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FROSTED TOPS—The view from the Snake River Valley of Mount Osborn and the Kigluaik Mountains show signs of the coming fall with snow-dusted summits and high ridges Aug. 24.

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AWWW, MOM!—Reese Bahnke gets a kiss from mom, Nancy Bahnke, on the first day of school in Mr. Keith Conger's first grade class at Nome Elementary Aug. 25.

Inuit-Neeser win hospital contract

Joint venture to build \$90.4 million project

By Tyler Rhodes

Teamed up with one of Alaska's biggest developers, a Bering Straits Native Corp. subsidiary has landed a \$90.4 million contract to build in its backyard.

The joint venture of Inuit Services Inc. and Neeser Construction Inc. was awarded the contract Aug. 19 to construct the new Norton Sound Regional Hospital in Nome.

Funded through the Indian Health Service as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the project will result in a new hospital on the north side of Nome off the Bypass Road. The site has been marked by a gravel pad for more than a year with approximately 180

pilings pounded in place early last winter.

The partnership between NCI and Inuit brings together two firms that are no strangers to rural Alaska and the Norton Sound region. For Inuit, Nome is the company's home turf. "We're excited that we have a local contractor that has a lot of experience in Alaska and that is aware of our weather conditions here," said Norton Sound Health Corp. President and Chief Executive Officer Carol Piscocya.

Despite being based in Anchorage, NCI is also well familiar with the region. "Neeser has not done any projects in

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Nome's new police chief to take the helm Oct. 1

By Laurie McNicholas

The Nome Common Council approved a contract with John J. Papasodora as the city's Chief of Police at a meeting Monday.

The city will pay Papasodora \$93,000 for the first 12 months of his three-year contract beginning Oct. 1. He currently serves as commander of the Alaska State Troopers Bureau of

Investigation.

Papasodora began his career in Alaska as a patrol officer for the City of Soldotna in 1985. Last weekend he joined Interim Chief of Police Dallas Massey in a foot patrol in Nome, according to City Manager Josie Bahnke. She said he also worked a shift with a Nome police officer Friday night.

The council also approved first reading of an ordinance authorizing disposal of municipal property in a portion of Anvil City Square by use permit to Sitnasuak Native Corp. for placement of the Two Eskimo Boys statue.

Councilman Jon Larson made a motion to remove the following three vehicles from a resolution awarding bids from the City of Nome

vehicle sale: A 1999 Ford Expedition, a 1995 Ford Explorer and a 1990 Ford E 150 van. Stanley Okpealuk Sr. bid \$19.50 for all three vehicles.

Larson said the city would be selling the vehicles for nothing, and they would be moved to

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Crab season, salmon runs stress fishermen

Fishermen spar with Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation over operation of fish plant

By Laurie McNicholas

Nome fisherman Robin Thomas distributed a written complaint about management of the Norton Sound Seafood Products plant in Nome at the outset of a five-hour special meeting of the NSSP Working Group Aug. 18 at the plant.

Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. owns and operates the NSSP plant in Nome, which processes red king crab and halibut. Rich Ferry recently was named manager of the plant.

NSEDC also operates the NSSP plant in Unalakleet, which processes salmon and herring under the management of William (Middy) Johnson, who participated in the meeting by teleconference.

As one of six entities in the Western Alaska Community Development Program, NSEDC represents 15 member communities in the Bering Strait region. The CDQ program began in 1992 with the goal of promoting fisheries related economic development in western Alaska. The program receives a 10 percent allocation of the annual total allowable catch of pollock in the Bering Sea, along with catch allocations of other fish and crab species in the Bering

Sea/Aleutian Islands area.

In his complaint, Thomas also raised questions about NSEDC's financial policy for NSSP. He wants to know whether the NSEDC board of directors considers it more important to mitigate NSSP's operating losses than to support the fishermen who deliver their catches to the plants in Nome and Unalakleet.

This is a long-standing issue of wide interest, but the board has not discussed it publicly or developed an explicit financial plan for NSSP. The 17 agenda items discussed during the meeting are too numerous to cover in this edition. They included most of the points in Thomas's complaint, which is the focus of this report.

Tim Smith, president of the Nome

Fishermen's Association, said he has heard that NSEDC budgets an annual loss of \$2.1 million for the Nome plant. NSEDC's Board Chairman Dan Harrelson acknowledged the plant loses more than \$1 million a year, not including tender costs. "You don't know how much the ten-

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NJUS opens books to auditors

By Sandra L. Medearis

Nome Joint Utility System's books are in the black, thanks to sufficient rates to customers to cover hard cash operating expenses, monthly payments and capital project budgets, according to auditors.

Results of an audit of calendar years 2007 and 2008 ending last De-

cember showed that Nome's utility financial statements were in order and reflected fairly the financial position of Nome Joint Utility System, according to John Bost of accounting firm Mikunda, Cottrell and Co.

Overall, utility assets overshadowed liabilities by \$83.5 million. The audit document shows assets, in-

cluding capital assets, at \$106.4 million and total liabilities at \$22.6 million. Unrestricted assets of \$6.6 million stand available to meet customer and debtor obligations. A change in law covering the booking of depreciation expenses left the util-

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Calling all candidates: *Filing period now open for Oct. 6 election*

By Tyler Rhodes
Come Oct. 6, Nomeites will be voting on everything from mayor to utility board members.
While the vote is still more than a month away, civic-minded residents interested in running for one of the seats need to file by Sept. 11. The city started accepting filings Aug. 20. This fall Nome citizens will be voting on mayor and seats on the Nome Common Council, the Nome

Editorial

We Won't Go Away

No matter how many times the US Postal Service closes its eyes, spins around and makes a wish— Nome is still here. AND we want our mail. Sure, we know it is expensive to deliver mail to Nome. We live here, we know all about the high cost of living. However, there are certain basic services one expects from the federal government and the delivery of the US Mail is vital. Nome should not have to be constantly on the snipping end of the USPS's budget scissors.
Nome has not had a regular postmaster for over two years. We have not replaced employees who have moved or retired. We don't have door-to-door delivery service and the feds have put the Post Office building up for sale. Sometimes the cost cutting measures just don't make sense, but we can be assured that these decisions are conceived in the Anchorage or Seattle think tanks. Many Nomeites may remember when Post Office lobby remodeling a few years ago eliminated the file-drawer-sized boxes used by organizations that received high volume of mail. These folks were told they had to use a pouch, which could be picked up by going to the service window and asking for it. There are about 15 businesses, including the *Nugget* that are pouch users. (A pouch is one of those big white boxes to the right, behind the counter.) In a revenue generating measure the Postal Service tells these Nome businesses that they will be charged close to \$1,000 a year to use a pouch. However, they may pay \$78 and have a regular letter-sized box like everyone else and the overflow mail will be put in a big white box that can be picked up by going to the counter and asking for it. Now the Postal Service has to fill a letter box and a pouch box and they won't make any more money because who would pay \$1,000 when they can get their mail for \$78 and let the stack of unsolicited catalogs pile up in the white box?
The US Mail has meaning and touches all our lives. It is a service that we all use and yes, it will cost money. It is not and never should be a profit driven business. It is a government service. We appreciate our Post Office and the folks who work there. As residents of this nation we Nomeites and all the folks in western Alaska and the rest of the USA have the right to expect prompt and efficient postal service. —N.L.M.—

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Utility Board and the Nome Board of Education. The election will also include the seat on Norton Sound Economic Development Corp.'s board of directors designated for Nome.
As of Aug. 24, most incumbents had filed to run again for their seats. No challengers had yet signed up.
Incumbent Mayor Denise Michels has signaled her intent to retain her seat. The term for the mayor of Nome is two years.
The common council has two seats opening up, Seat C held by Randy Pomeranz and Seat D held by Stan Andersen. Both seats cover three-year terms. As of Aug. 24, neither the incumbents nor any challenger had filed to run for the seats.
The utility board has openings for two of its seats. Seat A, with a two-year term, is currently held by Jim West Jr. Seat C, with a three-year term, is currently held by Dave Barron. Both have signaled their intent to run again.
Seats C and D—both carrying three-year terms—are up for grabs on the school board. Those seats are currently held by Lynette Schmidt and Betsy Brennan, respectively. Schmidt obtained her seat in late July after it was vacated by former school board president Gloria Karmun. As of Aug. 24, Brennan had filed to run again.
Although it is not part of the city election, those at the polls will also have the opportunity to vote for the Nome area representative to the NSEDC board. While voters and candidates must live within the city

limits for the municipal and school positions, the NSEDC election will be conducted in accordance with the polling boundaries used for statewide elections.
This means residents of Banner Creek and other outlying areas near Nome may vote in and run for the NSEDC race. The current occupant of the seat with a three-year term is Don Stiles.
The boundaries of the district for statewide elections essentially extends along its southern edge from the mouth of Sinuk River to the west and the around the Solomon River to the east. To the north, the boundary runs to the southwest corner of the Bering Land Bridge National Preserve.

Saying it Sincerely

By Revs. David and Julie Elmore, Community United Methodist Church

“Living Wisely”
Scripture Reference: Ephesians 5:15-20
Discerning between the voices of foolishness and wisdom is not always easy. Ephesians 5:15-20 is a type of literature known as wisdom literature. Other pieces of wisdom literature in our Bible are Job, Ecclesiastes, and Proverbs; some scholars even include John's Gospel in that category. Coincidentally, this brief passage of wisdom literature is about wisdom, or more precisely, it contrasts the wisdom of living as part of the Body of Christ that we call the church with the foolishness of living in the ways that the world outside of God's reign tempt us to live that we know are not what God desires for us. This is a question that the church has struggled with since the very beginning of the church and some Jews struggled with even before Christ's coming.
The author of Ephesians gave the readers of this general letter some advice on how not to be “misled” by the foolish people. Rather than being misled by drunkenness and other bad behavior, we are to be filled with the spirit and praise God in word, in song and any other way we can. And we are to constantly give thanks to God for all things, as often as we are able, in as many ways as we are able.
Even before Jesus, there was a group of Jews who were so concerned about being led astray by the foolish

behavior of those less devout than themselves that they moved far away from “civilization” and they built their own city. They were known as the Essenes, and they wanted to remain wise and not be misled by those whom they viewed as foolish while they awaited their Messiah. And it is courtesy of them that we have the Dead Sea Scrolls.
As the body of Christ we grow in wisdom as we worship and pray together. There is a concept of ubuntu in South Africa, which Archbishop Desmond Tutu defines as: “It is to say ‘My humanity is caught up, is inextricably bound up, in yours.’ We belong in a bundle of life. We say, ‘A person is a person through other persons.’ It is not ‘I think, therefore I am.’ It is rather: ‘I am human because I belong. I participate, I share.’” Now if I understand Alaskan Native spirituality correctly, I believe they have a very similar concept – but even more expansive. I am not human just because of my interactions with humans, I am human because of my interactions with all the created world around me – fish, game, and land. It is a concept of caring for all of God's creation. So, part of being wise is being able to recognize that all that we are and all that we do affects others in our community and world. One would grow in grace not just by treating one another well, but would grow in grace as we worship God and care for all that God has created.

Nome Norton Sound Tide Predictions (High & Low Waters) — August 27 - September 2, 2009									
Day	Date	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height
Th	08/27	04:16 a.m. LDT	0.5L	10:32 a.m. LDT	1.4H	05:34 p.m. LDT	0.1L		
F	08/28	12:12 a.m. LDT	1.1H	05:04 a.m. LDT	0.7L	11:16 a.m. LDT	1.3H	06:32 p.m. LDT	0.1L
Sa	08/29	01:29 a.m. LDT	1.1H	05:57 a.m. LDT	0.8L	12:07 p.m. LDT	1.3H	07:35 p.m. LDT	0.2L
Su	08/30	02:56 a.m. LDT	1.1H	06:57 a.m. LDT	0.9L	01:08 p.m. LDT	1.2H	08:41 p.m. LDT	0.1L
M	08/31	04:20 a.m. LDT	1.1H	08:05 a.m. LDT	1.0L	02:14 p.m. LDT	1.2H	09:42 p.m. LDT	0.1L
Tu	09/01	05:26 a.m. LDT	1.2H	09:17 a.m. LDT	1.0L	03:14 p.m. LDT	1.2H	10:33 p.m. LDT	0.1L
W	09/02	06:16 a.m. LDT	1.2H	10:23 a.m. LDT	1.0L	04:06 p.m. LDT	1.2H	11:13 p.m. LDT	0.0L

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	09/02/09	07:47 a.m.	Low Temp	31° 8/24/09	
Sunset	08/27/09	10:35 p.m.	Peak Wind	32 mph, W, 8/23/09	
	09/02/09	10:13 p.m.	Precip. to Date	10.20"	
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First day in second grade

THREE THUMBS UP—Justin Horton lets Nome Elementary second grade teacher Matt Slingsby know that he brought supplies with him by raising his thumb on the first day of school Aug. 25.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

August 27 - September 2, 2009

EVENT	PLACE	TIME
Thursday, August 27		
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegoyah Library	10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 6:30 p.m.
*Audiology class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*14 Steps to Better Breastfeeding video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Open Gym	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Beginning Baton with Jay	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
*Swing Dancing with Seiji	Nome Rec Center	7:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

Friday, August 28		
Stebbins Native Corporation Intent to run for the Board deadline is today.		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Morning Laps	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 4 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50
*Smoking Awareness class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Nutrition class	Prematernal Home	3 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Ruslan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Adult Drop-in Soccer	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.

Saturday, August 29		
Final Ranger Hike meet @ NPS		
*UMW Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	10 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*SIDs Reducing the Risk video	Nome Rec Center	noon - 8 p.m.
*Open Gym	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Staying Sane: Timesaving Tips...video	Pool	3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 30		
*Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
*RELAX video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*The First Year-the Baby System video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*AA: Big Book Study	HR Conf. Room, NSHC	6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Monday, August 31		
Seattle deadline for Northland Services Voyage W909, see ad on page 8 for details.		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Morning Laps	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
*Beginning Yoga with Kari	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Sacred Trust-Protect Your Baby Against FAS video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Ruslan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Drop-in Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	7:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*AA Meeting "Big Book Study"	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.

Tuesday, September 1		
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*Preschool Story Hour	Kegoyah Library	10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 1 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	1 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Feeding Your Baby video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Stages of Labor video	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Water Aerobics with Liz	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*AA Teleconference: 1-800-914-3396	(CODE: 3534534#)	7 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
*Adult Drop-in Soccer	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Wednesday, September 2		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Morning Laps	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*Rotary Club	Airport Pizza	noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	12:05 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
*After Pregnancy video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Birth Control Myths & Methods vid	Prematernal Home	4:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Ruslan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Hello Central (also on Channel 98)	Nome Visitors Center	7:30 p.m.

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Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	10 a.m. - 5 p.m. (M - F)
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Nome, but we have mobilized numerous projects through Nome for school projects in St. Michael, Golovin, Elim, Stebbins, Unalakleet, Teller, Gambell and Wales,” said NCI Project Manager Gary Donnelly. “We look forward to keeping our feet on the ground in Nome.”

Piscoya also lauded Neeser’s past work in the state. “Their record is very good. And because they are based in Alaska, they are going to stay here and not take the money and run somewhere out of state.”

Neeser has built several high-profile projects in the state, including Anchorage’s new Dena’ina Civic and Convention Center. The firm has also worked on plenty of health care projects. “Neeser Construction Inc. has extensive experience working with Alaska Native entities to provide improved health care services,” said NCI CEO Jerry Neeser in a press release. “It’s been our pleasure to work with several other health care organizations on similar facilities, including the Anchorage Native Primary Care Center Phases I and II, along with others throughout the state.”

