

# CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

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## Employment

**AmeriCorps VISTA: Climate Resilience Coordinator, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC)**  
The Center for Environmentally Threatened Communities at ANTHC is recruiting for an AmeriCorps VISTA to serve as a Climate Resilience Coordinator in Anchorage, Alaska. This position is a great opportunity for a highly motivated person to work with communities to increase their capacity to adapt to the impacts of climate change. By supporting communities with fundrais-

ing, communications, education, and outreach, this position will increase communities' capacity to develop and implement solutions. For more information, and to apply, please visit <https://www.nationalservice.gov/programs/ameri-corps>. Contact Katie Lund at [klund@anthc.org](mailto:klund@anthc.org) with any questions. Apply by 11:59pm on Monday, May 25th.  
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## Real Estate

### Retail / Office /Storage Space Available in Nome on Front Street

**Small Office Suites starting at \$585/month**

Front Properties LLC is offering space in the building to suit your needs

Front Properties has heated dry storage spaces and office space for rent, starting at \$585.00/month. Prices vary dependent on length of lease and size of space but are very reasonable. The location is the Nome Federal Building (Post Office and Court House).

For more information contact Chad Myers (907)715-4230 or Thomas Vaden (907)952-1000

Coming available soon retail and office space on the Second Floor next to Post Office, suite size from 234 rsf - 7,000+ rsf, street views and ocean views. This is a great opportunity to start your business in a perfect location that everyone comes to.

## Seeking Qualified Applicants



### NORTON SOUND HEALTH CORPORATION

#### In Nome

**Behavioral Health Services:** Recovery Coach - Provide guidance and motivation to community members as they work toward their goals of a healthy lifestyle.

**Dental:** Dental Assistant Trainee, I, II or III -

**Laboratory:** Medical Laboratory Technician - Performing sample collection while providing a pleasant patient experience and quality specimens to the laboratory.  
Point of Care Technician -

**Materials Management:** Materials Support Technician ensure receipt, storage and distribution of all materials delivered to the materials management Department by various vendors.

**Nutrition Services:** Relief Food Service Worker and Cook provides customer service in the cafeteria accepting payments from customers.

**Patient Financial Services:** Health Information Technicians, Patient Account Representatives, and a Business Office Trainer. Performs financial support in billing, filing, handling records, and more.

**Patient Hostel:** FT Manager of Patient Hostel - by directing assigned employees, demonstrating leadership, providing work direction, motivation, training, assistance and performance evaluations.

**Plant Operations:** FT Maintenance Engineer I provides skilled maintenance and complex repair work on the physical plant, hospital, campus grounds, and limited medical and non-medical equipment.

#### In Our Village Communities:

**Certified Medical Assistant**  
- Unalakleet (FT)  
CHAP Supervisor Instructor  
- In Region

**Community Health Aide Positions:**  
2 Elim (PT625)  
1 Golovin (PT625)  
2 Koyuk (PT75)  
2 Little Diomed (PT625, PT75)  
1 Shaktoolik (PT625)  
3 Stebbins (PT625, PT75)  
1 Unalakleet (PT75)  
1 Wales (PT75)  
1 White Mountain (PT625)

**Certified Travel Specialist:**  
Elim - Relief  
Koyuk - Relief  
Little Diomed - PT85  
Shaktoolik - Relief  
Savoonga - Relief

**Clinic Maint. Tech:**  
Elim - FT  
Little Diomed - FT

**EVS:**  
1 Golovin Relief  
2 Koyuk (PT, Rel)  
1 Little Diomed (Rel)  
1 Savoonga Relief  
1 St. Michael Relief  
1 Stebbins Relief  
2 White Mountain (PT50, Rel)

**Behavioral Health Services - Village Based Counselor:**  
1 Savoonga PT625  
1 White Mountain PT625

For more information or an up-to-date vacancy list, go to [www.NortonSoundHealth.org](http://www.NortonSoundHealth.org) or contact Human Resources at (907) 443-4573

NSHC is a drug-free workplace and will apply Alaska Native/American Indian preference for hire (under PL 93-638 and Veteran Preferences). NSHC will also initiate a criminal history/background check for all positions.

