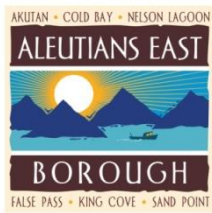


In the Loop



Bringing the Aleutians East Borough, the AEB School District and Eastern Aleutian Tribes together by sharing common goals.

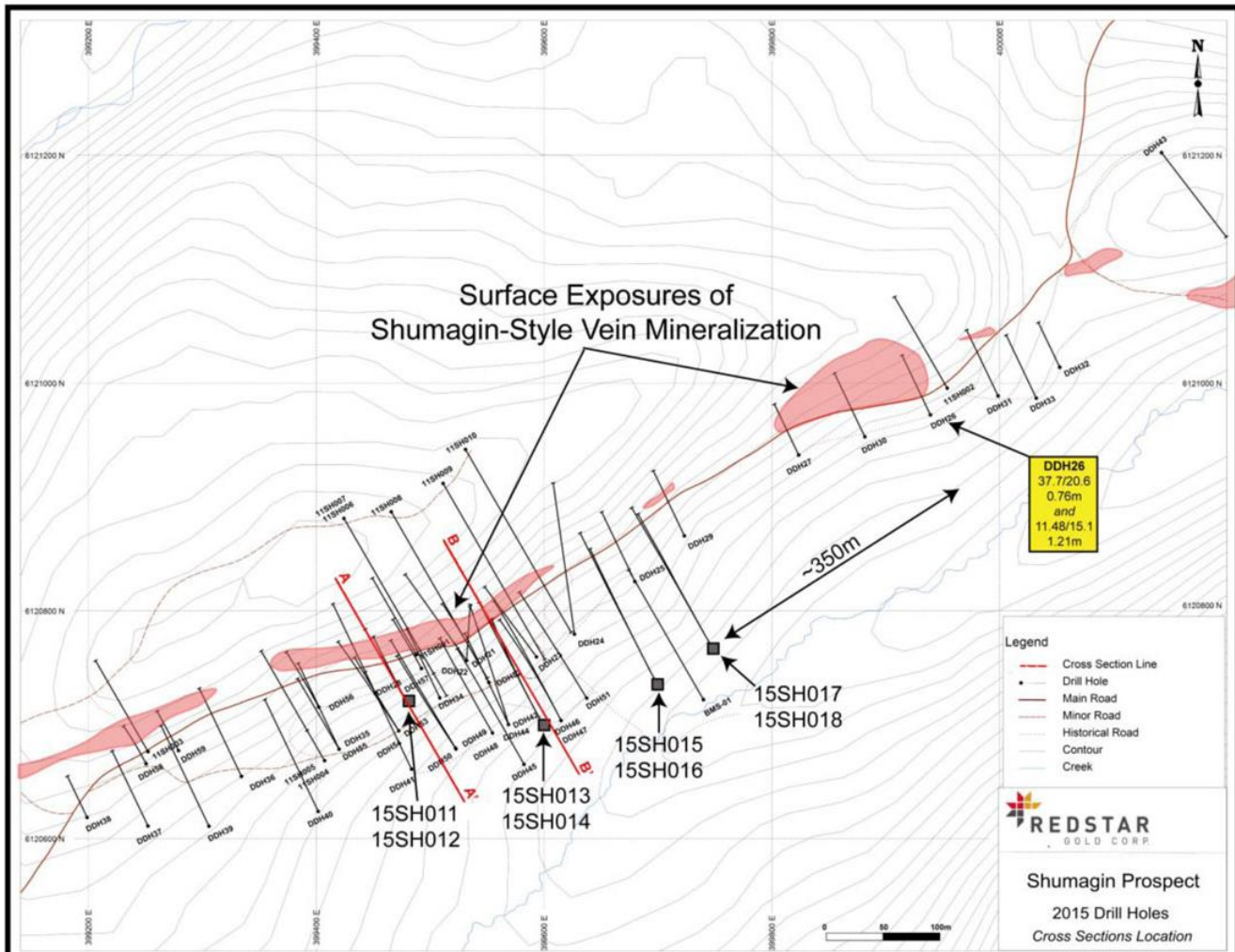
RedStar Gold Corp. Completes 8-hole Drilling Exploration Program on Unga Island

On the uninhabited island of Unga, about two miles west of Sand Point, is where a whirlwind of activity occurred recently – activity that could pay dividends in the future for Sand Point, the Unga, Aleut and the Shumagin Corporations.