As the frost on Nome windshields in recent mornings signals the impending close of the construction season, Donnelly said Inuit-NCI will make the most of what time remains before the snow flies. Much of what will be accomplished this fall will be work to allow a quick start in the spring, he said. “We expect to be doing some steel shakeout and lay-down, and set up of offices,” Donnelly said. “We will be doing as much preparatory work as the weather will allow short of vertical construction of the building.”

While the exact timing will be determined by the weather, Donnelly said steel erection is planned for next spring.

Neither Donnelly nor Bering



Photo by Tyler Rhodes

GROUNDWORK—The pilings that will support the new Norton Sound Regional Hospital are seen in this file photo from last spring. The Indian Health Service has awarded the contract to build the new 150,000-square-foot, three-story structure to Inuit Services Inc., a subsidiary of Bering Straits Native Corp., and Neeser Construction Inc.

Straits Vice President Gail Schubert could say yet how many jobs would be created through the construction project. Donnelly was able to say, however, that the project would require 30,000 man-days of work to be accomplished. Those man-days of work are expected to be accomplished by 2012.

As for jobs for area residents, the project was awarded with a stipulation for preferential hiring for Native workers. “Since the hospital services our region, we have a vested interest in constructing a facility that we can all be proud of, and that employs the greatest number of shareholders and regional residents as possible in the construction process,” Schubert said.

To that end, Nome Eskimo Community will be working with the

project for training, employment referral and monitoring services to ensure Indian Preference mandates are followed. “They’re going to work with Nome Eskimo Community for positions,” Piscoya said. “There’s no guarantee on hiring but at least the lines of communication are open.”

Some of the work will be performed by union workers. “There will be both union and non-union trades on the project,” Donnelly said. “There are recruitment and training opportunities under either situation.”

This will be the first time NCI and Inuit have worked together on a project. Schubert said BSNC made the first move to form the joint venture. “This partnership came about after I contacted Jerry Neeser to ask if he had an interest in partnering with us

to build the new hospital,” she said. “Neeser Construction Inc. has an excellent reputation and significant prior experience in medical facilities and rural construction.”

Schubert said the details of exactly what roles each company will play in the project are still being worked out. “In short, Inuit and NCI each have responsibilities as principals in the venture,” Donnelly said. “Each will have labor, materials, subcontracting and services tasks that will keep us all very busy for the next three years.”

The bid by Inuit-NCI was among four submitted for the project, according to IHS spokeswoman Dianne Dawson. Rather than a sealed bid process, Dawson said the selection process resulted from a negotiated procurement “based on a combination

of contractor qualifications and price.” Due to that negotiation process, Dawson said IHS would not release the dollar figure for the other bids.

While Inuit is a subsidiary of the regional Native corporation, it has grown to a size where it is no longer eligible for the Small Business Administration’s 8(a) preferential contracting program. The program, which has allowed large, no-bid government contracts for Alaska Native corporations and their subsidiaries, has been met with increased scrutiny over the last few years, most recently from Sen. Claire McCaskill and her oversight committee.

Inuit graduated from the 8(a) program two years ago, and the program had no role in the awarding of the hospital contract, Schubert said.

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ity uncovered in that category, with a shortage of funding depreciation which showed as an operating loss of \$2.3 million.

Notably, and not surprisingly, diesel fuel was the single largest expense to the utility. Higher prices pushed up the fuel surcharge per kilowatt-hour, which in turn pushed up power revenue. Higher prices paid for diesel fuel also increased the value of existing tank inventory. The fuel surcharge absorbed by consumers went up by almost \$2.2 million, 2008 over 2007. Revenues from electricity sales increased by \$1.3 million. Water and sewer revenues increased by only \$143,837.

Although the larger fuel picture showed a noticeable reduction in 2008 fuel prices from 2007, and prices continue to trend lower in 2009, “the price for fuel was higher in 2008 than in 2007 to NJUS,” according to NJUS Manager John K. Handeland. NJUS tanks receive fuel only during the summer barge sea-

son, preventing any savings if fuel prices drop at other times.

“The price is currently coming down in 2009,” Handeland said. “Our intention is to bring in some cheaper fuel this fall to lower the average cost. This will be passed along as a surcharge reduction this winter.”

NJUS bought significant quantities of fuel during the year, counting on supplying energy to Rock Creek Mine, which then closed down operations. This required additional fuel financing from Wells Fargo Bank.

NJUS made continual improvements in generation, sewer and water infrastructure over the two years. To this end, NJUS put to work \$9.6 million in federal and state funding. In 2008, the utility took out three sewer and water loans through the state Department of Environmental Conservation for \$6.4 million, but with a favorable interest rate of 1.5 percent. The payback term is 20 years with annual payments in September. Some of this money was used to pay a loan from the local Wells Fargo Bank.

Accounts receivable entry was way up, because NovaGold Resources paid a whopping bill of \$1.9 million after closing of the audit period, Dec. 31, 2008. The mining company satisfied that debt in full earlier this summer.

At the end of the audit, NJUS received two points of counsel:

First, on internal control over journal entries to show prevention or detection of financial statement misstatements on a timely basis. Although any of three individuals had access and ability to complete all aspects of processing journal entries, there was no documentation of review by a second individual, signature or initials, as example.

In 2009, that issue has been covered by a monthly journal entry summary report reviewed and signed by two individuals to show that a review of entries has happened. NJUS keeps these double-check documents for the auditors. “We consider this finding resolved,” Bost of Mikunda Cottrell told the NJUS board Aug. 18.

Second, the audit noted that some grant revenues recorded in the current year related to grant expenditures made in previous years, due to late filing of grant reimbursement requests after the year in which the expenditures occurred. To facilitate accounting, Bost said, revenues should be matched to expenditures on a timely basis. That said, Bost inferred he understood the intricacies of scheduling projects against funding schedules.

A serious criticism, that NJUS did not receive, would be a significant deficiency that would affect an entity’s ability to report financial data reliably. An even more serious deficiency, that NJUS did not receive, a material weakness, results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of financial statements would not be detected.

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Arctic and ocean policies are needed

By Diana Haecker

A week before senior-level officials of the Obama administration's Interagency Ocean Task Force, Alaska Senators and other Washingtonian VIP's descended on Alaska, climate-change-related bad news hit the wires, underscoring the timeliness of their visits. In Fairbanks, UAF researchers warned that increased ocean acidification caused by the absorption of greenhouse gases may wreak havoc with crustaceans, affecting everything up the food chain, including Alaska's profitable pollock and salmon fisheries.

Out of the Arctic Research Consortium office, also based in Fairbanks, came the news that the polar cap sea ice looks like it will continue to melt down to 1.7 million square miles, representing a near-record minimum.

"Warm, clear conditions led to significant sea ice melt during the month of July, with some areas of unusually low ice extent and an atmospheric pattern that promotes summer sea ice loss in the Pacific sector of the Arctic," the report said.

The U.S. National Snow and Ice Data Center said last Wednesday that this year's ice melt won't be as bad but close to the summer of 2007, when the ice cover from a winter maximum of more than 5.4 million square miles melted to just 1.6 million. And then news came from the National Climatic Data Center in North Carolina stating the observation that the world's ocean surface temperature was the warmest on record for June since record keeping began in 1880. This year's average ocean temperature reached 62.56°F, more than 1°F higher than the average of 61.5°F in the last century.

Researchers link both the acidification and warming trends to man made greenhouse gases.

To grapple with consequences of climate change and its effects on the oceans and the Arctic, two separate field hearings from high-level government officials drew the whole spectrum of stakeholders to Anchorage last week. Sen. Lisa Murkowski invited testimony at a hearing dealing with formulating an Arctic policy on Thursday, followed on Friday by the first of its kind hearing of the White House's interagency Ocean Policy Task Force. The hearings drew industry and environmental advocates as well as agency officials, Native leaders and private citizens.

Lisa Murkowski as a member of the US Senate subcommittee on Homeland Security addressed the strategic importance of the Arctic in US policy. She said in her opening remarks that it's a constant battle to educate Americans that the U.S. is – via Alaska – an Arctic nation with a significant stake in the future of the arctic. Murkowski said that with diminishing sea ice, the Arctic is more accessible and increased transportation, oil and gas development, mineral extraction, tourism and research needs new infrastructure in the region.

One of the first to testify, new Governor Sean Parnell urged the committee to view resources, national and homeland security, science and foreign policy as issues that are inextricably linked. Parnell favored a balanced approach to "protect our food sources, thousands of jobs and the energy security provided by Alaska's oil and mineral development" and said he urges the committee to grant Alaska a seat at the table when drafting an Arctic policy. He said that when it comes to resources, Alaska is America's energy breadbasket. "We have traditional and renewable sources of energy in staggering volumes here," Parnell said. "Alaska can play an even greater role in reducing the amount of oil and gas we import from abroad. And we can be America's test bed for renewable and alternative energy sources."

He endorsed offshore oil and gas development, both offshore and at the National Petroleum Reserve and the Arctic National Wildlife Reserve, but also underlined the state's commitment to develop alternative and renewable energy production.

Kicking off their Alaska listening tour, Coast Guard Admiral Thad Allen accompanied NOAA administrator Dr. Jane Lubchenco to Nome and on to Shishmaref to view coastal erosion issues. "By reaching out to the communities and asking 'what do you need?'" we found out that we can do things at very low cost that would really make a difference there," Allen said.

Allen asked of the committee to consider beefing up Coast Guard capabilities. For starters, he said that the entire US icebreaker fleet consists of three icebreakers, the *Polar Sea*, the *Polar Star* and the research vessel *Healy*. The *Polar Star* is currently in repair. Allen said he questions if three icebreakers are enough and said that the Dept. of Defense suggested six icebreakers. But before asking for new equipment and funding, he asked the committee to formulate solid mission requirements. "We need to figure out our capabilities and what we need to fulfill our missions," Allen said. Allen commended Mayor Denise Michels for the efforts to deepen Nome's port, saying that policy makers need to take a look at infrastructure along the vast Alaskan coast.

"For larger Coast Guard ships, the last refueling stop is Kodiak. The Arctic is 900 or 1,100 miles from the gas station and those are the types of things we need to talk about," Allen said. Responding to the need for a beefed up Coast Guard, Murkowski introduced two new bills to push for navigation aids, oil spill prevention and response, search and rescue, vessel tracking and funding to build two new heavy icebreakers. The other bill proposes to fund monitoring coastal changes and mapping Arctic waters.

Currently, there are eight arctic nations vying for a piece of the Arctic pie.

However, there is not a international law on the books that spells out the rules because the US Congress has not yet ratified and made official the so-called UN Convention on the Law of the Sea. Parnell said that so far in history, the Arctic has been both ungoverned and ungovernable. He urged the Senate to ratify the Law of the Sea. While Russia, Canada, Denmark and Norway have legally laid claims to Arctic territory, the US has not. Once ratified, the US could claim jurisdiction over the offshore continental shelf beyond the current 200-mile zone measured from the coastline.

Ocean Task Force

A day later, White House Council on the Environmental Quality chair Nancy Sutley, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency administrator Dr. Jane Lubchenco, David Hayes, deputy Secretary of the Interior as well as Coast Guard commandant Adm. Allen heard testimony from at least 60 Alaskans at Anchorage's Denaina Center.

There were voices from the industry saying that Alaska is American's energy future as vast oil and gas resources may become recoverable when the ice diminishes. Also, the oil and gas lobby connected homeland security to oil and gas development as to make America less dependent on foreign oil. The executive director of the Alaska Oil and Gas Association Marilyn Crockett said that energy must be included in the mix formulating a national ocean policy and urged the committee to make sure that the multiple uses of the oceans continues.

Other voices asked the committee to curb new industrial development and to protect the unique marine life as well as indigenous cultures that made their home in the Arctic, depending on the bounty of the ocean for thousands of years.

Nancy Sutley heads the interagency ocean task force with the tall order to come up with a new national ocean policy by December 10. A letter signed by President Obama in June spelled out the goals of the task force, namely to protect, maintain and restore ocean and coastal resources, to recommend adaptation strategies to climate change and to develop interagency cooperation. Dave Hayes said in his opening remarks, "the oceans can no longer be treated like an orphan," Hayes said. "They need our concerted and consolidated attention."

A panel of Alaskans gave speeches before handing the mikes over to the public in the three-hour hearing. The panel included Vera Metcalf, director of the Eskimo Walrus Commission, Larry Hartig, commissioner of the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation; Dorothy Childers, Alaska Marine Conservation Council; former Governor Bill Sheffield, UAA chancellor and former Lt. Governor Fran Ulmer, and Alaska Cruise Association pres-

ident John Binkley.

Metcalf, also a commissioner of the US Arctic Research Commission, urged the task force to bolster arctic research in the fields of climate change and the Bering Sea, arctic human health, arctic infrastructure needs and indigenous languages and cultures. Metcalf also stressed to recognize and consult with Alaska Native organizations and to grant the arctic people a seat at the table. "Finally, my recommendation for an ocean policy is, that along with specific research policies and plans, that include Arctic people, to support our unique, cultural and traditional bond with our world. To support our efforts to be involved in scientific research, monitoring conditions and knowing that all things are interconnected," Metcalf said.

North Slope Borough mayor Edward Itta thanked the task force for coming out to Barrow and said that there are plenty of reasons for distress for his people. Many reasons stem from climate change to multi-year ice melting and exposing resources, tourism and shipping lanes, he said. "We are trying to preserve

our claim to the ocean. It truly is our garden. The oceans nourish our culture." He said that the Inupiaq people have lived through many changes and are not afraid of them. "But remember that we as a people are part of the environment and must be factored in accordingly," Itta said.

The Obama administration set the tone of a precautionary approach to dealing with the oceans and the Arctic last week when the Secretary of Commerce Gary Locke approved the Arctic Fishery Management Plan, curbing commercial fishing in the Arctic. While there are no large fisheries to speak of at this point, scientists have predicted a northward movement of sought after seafood species like pollock and crabs – and following them would be large fishing fleets. The plan prohibits commercial fishing in almost 200,000 square miles in the Beaufort and Chukchi Seas until scientists gather more information. On Monday, the Canadian newspaper *National Post* reported that Canada may follow the U.S. and may issue a possible moratorium on large-scale commercial fishing in the Beaufort Sea.

Murkowski calls for federal investment in Arctic

U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski held a field hearing on the formulation of an Arctic Policy last week. After the hearing, Murkowski responded via e-mail to follow-up questions by *The Nome Nugget* reporter Diana Haecker.

Nome Nugget: What was the take-home message from testimony heard that you will bring back to Congress regarding the formulation of an Arctic policy?

Lisa Murkowski: "There are a number of take home messages - change is occurring rapidly in the Arctic but investment and infrastructure must be increased before human activity level increases even more. Replacing our aging ice breakers are just one of the substantial investments the federal government must make. There must also be increased investment in Arctic scientific research and oil spill research."

Nome Nugget: Besides the Arctic Marine Shipping Assessment (AMSA) and its recommendations, are there any Dept. of Defense recommendations to deal with the Arctic from border protection standpoint?

LM: "DoD and DHS [Dept of Homeland Security, ed.] are both working on an Arctic strategic plan and they should be released within the next 3 to 6 months."

Nome Nugget: Do you recommend beefing up the Coast Guard presence in the Arctic and installing a permanent presence in Nome (or Barrow)? Given that the Coast Guard plays a key role, how adequate are Coast Guard resources and what would they need to fulfill their multi-mission task in the Arctic?

LM: "The Coast Guard will be releasing a needs assessment which will have a plan to determine what assets they will need in the Arctic. I believe the Coast Guard will need a much larger presence in the region, but what that looks like and where it takes place is yet to be determined."