## JOB OPENINGS

NMS is seeking to hire an experienced Custodial Supervisor to join the Nome Public Schools team. Starting rate of pay is \$28.00/hr plus a competitive benefits package. Minimum job requirements are as follows:

- Must have at least three (3) years of directly related experience and supervision of employees
- Basic computer skills with Google Suites, Microsoft Suite applications, and email.
- A valid Driver's License and an acceptable driving record for the past three (3) years.

Apply today and start your new career by visiting: [nmsusa.com/employment](http://nmsusa.com/employment) (JOB ID **NOM00184**). Please contact Aaron Makkar at (907) 265-4173 with any questions.



## Seawall

**Nome Police Department activities reported between Mai 4, 2020 – May 10, 2020.** During this period there were 334 calls for service received at the Nome Police Communications Center: 92 (27%) of these calls involved alcohol. The Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department responded to 8 ambulance calls. The Nome Volunteer Fire Department responded to one fire call during this period.

**NPD responded to 8 calls reporting intoxicated persons needing assistance. One person was remanded to AMCC as protective holds; and one person remained at the hospital for medical evaluation/treatment.**

**NPD issued two citations for minor consuming alcohol and one open container violation.**

#### Arrests

A total of 41 arrests and charges made with 41(100%) alcohol related.

#### Monday, May 4, 2020

Charges: Sexual assault second degree, DV, Resisting arrest, indecent exposure second degree, criminal trespass second degree. Name: Marvin Nassuk. Location: E. 3rd Ave.  
Charges: Driving under the influence, three counts of reckless endangerment, two counts endangering the welfare of a child. Name: Iskander Garifullin. Location: E. Front St.  
Charge: Felony probation violation. Name: Dion Williams. Location: Nome.

#### Tuesday, May 5, 2020

Charges: Sexual assault in the first degree, assault in the first degree, burglary in the first degree. Name: Marvin Nassuk. Location: E. 3rd Ave.  
Charge: Theft in the second degree. Name: Rae-gene Nichols. Location: Bering Str.  
Charges: Assault in the third degree, four counts of violations of conditions of release. Name: Chantal Starr. Location: E. 4th Ave.

#### Wednesday, May 6, 2020

Charge: Warrant Arrest. Name: Chantal Starr. Location: E. H St.

#### Thursday, May 7, 2020

Charge: Warrant Arrest. Name: Dion Williams. Location: W. Front St.  
Charges: Warrant Arrest. Name: Timothy Brown. Location: E. Front Street.  
Charges: Assault in the fourth degree, DV, Resisting arrest, violating conditions of release, misdemeanor probation violation. Name: Aloysius Muktoyuk. Location: E. 3rd Ave.  
Charge: Violating conditions of release. Name: Gordon Lockwood. Location: E. Kings Pl.  
Charge: Violating conditions of release. Name: Tammy Katchatag. Location: E. Kings Pl.

#### Friday, May 8, 2020

Charges: Criminal trespass first degree, DV. Name: Isaiiah Ahkvaluk. Location: Spokane St.  
Charge: Harassment in the second degree, Felony Probation violation. Name: Richard Martin. Location: E 4th Ave.  
Charges: Probation violation, violating conditions of release, resisting arrest, assault in the fourth degree. Name: Victoria Simpson. Location: W. Front St.

#### Saturday, May 9, 2020

Charges: Four counts of violating conditions of release. Name: Tami Horton. Location: E 3rd Ave.  
Charge: Assault in the third degree, DV. Name: Charles Kokuluk. Location: E 3rd Ave.  
Charge: Assault in the third degree, DV. Name: Trevor Green. Location: E. 5th Ave.

#### Sunday, May 10, 2020

Charge: Violating conditions of release. Name: Adam Saccheus. Location: W. 3rd Ave.

