King Cove to Celebrate its 100-Year Anniversary with Dignitaries, Local Residents

The City of King Cove is gearing up for its huge two-day celebration later this month as the community commemorates its 100-year anniversary. The festivities include honoring the community’s elders, personal visits and electronic well-wishes from a number of out-of-town guests, a banquet, contests, games for all ages and fireworks.

The first day promises a full and exciting agenda. U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski, Lt. Governor Mead Treadwell, Alaska Senator Lyman Hoffman and Representative Bryce Edgmon are scheduled to arrive in King Cove late morning on Friday, Oct. 28th. They’re planning to take a tour of the City and the Peter Pan Seafoods plant to see king
crab being processed. There will be a community “meet & greet” session with these guests at 1:15 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Center.

Later in the day, doors will open for the banquet in the Multi-Purpose center at 5:30 p.m. Activities will include a viewing of elders’ photos and memories, community voting for the flag and photo contests and door prizes. The banquet begins at 6:15 p.m. Mayor Mack will preside over the evening’s events, featuring the honoring of the community’s elders, a brief narrative and photo review of King Cove’s first 100 years, comments from other out-of-town guests, honoring other community members, awards for the winners of the flag and photo contests and lots of good door prizes!

Day 2 will feature several fun-filled activities. At noon, participants can look forward to a cook-off, craft fair, carnival games, boat exhibit, scavenger hunt, free throw and 3-point shooting contests and a three-on-three basketball tournament. The community barbeque heats up at 4 p.m. The evening will wrap up with a colorful display of fireworks at 9 p.m. The wide variety of events planned during the two-day celebration is intended to emphasize the community’s rich history and its promising future!

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**King Cove’s Salmon Cannery Reaches the Century Mark**

This year marks 100 years of having a salmon cannery in King Cove. The location was named for Robert King, whose family lived in a barabara near the lagoon in the 1800’s. However, the community really began with the establishment of the cannery in 1911.
In the early months of that year, Pacific American Fisheries (PAF) announced its intentions to build and operate a cannery in King Cove. The steamship Lindsay was loaded with 500,000 feet of lumber, cannery equipment and 50 men to build and operate the plant. The ship left Bellingham for King Cove on April 9, first arriving in King Cove on April 21, 1911. The ship unloaded men and cargo, headed south and returned again to the Cove with more supplies and Chinese workers for the cannery in late May. The cannery building was completed by June 1st.

The Superintendent in charge of building and operating the cannery that first year was Harold H. Smith. In a letter dated May 25, 1911, Mr. Smith wrote, “My dear Uncle Ed, Our troubles began when the Lindsay left. The China house was not complete and the wind was blowing, it was cold and everything was wet.” The letter was written to Smith’s ‘Uncle Ed’, better known as E. B. Deming, President of PAF.

Smith took photos of the construction and kept an account in letters and logbooks of those first years of the King Cove cannery. The Harold H. Smith Papers are entrusted to the University of Washington Library, and samples may be viewed for a limited time at www.kingcoveview.com/hhsmith.html. The letters are a fascinating account by the superintendent of the daily duties, keeping the peace between the men, complaining about the constant wind and rain and asking ‘Uncle Ed’ for more supplies.

That first year, the King Cove cannery put up 45,000 cases of canned salmon. Before the workers left at the end of the season, everything was tied down secure in preparation for the winter. Two watchmen were left at the site to take care of the new cannery. When the Lindsay returned in April of 1912, the upper story of the cannery bunkhouse was completely gone – blown away. Those two watchmen then told the first of many incredible tales of the fierce winter gales of King Cove, Alaska.
House Special Committee on Fisheries Holds Hearing on Salmon Management in the A-Y-K

By Ernie Weiss, AEB Natural Resources Director

On October 19th, in a conference room provided by AFN at the Dena’ina Center, the Alaska House Special Committee on Fisheries convened a hearing on Salmon Management in the Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim (A-Y-K) Region. Several speakers were invited to provide testimony, including Fish and Game Commissioner Cora Campbell and Jeff Regnart, Director of Alaska Commercial Fisheries. Other groups invited to testify included the Association of Village Council Presidents (AVCP), Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association, Kawerak, Inc., and the Bering Sea Fisherman’s Association.

All of these groups are co-signers of the Western Alaska Salmon Stock Identification Program (WASSIP) MOU, along with the Aleutians East Borough.

The committee also accepted public testimony from those in attendance and participants listening via teleconference. The public testimony varied from supportive of ADF&G’s efforts to critical of ADG&G, and most of the testifiers expressed frustration at the low abundance of returning stocks to the AYK region. Some believe there needs to be additional sonar stations on tributaries to estimate escapement. Others would like to see hatcheries developed in the AYK.

