of gas would cost \$65 with Treadwell’s tax.
- A new \$25,000 pickup would cost \$32,5200 with Treadwell’s tax.
- A new \$10,000 snowmachine would cost \$13,000 with Treadwell’s tax.

## All Around the Sound

### New Arrivals

**Karmen Ethel Mae Stenek** was born July 14 at 8:49 a.m. at ANMC in Anchorage. She weighed 9 lb 15 oz and was 21.5 inches long. Her parents are Lisa and Ken Stenek and brothers and sisters are Gabe, Sarah, Timary, Timothy, Norman and Caroline. They live in Shishmaref. Her paternal grandparents are Timothy (deceased) and Linda Stenek. Maternal grandparents are Clarence and Sarah (deceased) Tocktoo. She is named in memory of Ethel Karmun.

Mary M. Tom and Axel T. Cheemuk of St. Michael announce the birth of their son **Axel Johnny Cheemuk, Jr.**, born July 2, at 6:43 p.m. He weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces, and was 19” in length. Siblings (half brothers/sister): Kevin Long, 9; Staci Long, 7; and Wyatt Long, 6.

Phyllis R. Booth and Ramone L. Norman of Kotzebue announce the birth of their son **Keenan Joseph Theodore Agiaq Norman**, born July 4, at 10:33 a.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. He weighed 10 pounds, 2 ounces, and was 21.75” in length. Brothers and sisters are: Tiffany, Karlas, Melissa, Marcus, Lisette, Camithia, Brian, Quintin and Debbie. Maternal grandparents are Mike and Eunice Hadley. Great-grandparents are Theodore and Phyllis Booth, and great-grandpa Andrew Joseph Booth. Paternal grandma is Amee Chantal Demuth.

Gloria A. and David Angi of Gambell announce the birth of their son **Fred Alexander “Ayapghun” Angi**, born July 5, at 10:24 p.m. He weighed 9 pounds, 15 ounces, and was 22” in length. Siblings are Dana James, Derek Angi, Dena Angi, and Snowfyre Angi, His nephews are Donavon Angi, and Davien Angi.

Alice D. Ione and Morgan M. Jack, Sr. of White Mountain an-

nounce the birth of their daughter **Isabella Celine Evangelina Myla Jack**, born July 8, at 8:35 a.m. She weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces, and was 19” in length. Siblings are: Stanley I. Jack, 7; Morgan M. Jack, Jr., 4; Guy M.J. Ione, 3; and Justin S.P.A. Jack, 2.5. Maternal grand-

parents are Penny Ione, and the late Phillip Titus and grand grandpa Guy Ione, Sr., all of White Mountain. Paternal grandparents great-grandma Gertrude Martin, and the late Justina Steve Hale and Stanley I. Jack, Jr., all of Stebbins.



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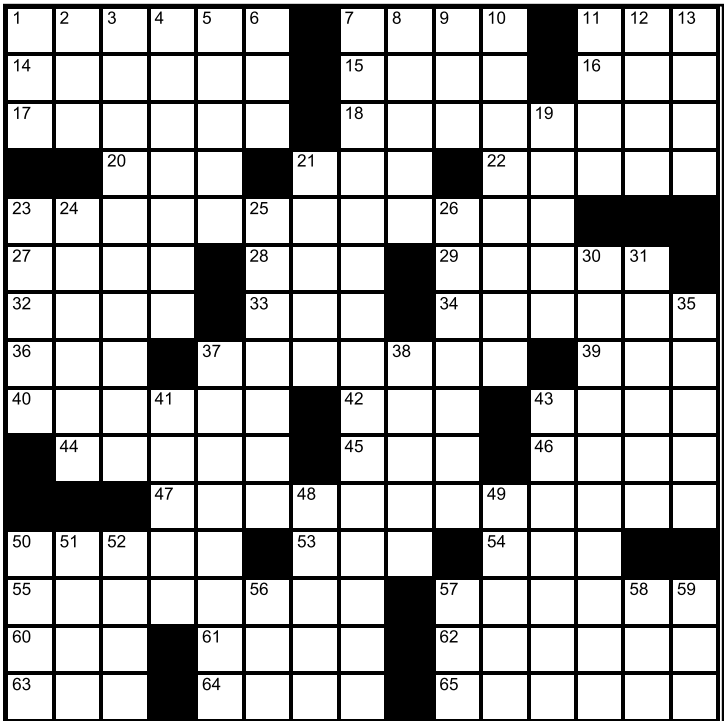
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**Across**

1. Calla lily, for one

7. Aim

11. Egg cells

14. Foods prepared by straining or blending

15. Hip bones

16. Appear, with "up"

17. Even though

18. Feign

20. Setting for TV's "Newhart"

21. Congratulations, of a sort

22. Corporate department

23. Dull knife for cutting envelopes (2 wds)

27. Blows it

28. Matterhorn, e.g.

29. Avid

32. Donnybrook

33. Toni Morrison's "\_\_\_ Baby"

34. Kitchen appliances for cooking food

36. Sylvester, to Tweety

37. Iron collar

39. "\_\_\_ Maria"

40. Vehicle with caterpillar treads

42. Grand \_\_\_ ("Evangeline" setting)

43. "Don't bet \_\_\_!" (2 wds)

44. Truck Renting and Leasing Association (acronym)

45. Persian, e.g.

46. \_\_\_ fruit

47. Golf hole location (2 wds)

50. Quark flavor

53. Common deciduous tree

**Down**

1. Marienbad, for one

2. Afghan monetary unit

3. Someone chosen to decide a disputed issue

4. Wee

5. "Die Lorelei" poet

6. "C'\_\_\_ la vie!"