#### Traffic

A total of 5 traffic stops were conducted during this reporting period; with 2 citations issued, 3 warnings issued. NPD responded to one report of a Motor Vehicle Accident during this reporting pe-

## Legals

### NOTIFICATION OF DISPOSITION OF COLLATERAL BY PRIVATE SALE [A.S. 45.29.601 - 613 et seq. UCC FORECLOSURE]

To all heirs of Anthony E. Shelp and person of interest: Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation, secured creditor, will sell the following Collateral by PRIVATE SALE on or after May 26, 2020:

The fishing vessel JUDA LEE, Official No. 697547, ADF&G No. 55854 ("Vessel"), together with all of the mast, bowsprit, boat, anchorages, cables, chains, rigging, tackle apparel, furniture, freights, fishing rights of whatsoever nature now held, or which may in the future be held or inured including, but not limited to, moratorium, License Limitation Program (LLP) and other participatory catch rights, if any, and all other necessities thereunto appertaining and belonging; License Limitation Program Crab License No. LLC2378

issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service, Restricted Access Management; 32862828 DPH-A 2.08:1 Outdrive, Serial Number 3102193074, (14) 6-foot round crab pots and (26) 5-foot round crab pots purchases with the proceeds of the loan secured hereby, Two 2017 Honda outboard motors, model number BF150, serial numbers BAPJ-1401065 and BAPJ-1401067 ("Collateral").

The Collateral will be sold "AS IS" and "WHERE IS" with no warranty or representation of condition, repair, workmanship, maintenance, or mechanical ability. The Collateral at PRIVATE SALE on or after May 26, 2020.

For any information you may contact Virginia Nashalook at Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation at (907) 274-2249.  
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### CITY OF NOME PUBLIC NOTICE

O-20-05-02 An Ordinance of the Nome City Council, Nome, Alaska Providing for a Temporary Sales Tax Exception for the Two Percent Seasonal Sales Tax for the Months of June, July and August of 2020

The ordinance had first reading at the regular meeting of the Nome City Council on May 11, 2020 and was advanced to second reading/public hearing/final passage at the regular meeting of **May 26, 2020**. The meeting will take place in Council Chambers of City Hall, located at 102 Division Street. Copies of all ordinances are available in the Office of the City Clerk.

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## Court

### Week ending 5/8/2020

#### Civil

Lori Mueller v. Zachary David Bourdon; Domestic Violence: Short-Term  
Not Published v. Zachary David Bourdon; Domestic Violence: Short-Term  
Not Published v. Zenon Habros; Sexual Assault: Long-Term

riod.

**May 4, 2020**  
Offense: Driving with license suspended. Name: John Culp. Location: Campbell St.

**May 8, 2020**  
Offense: Proof of insurance to be carried on demand. Name: Thomas Bell. Location: E. Front St.

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

Bessie Stalker v. Jon Allen Gerton, Jr.; Domestic Violence: Short-Term  
Wilma Ongtawasruk v. Florence Okpealuk; Domestic Violence: Short-Term  
Not Published v. Florence Okpealuk; Domestic Violence: Short-Term  
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Not Published v. Florence Okpealuk; Domestic Violence: Short-Term  
Deborah Anne Petteway v. Diana Katongan; Stalking: Short-Term  
Angelina L. Mendez v. Brandon Lee Walker; Domestic Violence: Short-Term  
Not Published v. Brandon Lee Walker; Domestic Violence: Short-Term  
Rhona Apassingok v. Vaughn Walunga; Stalking: Short-Term  
Merle Apassingok v. Vaughn Walunga; Stalking: Short-Term