Nome Nugget: It was surprising to hear — again — that mainstream US does not consider America having a stake in the Arctic or being an Arctic nation. It reminds me of the "Horton hears a Who" story, and it's we Alaskans yelling "We are here." How do you think the perception (and with it a willingness to formulate a sensible Arctic policy) could be changed so that the US pays sufficient attention to the Arctic and Alaska?

LM: "While the Arctic has gained a much higher profile lately, the difficult tasks remains to communicate why the Arctic is important to America and "what does it mean to be an Arctic nation." We must do that through education and outreach. Educating the nation on the value and importance of the Arctic and how it relates to their lives is the message we must relay."

Nome Nugget: In your opinion, what should an Arctic policy entail and look like?

LM: "The Bush administration released a new Arctic Policy at the end of their administration. I provided input into that policy and believe it is a good blueprint. But implementation of the policy needs to take place with significant federal investment."



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Seafood plant

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ders cost?" asked Smith.

"Not offhand," Harrelson replied. "When we review the budget we know NSSP will lose money, but the board bites the bullet to help fishermen."

Johnson said he submits a break-even budget for operation of the Unalakleet plant to the NSEDC board annually. Smith asked Johnson if that's how it works out. "We present everything to the board and they know," Johnson said.

"It would be good to know how it pencils out," Smith commented.

"The board knows," replied Johnson.

Joe Garnie of Teller, an NSEDC board member who recently became chairman of the NSSP Working Group, called the special meeting Aug. 18 because more issues were raised during the group's regular meeting July 29 than could be addressed in the two hours allocated for it. The working group meets in conjunction with quarterly meetings of the NSEDC board and its standing committees. The working group is not a standing committee, and its recommendations must be conveyed to and approved by a standing committee to be considered for approval by the full board.

Difficult fishing season

Some complaints aired by fishermen at the working group's July 29 meeting were anticipated by Garnie and the NSEDC administration. They knew fishermen were upset when the NSSP plant in Nome stopped buying crab for two weeks early in the season due to inadequate meat fill (skinny crab). Time solved that problem, but fishing remained slow, with most crabbers delivering smaller catches per trip than in previous years. Their cost ratio for fuel and bait increased in relation to catch revenues.

Commercial fishermen in southern Norton Sound had hoped for a huge run of pink salmon, but it did not show up. Chum runs in northern Norton Sound were among the worst on record, and in southern Norton Sound they were average. The commercial silver salmon run in southern Norton Sound is producing good catches, but they are well below the record commercial silver harvests of the previous three years.

NSEDC administrators offered to reduce fish ticket deductions for loan repayments from 50 percent to 25 percent on request. The company provides a revolving loan program for local commercial fishermen at low interest rates. One program funds large vessel loans, and the other funds loans for vessel and equipment upgrades and for purchasing fishing gear, outboard motors and certain commercial fishing permits. The company's board of directors has approved end-of-season bonuses for fishermen despite NSSP's annual losses.

Some fishermen told Garnie they have made complaints and suggestions to NSEDC and received no response. Garnie asked the fishermen to submit written complaints and recommend remedies for problems. Harrelson also asked for written and constructive comments.

At the Aug. 18 meeting, Thomas said he had switched from crab to halibut fishing because in a three-day trip he could harvest only 800 pounds of crab compared to 3,000 pounds of halibut. In past years most or all of the allowable harvest of Norton Sound red king crab has been caught by late August when the halibut fishery begins. However, this year the open access crab fishery harvest totaled 209,625 pounds on Aug. 22, with 137,250 pounds of quota still in the water. "The catch is well below recent years for this date and the trend line indicates the quota will be caught by approximately Sept. 20," said Jim Menard, Norton Sound and Kotzebue area manager for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

Following are excerpts of Thomas's written complaints, most of which were discussed at the Aug. 18 meeting.

Skinny crab, lower price

"[The] grounds price was reduced from \$3.27 to \$2.25 during the early crab season due to 'skinny crab' for one delivery prior to operations shut-

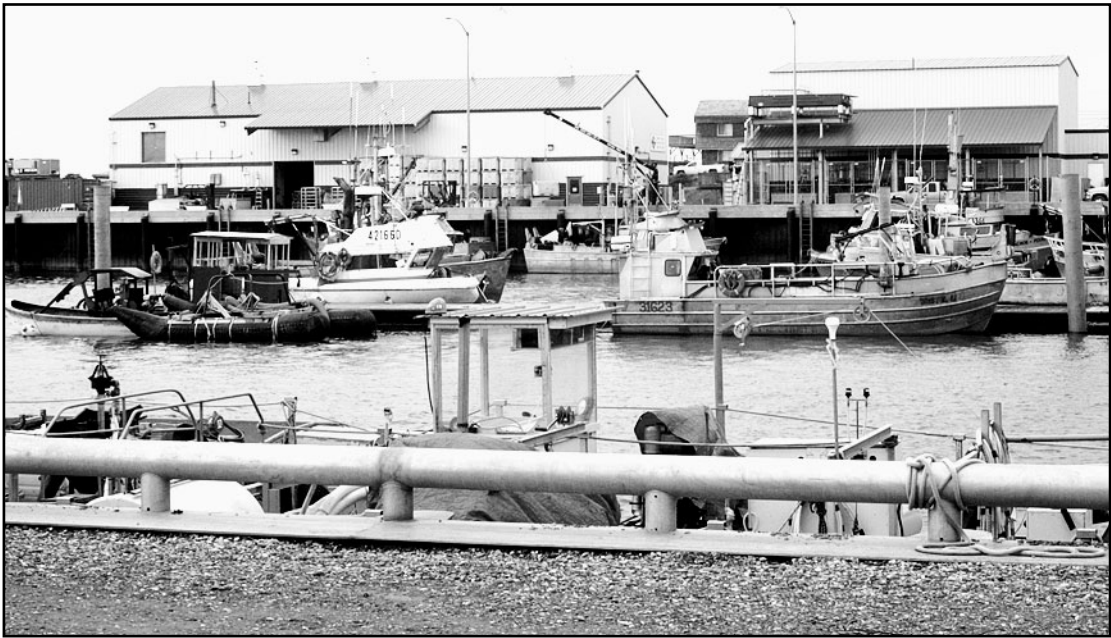


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SEAFOOD PLANT—The NSEDC seafood plant and fishing boats are seen from across the small boat harbor. A vocal group of fishermen have taken issue with some of the plant's operations.

down," Thomas wrote. "I personally took a \$700 deduction from this delivery. I feel that the reasoning for the deduction was that the crab would all be considered "A" grade [instead of the superior fancy grade] due to a 15 percent skinny crab ratio....

"I do not approve of the current management policy to try and balance the books by gouging the harvester through grounds price reduction or otherwise," Thomas continued. "The overall social benefits of sustaining a struggling fleet economy outweigh the need to balance the financial bottom line of NSSP."

Thomas voiced that complaint at the July 29 NSSP Working Group meeting, and Garnie asked him to put it in writing. It was not discussed at the Aug. 18 meeting.

High-priced imported bait

"NSSP ran out of bait herring during [the] crab season and then ordered poor quality bait for [the] long line season at 95 cents per pound compared to the status quo price of 50 cents for superior local caught herring," Thomas wrote. "NSSP management was told by expert advisors on the NSSP working group committee to harvest 100,000 pounds of herring for the crab and long line season, yet management only acquired 50,000 pounds and ran out, thusly causing hardship for the harvester. Also it was brought to my attention that bait was rationed in Savoonga at three boxes per day when harvesters needed more."

Harrelson told Thomas that NSSP would not recover costs for the imported bait by charging fishermen 95 cents a pound for it. He said it cost \$11,000 to ship the bait from the East Coast to Anchorage and \$29,000 to ship it from Anchorage to Nome.

Ferry said NSSP started the season with 50,000 pounds of frozen herring left over from last year and additional bait. "We had in the neighborhood of 100,000 pounds," he said. Fishermen insisted that the plant should not have run out of bait. "If there are 200,000 pounds of herring in the freezer, where will we put the crab?" Ferry asked. No one replied.

Garnie said herring should show up before long in the Teller area and will be available until freeze up. The discussion turned to the merits of various types of bait.

Charging for loader use

"NSSP has acquired a front-end loader," Thomas wrote. "I was told that I would have to pay \$150 an hour for the use of the loader and operator to pull my boat out for maintenance. I have personally helped NSSP pull their tender boats in and out of the water for many years and have never charged NSSP a single penny. Why are the harvesters being charged this amount of money to use the loader and operator? The operator is paid \$25 per hour. I was told that NSSP would charge the same as the local vendor, Q Trucking. Why is NSSP management trying to increase the profit ... of NSSP by gouging the harvesters?"

Ferry said NSSP charges \$155 per hour for use of the loader, \$5 more than Q Trucking, to avoid competing with the firm. Harrelson said NSEDC's insurance requires a specific certification for the loader's driver, and he is reluctant to just let anyone operate it. Thomas said the issue is about taking care of local fishermen, not about avoiding competition with local vendors. Smith said the loader is a small issue and fishermen should not be changed for its use.

Steve Ivanoff, a member of the NSSP Working Group from Unalakleet, asked if NSSP's loader use fee is intended to cover insurance. Harrelson said the fee covers insurance, maintenance and the cost of the driver. "I don't think NSEDC is making any money off it," he added.

"Do you pay the City of White Mountain \$150 an hour to take your boat in and out of the water?" fisherman Eric Osborne asked Harrelson. "No," answered Harrelson. "So you think we should?" asked Osborne. Harrelson did not reply.

Smith and Garnie suggested that NSEDC prepare a written policy for use of the loader. Thomas said use of the loader for subsistence fishing

should be incorporated into the policy. "I want to see a definition of what this program is all about—how we can work together," he said.

NSEDC's policies questioned

"I have written numerous letters and e-mails on the benefits of social economic vs. the bottom line business economic practices of past and current NSSP management," Thomas noted in his written complaint. "I assume that the NSEDC board of directors dictates policy. I have never received a formal answer to my policy questions from the board. (I assume the letter to staff never made it to the board.)" Thomas said the verbal responses he receives from staff when he confronts them on these issues are "indifferent if not belittling to the harvester."

Harvesters are constantly on the verge of bankruptcy, but NSSP is backed by huge profits from NSEDC's pollock harvests, Thomas said. He sees the economic survival of harvesters as the fundamental purpose of the CDQ program.

"...NSSP has always been operating in the red and probably always will with the economy as it is," Thomas wrote. "Instead of worrying that NSSP

will never be self-sustaining on paper, the board should be concerned that the pollock industry remains profitable so that proceeds can subsidize local fishing economies, which in turn provide valuable social economics to the region. In my mind, social economics far outweigh the importance of [the] NSSP profit/loss statement. Money that is put into the community in jobs and food on the table is an economic multiplier. Where else in this economy will NSEDC see their investment multiply 300-400 percent annually within the region?"

Smith said Thomas is posing questions that the NSEDC board needs to deal with in writing. A policy is needed on how NSEDC is to address the local fisheries economy, he added. "Just set a price and go with it," Smith suggested. "Pay [fishermen] \$4 a pound for crab and NSSP will recover what it can. You're gonna lose money anyway."

Johnson said the Unalakleet plant pays 95 cents a pound for silver salmon, 35 cents a pound for chum and 25 cents a pound for pinks delivered to the dock. For salmon delivered to a tender, the plant pays 90 cents a pound for silvers, 30 cents a pound for chums and 20 cents a pound for pinks. He tries to be fair and makes adjustments to prices based on the ups and downs of the market, he added.

"If NSEDC ever goes away, [the plant] needs to be sustainable in the long run," Johnson said. He predicted that if NSEDC were to subsidize fishermen, 100 more of them would sign up to fish.

Smith, Osborne and another fisherman pressed for financial information about NSSP. Harrelson said he would have to ask NSEDC's Finance Committee whether the information is propriety or can be released. Osborne said there may be hidden costs for running the plants in addition to tender costs.

"The concern I have is we find out and the board says we can't operate the plant and puts fishermen out of business," said Ivanoff. "If this gets out and people are upset [about] losing too much on these fisheries, they'll say, 'Let's choke them and put them out of business.'"

"We can't be losing enough money to say close the plant at this point," Smith said.

"That's your interpretation," replied Ivanoff.

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Sport fishing for coho salmon curtailed

Nome may have gold, but silvers are elusive

By Tyler Rhodes

The tale of the coho salmon in Norton Sound this year reads a bit like a Dickens novel.

Outside of the Nome subdistrict, the silver fishing has been among the best of times.

Around Nome, it has been about the worst.

"Everywhere is doing good except the black hole of Nome," said Jim

Menard of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game's Nome office.

In response to the poor return of silvers, the department shut down the sport fishery as of midnight Aug. 24 in the marine waters and the drainages between Topkok Head and Cape Rodney. This includes the Sinuk, Cripple, Penny, Snake, Nome, Flambeau, Eldorado, Bonanza and Solomon rivers.

The Fish and Game order also bans the use of bait while sport fishing for any other species and by subsistence fishermen still pursuing cohos.

The order, however, does not close the subsistence fishery in the area. But even that, too, has been re-

stricted to hook-and-line fishing only; nets are no longer allowed. Those subsistence fishing with hook and line must also adhere to sport fishing methods, such as not snagging the fish.

Meanwhile, the tale in the region outside of Nome tells another story. A Fish and Game Aug. 23 commercial fishing update labeled it as "another banner year as the commercial harvest of 70,470 silvers ranks eighth all time."

The Aug. 23 commercial fishing data for most of the area's subdistricts gives an idea of the bounty elsewhere in the region. The commercial silver harvest of 2,437 fish in the Golovin subdistrict ranks at a fourth all-time high. The commercial fishery for coho in the Moses Point, or Elim area, has set a record at 6,511 silvers. Norton Bay had its second silver commercial harvest in 20 years which ranked third in size with more than 1,700 silvers compared to harvests from 1975 through 1988.

The fish count on the region's rivers where there are weirs or towers also paints the contrasting picture well. As of Aug. 24, the North River tower near Unalakleet had counted nearly 12,000 silvers go by. More than 1,700 of those fish went by on

Aug. 22. On the Kwiniuk River approximately 10 miles northeast of Elim, 6,300 silvers were counted. On the Niukluk River near Council, 5,400 silvers had passed by.

On the other hand, the Nome River had only seen 300 silvers pass by its weir as of Monday. The Snake River count was at a paltry 30 and only half of that had been counted at the Pilgrim River weir. "We've only have had two years lower at the Nome," Menard said. "We've had one year lower at the Snake in the 15 years we've been counting at the Snake."

Menard said those years were 2003 and 1997 for the Nome River and 2002 for the Snake. However, 2004 and 2005 showed strong returns, which should have set the area rivers up well for this year. Menard said the silvers mostly return on a four-year cycle.

As for theories on why this year's return is so poor, Menard said ideas being tossed about include flooding in 2005 that could have displaced eggs or a hard freeze that winter which could have had an effect in the area's shallow rivers. Low water in the rivers up through mid-August has also been mentioned as possible problem, keeping the returning salmon out.

Recent rains may have helped with the last item, as Menard said a small pulse was noticed. "We had a little push in the Nome River," he said. "We had a couple of hundred through this weekend, that got us up a little better."

While there is a chance for the run to improve and the sport fishing order to be lifted, Menard said time is running out. "We still have a little bit of 'late' left in this game. We're not out of 'late' yet," he said Monday. The historic midpoint for the fishery, however, comes at the end of this week. At that point the department will evaluate whether or not to suspend the subsistence fishery.