7. Embezzled

8. A-list

9. Order between "ready" and "fire"

10. Revolt

11. October birthstone

12. Cast a ballot

13. "Planet of the \_\_\_"

19. Florida's Key \_\_\_

21. Frigid

23. Directions included two \_\_\_ and two rights

24. Off the mark

25. Knocking sound (hyphenated)

26. Kitty

30. Second part

31. Bad-mouth

35. Arrive, as darkness

37. Runs clumsily

38. Car luggage compartment

41. Bay of Naples isle

43. The Virgin Mary (2 wds)

48. Bit of statuary

49. Gambled

50. \_\_\_ room on the Internet

51. Prince of Wales, e.g.

52. Comrade in arms

56. "\_\_\_ Baby Baby" (Linda Ronstadt hit)


57. Victorian, for one

58. Basic monetary unit of Romania

59. "Casablanca" pianist


# HOROSCOPES

July 23, 2014 — July 29, 2014




**CAPRICORN**  
December 22–January 19

A coworker has something to share with you. Be attentive, Capricorn. Brilliance comes when you need it most. A mystery is solved at home.




**ARIES**  
March 21–April 19

You may not be able to turn back the hands of time, but you can keep them at bay with some lifestyle changes. Start small, Aries.




**CANCER**  
June 22–July 22

You can run, but you cannot hide, Cancer. Fess up and face the consequences. A challenge at home proves worthwhile. A deadline is extended.




**LIBRA**  
September 23–October 22

Work takes a back seat to love this week, Libra. Clear your schedule and plan a little getaway. A financial risk is worth taking. Seize the opportunity.




**AQUARIUS**  
January 20–February 18

A health condition improves with changes in dietary habits. Good job, Aquarius. A home improvement proposal deserves a second look.




**TAURUS**  
April 20–May 20

A special event draws near. Relax, Taurus. You will rise to the occasion. Email correspondence settles a debate once and for all.




**LEO**  
July 23–August 22

Storms are brewing at home. Take cover, Leo. This is one battle you do not want to fight. A glowing review deserves a night on the town.




**SCORPIO**  
October 23–November 21

Slow down, Scorpio. You are so busy trying to accomplish the impossible that you are missing out on the big picture. A loved one shares some news.




**PISCES**  
February 19–March 20

Financial burdens ease with a household addition. Good thinking, Pisces. An old friend makes a bombshell announcement. Be there for them.




**GEMINI**  
May 21–June 21

Greedy Gemini. That is what you must be this week if you are going to get anything done. You have fulfilled your commitments. Say no.



**VIRGO**  
August 23–September 22

Congrats, Virgo. All of your hard work at the office does not go unnoticed. Some people never learn. Try not to be too disappointed with a young friend.



**SAGITTARIUS**  
November 22–December 21

Roll out the welcome mat, Sagittarius. Visitors are coming. A party allows you to cut loose and have some fun. A business venture expands.

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# Red Dog Mine celebrates 25 years

On Monday, the Red Dog Mine in Northwest Alaska held a celebration for mine employees in honor of its 25th anniversary. The mine is one of the largest zinc producers in the world and is often cited as a positive example of indigenous people and mining companies working together. Alaska Native Corporation, NANA Regional Corporation, Inc., owns the land on which the mine is situated and Teck Alaska, a subsidiary of Teck Resources Limited (Teck), is the operator.

The celebration was attended by a number of special guests, many of whom worked to make the mine a reality, including: former Governor Bill Sheffield, NANA Regional Corp. Chair Donald G. Sheldon, Teck President and CEO Don Lindsay, former NANA President Willie Hensley and past Chair Christina Westlake.

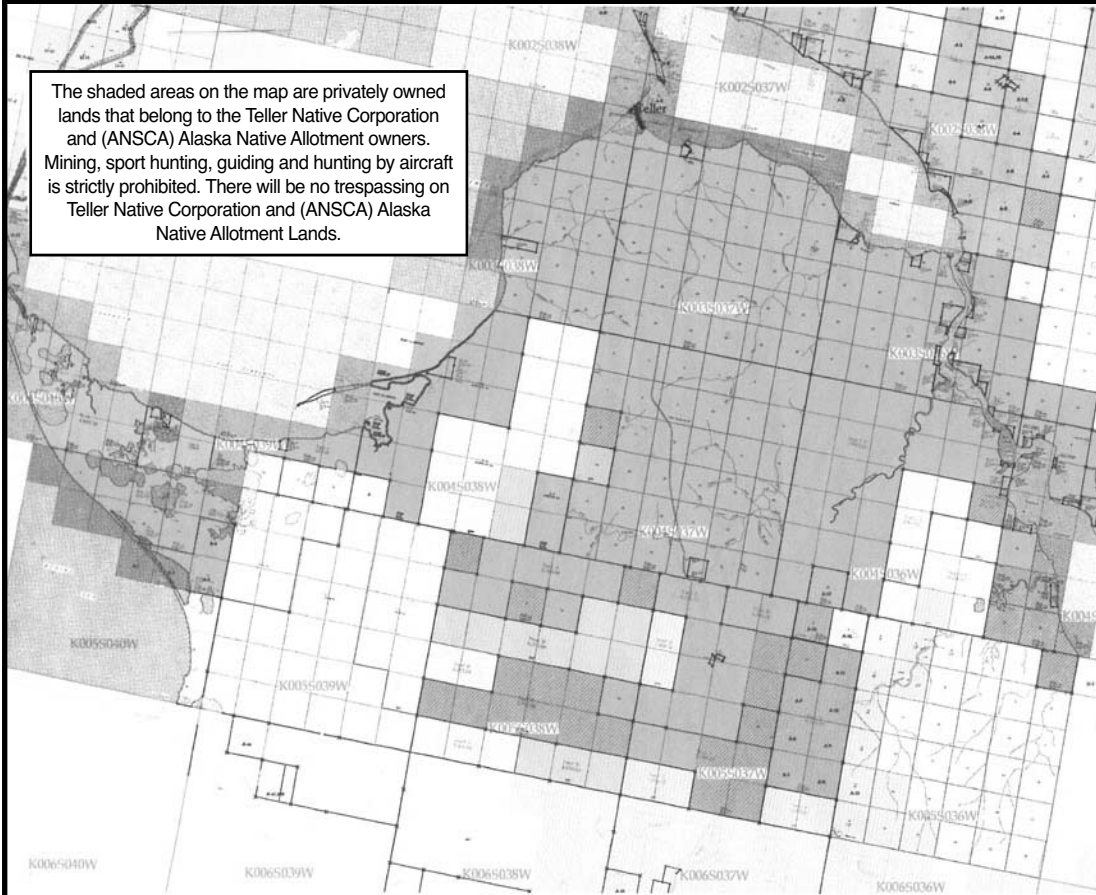
Since 1989, Red Dog Mine has provided more than