About 12 people, including geologists, crew members and a cook set up camp on Unga in May to complete a 30-day program of drilling on state claims.

“Right now, that (the Alaska state minerals claims) is our most advanced showing on the island,” said Ken Booth, Redstar Gold Corporation’s CEO & President. “It had a lot of work done historically. It’s got some good gold grades, so we thought that’s where we’d get the biggest bang for our buck.”

In May of this year, RedStar Gold completed 1,500 meters (about one mile) of drilling, which included 8 drill holes. The company is primarily exploring for gold.



Plan map of the Shumagin Prospect showing locations of 2015 drill holes and cross section lines.

“There is silver associated with the gold, so I guess as we explore for gold, we’ll find silver as well,” he said.

During the summer of 2014, Redstar Gold began exploration, which consisted of just surface work.

“We did mapping of the rocks and sampling of the soil where it was favorable for geologic purposes,” Booth said. “We also sampled any rocks or old trenches we could find, using the existing roads and trails. We used ATVs and traveled by foot to get to some of the locations.”

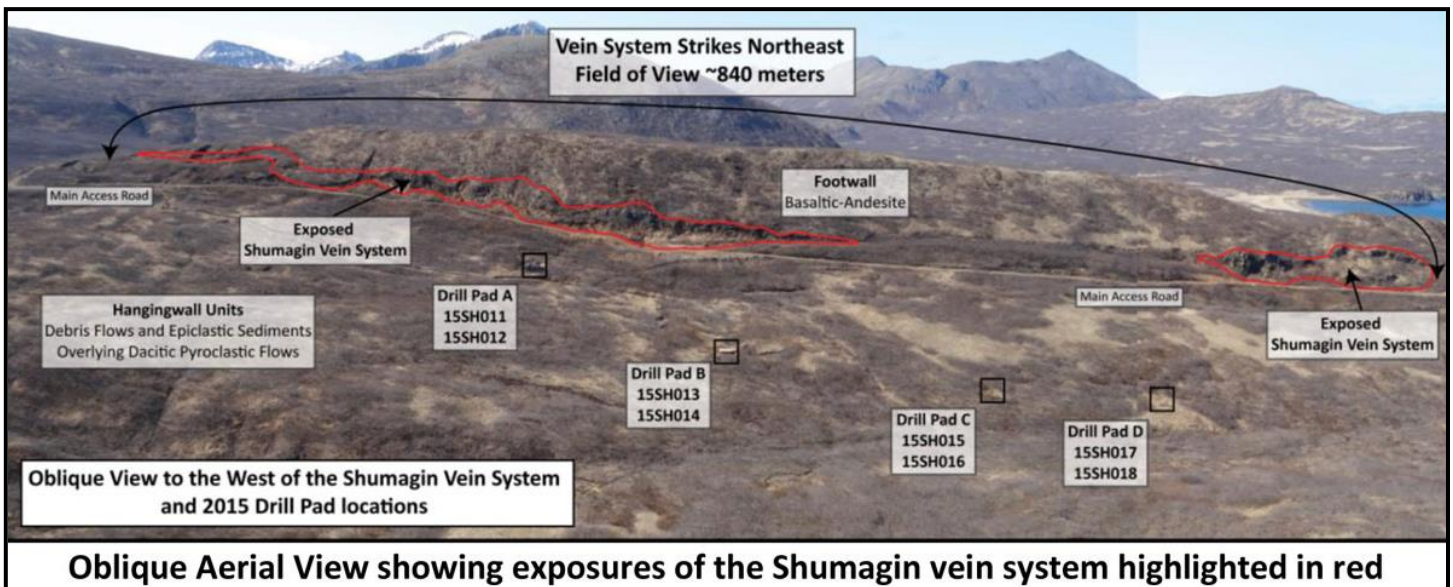
Redstar also used some of the local fishermen to ferry personnel, equipment and supplies to Unga.