The move to stop the sport fishery is not unprecedented, nor would it be to do so with the subsistence fishery, Menard said. The sport fishery was closed in 2003, as was the subsistence fishery. Menard also said the subsistence fishery was closed in 2002.

As of Aug. 25, however, the subsistence fishery was still on. The subsistence fishery is only open to Alaska residents. Residents must obtain a free permit from the Fish and Game office to be allowed to subsistence fish; this includes elders who are using permanent licenses since those licenses are for sport fishing.



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SLIM PICKINS—John Odden tries his luck at the mouth of the Nome River Aug. 22 in search of elusive silver salmon. The Department of Fish and Game closed the sport fishery for silvers at midnight Aug. 24.

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From health care to caribou

Listening session with Sen. Begich's staff brings out a multitude of concerns

By Tyler Rhodes

Nome community members and representatives from a number of the region's organizations had a chance Aug. 20 to deliver their concerns and requests to Sen. Mark Begich.

Approximately two dozen Nomeites showed to voice their concerns that covered everything from health care to caribou.

Begich's rural director Tiffany Zulkowski and legislative assistant Megan Foster were in Nome last week to meet with the organizations that form the Bering Strait Leadership Team and conduct the public meeting at the Pioneer Hall on Front Street. Begich's staff members were present primarily to relay the concerns and comments to the senator and not specifically answer questions.

The issue of health care came up in a couple of different forms during the listening session. Early comments were addressed toward the proposed revamping of the nation's health care system. The namesakes of local law firm Lewis and Thomas brought up the increased cost to provide health care for themselves and the employees of their small business.

Both Bob Lewis and Connor Thomas advocated some sort of public option at the federal level. Lewis pointed out that publically financed health care already covers many Alaskans. "[Indian Health Service] provides a huge benefit to a number of people in the room," Lewis said. "We, for all intended purposes, have a single-payer system for the majority of people in this town."

Lewis, who said he has seen the premiums for his business's health care plan increase five-fold, encouraged Sen. Begich to use Alaska's experience with public health care as an example of how such a system can work.

Loretta Bullard, president of Kawerak Inc., noted that it isn't simply small businesses and individuals who are struggling to keep up with skyrocketing insurance premiums. Bullard noted that the deductible in the plan held by the large tribal organization she leads has ballooned to \$3,000. That growth is on top of a doubling of the premium on the plan compared to what was paid in 2000.

Regarding another aspect of health care, Norton Sound Health Corp. board member Berda Willson lauded the work at the federal level to get funding for Nome's new hospital. While excited about the new facility, Willson is concerned about finding personnel once it opens. "Now we're looking at how are we going to staff this hospital," she said. Willson questioned the ability to fund training programs for people

in the region to get jobs in the health care industry.

Willson also expressed concern about reduced funding allocated for the Denali Commission. The federally funded commission has allowed for the construction of rural clinics. "We have villages that house clinics that should not be used for a clinic," she said.

Norton Sound Health Corp.'s Roy Agloinga said the Denali Commission has helped with the planning phase for six planned clinics in the region. He said reduced funding may mean only one of those planned clinics gets built. He also voiced concern about lease funds granted for existing clinics. The money directed for the lease and maintenance of clinic sites is not keeping up with the actual costs, he said. "All of our clinics are operating in the red in regard to village lease funds," he said.

Tim Towarak's request to the senator's staff was more a call for the status quo than for any change. The president and chief executive officer of Bering Straits Native Corp. asked that the Small Business Administration's federal contracting provision regarding minority groups, known as the 8(a) program, be retained. Towarak lauded Begich's efforts so far in defending the rules that give preferential treatment to Alaska Native corporations as they face scrutiny in Congress. "I would still like to challenge him to retain that program as it is without any changes," Towarak said.

Foster said Begich had vigorously defended the 8(a) program in a hearing held by Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., who has been highly critical of the program. She pledged that he would continue to advocate for its continuance. "I think our biggest concern is Sen. McCaskill is not going to go away," she said.

On another front, Kawerak's Robert Keith advocated that federal funding be directed to local groups and agencies to conduct research, such as studies related to climate change, rather than first being directed to the state. "I don't think the state should be getting these funds. I think we should be doing our own research," he said.

Kawerak's Bullard echoed those comments, noting that many federal funds destined directly for rural projects, are now reduced as they pass through the state's hands. "The federal funds that were once earmarked directly for programs are now siphoned off by the state," she said.

Keith also called for more attention being given to the potential for oil spills in Arctic waters as shipping increases in the region with the reduction in ice coverage. Foster said

the senator agrees with the need to formulate a plan, noting the multiple pieces of legislation concerning the Arctic that Begich recently introduced in the Senate. "We need to be prepared. We don't want to wait for something to happen," she said.

Also in regard to the oceans, Tim Smith of the Nome Fishermen's Association was critical of the legislation renewing the Community Development Quota groups, such as Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. Smith said he believed there is too little oversight of the groups. He also cited problems with the pollock industry's harvesting of salmon, known as bycatch, which would otherwise be heading into rivers and supporting both rural economies and subsistence needs. He added that the CDQ groups' participation in the pollock industry puts them in an awkward position of advocating more for the pollock industry's concerns than rural residents' when it comes to the bycatch issue.

Nome's Chick Trainor led off the afternoon's discussion, speaking on energy issues. Trainor lauded the move toward embracing renewable

energy with the construction of the Banner Ridge wind farm just outside of Nome. Trainor, however, described the turbines as maintenance-intensive and wondered if more could be done toward the development of geothermal power from Pilgrim Hot Springs or natural gas deposits both on and off shore. "We do need assistance in our fuel and heating needs," Trainor said. Others in the room also pushed for more development of renewable energy.

Trainor also advocated searching out and developing oil deposits onshore on the peninsula to help meet local energy demands.

Nome's Derek Leedy voiced concern over the legacy of past resource extraction, speaking specifically to his concerns of the former mercury mine at Red Devil on the Kuskokwim River. He asked for the senator's support in seeing the mine which closed in 1971 become a Super Fund site. Besides providing for the cleanup of the area, Leedy said making the area a Super Fund site would create jobs in the area that could last for a number of years.

Roy Ashenfelter also spoke at the session, advocating funding for the Western Arctic Caribou Herd Working Group. He said the herd, which numbers anywhere from 390,000 to 450,000 animals is an important source of food for subsistence hunters from the Interior to Western Alaska and on up to the North Slope, following the herd's migration route. He said the working group—which includes conservationists, subsistence hunters and sport hunters, among others—has requested \$200,000 in federal funds. He said that amount pales in comparison to requests from the recently passed federal stimulus package. "One of the reasons it may not be getting much attention is that the request is so small," he said. "But the benefits behind it is huge."

Begich's staff, Foster and Zulkowski, said the concerns heard in Nome echo those they have heard in other parts of the state. Topping the list in most locations, they said, are comments regarding energy issues, health care reform and subsistence use of fish.



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Utility continues to examine alternative energy

Nome Joint Utility System investigates use of batteries, prime location for wind power

By Sandra L. Medearis

With an audit of books that underlined an increase of \$2 million for generator diesel fuel charges for spending year 2008, Nome's utility board continues to hash over alternative energy sources.

However, the bottom line is that the diesel generators will continue to spin for some years before any other feasible energy comes into operation. Additionally, any alternative energy would be complementary to diesel generation, in order to ensure consistent power availability, local board members say.

Independence from diesel fuel is possible, but at high cost, Nome Joint Utility System board member Carl Emmons observed at the Aug. 18 board meeting. Still, NJUS staff and board continue studies of the area's wind resources, pending the development of feasible wind turbine operation to have wind in its sales. This month, NJUS and Banner Wind Farm representatives met with funding agency Denali Commission to seek money for linking the BWF production with the utility's grid. BWF wind turbines are scheduled to go back online in October after modifications have been done.

NJUS manager John Handeland brought up the possibility that the utility might be able to top off available tank capacity this fall on last barges of the season if the price of fuel continues to drop.

"That would reduce our average cost and bring down our fuel surcharge," he said.

Nome ratepayers currently pay 19 cents per kilowatt-hour on usage up to 500 kwh after a

"I think we're wasting our money on a lot of windmills. We need to put our money where there is a better return."

— NJUS Board Member Fred Moody

subsidy of 17 cents from the state, compared to Kotzebue's rate at about a dime more, and Golovin's price of about a half dollar per kwh.

Meanwhile, NJUS will be installing a wind monitoring device on the coastal lowlands, somewhere between Nome and Safety, to complement a monitor already in operation. This current monitor tower will be moved from the Snake River valley to Newton Peak. Some studies elsewhere have shown that while wind is more brisk at higher elevations, it blows at more consistent velocities at low levels. The Alaska Energy Authority has the second wind study tower in storage and available, but before it can go up, property location and access, FAA and

federal Fish and Wildlife clearance will have to be addressed.

Board member Fred Moody doesn't think the answer is blowing in the wind. He thinks the utility should be looking more at thermal energy at from Pilgrim Hot Springs and other hotspots, or researching natural gas in the area.

"I think we're wasting our money on a lot of windmills," he said. We need to put our money where there is a better return."

Utility staff and board are also investigating a new company that produces a catalyzing gas, that, injected into fossil fuels maximizes the energy output while reducing emissions from combustion, according to claims of Quad City Innovations. Representatives were

to arrive in Nome this week. (See related story on this page.)

Should NJUS find the elusive answer to cheaper energy, storage of these kwh to meet fluctuating demand would be a major issue. The board has been studying a storage battery solution that would allow the utility to ramp up or ramp down its power according to need and generation. A storage battery system under review for future need would cost \$1million per megawatt stored. Nome's demand for power runs at an average of 5 megawatts. Moody and Handeland have attended presentations by Altair Nano, makers of such a system, to be prepared for future potential funding applications.

"People don't want to be in the dark if the wind stops," Handeland said. "By having storage we could, when the peak load required us to add a generator, add an increment of power from storage." Handeland thought at the cost, supplementary storage would be more practical than providing for a full switchover of community demand.

In other business, the board:

Re-upped lobbyist Larry Markley's contract for another year. Markley will get \$60,000 for the year plus reimbursable expenses—with no markup.

Received notice that NJUS staff had applied to state Department of Environmental Conservation for sewer and water money—\$3.2 million—against a total project cost of \$5.4 million for N and M streets between Fourth and Fifth avenues. Another application went in for \$150,000 for a master plan-system capacity investigation.

Fuel from water? NJUS considers fuel booster

Idea behind claim has floated around for some time

By Sandra L. Medearis

Nome Joint Utility System executives this week looked forward to receiving representatives of a company that claims to know how to make an energizing gas from water and a small amount of electricity. This gas, according to company literature, can be injected into diesel fuel to make its efficiency impressively higher while reducing emissions measurably.

NJUS board members meeting Aug. 18 had shiny eyes, fascinated by the aspect of boosting the timing on power generators to burn less high-priced fuel more cleanly. Preliminary reports say the technique separates hydrogen from water and injects it into the air intake of generators.

The process, sometimes called hydrogen fuel enhancement, has intrigued tinkerers and inventors looking to make their fuel go farther since early in the last century.

"We've read about water made into wine at one time. If it can be made into fuel, that's wonderful, too," board member Carl Emmons observed. "I

haven't seen any hard operation or measurable trial."

The trade name of the gas and the machine used to separate it is called Q-C Gas by developers Quad-City Innovations. QCI is based in Southfield, Minn.

QCI claims to answer the issue of expensive infrastructure to make and dispense hydrogen fuel. Their machine provides stand-alone, on-demand production, a less expensive way to deliver hydrogen to energy production. Contrast this with traditional methods that include manufacturing, storage, end-user handling, and transporting large amounts of flammable hydrogen. They say the cost compares favorably with hydro-electric power.

QCI says its product, QC (Quantum Catalyst, not Quad-City!)-Gas, can be used in virtually any application that uses natural gas, propane, diesel fuel or coal, and has been verified by responsible laboratories to increase overall energy efficiency in actual applications by as much as 60 percent.

QCI is able to guarantee at a minimum of 20 percent reduction of fossil fuel consumption in nearly all applications. QCI cites verification by a combustion/boiler research laboratory, Fossil Energy Research Corp.—FERCo—not to be confused with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission—FERC.

Hydrogen on demand is not a new idea. Charles H. Frazier of Columbus, Ohio, obtained a patent in 1918 for an apparatus to separate hydrogen and oxygen from water using electrodes and inject the gases into the intake manifold of a generator to increase fuel efficiency and cut down on emission of pollutants. The Jet Propulsion Laboratory produced a study called "On-board Hydrogen Generator for a Partial Hydrogen Injection Internal Combustion Engine" in 1975. NASA, in 1977, was looking into adding hydrogen to extend the lean operating range of gasoline, and finding a drop in emissions. During this decade, similar experiments and favorable results have come out of studies at University of Birmingham in England and Zhejiang University in China.

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— NJUS Board Member Carl Emmons

The NJUS board hopes to know more about the possibility of

adapting hydrogen fuel enhancement to the utility's power generators after talking to representatives this week.



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Diomed teaching staff



Photos by Tyler Rhodes

A LONG WAY DOWN (above)—Erika Eaton lets it fly down the long straight-away that leads to the bottom of Anvil Mountain Aug. 20. Eaton was rewarded with two trophies for her effort, one for being the first woman to finish and the other for taking second overall.

TO THE FINISH (right)—Erik Handeland, 9, breezes into the finish of the 11th annual Anvil Mountain 59 Minute, 37 Second Challenge. Handeland also took home a trophy for the first younger than 16 to cross the line. All who entered finished before the race's namesake time.



Seven take the Anvil Challenge

Foreign guests fill the ranks in the 11th annual Anvil 59 Minute, 37 Second Challenge

By Tyler Rhodes

Ken Livingston was simply out for a run last Thursday when he ran into Leo Rasmussen at the base of Anvil Mountain.

Having no goal—other than getting a workout—the visiting New Zealander was surprised to have Rasmussen tell him that he was 11 minutes late. Already nearly five miles into his run and more than 10 minutes behind the rest of the pack, Livingston nonetheless accepted Rasmussen's challenge to become the seventh competitor in the 11th annual Anvil 59-Minute, 37-Second Challenge.

Livingston was rewarded for his effort with an emerald-colored trophy, as he was able to muscle to the top of the 834-foot climb and back down to the Dexter Road fast enough to take third place with a time of 41 minutes, 32 seconds. That time includes the 11 minutes that passed before he arrived at the start line.

The race is sponsored by Rasmussen's Music Mart.

Livingston wasn't the only participant adding international flare to the annual race. At the last minute, Jean-Michel Peuzin of France decided to join the ranks climbing to the top of Anvil Mountain and racing back down. Peuzin completed the course in 41:59.

While the visiting delegation were good sports in joining the small field of participants on a drizzly, gray Thursday evening, it was a Nome couple who led the charge. With the absence of the Nome-Beltz cross country team from the field—the Nanooks were preparing for Saturday's competition in Kotzebue—Tyler Rhodes was able to find his way to the finish line first in 25:42. Erika Eaton, Rhodes' fiancée, nabbed the runner-up honors overall and was the first woman to cross the line. The race put an exclamation point of the evening for Eaton, the Nanooks' assistant cross country coach, who had just completed an hour-long run with the team.

Nine-year-old Erik Handeland also nabbed a trophy as the first participant younger than 16 to finish. Handeland covered the course in 57:43. Filling out the ranks for the race were Christine Schultz, a constant at Nome races, who finished in 43:19, and Elise Rasmussen. Rasmussen, 7, summed up the event as she walked across the line just 11 seconds short of the race's namesake with a time of 59:26.