The legislators in attendance said they would hold another hearing on this issue during the legislative session. Representative Austerman noted that millions of dollars have been spent on researching this problem, to no avail.
Congressional Sea Lion Hearing in Seattle
Focuses on Fishing Restrictions

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Earlier this week (Monday, Oct. 17, 2011), the U.S. House Natural Resources Committee held a hearing in Seattle focusing on the controversial fishing restrictions federal officials claim are needed to help Steller sea lions survive in western Aleutian waters.

Congressman Doc Hastings (R - Washington) is requesting NOAA to re-examine the research that prompted NMFS to impose stricter fishing regulations last January. Hastings said those regulations caused an estimated loss to the commercial mackerel and cod fishing industry of at least $44 million a year and 250 jobs. Hastings said despite the fact that Congress has appropriated more than $150 million for Steller sea lion research, NOAA is still unable to answer questions regarding whether the commercial fishing industry is limiting food available for Steller sea lions.

Congressman Don Young (R - Alaska) said the fisheries service is making regulations with limited information. Furthermore, he said that while it’s clear the closures and restrictions will have devastating effects on the fishermen and fishing communities, it’s still unclear whether the sea lions will benefit from the more stringent regulations.

Read more - ADN article

Aleutia Schedules Meeting in Sand Point, King Cove
Focusing on P. Cod LLP Lease Program

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Aleutia is holding a public meeting at the end of the month regarding the new Pacific cod LLP lease program the National Marine Fisheries Service has developed. Under the program, Aleutia will lease a limited number of P. cod LLPs (14 in Sand Point and nine in King Cove) on a yearly basis to eligible harvesters. During the meetings, Aleutia representatives, including fisheries consultant Denby Lloyd, will discuss the program, along with
proposed selection and eligibility criteria for those interested in leasing an LLP. A limited number of telephone lines may be available for those unable to attend the meeting in person. Those who cannot attend are encouraged to submit written comments by October 31, 2011.

Sand Point meeting:
10 a.m. on Wed., Oct. 26, 2011
AEB building

King Cove meeting:
1 p.m. on Thurs., Oct. 27, 2011
King Cove Harbor House

For more information, please contact Audrey Foster at Aleutia at (907) 383-5909.

AEB Fishermen’s Meeting in Seattle
Scheduled to Meet Nov. 17th at Silver Cloud Hotel

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Next month, the Aleutians East Borough will host its annual fishermen’s meeting in Seattle at the Silver Cloud Hotel across from CenturyLink Field (formerly Qwest Field). The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. on Nov. 17, 2011. AEB’s Natural Resources Director Ernie Weiss and Fisheries Consultant Sam Cotten will be on hand while fishermen discuss how the summer salmon fishing season went. Fishermen are also encouraged to bring up any other issues they’d like to discuss. The AEB fishermen’s Meeting is traditionally held every year during the Pacific Marine Expo (a.k.a. Fish Expo) event at CenturyLink Field so fishermen can have the opportunity to discuss issues of concern.
NPFMC Meeting in December to Focus on P. Cod Season Changes, Chinook Bycatch

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During its December 2011 Anchorage meeting, the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC or Council) will take a first look at a proposal to consider other federal changes to the Pacific cod seasons. A year ago, the council required staff to produce a discussion paper on the subject of changing the opening date for P. cod trawl in the Western Gulf of Alaska. Later, the Council asked staff to expand the paper to include the entire Gulf of Alaska and all gear types.

Another concern raised by some local fishermen is having to choose between starting Jan. 1st for pot cod and fishing in the state tanner crab fishery that begins Jan. 15th. One suggestion has been to postpone the pot season (federal) until sometime after the state tanner season. A discussion paper on this issue will be presented during the December meeting. Interested fishermen may want to consider expressing their views on the possible season date changes during this meeting.

Other issues at the December Council meeting include:

- Final action on the GOA Halibut PSC.
- Final action on GOA P. cod Jig Fishery Management.
- Discussion paper on GOA Chinook Bycatch - all trawl fisheries.
- Final action on Salmon FMP.
- Final action on CQE in Area 4B.

For more information, visit the link below on the three meeting outlook. If you’d like to get in-depth information on what happened during the October meeting in Unalaska, another link is provided below.

PUBLIC WORKSHOP

November 3, 2011 @ 6:00 p.m.