In May of this year, a higher degree of logistics was needed.

“Because we had to move a drill around, a much heavier piece of equipment, and just for efficiencies of moving the drill from site to site, we had to have a helicopter,” Booth explained.

So far, Booth said the outlook appears promising.

“We very encouraged,” said Booth. “That stems from three things. On the island of Unga, there was the old Apollo and Sitka Mines. So we know that in the past, they were able to extract gold, which is always a good sign. In addition, the rocks themselves are quite encouraging from a geological perspective. These rocks are very prospective. Lastly, most of the recent work was done on what we call the Shumagin Prospect, and that’s where a lot of drilling was done in the 80s and 90s. Of course, we just did drilling in 2011 and the last round of drilling was finished in May (of this year). So with the previous mines, the favorable geology and the previous work done, we’re very encouraged.”



Unga Island has three separate types of land. The largest portion, owned by the Aleut Corporation, is the area Redstar is working on. The surface rights are controlled by the Unga Corporation. Additionally, there’s the state claims, which are in Redstar Gold’s name. Separate from the two aforementioned, Redstar also has patented claims from years ago, which are small.

“Out of all the land that we’re allowed to explore under the agreement with the Unga and Aleut Corporations (the state and patented claims), those two are maybe ten percent of the land,” said

Booth.

Logistically, Unga is very accessible, making the area appealing to Redstar.

“The scheduled daily flights on PenAir from Anchorage into Sand Point are great,” said Booth. “We can helicopter over, we can barge things over and we can also use some of the local fishermen to ferry people and supplies over to Unga. So logistically, it’s a very well-located project, relative to other parts of Alaska. Also, the nice thing about this part of the world, Unga and Popof, is a much more favorable climate. The elevation on Unga is also favorable.”

Booth said the mineralization that Redstar is targeting is gold and silver, both of which are very high grade.

“So you don’t need to find a lot of rocks with gold in it to make a lot of ounces because it’s so high grade,” he said.

Furthermore, Booth said Redstar’s footprint is going to be fairly small.

“It’s going to be underground, so there’s no big open pit,” he said. “We’re not going to disturb a lot of land.”

So how will Redstar profit from this project? And how will the local entities benefit?

“The benefit to us is we’re going after something that could be quite valuable,” Booth said. “So if we get this right and it goes forward, there’s definitely going to be quite a bit of economic activity brought to the area, benefitting the interested parties, such as the Aleut, the Shumgain and the Unga Corporations.”

Booth said in the future, whether it’s Redstar or another company that takes this on, and a mine is developed here, there will be quite a few jobs as a result.

“There will be jobs where people can learn skills, such as pipefitters, electricians, carpenters – you name it,” he said. The mining industry pays fairly well. Sand Point itself would be a staging area because there would be a lot of things coming in.”

“So I think the biggest benefit is that it brings economic activity, and with that, prosperity,” he said. “We’re still a few years away because this takes time.”

Booth said he’s very happy with the good relationships that he has developed with the Aleut, Shumagin and the Unga Corporations.

“I think we’ve shown them that we’re working hard to be good stewards because it is their land,”

he said. “I think they’ll see as we go forward and continue to work there, the benefits will be there, and we’ll be a good partner.

The next step for Redstar Gold is to continue to drill the Shumigan Zone.

“At the same time, we plan to conduct surface exploration on some of the other prospects on both the Shumigan Trend and the Apollo-Sitka Trend,” Booth said.

In the meantime, all parties are looking forward to a solid partnership that will benefit everyone involved.

Cold Bay Shines in Airport’s First Tri-Annual Emergency Water Rescue Exercise

Imagine a situation in which a plane with 18 people on board at the Cold Bay Airport crashes in the water. In this scenario, several people are critically injured. To save lives, responding quickly and efficiently is crucial. Every second counts. Emergency responders at the Cold Bay Airport have to be prepared for such an emergency. In a small town like Cold Bay, everyone has to get involved.