\$199 million in dividends to NANA shareholders and \$608 million of its \$1 billion mine proceeds to all Alaska Natives through the 7(i) "sharing" provisions of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, or ANCSA [ANKSA]. The provision requires that Alaska Native Corporations (ANCs) share approximately 60 percent of revenues from developed ANCSA lands with other ANCs.

Red Dog Mine is an economic engine for Northwest Alaska, the state and the nation, paying approximately \$119 million as payment in lieu of taxes (PILT) to the Northwest Arctic Borough, providing 70 percent of U.S. zinc production and injecting more than \$1.5 billion into the Alaska economy. In 2013, more than 586 NANA shareholders worked at the mine for Teck and NANA companies operating at the mine, earning \$29.4 million and making up 54 percent of mine employees.

## Public Notice for Miners, Sport Hunters, Guides and Aircraft Pilots

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• Tribal Services Specialist: non-exempt, regular full-time position. The pay range is \$23.79/hour - \$26.78/hour (DOE). The position is open until 8/11/14.

• Youth Coordinator: non-exempt, regular full-time position. The pay range is \$21.15/hour - \$23.79/hour (DOE). The position is open until 08/04/14.

To ensure the safety of children who receive services, Nome Eskimo Community will complete a Criminal History Background Check on all ap-

plicants considered for the After School Activities Coordinator position.

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A full copy of the job descriptions and an employment application can be obtained from the Nome Eskimo Community Website [www.necalaska.org](http://www.necalaska.org) or from the Nome Eskimo Community Office at 200 West 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

For any questions, please contact the Human Resources Manager, Cathy Lyon, at 907-443-9114 or by email to [cathylyon@gci.net](mailto:cathylyon@gci.net) 7/24

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## Trooper Beat

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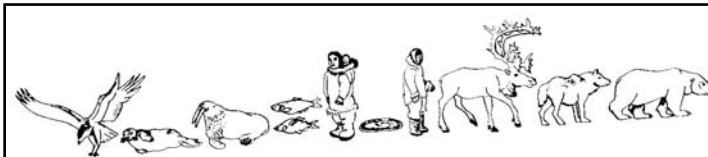
NOME POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEDIA RELEASES 07/14/2014 through 07/20/2014

**Disclaimer: This is a record of activity. The issuance of citations or the act of arrest does not assign guilt to any identified party.**

On 7/14 at 3:14 p.m. Nome Police and volunteer Ambulance and Firefighters were dispatched to 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue for a report of a four wheeler accident. The accident happened when the juvenile went

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**KAWERAK, INC.**

A public hearing, as required by the Administration for Children and Families, will be held on **August 12th, 2014** at 5:30 PM at 606 East I Street, to provide the Tribes in the Kawerak consortium, tribal members and other interested parties an opportunity to comment on the proposed activities described in the **Child Care Development Fund Tribal Plan** for the Period 10/01/14-09/31/18.

Copies of the plan will be made available at Kawerak, in tribal offices, and on [www.kawerak.org](http://www.kawerak.org).

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## City Of Unalakleet • City Manager

### POSITION OBJECTIVES:

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### DEADLINE:

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### Submit resume and cover letter to:

City of Unalakleet, P.O. Box 28, Unalakleet, Alaska 99684.



## Mary's Igloo Native Corporation - Annual Shareholder Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held in

**Teller, Alaska at 1 p.m. on August 30, 2014**

at the Community Teller Bingo Hall for the purpose of:

1. Election of seven (7) Board of Directors
2. Approval of last annual meeting minutes February 25, 2012
3. To transact such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

Shareholders 18 and over wishing to be elected (Nominees) for M.I.N.C. Board of Directors should send a **NOTICE OF INTENT before June 29, 2014**.

All proxies should be mailed to the Inspector of Elections of M.I.N.C. no later than **1 p.m. August 30, 2014** to be valid.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our office at **(907) 642-2308**.

Inspector of Elections  
Mary's Igloo Native Corporation  
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## Wales Native Corporation Annual Shareholders' Meeting Notice

The Wales Native Corporation 41st Annual Shareholders' Meeting will be held in Wales, Alaska on **Saturday, August 2, 2014** and the doors will be open at 1:00 p.m. for registration.

The meeting will be held at the Native Village of Wales Multi-Purpose Building. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect three (3) Directors, review annual reports and to conduct any other business that may come before the shareholders.

Proxies for this meeting must be returned by **Saturday, August 2, 2014** to be valid. If you have any questions or comments, please contact our office at (907) 664-3641, submit a letter to the following address: Wales Native Corporation, P.O. Box 529, Wales, Alaska 99783-0529 or by e-mail at [tciscisci\\_wnc@yahoo.com](mailto:tciscisci_wnc@yahoo.com).