**Small Claims**  
No current cases filed on website; start 2NO-20-00006SC

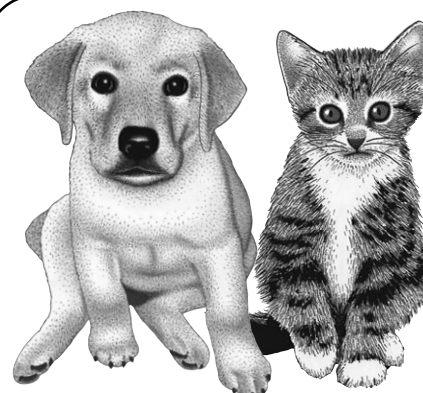
#### Criminal

State of Alaska v. Katherine Olson (4/29/92); Amended Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 115273242; Violated conditions of probation; The conditions of probation is modified as follows: Probation is extended for six months.  
State of Alaska v. Brandon Lee Walker (8/18/98); Dismissal; Petition to Revoke #3; Filed by the DAs Office 5/5/20.  
State of Alaska v. George Apatiki (6/10/76); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 116110116; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of defendant's probation is modified as follows: Defendant shall perform 10 hours community work service.  
State of Alaska v. Floyd B. Lockwood (5/10/77); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 113563584; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of defendant's probation is modified as follows: 40 hours of Community Work Service to be performed within 120 days; Return to probation.

**This is a record of court filing activity. The civil filings of protective order petitions do not reflect that the court issued an order or made a judgment.**

## Trooper Beat

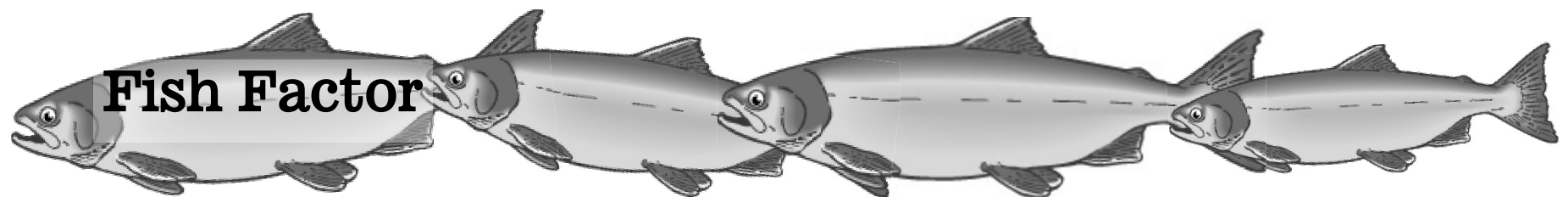
On April 24, 2020 Alaska State Troopers received a report that Taylor Kulukhon, 18, of Shaktoolik, was engaging in sexual activity with several minor children. On May 8, Kulukhon was arrested on the charges of Sexual Abuse of a Minor first Degree, and three counts of Sexual Abuse of a Minor 3rd Degree. Kulukhon was transported to AMCC where he was subsequently arraigned and is being held on \$20,000 bail.



**PLEASE HELP**  
Adopt a Pet or make your donation today!

Dog food, cat food, cat litter and other donations are always welcome at the Nome Animal Shelter!

**Nome Animal Control & Adopt-A-Pet**  
443-8538 or 443-5262



By Laine Welch

Sales of Alaska's most popular seafoods are being hit hard by markets upended by the coronavirus, but perhaps none is getting battered worse than halibut. Along with the big losses in the lucrative restaurant trade, Pacific halibut also is facing headwinds from increasing foreign imports. Starting three years ago, sales of fresh Pacific halibut to established markets on the east coast were toppled by a flood of less expensive fish flowing in primarily from eastern Canada. Trade data show that for 2019 through February 2020, total Canadian halibut imports to the U.S. topped 15.3 million pounds for which the U.S. paid nearly \$107 million.

"It is taking over the eastern seaboard and also is being trucked from Boston to major middle American markets such as Chicago and Denver. It's very hard to sell Alaska halibut to these traditional markets now. The Canadian product is cheaper and is available nearly year round," said a marketer with over 30 year's experience in selling halibut

from Southeast Alaska, speaking on condition of anonymity. "All of a sudden, an important market that paid a good price for fresh halibut has disappeared," he said. "Rule of thumb is generally, sell fresh make a profit, freeze halibut lose money."

Earlier this year, fresh farmed Atlantic halibut was spotted for sale at \$9.99 a pound at a Costco near Seattle.

Total global production of farmed halibut is only 4.4 million pounds, of which 3.5 million comes from three farms in Norway. (The remainder is from Scotland, Canada and Iceland.) From 2019 through February 2020, the U.S. bought nearly 2 million pounds of wild caught and farmed halibut from Norway for \$10.5 million.