“As a certificated airport, we’re required to perform an annual tabletop and a tri-annual exercise of emergency procedures,” said Cold Bay Airport Manager Harold “Hap” Kremer. “If an airport is located within a half mile of water, responders are required to perform a water rescue.”



On July 7th, Cold Bay took part in its first tri-annual water rescue exercise. Photo by Michael Tickle.

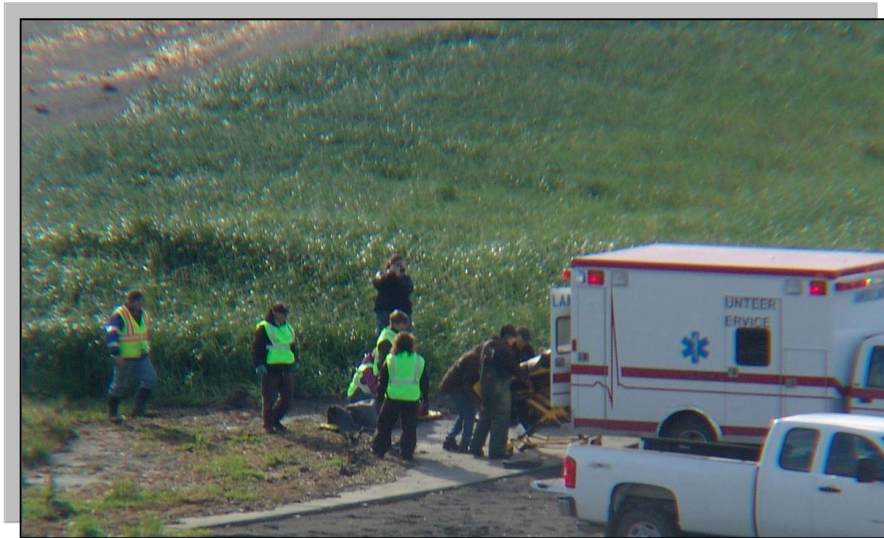
On July 7th, the community of Cold Bay took part in its first tri-annual water rescue exercise.

“We simulated a situation with a Saab 340 departing on Runway 8 with 18 souls and 3,200

pounds of fuel on board,” Kremer said. “The simulation was a mile offshore, towards the mouth of Russell Creek, heading east. We got the call at 8:58 a.m. The first boat was in the water heading to the crash site by 9:08 a.m. The second boat was in the water at 9:12 a.m.”

As emergency responders, it’s essential to find victims quickly and determine the priority of a patient’s treatment based on the severity of his or her condition.

“We had four victims needing triage,” Kremer said. “So after the first safety boat picked up two victims, and the second boat had two others, the triage victims were accounted for.”



The most critically injured patients were transported to the Cold Bay Clinic. The walking wounded were taken to the Community Center. Photo by Michael Tickle.

“The walking wounded were taken to the community center,” said Royce Snapp, the physician’s assistant with the Cold Bay Clinic. “They brought me the most critically injured first. As part of the simulation exercise, we coordinated with Guardian and the Coast

Guard to arrange for a medevac for our patients to send them out to

Anchorage for further care.”

The injuries consisted of broken legs, arms, burns, back pain, broken ribs and chest pain.

“They did an excellent job of triaging the patients I needed to see first,” said Snapp. “I think things went very well. When I first got the heads up about the (simulated) disaster, I called King Cove (as part of the exercise). They were going to send several providers over to help me. We also had members of the EMS squad that were helping me here in the emergency room.”

Every community resident who was participating in the exercise had a role to play.

“I recently had carpal tunnel surgery performed on my hand,” said Michael Tickle, employee of Frosty Fuel and a Cold Bay City Council member. “I couldn’t be hands on, so I ran around and took pictures of everything that was going on.”

His photos would be used later to evaluate how well the emergency response was conducted.