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## NSHC BOARD OF DIRECTORS VACANCIES SEATS: COMMUNITY-AT-LARGE & REGION-AT-LARGE

The Norton Sound Health Corporation Board of Directors is in the process of accepting letters of interest to serve on the NSHC Board of Directors in the Community-At-Large seat and/or the Region-At-Large seat. Community-At-Large means the vicinity of Nome, Alaska. Region-At-Large means the area served by NSHC. The Board of Directors will hold elections at its annual meeting on September 15, 2014 to fill these seats for a three year term beginning in September 2014 and ending in September 2017. Any interested person should send a letter of interest with a brief resume by **August 29, 2014** to:

Board of Directors  
Attention: Board Secretary  
Norton Sound Health Corporation  
P.O. Box 966  
Nome, AK 99762

Please write "At-Large Seat" on the outside of the envelope. In order to serve on the NSHC Board of Directors in one of the at-large seats, a person must not be an employee of NSHC. Former employees are not eligible for a period of one year after they stop working for NSHC, but the Board of Directors can waive this requirement. In addition, a director must pass a criminal background check. Details on these qualifications as well as information regarding director duties and responsibilities can be obtained from:

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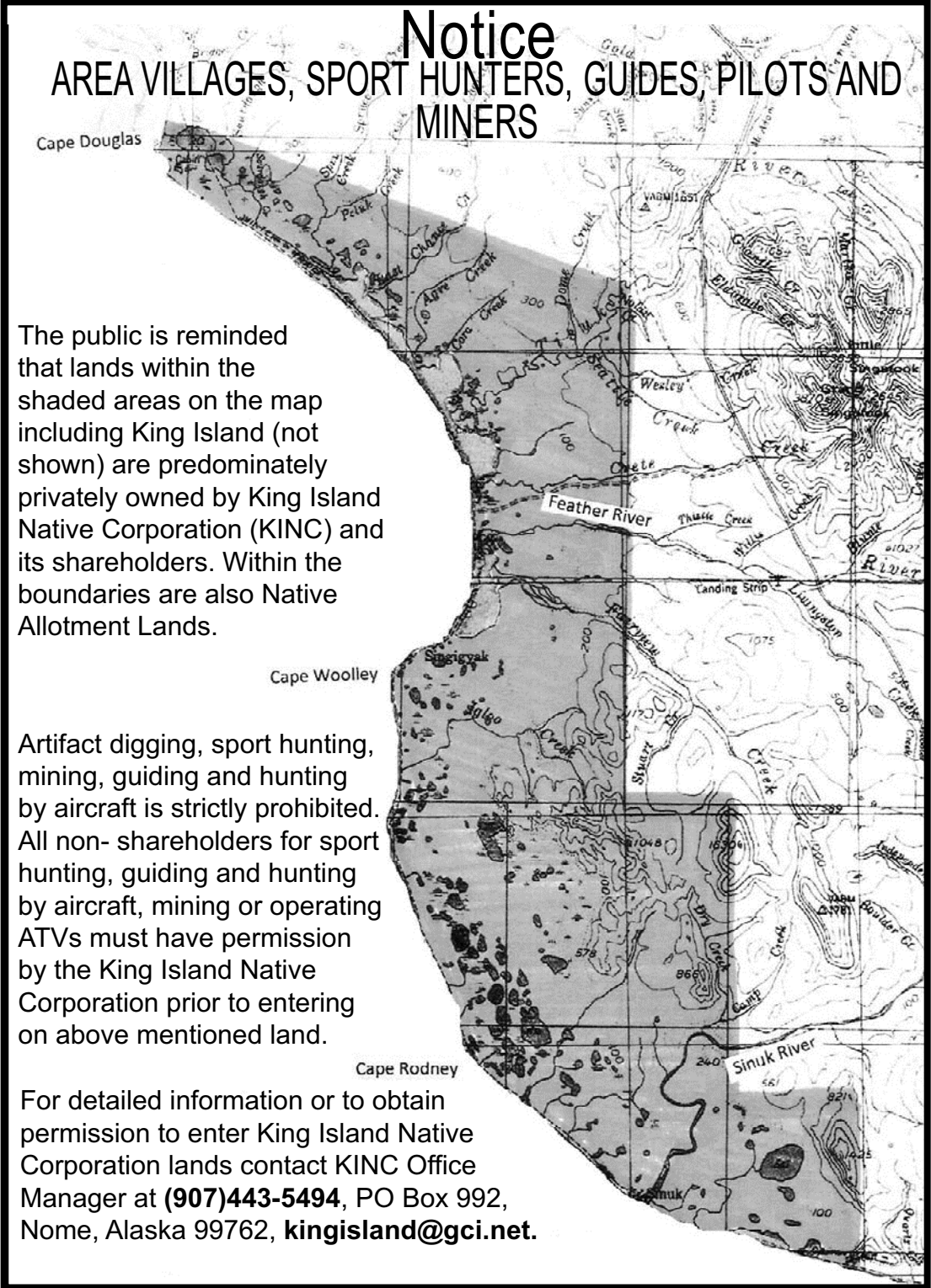
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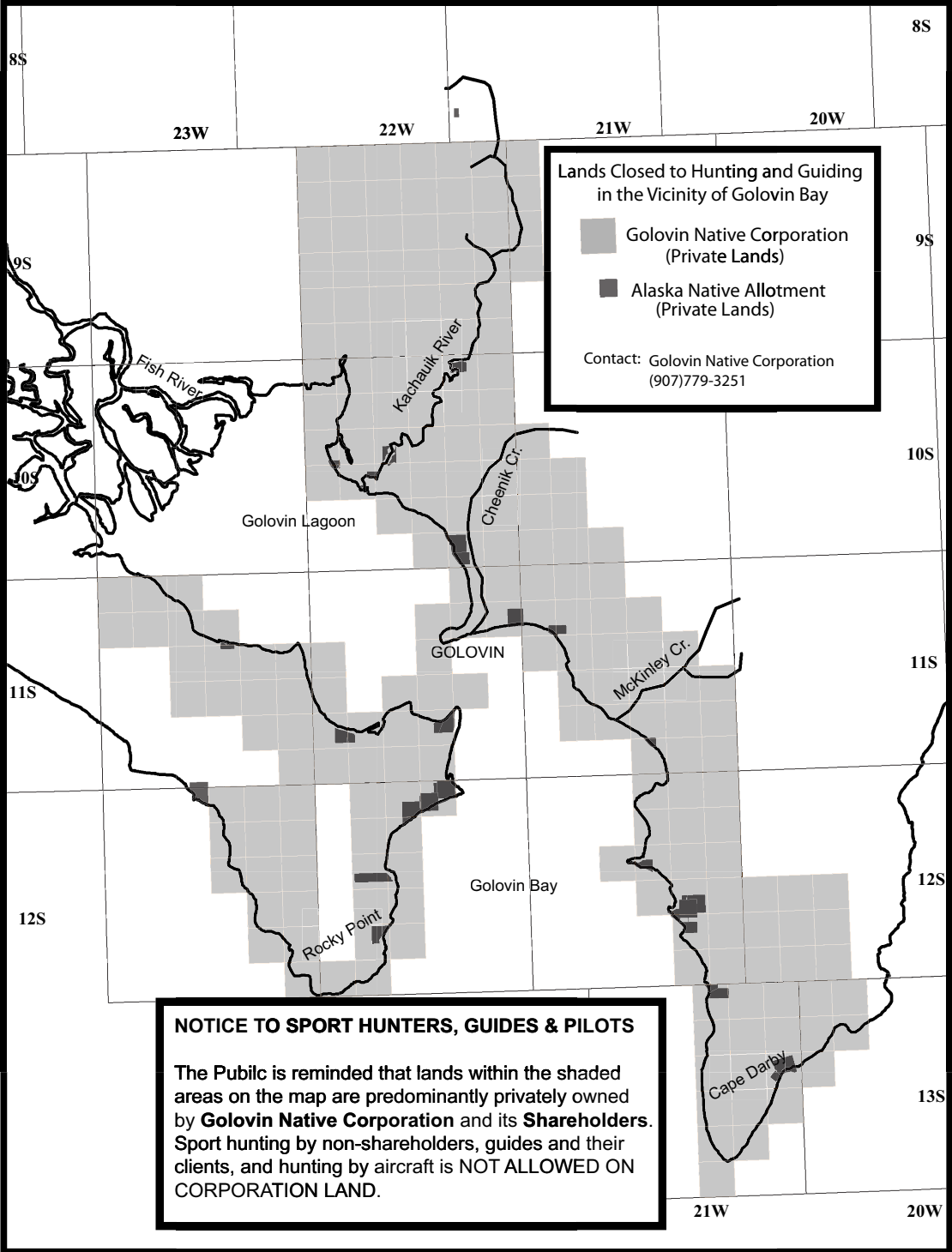
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• More Seawall