Akutan Traditional Council Office

Please join the Aleutians East Borough and URS (an Engineering firm)

**Thursday, November 3**\(^{rd}\) **at 6:00 p.m.** to discuss the Akutan Harbor Floats. This is the public’s opportunity to learn more about the steps being taken to complete final design of the harbor floats and to provide comments on conceptual layout alternatives.

The Borough and URS look forward to your comments.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Anne Bailey at (907) 274-7580.
Cold Bay Airport – A Lot of Construction Ahead!

Status of Draft Master Plan

The draft master plan will be out for public review in November 2011.

Why has it taken so long?

Airport Master Plans often take several years to complete. Because some airport improvements (further described below) needed to be constructed in the next few years, the master plan had to be coordinated carefully with design efforts for the runway safety area and other airport improvements. This allowed those airport improvements to be accelerated but caused the master plan to take longer than it might normally. An Airport Layout Plan showing master plan improvements was completed in 2011 so that the 2012 – 2016 airport improvements discussed below could be accomplished.

The Airport Layout Plan can be viewed at:

http://dot.alaska.gov/stwdav/documents/ALP/Cold_Bay_ALP.pdf

What are some of the outcomes of the Draft Airport Master Plan?

The biggest outcome is the short term development plan. Since 2009, the State of Alaska DOT&PF has been planning and designing upgrades for the Cold Bay Airport. All told, there will be over $12 million in construction in the next few years and potentially even more in the years following. The following is a list of some of the work planned for 2012 and later.
2012 – 2013 (funding is approved)

- **Airport Rescue and Firefighting Building Expansion** – The existing building that houses fire trucks and other fire and rescue equipment will be expanded so that larger vehicles can park in the building. These vehicles are necessary because of the airport’s role as a regional hub and international emergency landing airport. **$3.1 million**

- **Runway 15-33 Runway Safety Area Expansion, North Apron and Taxiway C Resurfacing** – Gravel aircraft overrun safety areas off the ends of the main runway and along the sides of the runway are being expanded to comply with FAA safety standards. Congress has mandated that this be accomplished at Cold Bay and other airports by 2015. To provide the required runway safety area, the Runway 33 threshold is being moved in 240 feet. The remaining length of 10,180 feet is still longer than any other non-military runways in Alaska, except runways at Anchorage and Fairbanks International, and is large enough for all current and foreseeable operations. The North Apron and Taxiway C, are being resurfaced with asphalt. They were last resurfaced in 1972. **$9.2 million**

2013 – 2016 (funding is not yet approved)

- **Runway 15-33 Resurfacing and Lighting** – Resurface and new lighting system for the main runway. The existing runway was last resurfaced in 1989. **$15 million**

- **Runway 8-26 Shift, Resurfacing, and Easement** – This crosswind runway is proposed to be shifted to the west a few hundred feet and the east end will be shortened several hundred feet. The purpose is to address an FAA runway visibility safety concern where aircraft on one runway currently cannot see aircraft on the other runway because visibility is blocked by buildings along both aprons. Development of buildings on both aprons has been stopped because of this runway visibility safety concern. Also, the airport rescue and firefighting building expansion described above is contingent on making these crosswind changes. The overall runway length will be shortened, but the Landing Distance Available, which is the most critical dimension for C-130 and other aircraft operations, will be maintained. Part of the runway will be resurfaced and an easement will be acquired on the west end of the runway. **$1.7 million**

- **Aleutians East Borough Terminal Apron and Taxiway** – Construct a taxiway and apron to the Aleutians East Borough Terminal. **$5 million**

**Other Potential Projects**

Other projects identified for the next 5 years or so, but currently not funded include:

- **Repair ILS, Demolish Old Flight Service Station, and Relocate Balloon Launch (responsibility of FAA and National Weather Service)**
What’s Next?

DOT&PF and DOWL HKM, the master plan consultant, are planning to hold a public meeting in Cold Bay to discuss the draft airport master plan and provide an update on the upcoming construction projects in late 2011 or early 2012. You will be notified of the meeting in the Aleutians East Borough website and notices will be mailed and posted in Cold Bay.

King Cove Students Put Welding Skills to Use Building Skiffs

King Cove high school students are building on skills learned in the classroom and putting them to use in the real world. The welding students are not only honing their skills, they’re creating something useful in their fishing community: aluminum skiffs.

The idea was sparked after checking out a Kodiak teacher’s coursework. AEBSD Superintendent Dr. Phil Knight referred King Cove teacher Ray Miller and Sand Point Industrial Arts instructor Bruce Lee to Kodiak instructor Anthony Cavan.

Cavan has been building aluminum skiffs with his welding classes for the past 12 years.