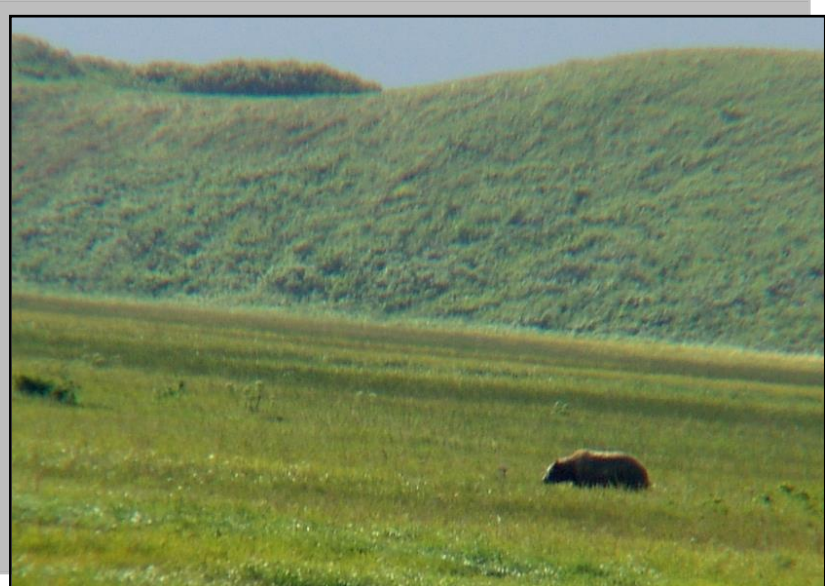
The so-called victims in the water were “dummies” consisting of Styrofoam in coveralls. Five walking wounded victims were found on the beach. Some had minor scrapes, bruises and were hypothermic.

“That left nine other victims,” said Kremer. “We were able to find eight of the nine (that day). I’m not sure if the ninth victim (the coveralls filled with Styrofoam) sank. We did a water survey, running a grid with two skiffs and a rescue boat. We did find pieces of foam that we identified as parts of the fuselage and stuff floating around out there.”

Two days later, PenAir employee John Patterson found the “ninth victim” at the northwest corner of the bay while beach combing.

During the day of the exercise, while Tickle was taking pictures, he encountered an unexpected visitor out in the tundra.

“Right at the tail end of the exercise, a big, huge brown bear walked over onto the ridge down by Russell Creek,” he said. “He came over the cliff base where there’s a meadow and headed for the stream and the beach further down. This was outside of where we were working, but it was close enough to warrant some attention.”



“Right at the tail end of the exercise, a big, huge brown bear walked over onto the ridge down by Russell Creek,” said Michael Tickle, who took photos during the simulation.

It was also a reminder that anything can happen, not only during an emergency drill but also in reality.

“One of the guys pointed out that this made it more spontaneous,” said Tickle. “I mean, you’re planning ahead, but there’s still spontaneity, too. It was pretty realistic.”

Part of the planning included having someone from U.S. Fish & Wildlife take part in the drill. Kremer said the planning was strongly supported by USF&WS and Izembek National Refuge Manager Doug Damburg.

“A fellow with USFWS had his shotgun, just watching over what was going on,” Tickle said. “We were aware where he (the bear) was, and I think he knew where we were. He was going to head in the other direction, so it wasn’t a problem.”



“A fellow with USFWS had his shotgun, just watching over what was going on,” Michael Tickle said. The bear headed in the other direction, so it didn’t create any problems during the exercise. Photo by Michael Tickle.

An exercise such as this takes a lot of planning.

“A couple of months ago, we pulled some people together and created a committee to come up with this exercise,” Kremer said.

The night before the drill, Kremer couldn’t help feeling somewhat anxious about how things would go.

“This was our first water rescue plan,” he said. “I gotta tell you, I was up at about four this morning stressing about it. For the first one, I was amazed.”

After the exercise was over, everyone gathered for a debriefing at the community



Everyone gathered at the Cold Bay Community Center following the exercise to discuss how the drill went. Photo by Michael Tickle.