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off the road and struck a pole surrounding a fire hydrant. The juvenile was taken Norton Sound Regional Hospital by EMS for what appeared to be minor injuries.

On 7/14 at 4:57 p.m. Nome Police were dispatched to a residence on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue for a report of a minor that had consumed alcohol. The minor had the odor of alcohol on his person. The minor provided a sample of his breath which resulted in being issued a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol.

On 7/14 at 10:23 p.m., the Nome Police Department responded to a report of an assault taking place on the West side of town. The investigation led to the arrest of Gene Oxereok, 62, for Assault in the Third Degree, Domestic Violence and Violating the Order and Conditions of his Release. He was transported to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center. No bail was set.

On 7/15 at 2:33 a.m. Nome Police Department were made aware of a bear in town near the cemetery. At approximately 3:50 a.m. the bear was terminated by Nome Police Department and Alaska Fish and Game. REMINDER: Please keep your trash secure, as well as your dog food if it is being kept outside.

On 7/16 at 2:35 a.m. Nome Police Department responded to a report of a Sexual Assault occurring on the west side of town. The investigation is currently still ongoing.

On 7/16 at 8:02 p.m. Nome Police Department responded to a report of a domestic assault occur-

ring on the west side of town. The investigation led to the arrest of Nora Brown, 44, for Assault Third Degree, Domestic Violence and Violating her Order and Conditions of Release. She was transported to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center. No bail was set.

On 7/17 at 1:05 p.m. the Nome Police Department responded to a report of a female unwilling to leave a residence. The investigation led to Magdelaine Omiak, 26, being on Conditions of Release and she transported to AMCC for Violating those conditions. According to her conditions, Magdelaine is not to possess or consume alcohol.

On 7/18 at 3:02 a.m. the Nome Police Department made contact with Martin Lincoln, 32, near Bering Street. Investigation led to his arrest for Violating his Conditions of Probation. He was transported to AMCC.

On 07/18 at 8:43 p.m. Nome Police conducted a traffic stop on an ATV traveling south on Bering Street, failing to turn off onto several side roads. The driver, Aggie Attungana, was issued a citation for Operating an Off-Road Vehicle on State Highway.