The race was started by Leo Rasmussen more than a decade ago to provide an event for area youth before they head back to school. Rasmussen walked the 2 3/4-mile course that climbs to the top of Anvil Mountain and back, clocking his time. When he made it back to

the start, the clock was stopped at 59:37, giving the race its name. Since that first walk, runners and walkers of all stripes have been able to meet Rasmussen's challenge to beat his time, including David Spirtes pushing his 5-month-old daughter in a baby jogger and even a goose named Gonky.

While the 2009 running of the challenge may have attracted a couple foreign visitors, no animal competitors—geese or otherwise—were spotted on the course.

11th annual Anvil 59 Minute, 37 Second Challenge

1) Tyler Rhodes, 25 minutes, 42 seconds; 2) Erika Eaton, 33:01; 3) Ken Livingston, 41:32; 4) Jean-Michel Peuzin, 41:59; 5) Christine Schultz, 43:19; 6) Erik Handeland, 57:43; 7) Elise Rasmussen, 59:26.

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NECK AND NECK (above)—Nome's Jens Irelan (left) battles a runner from Kotzebue Aug. 22 during the Nome-Beltz cross country team's first race of the season. The boys were able to sweep the top five spots in the race to score a perfect 15.

OUT ON HIS OWN (left)—Nanook Jeremy Head cruises down a hill on the Kotzebue course Saturday as he stretches out his lead on the way to a win.

Sweet 15: Nanook harriers put up perfect score in Kotz

Nome-Beltz runners AnnieKate Olson, Jeremy Head stride to individual wins in season's first race

By Tyler Rhodes

Jeff Collins is hoping Saturday's performance by his Nanook runners is a sign of things to come.

The new head coach of the Nome-Beltz running program had to be smiling as he watched his runners nab individual titles and the boys sweep the top five spots to notch a perfect race in Kotzebue.

On the boys' side, Jeremy Head picked up right where he left off last season, leading the team to victory as he blazed the course in 17 minutes, 26 seconds. Head's teammates filled in the next four slots to sweep the race. Cross country races are scored by adding up the finishing positions of the team's top five runners. A score of 15 is the lowest and best possible result a team can achieve.

Head found his way to the finish line with a comfortable lead over fellow Nanook Teddy Payenna who finished at 18:04. The finish line was then quiet for nearly a minute and a half before the deluge of the next three Nanooks would come in. Emerson Conger, Nathan Blandford and Jeremiah Johnson rounded out the top five places to give Nome its perfect 15.

For the girls, AnnieKate Olson grabbed the girls' win with a time of 23:08, 14 seconds faster than her nearest competitor. Nome only entered two girls in the race and, thus, was unable to score as a team. That second runner, Caitlin Tozier, also showed a strong debut for the season, placing fourth at 25:38. According to Collins, the girls team will have two more girls for its next race at home, now that they have the required number of practices. This will leave the Lady Nanooks still short one runner for a full team.

Collins said the strong debut has him feeling optimistic about the remainder of the season. "After seeing their performance and what we've got for workouts in the future, I'd say we could be a top-three team at state," he said.

He also fosters high expectations for Olson. "After seeing AnnieKate race, we're going to get her ready for

a region title," Collins said.

The Nanook runners will get to show off their strides this Friday with their home meet. Hosting runners from Chevak, Barrow, Kotzebue, Point Hope, Unalakleet, Shaktoolik and Teller, the races will get underway with the high school boys starting at 2:30 p.m. Races will be held at the Nome-Beltz complex. The girls will race at 3 p.m. The junior high and community race will be held together at 3:30 p.m. Anyone in the community is invited to participate in the last run.

Collins said due to construction near the high school, the course will be changed from previous years. Whether the course will be completely new or just modified a bit was not decided as of press time.

Cross country results: Kotzebue, Aug. 22

Bold names indicate Nome runners

Girls varsity results (top 10)

1) **AnnieKate Olson, 23:08**; 2) Loni Hickerson, 23:22; 3) Willaby Shuster, 25:27; 4) **Caitlin Tozier, 25:38**; 5) Darilyn Nelson, 25:45; 6) Jamie Erlich, 25:48:00; 7) Elizabeth Ferguson, 27:39; 8) Jacqui Lambert, 29:58;

9) Denali Whiting, 30:24.

Boys varsity results (top 10)

1) **Jeremy Head, 17:26**; 2) **Teddy Payenna, 18:04**; 3) **Emerson Conger, 19:26**; 4) **Nathan Blandford, 19:27**; 5) **Jeremiah Johnson, 19:45**; 6) Jared Miller, 19:53; 7) **Tim Sullivan, 20:01**; 8) Grant Magdanz, 20:29; 9) Timothy Smith, 20:58; 10) **Tim Schmidt, 21:02**. **Other Nanook finishers:** 11) **Jens Irelan, 21:19**; 15) **Taylor Romanesko, 22:01**; 18) **Zach Sullivan, 24:51**.

Junior high girls

1) Deidre Creed, 13:59; 2) **Rosa Schmidt, 14:33**; 3) Scarlet Beaver, 14:52; 4) Lynn Schaeffer, 16:28; 5) Mary Sue Hyatt, 17:42; 6) Zeanna Savok, 18:02.

Junior high boys

1. Quincy Williamson, 13:22; 2) Brettlyn Reich, 13:37; 3) Micah Banks, 13:42; 4) Parker Everett, 13:44; 5) MacKenzie Smith, 13:46; 6) Trevor Creed, 13:55; 7) **Eli Johnson, 14:31**; 8) Seth Beaver, 14:34; 9) Gus Nelson, 14:46; 10) Spencer Adams, 15:46; 11) **Oliver Hoogen-dorn, 16:01**; 12) Daniel Gallahorn,

16:06; 13) **Daniel Head, 16:37**; 14) Drew Nanouk, 16:40; 15) Teddy Foster, 16:48; 16) Lynn-Victor Lonewolf, 17:05; 17) Issaiah Savok, 18:05; 19) Jeremiah Gallahorn, 19:06; 20) Ethan Schaeffer, 20:26; 21) Stephen Hyatt, 21:29.

Nanooks on the road

In other sports action, the volleyball team will tip off its 2009 season at Barrow Aug. 28-29. The Lady Nanooks will take on Kotzebue and Barrow on the trip.



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TO THE DUMP—A crew for Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. cleans an old boat from the beach in St. Michael. Under the clean-up program, each of NSEDC's 15 member communities will see their coastline cleaned.

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CLEANUP—A crew working for Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. loads junk into a trailer along the beach near the village as part of NSEDC's beach clean-up program.

Photo courtesy of NSEDC

Bering Sea beaches get a scrubbing

By Tyler Rhodes

There is an ancient can of Budweiser beer that sits in Wes Jones' Unalakleet office. "It's so old—the top of it, you had to use a church key to open it," he said.

The empty can is not a reminder of some distant college party or sign of longtime allegiance to the King of Beers, but rather serves as an example of the age and variety of the flotsam that has landed on the beaches surrounding the Bering Sea.

Jones, a fisheries biologist for Norton Sound Economic Development Corp., said the can was likely deposited during a storm surge. The can's trip to his office came as part of a vast multi-year effort to clean debris from the shores surrounding the Bering Sea.

For three years now, NSEDC—on its own and with the support of partners—has worked to clean up the shores surrounding its 15 member communities. The effort has mainly been aimed at removing marine debris. The efforts so far have netted 355,000 pounds of material ranging from fishing nets of all shapes and sizes, abandoned boats, bottles and just plain garbage—even a Japanese Swiffer mop was found farther up Golovin Bay than the village of Golovin itself. "You look at 355,000 pounds, that's a lot of weight," Jones said. "Pretty much all of it is stuff that can float. So the volume of things is just huge."

Jones said the genesis of the project came in the early part of the decade when NSEDC board members from the eastern section of the region questioned whether old nets left in the rivers were having an effect on salmon runs. On their end, board members from the western communities remarked on the accumulation of plastics and other debris on their beach. "At that time, NSEDC employees were flying between Gambell and Savoonga and noticed nets," Jones said.

The concern was large enough for the board to call for action. "That's how our clean waters program was born," he said.

Called "ghost nets," abandoned fishing nets can imperil fish, marine mammals and even terrestrial animals and birds. Jones said more modern nets made of petroleum-based products remain in the environment much longer than their predecessors, which were made of cotton or other more biodegradable material. "Petroleum-based debris don't break down like the old stuff," Jones said.

Beyond nets, other plastic debris can also be damaging to animals. Jones said as the debris breaks up into smaller pieces, they can ingest it creating further problems. "I think humans over our history have had the attitude of 'throw it in the ocean and it disappears.' Maybe that worked when everything biodegraded," Jones said.

Another result of the more durable waste is that it gathers in greater and greater quantities. In the past, cleaning up the shore has not been a priority, he said. "We do a clean-up on land every year in most communities, but we don't do one in the marine environment," Jones said.

At the same time NSEDC was moving forward with its cleanup effort, the industry trade group the Marine Conservation Alliance was ramping up a project of its own. A nonprofit offshoot of the group, the Marine Conservation Alliance Foundation, was offering matching funds to organizations to clean up marine debris. For much of its cleanup work, NSEDC was able to employ funds from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration administered through the MCA Foundation. Work this summer again utilized NOAA funds, but this time the federal money came as a result of the recent federal stimulus package.

In 2006 NSEDC launched a pilot

project in Unalakleet. According to NSEDC biologist Charlie Lean, that initial effort gave NSEDC a peek at just how much work was ahead of them. "It was an eye-opener in that we didn't even get close to getting done," Lean said.

After that initial 10-day pilot project, the next year NSEDC flew an aerial survey from the northern end of Bristol Bay to the Bering Strait to gauge the extent of the build-up on beaches. While the directive from the NSEDC board of directors calls for cleanups in and around each of the 15 member communities, Jones is

keen to find the areas that are the most prone to accumulating debris. "One of the big things about the aerial survey is to look for collection locations. ... This is where debris ends up getting sucked in and really concentrated," Jones said. "If we keep going back every couple of years, we can clear out a whole bunch of stuff for not much money."

In the first full year of the program, 2007, cleanups occurred in Unalakleet, Shaktoolik and White Mountain. Golovin, Gambell and Savoonga received cleanups last year. On the list this year are Steb-

bins, St. Michael, Brevig Mission and continued work on St. Lawrence Island. Some initial work is slated for Little Diomedes this summer before a more intense effort next year. Both Lean and Jones cite the complicated logistics of getting in, out and around Little Diomedes for the two-step approach.

In addition to cleaner beaches and a safer environment for terrestrial animals, sea life and people, the effort has provided an economic boost for

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JUNK—Random bits of trash are removed from the beach near St. Michael under Norton Sound Economic Development Corp.'s beach clean-up program.

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Kawerak to put villages' marine subsistence users on the map

Northern Bering Sea tribes prepare input for federal research plan

By Laurie McNicholas

Local experts in subsistence use of Bering Sea resources in several Bering Strait villages soon will help develop maps depicting critical marine subsistence use areas and species habitat areas, reports Julie Raymond-Yakoubian, Kawerak's social scientist.

Kawerak, Inc. recently completed an agreement with the Alaska Marine Conservation Council and the Bering Sea Elders Advisory Group to participate in the mapping project. BSEAG members are tribes in coastal and island communities of the northern Bering Sea ranging from Platinum and Goodnews Bay in the Kuskokwim Bay area to Wales and Little Diomed in Bering Strait.

Muriel Morse, Western Alaska outreach coordinator for the AMCC will continue to interview subsistence users in BSEAG villages outside the Kawerak area for the mapping project. The AMCC will convert hand-drawn maps developed in interviews with subsistence users to digital maps using Geographic Information System technology.

The project aims to document and map the human dimensions of the marine environment for use by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council in developing a plan for the Northern Bering Sea Research Area that is responsive to needs of the communities.

The council established the NBSRA at a meeting in June 2007 when it approved Amendment 89 to the Bering Sea Aleutian Islands Groundfish Fisheries Management Plan. During that meeting the council received resolutions from 25 Bering Sea tribal governments calling for protection of subsistence resources and sensitive areas from bottom trawl fishing.

By 2007 scientists conducting research in the northern Bering Sea and subsistence users in the area had reported signs of a major ecosystem shift associated with climate change and loss of sea ice in the Bering Sea.* Some fish species appeared to be shifting northward from the southeastern Bering Sea to subarctic regions. It was anticipated that bottom trawl fisheries would follow the fish populations they target into the northern Bering Sea. The NBSRA became effective in 2008 and is currently closed to bottom trawl fishing.

Kawerak's mapping project

Yakoubian said she plans to work with focus groups in six Bering Strait villages to gather spatial and other information to identify important marine species, their habitat, subsistence use areas and subsistence uses.

She said her information gathering and mapping work will be limited to six villages due to time constraints. The villages selected will be in both northern and southern areas of the region. Each focus group will be composed of five individuals.

"The marine species that will be mapped and the local experts who will participate in the mapping will be chosen by each community's IRA council," Yakoubian added. She hopes to begin the project by the end of September and to complete it by the end of November so that AMCC will have time to digitalize the maps in December.

Members of the BSEAG from the Bering Strait region, in addition to Little Diomed and Wales, are Gambell, Savoonga, White Mountain, Golovin, Elim, Koyuk, Shaktolik, Unalakleet, St. Michael and Stebbins.

A gathering of participating elders in BSEAG in the Bering Strait region is tentatively scheduled for January 2010 in Nome, according to Yakoubian and Dorothy Childers, the AMCC's executive director. The elders will discuss the results of the mapping activities and recommend to tribes how the information should be presented to NPFMC. Childers said a gathering for BSEAG members in the Yukon-Kuskokwim region is planned for November in Bethel.

Existing spatial information about subsistence use of the marine environment in the northern Bering Sea is sparse, and the mapping work Kawerak will do is critical, Childers said. "It's up to the tribes to decide what subsistence information they want to give to the federal fishery managers and what areas they want to recommend be protected," she added.

NBSRA research plan

Amendment 89 created four new Habitat Conservation Areas in which future bottom trawling is prohibited to protect bottom habitat from the adverse effects of fishing. They are the Bering Sea HCA; the Nunivak Island, Etolin Strait and Kuskokwim Bay HCA; the St. Matthew Island HCA; and the St. Lawrence Island HCA. These closed areas include locations that have not been previously fished with bottom trawl gear, nearshore bottom habitat that supports subsistence marine resources and blue king crab habitat. Measures developed for the NBSRA do not affect any of the HCAs.

Amendment 89 includes the council's request that a scientific research plan be developed for the NBSRA to study the effects of bottom trawling on benthic species and habitat. The benthic zone is the seafloor. Scientific research has shown that the rich benthic zone on the shallow continental shelf south of St. Lawrence Island supports populations of Pacific walrus and spectacled eider.**

The primary goals of the NBSRA research plan are to investigate the effects of bottom trawling on bottom habitat. Fishery managers have stated their intent is to protect crab, marine mammals, endangered species and the subsistence needs of western Alaska communities. The council tentatively plans to review the draft NBSRA re-

search plan in June 2011.

A draft outline of a research plan for the NBSRA was prepared by the Alaska Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service for comment by the council's Scientific and Statistical Committee at a council meeting in June of this year.

"The objective of the research plan is to evaluate the effects of non-pelagic trawling on the benthic habitat in the NBSRA," the draft outline states. "It does not address the management of the habitat, species, or human activities in this area. As such, the plan consists of four components: (1) bottom trawls surveys; (2) nonpelagic trawl impacts studies; (3) fishery-dependent research; (4) ecological studies."