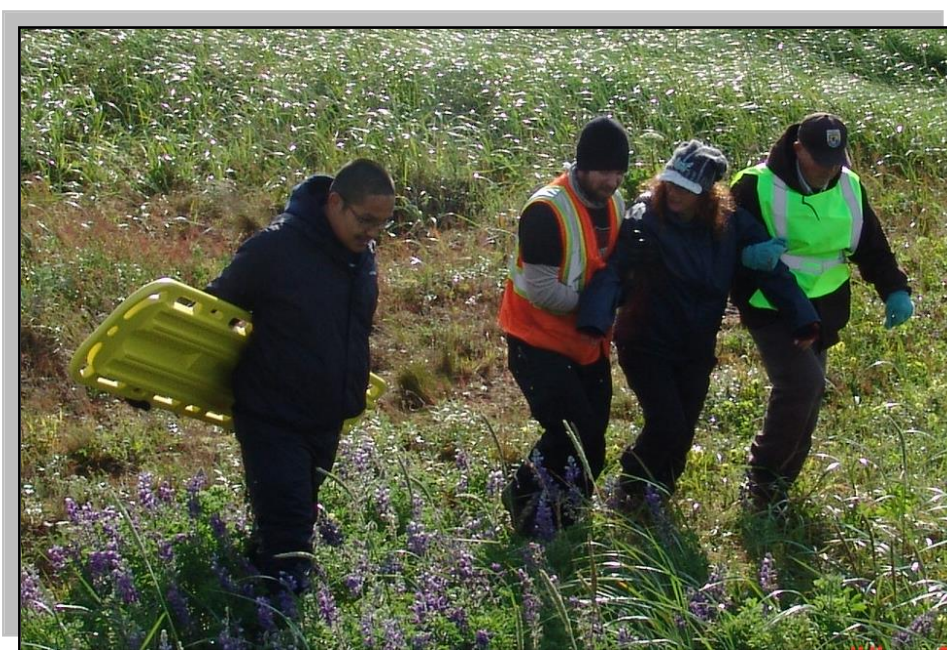
center. Cold Bay's Linda Kremer was there waiting for them after she and others set up chairs, tables and food to feed the hungry group. The Cold Bay Community Chapel worked with Hope Christian Fellowship of Anchorage to put the potluck together.

"Pastor Chuck Johnson (of Hope Christian Fellowship) sends food out to various outlying villages," she said. "So his church provided the food, and our church worked together with him on that aspect."

Linda Kremer said during the discussion, several people brought up ideas on what went right and how to improve the exercise for next time.

"They felt there could have been better radio communication," she said. "Someone also suggested doing a flyover of the water. There were just a lot of things they came up with that were excellent ideas," she said.

"We already have answers to some of the comments that were made," said Hap Kremer.



Cold Bay Airport Manager Hap Kremer said he was very impressed with how well everyone did in the simulation. Photo by Michael Tickle.

"Communication is always an issue – how to go about finding something out. From what I've gathered, identifying the leads at each location would be helpful," he said. "So if someone needed to help out another group of people somewhere, it would be easy to identify who the lead is in order to get the necessary information."

While Kremer was anxious about how the exercise would go during the wee hours of that morning, it turned out he had little to worry about.

"I gave out limited information to people because I didn't want them to know too much of what was going on beforehand. I was really, really impressed with how well it went. Overall, I would give everyone a two thumbs up. For the most part, this exercise performed as if it had been practiced multiple times. I know I'm going to sleep good tonight," he said laughing a couple of hours after the debrief. "I guarantee it!"

Alaska DOT&PF Changes its Regional Boundaries

AEB to be included in Southcoast Region Instead of Central Coast

After more than three and a half decades, the Alaska Department of Transportation &



Public Facilities (DOT&PF) is revising its regional boundaries, moving the Aleutians East Borough and other Gulf of Alaska communities from the Central Coast Region into the now-modified Southcoast Region. As of July 1st, in addition to Southeast Alaska, the new Southcoast Region includes: the Aleutians East Borough, the Aleutian Chain, the Pribilof Islands, the Lake & Peninsula Borough, the Bristol Bay Borough and the Kodiak Island Borough.

According to DOT&PF, the main reasons for the change are state population trends and the most recent federal highway bill, which prioritizes large urban areas and the national highway system. DOT&PF expects the Anchorage and Mat-Su areas to experience 72% of Alaska's population growth over the next 30 years. The department was concerned it would end up with an imbalanced workload between its three regions.