On 7/18 at 9:41 p.m. The Nome Police Department was dispatched downtown for a report of a passed out male inside a business. Investigation led to the arrest of Ronald Ozenna Jr, 36, for Indecent Exposure in the Second Degree and Disorderly Conduct. Ronald was taken to Norton Sound Regional Hospital and then to AMCC with a \$1,000 bail.

On 7/18 at 10:48 p.m. Nome Police were dispatched to a reported domestic dispute on Warren Place. Investigation resulted in the arrest of

Chad Wilson, 21, for Assault in the Fourth, Domestic Violence. Chad was remanded at AMCC and held there without bail.

On 7/18 at 11:07 p.m. The Nome Police Department was dispatched downtown for a female who was passed out on the seawall. The investigation led to the arrest of Charlene Brown, 24, for Indecent Exposure in the Second Degree. Charlene was taken to Norton Sound Regional Hospital and then transported to AMCC with a \$250.00 bail.

On 7/18 at 11:35 p.m. Nome Police were dispatched to Third Avenue for a reported assault with a weapon. Investigation resulted in the arrest of Frank Kavairlook Jr, 34, for hitting an elderly male in the head with a hammer. The elderly male was transported to NSRH for medical assistance. Frank was remanded to AMCC for Assault in the Third Degree and held there without bail.

On 7/20 at 12:52 a.m. Nome Police were dispatched to Front Street for a fight between two intoxicated parties. Investigation resulted in the arrest of Donald Oliver, 34, for Disorderly Conduct. Oliver was remanded to AMCC and held there with a \$250 bail.

On 7/20 at 4:37 a.m. Nome Police were dispatched to a residence on Warren Place for a reported assault in progress between multiple parties. Investigation resulted in the arrest of Andrew Kelly, 32, for Harassment in the First Degree. Kelly was transported to AMCC and held there on a \$500 bail. Investigation in the assault continues and additional parties involved were transported to NSRH for medical assistance.

On 7/20 at 7:06 p.m. The Nome Police Department was dispatched to the west end of town on a report of trespassing. The investigation led to the arrest of Brent Lockwood, 35, for Probation Viola-

tion. Brent was transported to Norton Sound Regional Hospital and then taken to AMCC. No bail was set.

PUBLIC NOTICE

2014 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

You are hereby notified that the 2014 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority will be held on **Tuesday, July 29, 2014 between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm in White Mountain, AK at the White Mountain IRA building and between 4:30 pm and 5:30 pm in Golovin, AK at the Chinik Eskimo Community IRA building.**

Legals

CITY OF NOME PUBLIC NOTICE

**O-14-06-02 An Ordinance Amending Section 17.10.010 of the Nome Code of Ordinances to Increase the Rate of Tax by 1% on All Items During the Months of June, July and August.**

This ordinance had first reading on June 25, 2014 and was passed to second reading/public hear-

ing/final passage on July 14, 2014, but was then tabled until the regular meeting of the Council on **July 28, 2014 at 7:00 PM** in Council Chambers of City Hall, located at 102 Division Street. Copies of the ordinance are available in the Office of the City Clerk. 7/17-24

Court

Week ending 7/18 Civil

Lincoln, Precious A.E. v. Fagundes, Joseph R.; Civil Protective Order Symetra Assigned Benefits Service Company v. Ahkinga, Lenora; Superior Court Misc Petition

Hindman, William T. v. Osborne, Wilma L.; Civil Protective Order Barr, Dorothy v. Apok, III, Robert; Civil Protective Order Reitheimer, Jason v. City Of Nome; Appeal from District Court Ningelook. Norman v. Obruk, Annie and Antogham, Leon; Petition for Disestablishment of Paternity

Huntsinger, Sarah v. Waggner, Randy; Civil Protective Order Rietheimer, Jason v. Petkevits, Anthony; Civil Protective Order

Small Claims

Cornerstone Credit Service, LLC v. Akeya, Corey; Small Claims Less Than \$2500

Criminal

State of Alaska v. Troy Mokiyuk (4/1/95); 2NO-14-26CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 113672835; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: Revoke all time, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-14-318CR; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage.

State of Alaska v. Troy Mokiyuk (4/1/95); 2NO-14-35CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 114192216; Violated conditions of probation; No action taken.

State of Alaska v. Troy Mokiyuk (4/1/95); 2NO-14-36CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 114192666; Violated conditions of probation; No action taken.

State of Alaska v. Troy Mokiyuk (4/1/95); 2NO-14-318CR CTN 003: Theft 3<sup>rd</sup>; Date of Violation: 5/19/13; CTN Chrgs Dismissed: 001, 002; 6 months flat; 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. Woodrow Kitchen (7/23/86); 2NO-12-916CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 111176586; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 3 days.

State of Alaska v. Woodrow W. Kitchen (7/23/86); 2NO-13-714CR Import Alcohol-Dry Area-Small Amount; DV; Date of Violation: 7/23/13; 90 days, 87 days suspended; Unsuspended 3 days shall be served with defendant remanded immediately to AMCC; Fine: \$3,000 with \$1,500 suspended; Pay unsuspended \$1,500 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 3 years; Forfeit alcohol to State; 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: \$50.00 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 3 years (date of judgment: 7/15/14); Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no jailable offenses; Shall not possess or consume alcohol in any dry/damp community; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer in a local option community; Person and baggage are subject to warrantless search at any airport en route to local option community; Alcohol/substance abuse assessment by 7/31/14; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare; Up to 30 days residential treatment if recommended; May ask court to review this order w/in 7 days; File proof by 1/30/15.

State of Alaska v. Arthur K. Kakoona (1/6/77); 2NO-13-203CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 113676507; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: all remaining time, report to the Nome Court on 8/25/14 at 1:30 p.m. for a remand hearing; Release or bail conditions remain in effect until defendant reports to serve sentence.