Alaska's losses in fresh sales are combined with huge hits in the west coast frozen market. That's due to another newcomer: increasing imports of halibut caught by Russians and processed in China.

"Halibut is not consumed by Asians nor Russians so they target the U.S. The Russian halibut is

mostly fished longline, dressed collar and tail off and frozen in blocks at sea. They offload in Busan and auction it to processors for making into fillets," he said. The fish then goes to the U.S. and Canada for resale at prices that undercut all others.

"I have been calling end users and distributors trying to find placement for our Alaska product in the frozen fillet form. But the Russian product has taken over," he wrote in an email. "I visited a customer in Vancouver and he showed me some Russian/Chinese skinless halibut fillets he had bought in the low \$6's. Alaskan fillets, for reference, needed to be in the \$13's to recoup costs. He mentioned that most of his customers have switched to the less expensive imported. I spent weeks calling fish and chip shops that have always used Alaskan and they prefer not to cut in house but use the imported twice frozen fillets," he said, adding that Canada is where most of Alaska's larger frozen halibut (60+) has gone over the last few decades."

Other market watchers agree that

the appearance of Russian halibut is a new twist to conventional market trends.

"We started seeing increased Russian production about a year and a half ago when it started to pop up in the data," said Garret Evridge, a fisheries economist with the McDowell Group. "We were wondering where that volume was going, but given the difficult nature of trade data, we didn't have a firm grasp. Now we see that some of that harvest is making its way into the U.S. It is a relatively new development."

The Russian/Chinese fish also makes an end run around trade tariffs of up to 25 percent imposed two years ago by the Trump Administration. "A lot of the product used to come in through Seattle, but since the USA imposed the duties for Chinese processed halibut coming into this country, a lot comes into Vancouver, thereby avoiding the duty," said the marketer.

The volume coming in from Russia has been tricky to track once it enters the "black box of China," said Evridge. "Then our data really falls

apart," he added. "But we understand that Russian Pacific halibut entering China can make its way to the U.S. through a variety of ways." And the Russian imports are increasing. "In 2019, we saw about two million pounds of frozen Russian caught halibut imported into the U.S. The year prior it was 140,000 pounds. Through the first two months of 2020, we've imported about 420,000 pounds, so it's trending higher. For a relatively low volume fishery and for U.S. markets two million pounds is pretty substantial," Evridge said.

Trade data show that the U.S. paid nearly \$6.7 million for two million pounds of Russian caught halibut from 2019 through January 2020.

The foreign fish also get the benefit of more favorable exchange rates. "The Russian ruble has weakened against the U.S. dollar by about 14 percent. If I'm a U.S. buyer, there's a 14 percent discount. The ruble is also weak against the Chinese Yuan, so if I'm a Chinese buyer,

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## •Obituaries

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close to his beloved grandmother Florence Morris, who encouraged him to develop his talents and pursue his dreams.

As a young man, those dreams led him to Broadway in New York City! Richard loved the theater – the music, the magic, the lights and the wonderful camaraderie of theater-folk. A true song-and-dance man, he toured across the United States in national productions of Cabaret, Funny Girl, The Fantastiks, and Pippin through the late 1960s and into the early 1980s. He did it all, Broadway, regional theater and dinner shows. But, as a character actor, he never quite landed the starring role of his dreams. Life as an actor and as a single, gay man, was tough, especially when much of it was spent on the road. Richard was the first to admit that his long struggle with alcohol brought it all crashing down. He was broke, unemployed, struggling with health problems and about to be evicted.

Little did he know that his true stardom was just around the corner.

In 1982, his family in Anchorage sent him a non-refundable one-way ticket to Alaska. So, he packed his bags and, with his dear dog Scrappy, left New York City. His brother Bert, helped him get a job with the AC store in Barrow. Richard showed up in a three-piece suit.

Exiled to the Far North and completely out of his element, Richard began to thrive. He loved the culture, the people, and the sense of being part of the story. He started a radio show called "Hello, Central!" He made friends and put on plays. His light was shining brighter than ever.