“Over the years, the region is going to see an overload of work for their staff, and that staff may not have enough time to dedicate to those other areas of the state, i.e. the coastal regions that the Central Region covered previously,” said Jeremy Woodrow, DOT&PF communications officer. “So the department spent a lot of time, worked with staff and a consultant to identify how we could relieve that workload and still deliver a consistent and efficient level of service to the communities that the department oversees. Throughout the process, we identified that we could redraw the lines and incorporate what we now call the Southcoast Region, which are basically the Gulf of Alaska communities. Those communities that are not connected by the road system are now incorporated into the Southcoast Region.”

Woodrow said this is mostly a staffing and administrative change.

“There are no actual positions being moved to Anchorage or elsewhere,” Woodrow said. “It’s really just a paperwork change so we can make sure the staffing in the regions is consistent so one doesn’t have more work than the other.”

When the change was announced, some residents in the region expressed concerns that doing business with DOT&PF officials would be more difficult because it would now require them to travel to Juneau, rather than Anchorage for face-to-face meetings. When public officials from the region travel to Juneau during the session, it wouldn't be a problem. But otherwise, the concern was that it would increase the cost of doing business.

“Definitely there’s going to be a learning curve for the department to make sure we can be as accessible as we have been during the old boundaries,” Woodrow said. “Ideally, maybe we’d meet halfway in Anchorage. I think that would probably make the most sense, since it’s a long trip (from the region to Juneau).”

Woodrow said an advantage of the boundary change is that there are a lot of similarities in the way DOT&PF does projects in Southeast Alaska and with the new coastal areas that have been incorporated into the Southcoast Region.

“When you think of the marine highways and the airports serving those communities and how comparable the climates are, there’s a lot of similar planning and designing that goes into projects in these areas,” Woodrow said. “It makes a lot of sense to have them included in the same region. You don’t necessarily have those bitter cold temperatures that you see in the northern parts of the state.”

Woodrow said many of the port and marine highway projects in the Gulf of Alaska communities have already been designed by staff in the southeast region, now part of the new Southcoast Region.

“So this isn’t a new area for staff,” he said. “We’ve already been working in this region of the state,” he said. “Many people may not have known it since we act as one department, even though we have three regions.”

Woodrow said the department hopes the regional boundary change won’t affect communities in the way that business is conducted, especially when it comes to DOT&PF’s maintenance and operations.

“We hope that things will be as smooth as they have always been,” Woodrow said. “That would be the ideal situation.”

Akutan Builds New Housing Units on Akun Island for Travelers and Staff

By Mary Tesche, Akutan Assistant City Administrator

The City of Akutan has recently completed the construction of three new housing units on Akun Island to serve travelers and staff at the Akutan Airport. The three units were constructed by Timberland Homes based in Auburn, Washington, and were shipped to the island in May. Since then, City workers have been busy installing the utility systems and preparing the new lodging for visitors.



Akutan has completed the construction of three new housing units on Akun Island to serve travelers and staff at the Akutan Airport. Photo by Timberland Homes.

The lodging consists of a bunkhouse (960 sq. ft.), a kitchen and bath facility (1,110 sq. ft), and a manager's house (532 sq. ft.). The bunkhouse can accommodate 16 visitors and 2 staff.



The lodge is expected to be open for business this summer after electrical and communications systems are complete. Photo by Timberland Homes.

The kitchen and bath facility is equipped with a full-size kitchen available for visitor use, a lounge, showers, and bathrooms. The manager's house serves as the private living quarters for the airport manager and family. Amenities will include internet, phones, and cable television. The lodge is expected to be open for business this summer after electrical and communications systems are complete.

The lodging was built after the City sold the camp it purchased from Kiewit in 2012. The downsized lodging is expected to provide sustainable revenue for the City while reducing the overall operations costs at the airport. Local labor was used for the on-site construction and installation of the facilities.

SWAMC Concentrates on Business Retention and Expansion Program in Region

Cold Bay, King Cove First to Participate

Submitted by SWAMC

In recent months, the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference (SWAMC) has focused efforts on bringing the Business Retention & Expansion (BRE) Program to different communities in the region. The BRE Program was launched with the collaboration of the State of Alaska Division of Economic Development in order to identify factors that help economic growth in Alaska. The core premise of the program focuses on interviewing business owners and managers to learn what specifically SWAMC can do to help retain and expand these businesses.