State of Alaska v. Arthur Kakoona (1/6/77); 2NO-13-558CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 113672628; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 3 days, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-13-203CR, report to the Nome Court on 8/25/14 at 1:30 p.m. for a remand hearing; Release or bail conditions remain in effect until defendant reports to serve sentence; 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. Arthur Kakoona (1/6/77); 2NO-14-117CR CTN 001: Assault 4; DV; Date of Violation: 2/22/14; 360 days, 300 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served; Report to Nome Court on 8/25/14 at 1:30 p.m. for a remand hear-

ing; Release or bail conditions remain in effect until defendant reports to serve sentence; 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 for 2 years (date of judgment: 7/15/14); 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 jailable offenses; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, or return to the residence of Susie Olanna without her consent; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Shall not have alcohol in his residence; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer.

State of Alaska v. Arthur Kakoona (1/6/77); 2NO-14-117CR CTN 002: Assault 4; DV; CTN Chrgs Dismissed: 001 (CT 2 of indictment amended to misdo); Date of Violation: 2/22/14; 360 days, 300 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days shall be served; Report to Nome Court on 8/25/14 at 1:30 p.m. for a remand hearing; Release or bail conditions remain in effect until defendant reports to serve sentence; 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 for 2 years (date of judgment: 7/15/14); 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 jailable offenses; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, or return to the residence of Susie Olanna without her consent; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Shall not have alcohol in his residence; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer.

State of Alaska v. Michelle Lynn Kavairlook (8/15/91); No Valid Operator's License; Date of Offense: 4/10/13; Classification: Non-classified; Any app./perf. bond in this case is exonerated; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 (Misd); 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; Probation for 1 year; Comply with all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; No new criminal charges.

State of Alaska v. Thomas Cheemuk (1/16/85); Harassment 1; Date of Violation: 12/28/13; 120 days, 120 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; Probation for 2 years (date of judgment: 7/15/14); 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 jailable offenses; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, or return to the residence of D.C. without her consent.

State of Alaska v. Ethan E. Kulowiyyi (9/11/96); 2NO-14-231CR Possession, Control, or Consumption of Alcohol by Person Under Age 21; First Offense; Date of Offense: 4/15/14; Police Training Surcharge: \$10 to be paid to clerk of court 1 year; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 7/11/14); 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, except as provided in AS 04.16.051(b).

State of Alaska v. Ethan E. Kulowiyyi (9/11/96); 2NO-14-352CR Possession, Control, or Consumption of Alcohol by Person Under Age 21; First Offense; Date of Offense: 4/29/14; Fine: \$300 with \$0 suspended; Unsuspended \$300 is to be paid to the court by 1 year; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 7/11/14); Comply with all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated.

State of Alaska v. Ethan E. Kulowiyyi (9/11/96); 2NO-14-405CR Possession, Control, or Consumption of Alcohol by Person Under Age 21; First Offense; Date of Offense: 6/9/14; Police Training Surcharge: \$10 to be paid to clerk of court 1 year; Fine: \$300 with \$0 suspended; Unsuspended \$300 is to be paid to the court w/in 1 year; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 7/11/14); 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, except as provided in AS 04.16.051(b).

State of Alaska v. Gregory Saclamana (11/26/90); 2NO-13-469CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 113678442; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 20 days; All remaining time; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage.

State of Alaska v. Gregory Saclamana (11/26/90); 2NO-14-445CR Violate Conditions of Release; Date of Violation: 7/11/14; 90 days, 90 days suspended; 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; Probation for 2 years; 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, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not possess or consume alcohol in any dry or damp community; Shall not have alcohol in his residence; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer; Subject to warrantless search of residence for alcohol; Alcohol/Mental Health Assessment by BHS; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare.

State of Alaska v. Kordova Akerta Gipson (6/7/00); Possession, Control, or Consumption of Alcohol by Person Under Age 21; First Offense; Date of Offense: 6/22/14; Fine: \$200 with \$0 suspended; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 7/11/14); Comply with all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Defendant must enroll in and pay for the following juvenile alcohol safety action program if one is available in your home community w/in 120 days; Must submit to evaluation by the program and pay for and successfully complete any education or treatment recommended by this program; May not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances w/o prescription or alcoholic beverages, except as provided in AS 04.16.051(b).

State of Alaska v. Ernest C. Booshu (9/2/92); 2NO-14-283CR Violate Protective Order; Date of Violation: 5/3/14; 270 days, 240 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days, 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; Probation for 2 years (date of judgment: 7/17/14); 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 jailable offenses; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, or return to the residence of Megan Apasingok; Do not go within 100 ft of her house; Do not pass messages to her in any way; Do not watch, approach or follow Megan Apasingok.

State of Alaska v. Ernest Booshu (9/2/92); 2NO-14-390CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault IV; Charge 002: Resisting Arrest; Filed by the DAs Office 7/17/14.

State of Alaska v. Ladd Soonagrook; 2NO-14-419CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: DOLP; Charge 002: VCR; Filed by the DAs Office 7/16/14.

State of Alaska v. Ladd Soonagrook; 2NO-14-429CR CTN 001: Drunk Person on Licensed Premises; Date of Violation (no indication); 10 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days shall be served with defendant remanded immediately to AMCC; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Ladd Soonagrook; 2NO-14-429CR CTN 002: Violating Conditions of Release; Date of Violation: 7/1/14; 30 days, 29 days suspended, 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; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 7/17/14); 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 jailable offenses; Do not go to any bars.

State of Alaska v. Esther J. Olanna (12/12/81); Dismissal; Count I: Assault 4<sup>th</sup>; Count II: Harassment 2<sup>nd</sup>; Filed by the DAs Office 7/10/14.