Then, in 1988, he moved to Nome, his true home for over 30 years. He worked for a time at the AC store but soon got a gig with the Nome Public Schools. He found A.A. and got sober. He became immersed in the local community with afterschool programs and directing, producing and performing in plays whenever he could.

His passion for the place and the people just bloomed. He started Nome Discovery Tours. For 25 years, he introduced visitors to the town he loved, the tundra, the wildflowers, the train to nowhere, the

gold rush, the neighboring communities, and all of the natural and historical richness of the area.

As Richard explained in a 2009 interview: "In its heart, Alaska allows people to restart. Alaska allows you to see yourself differently. In its vastness, you can find yourself. I did."

He became deeply involved in the Iditarod, in tourism, in community building and, ultimately, in politics. He served on the board of the Nome Arts Council for 20 years and frequently appeared in their productions. He was Vice President of the Board of the Nome Community Center. He was an unabashed promoter of tourism, not just in Nome, but for all of Alaska by serving on the Board of the Alaska Chamber of Commerce and as a member of the Alaska Travel Industry Association, the Arctic Waterways Safety Committee and the Bering Strait Economic Council. His accomplishments as Mayor of Nome for almost three full terms are too numerous to list. But, he was particularly proud of his recent work to expand the port in Nome to accommodate larger ships and advocating for a public safety commission.

There he was in his 70s, living in a place as far from New York City as you can get, living a life full of adventure and experiencing a level of success far beyond his childhood dreams. In Nome, Richard found a way of life that worked. And, it worked because of the people he found there. He frequently spoke of the patience, tolerance, generosity, and openness of his community; his Nome family. It was that family, Bob Hafner and others, who rallied around and cared for Richard as his health began to fail.

Richard is survived by his brother Jack Beneville; nephew Derrick Beneville, his wife Michele Beneville, and their children Blake and Kaitlin; nephew Trey Beneville, his wife Melisa Beneville, and their children, Brandon, Tess, Laura, and Daniel; niece Susan Beneville and her wife Leslie Absher; nephew Michael Beneville and his partner Valmira Mavraj; niece Alexandra Beneville, her husband Josh Hemani, and their children, Alia and Bowen; his late brother Peter's former wife, Mary Hamilton; his late brother Bert's partner, Jan Bomhoff; and, his cat, Ollie.

Richard is also survived by his chosen family in Nome; all of his friends, colleagues, students and neighbors. He loved all of you so much and it was his greatest joy to be

part of your lives.

A memorial service is being planned for the near future. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Richard's mem-

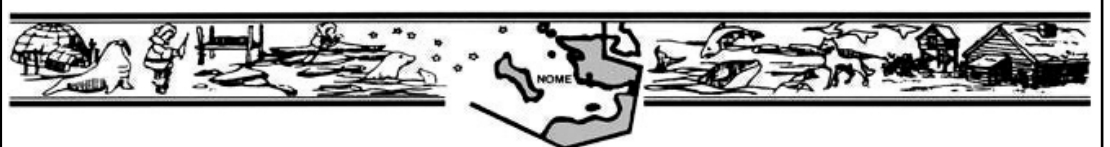
ory in support of the Nome Community Center, [www.nomecc.org](http://www.nomecc.org), or the Nome Arts Council.

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### ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS POSTPONED

The May 7, 2020 Koyuk Native Corporation Annual Shareholder meeting at the Koyuk School has been **postponed until July 7, 2020**. Koyuk Malemute School doors open @ 10:00AM, meeting scheduled to start by 12:00PM.



### Request for Proposals: King Island Housing Project Construction Bid

Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority (BSRHA) is soliciting bids for the construction of the house packages needed for the build of 2 each • 1200 sf housing unit • 3-bedroom - 2 bath • post and pad foundation • designed and built for arctic conditions in Nome, Alaska.