In relation to ecological studies, the draft outline notes: "Ecological research in the [Northern Bering Sea] has been sparse until recent motivation by climate change issues. Current research activities (e.g. Bering Ecosystem Study (Best)/Bering Sea

Integrated Ecosystem Research program (BSIERP))** are principally concentrated in the NBS shelf south of St. Lawrence Island.... The tasks of assembling existing data, identifying data gaps and conducting pertinent research are enormous. It is necessary to coordinate with current research programs, agencies, industry and communities on this effort."

The AFSC recommended that a workshop be held to consult with experts and interested parties on the details of the research components well ahead of the due date of the final NBSRA plan. A community and subsistence workshop on the NBSRA research plan is tentatively scheduled for Feb. 24 or 25, 2009 in Anchorage. Participants will include representatives of the commercial fishing industry, Alaska Native tribes and villages, and subsistence users.

The council extended the schedule for developing the research plan, and asked the NMFS to prioritize expanding its bottom trawl survey into the

NBSRA. Finalizing the NBSRA research plan is tentatively scheduled for the October 2011 council meeting.

* See *A Major Ecosystem Shift in the Northern Bering Sea* by Jacqueline M. Grebmeier et al. *Science*, Vol. 311, March 10, 2006, pp. 1461-1464.

** A detailed description and photos of scientific research conducted south of St. Lawrence in March 2009 with the aid of the USCG Cutter *HEALY*, the Coast Guard's newest and most technologically advanced polar icebreaker, are posted at http://bsierp.nprb.org/fieldwork/2009/healy_0901_log.html.

Thirty-seven scientists participated in the major research cruise in the BEST-BSIERP Bering Sea Project supported by the North Pacific Research Board and the National Science Foundation. The project is a comprehensive, \$52 million study of the eastern Bering Sea ecosystem from 2007-2012.

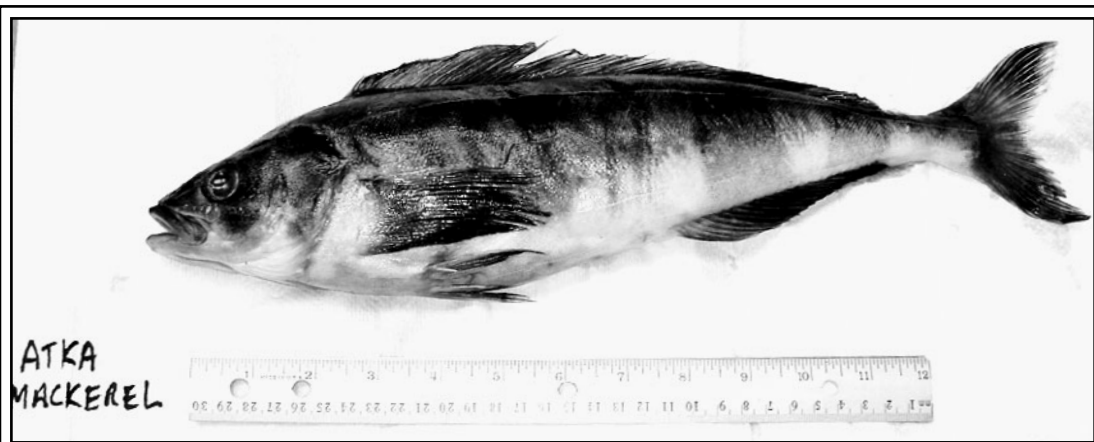


Photo Courtesy of Alaska Department of Fish and Game

HOLY MACKEREL—Two fish washed up on the beach at Little Diomed the first week of July that had not been seen at Diomed before. Henry Soolook froze one fish and sent it to the Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game in Nome to have it identified. The fish was identified as an Atka mackerel.

Gay Sheffield, biologist with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game checked with NMFS fish specialists who believe this is the most northern occurrence of Atka mackerel. They can be found in the Pribilofs but are mostly a southern Bering/Aleutian Island fish (and a favored food for Steller sea lions). The previous northernmost occurrence was at 62°N near Cape Navarin, Russia when one was identified during a Russian oceanographic cruise during 2004? 2006?

More information on this type of fish can be found at: http://www.afsc.noaa.gov/species/Atka_mackerel.php. Folks who see unusual or interesting fish or marine wildlife can report the sightings to the Nome Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game office 443-2271 or 1-800-560-2271.

SIU ALASKA CORPORATION

Notice of Election of Directors and Invitation to Submit Statement of Interest

The annual meeting of the shareholder of Siu Alaska Corporation (Siu), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation (NSED), will be held during the third quarterly meeting of NSED's board of directors on November 5th, 2009, for the purpose of electing two (2) persons to Siu's board of directors, each for a term of three (3) years. Both seats are in the first of Siu's three classes of directors and are at-large, independent positions. Persons affiliated with NSED as directors, officers, board committee members (including at-large committee members), and employees are not eligible for election to these seats.

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The Statement of Interest should demonstrate an understanding of the responsibilities and time commitment required to serve as a director of an active business corporation and a willingness to take on those demands; and provide personal information that should include (i) name, address, and contact information; (ii) a brief summary of education and employment background, especially as they relate to the person's qualifications for this position; (iii) information concerning any personal or professional interests that may be relevant to this position; and (iv) if desired, a vision statement relating to the role of director for this company.

A Statement of Interest and resume may be submitted to Siu at the following address:

John Eckels, President
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Obituary

Bowan-Albert Kenneth Kowchee, P.E.

Bowan-Albert Kenneth Kowchee was born to Jennie and Joseph Kowchee, Sr. in White Mountain, on October 19, 1944. Bowan died in Nome on August 8, 2009.

Bowan was a proud graduate of Mt. Edgecumbe High School; he graduated in 1962 and was salutatorian of his class. One of Bowan's favorite times was attending the alumni reunions held during AFN conventions. He loved sporting his school colors, in particular, showing off his Mt. Edgecumbe High School vest, with his special saunter.

Bowan continued his education at the University of Alaska Fairbanks in electrical and structural engineering during 1963, 64, and 65. Bowan was a Registered Professional Land Surveyor and Civil Engineer in Oregon, Registered Professional Civil Engineer in Alaska, and a member of IBEW 1547.

Bowan was gifted; he held numerous engineering positions and owned his own business providing architectural, civil and structural engineering and surveying services. His talents

were many. He designed plywood and lumber manufacturing plants; utility structures for steam, water, sewer and petroleum products; bridges, docks, land development, and did land surveying. Rowan received recognition for his work numerous times, most notably, first place award for the Kuparuk River Bridge from Lincoln Arc Welding Foundation. In 1995 the Anvil Mountain Correctional Center, which Bowan designed, received a commendation for being rated nationally in third place for correctional facilities in design and function; and he also received an aesthetics award for the Knickerbocker Bridge, a utility bridge from the Portland Cement Institute. Bowan shared this accomplishment with both his parents and brother, Fred: the Knickerbocker Bridge in Oregon is 500 feet in length and carries a 45-inch water transmission line and is decked with a pedestrian guardrail for bicycles and pedestrians. He enjoyed telling the story of the humble reaction his mother had regarding his engineering achievement.

One of Bowan's colleagues stated

"One element of Albert made him stand out in the crowd... it was his natural ability to perform complex mathematics in his head. When he did use a calculator or a computer it was simply to verify the answers he developed from thinking the problem through".

Bowan always found time to give to his community: He was a volunteer with the Alaska Native Foundation, helping village organizations complete applications for federal programs; he was responsible for obtaining funding for the "Christmas Basket Program" which helps needy families during the Christmas season; he spent countless hours volunteering at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Local Post 9569 in Nome. He was headman at the grill for steak nights, he bartended when needed and helped with maintenance and clean up.

Bowan had many favorite pastimes: He enjoyed hunting and fishing; taking pictures; playing pool; and tinkering with anything that needed fixing.

When someone would ask Bowan what the P.E. stood for he would an-

swer "Perfect Eskimo".

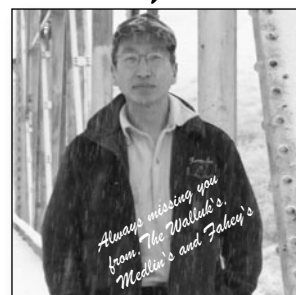
Bowan was preceded in death by his parents Joseph and Jennie, and brothers Soup, Mike and Pete Kowchee.



**Bowan-Albert Kenneth
Kowchee, P.E.**

Bowan is survived by his brothers Fred and wife Rose and Joe Kowchee, Jr.; and sisters Bunny Larsen, Joleen Fagundes; and son Arron Kowchee; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

In Loving Memory



Michael Gene Walluk Dec. 19, 1962 to Aug. 27, 2008

If tears could build a stairway, and memories were a lane. I would walk right up to heaven, to bring you home again.

No farewell words were spoken, no time to say good-bye. You were gone before I knew it, and only God knows why.

My heart still aches in sadness, and secret tears still flow. What it meant to lose you, no one will ever know.

You and angels around Gods happy throne. I would have held you closer if I had known.

~Unknown Author

• Beach Scrubbing

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the villages near the cleanup sites. "It's been a very positive program," Lean said. "It puts employment in the communities that need it most."

Jones said in the hiring process, NSEDC works to bring together a mix of more experienced village members and younger residents. "Within the program, we strive to make sure we hire a broad section of people from the community," he said. "So we have some older folks who have a lot of experience outside with other jobs and we hire a group of younger folks who may be just out of high school or are going to college or trade school."

In addition to providing work for local crews of six to a dozen workers, the project also rents four-wheelers, trailers and sometimes boats in villages to get to the debris and get it out.

Lean said most of the collected debris is taken to landfills. "When













we go, we pick up everything," Lean said. Well, almost everything. Lean said abandoned fuel tanks and other hazardous materials are catalogued and left for either their owners or future programs to handle. The NSEDC and MCA programs' primary focus is on marine debris.

While the program is labeled as a beach cleanup, Lean said some of those debris can be found as far as a few miles inland. "Those storms have put things up to 20 feet, 25 feet range," Lean said. "In some cases that's miles back from the beach. There are a lot of damaged and abandoned boats up in the bushes."

Both Lean and Jones said the program has received support from both the communities in which the cleanups have occurred and from the NSEDC board of directors. "Everybody likes it when their front yard gets cleaned," Lean said.

HOROSCOPES

August 27 - September 2, 2009

 CAPRICORN December 22–January 19	Get ready, Capricorn. News from a friend is going to rock your world. An ambitious home improvement project requires careful research and attention to detail.	 ARIES March 21–April 19	A lucrative offer is presented. Be careful, Aries. Review it from all angles to ensure it is right for you. Clutter control takes over your home this weekend.	 CANCER June 22–July 22	Fun takes center stage this week, Cancer. Evenings with friends sizzle, and a special trip with family brings everyone closer together. A phone call results in a flurry of activity.	 LIBRA September 23–October 22	A furry friend stops by for a visit. If you aren't careful, Libra, they could steal your heart. The mad dash to complete a chore at home requires the help of everyone.
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DIVISION: COMMUNITY SERVICES
DEPARTMENT: Tribal Affairs
JOB TITLE: Accounting Specialist (Northern)
POSITION STATUS: Regular, Full Time
LOCATION: Nome, Alaska
EXEMPT STATUS: Non-exempt
PAY SCALE GRADE: 12-13-14 (\$22.04 – \$28.75)DOE
REPORTS TO: Tribal Affairs Director
QUALIFICATIONS:

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 2. Strong background in accounting/bookkeeping required.
 3. Must possess basic computer knowledge and skills in Internet usage, Word, Excel, Quick Books and Windows.
 4. Experience in PL 93-638 Contracts preferred.
 5. Working knowledge of the legal environment of contracts, grants and memoranda of agreement is highly recommended.
 6. Must have good organizational skills, be self-motivated, creative, dependable and able to work with minimum supervision.
 7. Must possess strong written and oral communication skills.
 8. Ability to work in a complex technical, legal and administrative environment and with people with varying levels of formal education and training.
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Kawerak Recruitment -Applications accepted 08/21/09 to 09/04/09

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DEPARTMENT: Head Start
JOB TITLE: Teacher Aide
POSITION STATUS: Regular, Seasonal, Part-Time
LOCATION: Nome, Alaska
EXEMPT STATUS: Non-exempt
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Kawerak Recruitment -Applications accepted 08/21/09 to 09/04/09

DEPARTMENT: Administration, Information Systems
JOB TITLE: Information Systems Technician
POSITION STATUS: Regular Full Time
LOCATION: Nome, Alaska
EXEMPT STATUS: Non-Exempt
PAY SCALE GRADE: 12-13-14 (\$22.04 – 28.75) DOE
REPORTS TO: Information Systems Manager
QUALIFICATIONS:
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4) Understanding of Windows NT-based networks, peer networks, and network client configurations.
5) Basic familiarity with Intranets and the Internet.
6) Ability to work in a positive and constructive

manner with departments and IRA councils.
7) Strong written and oral communication skills.
8) Must be willing to over-night travel as needed. Travel may occur during evenings, weekends and holidays.
9) Ability to work independently with minimum supervision.
Native Preference Per Public Law 96-638

Interested individuals may contact Human Resources with questions at 907-443-5231. Applications can be accessed via Kawerak's website at www.kawerak.org or by contacting Human Resources at 907-443-5231. Applications may be faxed to Kawerak Human Resources Department at 907-443-4443 or sent via email to personnel@kawerak.org.
8/27; 9/3

POSITION OPENING
NOME ESKIMO COMMUNITY IS RECRUITING FOR THE POSITION OF:
2 Lead Tutors
STATUS: Seasonal, September – May, Part-time, Mon-Wed
SALARY \$22.78/hr. DOE
CLOSING DATE: UNTIL FILLED
FOR A JOB DESCRIPTION AND APPLICATION CONTACT: Linda Kimoktoak, Executive Assistant @ NOME ESKIMO COMMUNITY
P.O. BOX 1090
200 W 5TH Ave
NOME, AK 99762
PHONE: (907) 443-2246
FAX: (907) 443-3539
nomeeskimo@gci.net
www.necalaska.org
8/20-27

POSITION OPENING

Seawall

8/20
Yvonne Aukon, DOB: 2/5/89, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Driving While License is Cancelled or Revoked and Probation Violation.
8/22
Jeffery Kimoktoak, DOB: 6/20/89, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.
Gary Amarok, DOB: 3/4/74, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.
8/23
Mariann Gumaer, DOB: 4/7/62, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Driving While Intoxicated.

Trooper Beat

On August 14, at 11:36 a.m., AST received a report of an intoxicated person with a firearm in Teller. Patrick Thomas, 28, of Teller, was subsequently transported to Nome for emergency protective purposes. Thomas will be charged with Misconduct Involving Weapons IV.

On August 15, at 8:15 a.m., AST received a report of a death in Stebbins. Investigation shows Richard Yunak, 26, of Kotlik, was involved in a fight with Louis Pete, 25, of Stebbins. Zachary Pete, 17, of Stebbins, became involved in the altercation by striking Yunak with a piece of wood. Yunak subsequently died as a result of his injuries. Louis Pete was transported to Anchorage for treatment of severe head injuries and is in stable condition. Zachary Pete was subsequently arrested for Manslaughter and remanded to AMCC.