“He spent time showing us how he builds and designs the boats, and answered questions that we had,” said Miller. “We visited with his students and watched how they built the skiffs. We went back to our respective schools and developed a plan to model what Anthony Cavan had shown us,” he said.
The King Cove students started the course by spending six to eight weeks learning and improving their aluminum welding skills. They were then tested weekly. They were required to pass an aluminum welding test with a grade of 90% or better before they would be allowed to weld on the skiff. Once the welding training was completed, the actual construction began in January of this year.

“King Cove is a fishing community. Boating and fishing are important parts of the students’ lives,” said Miller. “The ability to build a boat has real life meaning to them.”

The students involved in this project were Cody Mack, Mark Newton, Avery Samuellson, Shawn Brandell, Darell Gunderson and Larry Bear. Cody has since graduated and is furthering his education while the others are still actively involved in finishing the skiff.

“My goal is to show the students how these skills apply to their real life situations,” Miller added. “Instead of telling them about the importance of the need for quality welds, project like this speak volumes for the need to make sure their work is of the highest quality.

Miller said the students know these welding projects need to be strong enough to withstand the challenges the King Cove weather can present.

“They welding can mean life or death if not done properly,” he said.

Once the skiff is completed, it will be presented for sale to the highest bidder on the school district’s website. The proceeds will be used to help pay for the construction of the class’s next skiff.

Akutan Student Chosen to Attend Indian Agriculture Conference

The Indian Agriculture Council Conference has selected 16-year old Akutan student Sarah Bereskin to attend a conference in Nevada in December. Sarah saw a notice from the Council calling for Alaska Native youth between the ages of 13 to 20 to write an essay in order to be chosen to attend the Indian Agriculture Council Conference in Las Vegas December 4 - 9, 2011. She sent in her essay.
and found out earlier this month that she was one of two Alaska students selected by the Council to receive a youth scholarship. Sarah’s cousin, Josephine Shangin of Akutan, will be Sarah’s chaperone. The Conference will focus on teaching young people more about careers in natural resources, farming and ranching.

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**Linda Mack Joins AEB Staff in Anchorage Office**

If you’ve been to the AEB office in Anchorage lately, you’ve probably noticed that the new employee greeting you from the reception desk is an old friend. Linda Mack joined AEB’s staff on Sept. 12, 2011. Linda was born and raised in King Cove and moved to Anchorage in 2004. Even though she has lived in Anchorage for seven years, she continues to call King Cove home.

Linda is certainly no stranger to this office. She has filled in at the reception desk both here and in EAT’s Anchorage office in the past. A number of years ago, she was the receptionist for the King Cove Police Department. Linda’s employment experience also includes working as an itinerate health aide for EAT and for Yakutat.

Linda says she’s glad her new position allows her to remain in touch with everything that’s going on in the region.

“The most rewarding part of working in this office is that I am able to see people visiting from the region,” said Linda. “I also enjoy working with the wonderful people in the Anchorage office.”

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**Job Announcement**

**For Information Systems Assistant**

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coastal communities and their residents in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands. AJV is accepting applications for the position of Information Systems Assistant. This is a full-time position located in Anchorage and is responsible for assisting the IS Manager in the procurement, maintenance and upkeep of the computer and electronic information systems and providing IT support to office staff in our Anchorage office.

**Job duties include:**
- Providing users with technical support.
- Installing PCs, laptops, monitors, printers, telephones and other electronic equipment as needed to support local user requirements.
- Maintaining network documentation and procedures.
- Researching current IS technologies.
- Assisting the IS Manager in the following areas:
  - Maintaining corporate servers, computers, laptops, firewalls and VoIP phone systems.
  - IS budgeting.
  - Project planning and coordination.
  - Managing backup, security and user help systems.
  - Developing computer information resources, providing for data security and control, strategic computing and disaster recovery.
  - Assessment of computing needs and system requirements.
  - Purchasing and installing new hardware, software, and upgrade options.

**Required Qualifications:** High school diploma or equivalent and a minimum 2 years experience or training in information systems.

Preferred Qualifications: Familiarity with installing telco and network wiring, web services, SQL server and programming.

**COMPENSATION:** Pay rate is DOE. Benefit package includes: health, dental, vision and life insurance, 401K and paid time off.

Position open until filled.

Submit application with cover letter and resume to: ldelgado@apicda.com or fax to (907) 646-7741. Application forms available at www.apicda.com.
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*Develop business strategy and tactics to ensure future and immediate success.
*Create and maintain operational documentation.

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*Maintain network security (wired and wireless).
*Maintain and troubleshoot PCs running Windows XP and Vista.

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