RFP packets can be requested by emailing [pwinders@bsrha.org](mailto:pwinders@bsrha.org) or calling 907-443-8609. Proposals must be received no later than 2:00 p.m. Alaska Standard time on May 18, 2020, via E-mail in PDF format to [pwinders@bsrha.org](mailto:pwinders@bsrha.org)

The work to be performed under a contract resulting from this RFP is subject to Section 7(b) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450e (b)) including applying preference to Native Alaska/American Indian, small, minority and women-owned individuals and firms. Proposals from non-Indian owned individuals or firms are invited and encouraged.

BSRHA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for this work and to waive any informality if deemed in BSRHA's best interests.



*Photo by Nils Hahn*  
**NICE DAY FOR A RUN—** Two runners enjoy a beautiful spring day at mile 15 of the Kougarok Road on May 9.

## • Fish Factor

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bringing that product in is relatively affordable. That's another thing that that we struggle with," he explained.

Tariffs of up to 25 percent are in place for most seafood both coming and going to China, and Russia has not purchased a pound of U.S. seafood since 2014. Meanwhile, Alaskans have 17 million pounds of halibut to catch this year and landings so far are down 60 percent. With deflated markets and dock prices in the \$3-\$4 range, there's not much motivation to go fishing.

### Salmon starts!

Alaska's salmon season officially kicks off on May 14 at Copper River near Cordova with the arrival of kings and sockeyes. Other salmon fisheries will quickly follow. Alaska's total 2020 salmon catch is projected at just under 133 million fish, a 36 percent drop from the 208 million fish taken in 2019.

The state's largest herring fishery at Togiak in Bristol Bay opened on May 3. Icicle is the only buyer for a haul of nearly 39,000 tons of herring caught for their roe.

Kodiak's roe herring fishery is still underway with catches topping 1,500 tons. The price was reported at \$300 per ton. A small, one day a week herring fishery is underway at Upper Cook Inlet through May 31. The UCI's 200 ton smelt fishery runs from May 1 through June.

Dungeness crab opened around Kodiak on May 1.

Southeast Alaska's longest ongoing fishery – beam trawling for pink and sidestripe shrimp – opened on May 1 with a catch quota of nearly 1.8 million pounds. A pot shrimp fishery opens on May 15 with a 32,000-pound quota. A ling cod fishery is underway and Southeast divers are still going down for giant geoduck clams. Trollers will be out on the water this month targeting hatchery kings in several regions.

At Prince William Sound a second opener for big spot shrimp was set to wrap up on May 9. The total catch by 60 boats will come in at just over 68,000 pounds.

Just over 2 million pounds of halibut has been landed since the mid-March opener.

Sablefish catches at just over 5 million pounds also are down.

The Bering Sea snow crab fishery is wrapping up with a 30.6 million pound catch. Final prices won't be settled until July.

And as always, catches for cod, pollock, flounders and much more are ongoing in the Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea.

### Get mugged

Mug Updates tell Alaska fishermen how to navigate the strict COVID-19 mandates in place for salmon season. The updates are provided by the Alaska Fishermen's Network, an arm of the Alaska Marine Conservation Council.

"The purpose is to help you dip your toe in and give you a roadmap for some information to prepare for

this upcoming salmon season and for fisheries that are currently ongoing," said Jamie O'Connor, Network director and a longtime Bristol Bay fisherman.

COVID puts the kibosh on parties in the boatyard, the Mug Updates advise, and include simple suggestions like using paper dishware and changing up your galley game with gloves and masks for making meals.

"Basics of sanitation and hygiene are huge," O'Connor stressed. "I think when people are putting together their grubstake, whether they're putting in a barge order for their summer in the community or they're going fishing, it's important that they flag some of these little things to put in their shopping cart. It can make a world of difference."

From what she's hearing, O'Connor said fishermen "are committed to doing things as safely as possible."

"I'm also hearing a real concern for our supply chain, and people are very aware of the important role we play as food producers," she added. "Keeping informed is vital right now," she said, "and we're doing our best to make that as understandable and digestible as possible. We're also helping people work through the decision process about whether they are able to fish this season or sit this one out."

The Mug Updates tell it straight about salmon fishing during the COVID pandemic: Play by the rules or everyone gets sent home.

Find the Updates at [www.akyoungfishermen.org](http://www.akyoungfishermen.org) and on Facebook.