On August 15, at about 10:57 p.m., the Saint Michael VPO received a telephone call from a 23-

NOME ESKIMO COMMUNITY IS RECRUITING FOR THE POSITION OF:
Student Mentor
STATUS: Seasonal, September – May, Part-time, Mon-Wed
SALARY \$15.00/hr. DOE
CLOSING DATE: UNTIL FILLED
FOR A JOB DESCRIPTION AND APPLICATION CONTACT: Linda Kimoktoak, Executive Assistant @ NOME ESKIMO COMMUNITY
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8/20-27

POSITION OPENING
NOME ESKIMO COMMUNITY IS RECRUITING FOR THE POSITION OF:
4 Elementary Tutors
4 High School Tutors
STATUS: Seasonal, Part-time, Mon-Wed, September through May
SALARY \$21.48/per hour/DOE
CLOSING DATE: UNTIL FILLED
FOR A JOB DESCRIPTION AND APPLICATION CONTACT: Linda Kimoktoak, Executive Assistant @ NOME ESKIMO COMMUNITY
P.O. BOX 1090
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April James, DOB: 3/30/63, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Disorderly Conduct and Probation Violation.
8/24
Allen Kost, DOB: 12/31/90, received a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol.
Robert Otten, DOB: 8/22/80, was arrested and booked into AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.
During this reporting period we had six persons transported to the hospital for a Title 47, Protective Custody Hold.

year-old female resident of Saint Michael reporting she was assaulted by her boyfriend. Warren Elachik, 29, of Saint Michael, was arrested for Burglary I and Assault IV. While Elachik was handcuffed he escaped from the VPO. The VPO located Elachik and placed him in a holding cell at the Saint Michael Police Department. Elachik was additionally charged with Escape IV, Violating Conditions of Release and Probation Violation. Elachik will be telephonically arraigned then transported to Nome.

On August 18, the Stebbins Native Store was burglarized, with multiple items being taken. Investigation resulted in Erwin Nashoank, 22, and Jordan Hayworth, 18, both of Stebbins being arrested for the break in. Both were transported to Nome for arraignment on charges of Burglary in

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PUBLIC NOTICE BERING STRAIT SCHOOL DISTRICT Board of Education Meeting and School Dedication

The Bering Strait School District Board of Education is scheduled to meet on **Tuesday, September 1, 2009** for the 181st Regular Session. **The 181st Regular Session** will be held in Gambell at **2 p.m.** at the **John Apangalook Gymnasium** and **school dedication at 7 p.m.** at the **Hogarth Kingeekuk Sr. Memorial Gymnasium in Savoonga.**

The public is invited to attend. Tentative agenda items include, but are not limited to:

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

ACTION ITEMS:
Title VIB Budget/ Title VI-619 Grant
Consolidated NCLB Application
Federal Stimulus Funding Application
Personnel
Indian Education Grant
Alaska Pre-School Grant
Indian Education Demonstration Pre-School Grant
Impact Aid Authorization
Indian Education Policy and Procedures
Early Admission Request
Diomedes Architect Request
Diomedes Major Maintenance Project
AASB Resolutions

REPORTS ITEMS:
School AYP Report-NCLB
NACTEC Report
Fourth Quarter Financial
Capital Project Updates
Strategic Planning Report/ Summer School Report
21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant/ After School Tutoring
Superintendent's Report

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Real Estate

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8/27- 9/3

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(907) 443-5220
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Dog food, cat food, cat litter, etc. donations are welcomed by the Nome Animal Shelter!

Nome Animal Control – Adopt-A-Pet
443-5212 or 443-5262

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1-800-478-9355

Arctic ICANS —
A nonprofit cancer survivor support group.

Arctic ICANS next meeting

The Nome Cancer support group will meet at the XYZ Center on

Thursday, Sept. 3 • 7:30 p.m.

General Meeting

For more information call 443-5726.

Legals

NOTICE OF SALE
Trustee, Alaska Trustee, LLC will sell realty for cash to the highest bidder at the Main entrance to the Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street on September 25, 2009, at 10:00 AM with other sales that may be conducted. Proceeds will apply to the Deed of Trust naming Steve C. Brock and Nora J. Ongtawasruk, Trustor, Steve Brock, Record Owner, recorded on November 15, 2006 under Reception No. 2006-001800-0, Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, Alaska, describing: Lot 3A, Block 73A, TOWNSITE OF NOME, according to the replat filed April 29, 1981 as Plat Number 81-7, Records of Cape Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska, a/k/a 905 E. 5th Avenue, Nome, AK 99762. \$119,998.73 is due, plus interest, advances, etc. Go to alaskatrustee.com or usa-foreclosure.com for status.
8/6-13-20-27

NOTICE OF SALE
Yukon Title Company, Inc., the present trustee under a deed of trust, gives notice that the property described below will be sold for cash at public auction at the Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street, Room 230, Nome, AK 99762 on October 30, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. The property to be sold is described as follows: LOT 6B, BLOCK 72 OF NOME TOWNSITE, according to the replat filed March 7, 1985 as Plat No. 85-2; Records of the Cape Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska.
The current owner of the property is Irene J. Kakaruk, a single person. The property is being foreclosed pursuant to a deed of trust the beneficiary of which is the United States of America, United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development. Said deed of trust was recorded April 28, 2009 as Instrument No. 2008-000443-0 of the records of the Cape Nome Recording District. The amount owing to the beneficiary and secured by the deed of trust is two hundred thirty three thousand, eight hundred thirty five and 94/100ths dollars (\$233,835.94) as of June 26, 2009 plus interest of \$32.95 daily from and after June 27, 2009, plus expenses incurred in foreclosure and in protecting the property. In this notice cash means currency of the United States, United States Post Office Money orders, or certified or cashiers check from a bank having a branch in the Cape Nome Recording District. Contact the beneficiary Rural Development at 800 Evergreen Avenue, Ste. 201, Palmer, AK 99645 attn: Nancy Hayes for information regarding status of this foreclosure.
8/20-27; 9/3-10

NOTICE OF DEFAULT — SALE OF REAL PROPERTY
A foreclosure sale will be held **October 27, 2009, at 10:00 a.m.** in the main lobby of the Kotzebue Courthouse, 605 3rd Ave., Kotzebue, Alaska, of the Deed of Trust recorded September 30, 2008, as Instrument No. 2008-000592-0, Kotzebue Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska, as a lien against real property described as: Lot Two (2) And the Easterly 10 feet of Lot Three (3), Block two (2), Tract "B" KOTZEBUE TOWNSITE, U.S. Survey No. 2863, Alaska, as shown on the plat of survey accepted by the Chief, Branch of Surveys on June 18, 1952 and as shown on Record of Survey recorded July 25, 2008 as Plat Number 2008-5, located in the Kotzebue Recording District, Second Judicial

District, State of Alaska. EXCEPTING THEREFROM the Easterly 30 feet of said Lot Two (2); which has a street address of 911 Shore Avenue, Kotzebue, AK 99752. Trustor/ Record Owner Alfred P. Gregg, a married man, has breached the obligation for which the Deed of Trust is security: failure to make payments when due under the Deed of Trust. Present Beneficiary, Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, by Assignment recorded September 30, 2008 as Instrument No. 2008-000593, is owed the principal amount of \$147,646.52 plus interest from January 1, 2009 at the rate of 6% per annum, plus costs, fees, and other charges incurred or advanced thereafter. The Trustee elects to sell the property and to apply the proceeds against the obligation. Trustee reserves the right to postpone the sale, set a minimum bid, submit an offset bid, and establish other bidding procedures at the sale. Questions should be directed to the Law Offices of GROH EGGERS, LLC, 2600 Cordova Street, Suite 110, Anchorage, AK 99503, phone (907) 562-6474.

Dated: 7/23/09

Fairbanks Title Agency, Trustee
By: Denise J. Goss, President
8/20-27; 9/3-10

Public Notice
0-09-08-01 An Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal of Municipal Property by Land Use Permit to Sitnasuak Native Corporation for the Placement of the Two Eskimo Boy's Statue

This ordinance had first reading at the regular meeting of the Nome City Council on August 24, 2009 at 7:30 PM and was passed to second reading, public hearing and final passage at a regular meeting of the Council scheduled for **September 14th at 7:30 PM** in City Council Chambers of City Hall located at 102 Division Street. Copies of the ordinance are available in the office of the City Clerk.
8/27; 9/3-10

NOTICE OF SALE

Yukon Title Company, Inc., the present trustee under a deed of trust, gives notice that the property described below will be sold for cash at public auction at the Nome Superior Courthouse, 113 Front Street, Room 230, Nome, AK 99762 on November 25, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. The property to be sold is described as follows: LOTS 10, 24 and 25, BLOCK 12 and the unnamed alley measuring 9.5 ft. which is located between Lots 10, 24 and 25 in Block 12 and North of the North line of Front Street, TOWNSITE OF NOME; according to the official plat thereof, Cape Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska. Property address: 908 E Front Street, Nome, AK 99762. The current owners of the property are Brian and Marlene Cannon, husband and wife. The property is being foreclosed pursuant to a deed of trust the beneficiary of which is the United States of America, United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development. Said deed of trust was recorded March 16, 2007 as Instrument No. 2007-000873-0 of the records of the Cape Nome Recording District. The amount owing to the beneficiary and secured by the deed of trust is two hundred fifty nine thousand five hundred twenty two and 99/100ths dollars (\$259,522.99) as of June 22, 2009 plus interest of \$37.99 daily from

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the Second, multiple counts of Theft in the Second Degree and Criminal Mischief in the Third Degree.

On August 18, the Stebbins VPOs arrested Dana Henry, 24, and Albert Bogeyaktuk Jr., 23, both of Stebbins for being intoxicated in violation of their probation. Both were transported to Nome for arraignment.

On August 19, at approximately 9:45 p.m., Dana James, 25, of Gambell, was arrested after the investigation revealed that Dana James had been drinking alcohol in violation of his probation. Dana James was transported to AMCC.


On August 20, AST received a report of an assault in St. Michael, those involved have been

identified and the investigation continues.

On August 21, at 10:45 a.m., VPSO John Peratrovich received a report that the windows of a front-end loader were broken in Gambell. Damage is estimated at \$500.00. Investigation continues.

On August 21, at 4:45 p.m., VPSO Peratrovich arrested Jamie Oozeva, 29, of Gambell, with a warrant in Gambell. Oozeva's original charge is Driving Under the Influence. Oozeva was remanded to AMCC with \$10,000.00 bail.

On August 21, at 8:15 p.m., AST received a report of an intoxicated minor in Saint Michael. Leroy Martin, 19, of Stebbins, was subsequently charged with Minor Consuming Alcohol and Probation Violation.



The XYZ Center is looking for donations of unopened puzzles. They have had past problems of missing pieces.

Please bring donations to the XYZ Center next to the City Offices.

NOTICE OF TRANSFER APPLICATION

Stanley Sobocienski, d/b/a Bering Sea Saloon located at 309 Front Street, Nome, Alaska is applying for transfer of a beverage dispensary license (A.S.04.11.080 (1)) to Columbus Sobocienski and Trudy Sobocienski d/b/a Bering Sea Saloon located at 309 Front Street, Nome, Alaska.

Interested persons should submit written comment to their local governing body, the applicant and to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board at 5848 E. Tudor Rd. Anchorage AK 99507

8/13-20-27

CITY OF NOME

NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ANNUAL MUNICIPAL, SCHOOL BOARD AND UTILITY BOARD ELECTION WILL BE HELD IN THE CITY OF NOME, ALASKA ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2009, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:00 AM AND 8:00 PM OF THE SAME DAY.

The polling place for electors will be Old St. Joseph's Hall, Anvil City Square, 407 Bering Street, for those persons living in Nome Precinct No. 1 (39-924) and Nome Precinct No. 2 (39-926).

THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR ELECTORS AT SAID ELECTION SHALL BE:

1. U.S. Citizen qualified to vote in state elections.
2. Resident of the City of Nome for thirty (30) days immediately preceding the election.
3. Registered to vote in state elections at a residence address within the municipality at least thirty (30) days before the municipal election at which the person seeks to vote.
4. Is not disqualified under Article V of the Alaska Constitution.

THE PURPOSE IS THE ELECTION OF THE FOLLOWING SEATS:

1. Mayor, to be elected to a 2 year term:

	<u>Term</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>
Mayor	2 Yr.	Denise Michels

2. Two members of the Nome Common Council, each to be elected to a 3 year term:

<u>Seat</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>
"C"	3 Yr.	Randy Pomeranz
"D"	3 Yr.	Stanley C. Andersen

3. Two members of the Utility Board, one to be elected for a 2 year term and one to be elected to a 3 year term:

<u>Seat</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>
"A"	2 Yr.	Jim West Jr.
"C"	3 Yr.	Dave Barron

4. Two members of the Nome School Board, to be elected to a 3 year term:

<u>Seat</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>
"C"	3 Yr.	Lynette Schmidt
"D"	3 Yr.	Elisabeth "Betsy" Brennan

NOTICE OF NSEDC MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE ELECTION

Concurrently with the municipal election as provided in the foregoing notice, the City of Nome shall conduct for Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation the election of the Nome community's NSEDC member representative in accordance with the ordinances, rules and regulations governing municipal elections, except that the election results will not be formally certified by the Nome City Council and that the City of Nome will not be involved with or determine any challenges to the election. In addition, the following additional rules provided in NSEDC's current bylaws will apply to the NSEDC Member Representative Election:

THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR ELECTORS AT SAID NSEDC MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE ELECTION ONLY SHALL BE:

- a. Qualified to vote in Nome municipal elections, as outlined above; or
- b. Registered to vote in state elections at a residence address within the state precinct boundaries encompassing the City of Nome.

THE PURPOSE IS THE ELECTION OF THE FOLLOWING SEAT:

One member representative to Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation, to be elected to a 3 year term:

<u>Term</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>
3 Yr.	D. Stiles

MINIMUM VOTE

If no candidate receives over 40 percent of the votes cast for NSEDC member representative, a runoff election shall be held.

FILING DATES FOR THE ABOVE LISTED OFFICES: August 20 2009 through September 11, 2009, 5:00 PM in the City Clerk's Office at City Hall. Contact the City Clerk's office if you are interested in filing for office and to obtain the forms necessary to file.

The names of all candidates for office are available for inspection at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 102 Division Street, Nome, Alaska.

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and after June 23, 2009, plus expenses incurred in foreclosure and in protecting the property. In this notice cash means currency of the United States, United States Post Office Money orders, or certified or cashiers check from a bank having a branch in the Cape Nome Recording District. Contact the beneficiary Rural Development at 800 Evergreen Avenue, Ste. 201, Palmer, AK 99645 attn: Nancy Hayes for information regarding status of this foreclosure.
8/27; 9/3-10-17

NOTICE OF UTILITY'S REQUEST FOR ETC DESIGNATION

The REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA (Commission) hereby gives notice that TelAlaska, Inc. d/b/a TelAlaska Cellular, Inc. (TelAlaska Cellular) has filed a request for designation as a wireless Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) in the study area currently served by Mukluk Telephone Company, Inc. (Mukluk). This study area includes the exchanges of Elim, Golovin, Koyuk, Little Diomed Isle, Nome, Shaktoolik, Shishmaref, St. Michael, Stebbins, Teller, Wales, and White Mountain. Docket U-09-089 was opened to address this matter.
TelAlaska Cellular must obtain ETC status in order to receive universal service funding. This

funding is intended to be used for provisioning, maintaining, and upgrading qualifying services and facilities. It also allows for reduced rates and benefits for low-income customers under the Lifeline and Link Up Programs. TelAlaska Cellular proposes to provide facilities-based wireless phone service throughout the Mukluk study area using existing and proposed wireless telephone facilities.

The Commission may approve or deny (in whole or in part) TelAlaska Cellular's request for ETC designation, impose conditions on approval, or take other actions to protect the public interest resulting from the ETC petition. You may obtain more information about this filing from Robert M. Dunn, Director of Regulatory Affairs for TelAlaska Cellular, 201 East 56th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99518; phone number (907) 563-2003. You may inspect the filing at the Commission's office at 701 W. 8th Avenue, Suite 300, Anchorage, Alaska 99501; phone number (907) 276-6222. You may also view the filing via our website at <http://rca.alaska.gov/RCAWeb/home.aspx>.