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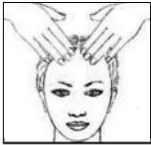


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**CASCADING BOOM (top)**— Colin Daugherty, middle, explains the cascading boom designed to guide oil towards the skimmer to Wesley Okbaok, left, and Jacob Okbaok, right.

**CLOSING THE GAP**— Chadux response team member Dan Powell awaits instructions to take down boom deployed across the washout at the Teller sandspit.

## • Valuable lessons

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Arctic, residents of the region are anxious to learn what measures are taken to prevent an oil spill or mitigate one if a spill or vessel accident were to occur. The Alaska Nanuq Commission and the Arctic Marine Mammal Coalition are active in providing input in the US Coast Guard's Port Access Route Study and also work with federal legislators to provide marine mapping for possible alternative shipping routes in hopes of lessening impacts to communities and subsistence resources, said Jack Omelak.

The urgent interest in the health and integrity of the marine environment for Bering Strait region residents was a lesson learned for industry observer Captain Dan Nutt, director for regulatory affairs with Kirby Offshore Marine. Nutt said in an interview with the Nome Nugget he felt the drill was a success. "I have a better appreciation for the stakeholders and for the folks who live in the area," he said. "I understand that the industry can do a better job on reaching out and letting them know what is going on."

Nutt said that although stringent prevention and spill plans are in place and are up for review every five years, it is not enough to put a legal ad in the paper to announce the public review process. "We don't have to wait for a plan review to visit the communities and explain what we do," said Nutt.

This drill mostly dealt with tug and barge companies that transport

fuel up and down the coast of western Alaska. Cheryl Fultz, environmental compliance specialist with Delta Western said that tug and barge companies have not had an increase in vessel traffic through the Bering Strait in the past few years. She said in an email correspondence with the *Nugget* that this drill was more or less an experiment. "Every year our vessels are inspected and subject to

edge can be utilized during a spill," said Fultz.

After the drill, Melton said, the biggest lesson learned was the reality of seeing the channel between Teller and Brevig Mission.

The terrific force of the current forced a change on how to deploy boom and at what angle.

DEC's Kotula agreed. "The response strategy for that area is going to require some adjustment," Kotula said. "It's safe to say there is a better way to position the boom." Vitus Marine Safety & Environmental Manager Kevin O'Shea echoed

*"It's simple to put boom in the water. The tricky part is to get boom in the right place in a quick and efficient manner."*

— Matt Melton, Chadux

drills by ADEC," she wrote. "These are both the planned and unannounced kind. This year all the plan holders within the vessel program of ADEC were asked to participate in the Port Clarence drill in lieu of being drilled on our own. My impression of the drill is that it is a first step." She learned the most from Wesley Okbaok.

"When you meet a gentleman like Wesley, you realize all of the talent available in this region. This community lives off of the sea, and to that end they know every nuance of how the waters behave."

Okbaok described the way tide comes in at Port Clarence, how the tides are very minute and that the wind plays more of a role than the tide itself. "This type of local knowl-

the lesson learned.

"There were several items that were being tested during this exercise, the first was the ability to move spill response equipment located in Nome, to Teller. This was performed successfully," O'Shea wrote in an email to the *Nugget*.

"The second item was to test the Geographical Response Strategy for the Grantley Harbor Entrance as described in the Regional Response Plan. We learned that the GRS for this location needs to be modified based on the actual conditions that were experienced in Teller."

The collective feeling after the drill was positive. Kotula said the information gained from the drill was substantial. "We have pages and pages of notes and documents to go

through," Kotula said. "It was a well-done exercise that will help us to improve the contingency plans."

Those who look out for protection of subsistence users also had good words to say. Jack Omelak said in an email to the *Nugget*, "From the Alaska Nanuq Commission and Arctic Marine Mammal Coalition's perspective, the drill was a success as it illustrated the commitment of the agencies involved to at least begin to develop an oil spill/ hazard response process within our region."

Gay Sheffield echoed the sentiment. "Everybody learned something new about the logistics of spill response in the Grantley Harbor area, both the people who live here and those spill responders who will come in from afar," she said. "I am very glad the visiting responders said this was the first step. To be best prepared, we all need to work as a team to become more informed about our collective strength and the options we have to mitigate and respond to maritime crises."

Omelak added modification of the drill due to rough weather was initially cause for concern.

"But in order to provide solutions it is best to understand what the challenges are, or may be, and I think this limited exercise was the beginning of identifying the challenges to responding in western Alaska," he said.

"From the perspective of those we represent, we were excited to be a part of this initial drill and hope to be included in subsequent and more broad efforts as development, oil spill, and mitigation directly affects

the marine mammal users that we represent."

"We hope to be able to help develop as federal marine co-managers, with agencies such as Chadux in the near future, a contact list or protocols for local and immediate responders as many agencies and locals face the same immediate questions: who do we call or contact? How should it be done, and with what equipment?" Omelak suggested.

Realizing that this drill is a small piece of the puzzle to develop adequate oil spill and disaster policies in this region, Omelak made the case for cooperation between area residents and spill experts.

"It is evident that a network of local users with local knowledge, combined with technical knowledge about oil spills, and outreach campaigns for communities is needed," Omelak wrote.

"Of course mitigation is important, but more importantly is the prevention of oil spills or disasters."

Recognizing the gap of knowledge in the communities of what is required of tug and barge transporters and local oil storage facilities, Chadux management as well as DEC's marine vessel manager John Kotula and industry representatives such as Kevin O'Shea and Captain Dan Nutt agreed that it would be a good idea to travel to Nome and maybe Teller and Brevig Mission to hold townhall meetings to inform the communities about oil spill prevention and response and what goes into it.

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