To comment on this filing, please file your comments by September 18, 2009, at either the Commission address given above or via our website at <https://rca.alaska.gov/RCAWeb/WhatsNew/PublicNoticesComments.aspx>. Please refer to Docket U-09-089 in your response and include a statement that you have filed a copy of the comments with TelAlaska Cellular. Individuals or

groups of people with disabilities, who require special accommodations, auxiliary aids or service, or alternative communication formats, please contact Joyce McGowan at (907) 276-6222, toll-free at 1-800-390-2782, or TTY (907) 276-4533 or send a request via electronic mail to rca.mail@alaska.gov by September 8, 2009.
DATED at Anchorage, Alaska this 18th day of August, 2009.

REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA
Robert M. Pickett
Chairman
8/27

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REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA
Robert M. Pickett
Chairman
8/27

CITY OF NOME

DISPOSAL OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY BY LAND USE PERMIT TO SITNASUAK NATIVE CORPORATION

The City of Nome is considering disposal of municipal property by land use permit to Sitnasuak Native Corporation for the purpose of furthering the development of local trade or industry, specifically, historical and cultural preservation. The property is located at the South West corner of Anvil City Square, a portion of Block 52A, Lot 1A. The estimated value of the property for the entire 50 year period is estimated at less than \$25,000. The disposal of said property will be by ordinance enacted by the Nome City Council duly noticed by agenda and public notice. Further information may be obtained by contacting the office of the City Clerk.

8/13-20-27; 9/4

Attention:
Bering Strait Flood Victims
State of Alaska
Individual Assistance

is available to residents in the
Bering Strait Regional Education Attendance Area

If you sustained flood damages to your primary residence, personal property, subsistence equipment, or transportation between April 28 - May 31, 2009

Call 1-800-921-3682

Monday - Friday, 9am - 5pm

Application Deadline: September 4, 2009

The State of Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management manages the State's Individual Family Grant and Temporary Housing Programs. For information about DHIS&EM goto www.ready.alaska.gov or call 1-800-478-2337.

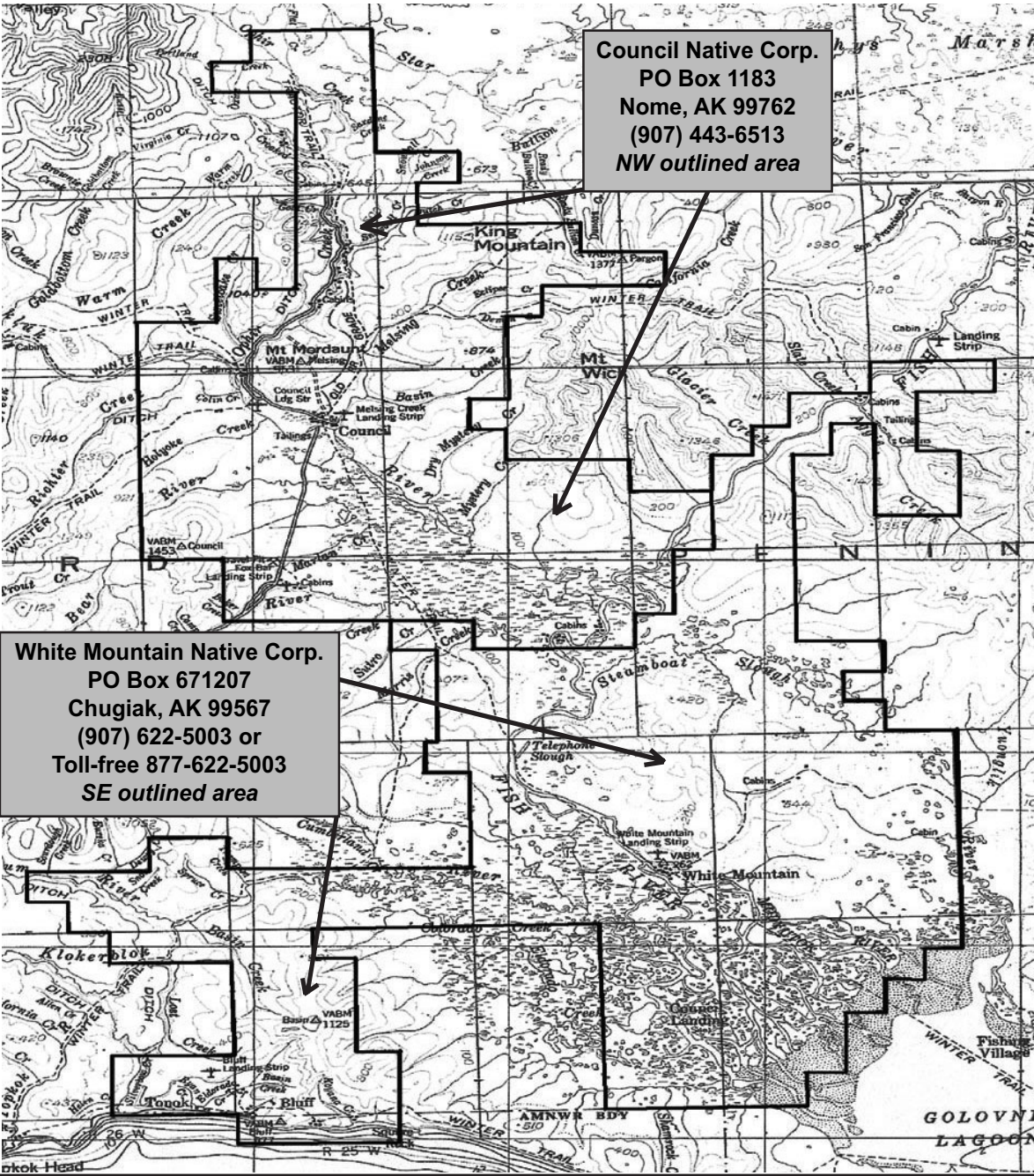
NOTICE TO
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PILOTS &
SPORT
HUNTERS

• The Public is reminded the land ownership within the outlined areas on the map is predominately privately owned by Council Native Corporation and its Shareholders, and White Mountain Native Corporation and its Shareholders.

• Sport hunting by non-shareholders, guides and their clients, and hunting by aircraft is NOT ALLOWED. Hunting by Shareholders, spouses of Shareholders and descendants of Shareholders for subsistence purposes is permitted. For other allowable uses of land by non-shareholders, please contact:

- **White Mountain Native Corp.:** (907) 622-5003 or toll-free at 877-622-5003
- **Council Native Corp.:** (907) 443-6513

Game Unit 22B – Niukluk
and Fish River Area



Court

Week ending 8/21

Civil

Nayokpuk, Melinda vs. Iyatunguk, Gary S.; DV: Both ExParte & Long Term
Oitillian, Stephanie vs. Soonagrook Sr., Steffen; DV: Long Term Only
FIA Card Services N A vs. Newsome, Kim R.; Debt - District Court

Small Claims

Credit Union 1 vs. Lewis, Charlene A.; SC \$2500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail

Criminal

State of Alaska v. Christopher Olanna (8/1/91); Dismissal; Count I: Minor Consuming or in Possession; Filed by the DAs Office 8/19/09.

State of Alaska v. Frederick Larsen (9/6/85); Order of Dismissal; Count 001: Arrest Prior To Requisition (Fugitive from Justice); Date of offense: 5/16/09; This case is dismissed without prejudice for the following reason(s): Failure to obtain Governor's Warrant within 90 days from Fugitive from Justice Act; It is further ordered that the defendant be released from custody, any bond that has not been ordered forfeited be exonerated, and any cash or other security posted as bail be refunded to the depositors.

State of Alaska v. Daniel Joseph Bouchan (6/14/83); Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 6/27/09; Partial Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 300 days, 240 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days have been served; Jail Surcharge: \$150

with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 8/17/12; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare; Other: Take medication as prescribed; Keep medical appointments, supportive programs and clinical appointments; Monthly contact with clinician at minimum.

State of Alaska v. Aaron E. Moses (5/13/81); 2NO-08-715CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110126853; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-09-384CR and the revocation in 2NO-08-877CR; Remanded into custody; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated.

State of Alaska v. Aaron E. Moses (5/13/81); 2NO-08-715CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110829078; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, consecutive to the term in Case No. 2NO-09-384CR and the revocation in 2NO-08-715CR; Remanded into custody; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated.

State of Alaska v. Aaron Enoch Moses (5/13/81); 2NO-09-384CR Count 2: Assault 4°; Date of offense: 6/30/09; Partial Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: 1 (001); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 100 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 100 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC consecutive to Count 3 of this case and the revocations in 2NO-08-715CR and 2NO-08-877CR; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Restitution as related to allegations 2NO-09-452CR; Probation until 8/19/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol in any dry or damp community, nor have alcohol in her residence; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer in such community.

State of Alaska v. Aaron Enoch Moses (5/13/81); 2NO-09-384CR Count 3: Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 6/30/09; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: 1 (001); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 45 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 45 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC consecutive to Count 2 of this case and the revocations in 2NO-08-715CR and 2NO-08-877CR.

State of Alaska v. Pamela T. Pete (8/14/78); 2NO-09-343CR Count 1: Criminal Mischief 4°; Date of offense: 6/13/09; Partial Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 120 days, 90 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 9/30/09; Consecutive to other counts; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Restitution: Shall pay restitution as stated in the Restitution Judgment and shall apply for an Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend, if eligible, each year until restitution is paid in full; Amount \$398.00; Probation until 8/20/12; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol in any dry or damp community, nor have alcohol in her residence; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer in such community.

State of Alaska v. Pamela T. Pete (8/14/78); 2NO-09-343CR Count 3: Resisting/Interfering with Arrest; Date of offense: 6/13/09; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 120 days, 90 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 9/30/09.

State of Alaska v. Pamela T. Pete (8/14/78); 2NO-09-343CR Count 4: Criminal Trespass 2°; Date of offense: 6/13/09; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC.

State of Alaska v. Raymond Kunnuk (4/13/72); Count 2: Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 6/19/09; Partial Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 1 (001); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Sur-

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State of Alaska v. Bo Adams (11/15/83); 2NO-09-452CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Criminal Mischief 3°; Filed by the DAs Office 8/19/09.

State of Alaska v. Bo Adams (11/15/83); 2NO-09-496CR Violating Release Conditions; Date of offense: 8/6/09; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 90 days, 60 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Restitution: Shall pay restitution as stated in the Restitution Judgment and shall apply for an Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend, if eligible, each year until restitution is paid in full; Amount to be determined within 30 days; Restitution as related to allegations 2NO-09-452CR; Probation until 8/19/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not consume alcohol subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Daryl P. Kingeekuk (8/28/88); 2NO-09-182CR Count 1: Criminal

Mischief 4°; Date of offense: 4/4/09; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Restitution: Shall pay restitution as stated in the Restitution Judgment and shall apply for an Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend, if eligible, each year until restitution is paid in full; Amount of \$150 due no later 6/1/10 directly to victim ; Probation until 8/19/10; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; 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, nor have alcohol in his residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer and warrantless search of residence for alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Daryl P. Kingeekuk (8/28/88); 2NO-09-182CR Minor Consuming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Date of offense: 4/4/09; Fined \$300 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$200 to Nome Clerk of Court, or show proof of completing 66 hours of community work service, by 6/1/10; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 8/19/09); Shall not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall pay fine or show proof of community work service, as ordered.

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Trade-ins considered

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a lot to sit for the next 20 years, adding to the community’s junk. “I’d rather see them go to the dump,” he said. The council approved the amendment and then approved the resolution as amended to award the high bids for a 1979 dump truck (\$8,600) and a 1982 Ford Dump Truck (\$10,100) to Don Mullikin.

City manager’s report

U.S. Coast Guard personnel removed approximately 1 ton of scrap metal and 20 bags of litter from the middle beach Aug. 16 as a community service project in cooperation the City of Nome, reported Bahnke. She thanked Public Works Director Bill Angus for coordinating the process in her absence.

Colonel Reinhart Koenig, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, toured the Port of Nome with Bahnke and Mayor Denise Michels Aug. 17 during his first visit to the city.

Harbormaster’s report

“July was absolutely the busiest month the [causeway] has ever experienced regarding vessel traffic,” wrote Harbormaster Joy Baker in a report to Bahnke about operations at the Port of Nome facilities dated Aug. 10. “The monthly calendar logged anywhere from three to seven tugs/barges or ships per day at the docks.... It’s becoming common for the vessels to have to wait for dock space when they arrive. Several tug captains have commented ‘gone are the days when you could just show up in Nome and get to the dock.’”

Baker said the causeway hosted two cruise ships and three research vessels last month. The August schedule is just as busy as July, she added. She said the small boat har-

bor was filled with cargo, fuel and gravel barges, gold dredges and fishing vessels in July.

Museum design criticized

In a letter to the Nome Historical Foundation members and friends dated Aug. 13, Lloyd Perrigo said he experienced “a growing sense of horror” as he looked at the design for the city’s proposed new museum in a brochure. He said he was unaware that a design had been chosen until recently when he saw the brochure at City Hall.

“...The nondescript modern design is totally out of keeping with the themes of the museum and the park it occupies,” he wrote. “If we are going to house our museum in a new facility, and spend multiple millions to do it, it should be in a building that fits the themes it portrays, and in a style that will still look good and appropriate in 30 to 50 years....”

Instead of a streetscape that would occupy 20 percent of the proposed museum design, Perrigo suggested constructing or remodeling a group of buildings on Front Street to resemble the originals in the next 20 years.

He also suggested building a 2,000-square-foot museum in the style of a rectory or other design in keeping with Old St. Joe’s on Anvil City Square. Attached and behind it could be a structure in the style of a carriage house or dog barn to include some of the spaces in the current design, he said. Perrigo believes it is possible to build a museum for less than \$16 million that is smaller than the current design but meets the community’s needs.

Larson said he agrees with Perigee’s comments. “I think the city should focus efforts on working with Kawarak to get one facility rather than two,” he added.



Photo by Nancy McGuire

LAGOONS—Nome’s sewer lagoons are seen behind the gates that deny public access to the area. The city is having an independent engineer evaluate a proposal by Alaska Gold Co. to pump its treated wastewater to the lagoons from the Rock Creek Mine site.

Pipeline questions

Sue Steinacher commended the council for deciding to have an independent engineer review the proposal for Alaska Gold Co. to build a pipeline to carry water from behind a tailings dam at the Rock Creek Mine to Nome’s sewage treatment ponds in a letter dated Aug. 13.

“This is particularly important given that it has been explained by the Utility Manager that this will not just be a one-time effort to empty the mis-engineered lake, but will come with a 10-year contract that will allow the pipe and sewage lagoon to

be used for water used in future gold processing at the mine,” she wrote.

Steinacher posed 23 questions about the proposed project, including these:

- Is the proposed weekly testing for contaminants in the water running though this pipe adequate?
- The mine was permitted under the designation of a zero-discharge operation. Does this pipeline proposal violate their existing permits? Has the city contacted the different permitting agencies to see if this project fits within the mine’s current permits, or if additional permits are required?
- If contaminants do pass through

the line what impact could they have on the bacterial flora and in return, the effectiveness of the city’s sewage lagoons?

- Should mining contaminants be found in the city’s sewage ponds, how will this be mitigated? What are the potential costs to the city if the sewage treatment ponds become contaminated?

- Why doesn’t Alaska Gold just build more injection wells? They were permitted to install up to 15, but I understand they have only installed four.

All council members attended the meeting. Michels was absent.

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