This summer, SWAMC conducted several BRE interviews with businesses based in Anchorage that serve the Southwest; however, the towns of Cold Bay and King Cove of the Aleutians East Borough were the first local entities to participate this year.

SWAMC's BRE lead interviewer, Brianna Dym, was thrilled with the opportunity. "We were excited about Cold Bay and King Cove's enthusiasm toward these interviews. The unique economic challenges that businesses in Southwest Alaska face need to be talked about in order to develop solid economic development plans. Talking with the locals has already highlighted some major problems, like cost of freight and transportation. We want to target these areas of concern and see what we can do to help the local businesses continue to thrive."

During the three-day visit, July 6th - 9th, SWAMC staff spoke to nine business owners and operators.

"More recently, SWAMC has been trying to identify workforce development gaps in our region, and how to address those gaps. The BRE interviews have played an important role in discussing the workforce; what is working and what is not working, what kind of resources are needed, and what kind of training and educational opportunities are lacking in our region," says Hope Broecker, SWAMC's Workforce Coordinator who participated in the interviews.

The data gathered from these conversations will play an important part in planning economic development projects for the region. One of the overall goals for BRE focuses on developing solutions for specific communities and businesses. This could include exploring funding opportunities, developing workforce development strategies, or bringing attention to specific policies. SWAMC wants to collaborate with business owners all over the region to provide immediate assistance where support for particularly challenging obstacles is needed.

This site visit is the first in multiple trips staff will make to connect with business owners in Southwest Alaska. SWAMC plans to make several more trips within the new fiscal year. If your community is interested in coordinating BRE interviews, please contact a SWAMC staff member at 907-562-7380, or email the BRE lead at bdym@swamc.org.

Aleutia Booth at Anchorage Downtown Market Draws Visitors from Around the World

Alaska summers evoke so many wonderful memories – sunshine, warm weather, enjoying the outdoors. For Anchorage residents, part of that is the ability to buy fresh produce at the Anchorage Downtown Market. Now they can add delicious Aleutia wild sockeye dinner fillets and smoked salmon to the mix.

For the second year in a row, Aleutia is hosting a booth at the market. Last month, during the solstice weekend, and on July 4th & 5th, staff members had a blast promoting the local brand and explaining what makes this premium, wild sockeye salmon stand apart from the rest.

“This is a great way to get more



Shannon Myers (left) and Audrey Foster (right) talk to customers about Aleutia and what makes this premium, wild sockeye salmon stand apart from the rest. Photo by Andy Varner.

locals directly involved in Aleutia on the sales side, help them make a little money and let them see for themselves how enthusiastic people get when they learn about Aleutia seafood and the Aleutians East Borough,” said Karen Montoya, Aleutia’s executive director.

Audrey Foster and Shannon Myers helped launch Aleutia’s presence at the Anchorage Downtown Market this year. The two are from Sand Point. Three other residents: Amberlee Weiss of King Cove, Shasta Anderson of False Pass and Shivonne Johnson from Sand Point will also take a turn promoting Aleutia products this summer. Montoya said combining Aleutia

seafood with local people on the sales team is almost irresistible for buyers.



“People are excited to meet the faces behind the Aleutia name,” said Karen Montoya, Aleutia’s executive director.

“People are excited to meet the faces behind the Aleutia name,” she said. “It’s a story they’ll bring home with them – and hopefully, one they’ll remember.”

Visitors from outside Alaska make up a good portion of the downtown market traffic.

“Hosting a booth there allows us to introduce our home and the brand to people around the U.S. and even the world,” said Shannon Myers who represented Aleutia at the market both this year and last. “In one afternoon, we met people from France, New Zealand, Canada, Maine, Colorado,

Missouri and Utah. It’s a great way to reach out.”

Aleutia shipped fish that people bought at the downtown market to several states, while others took their purchases with them.

“Alaskans also stopped by and bought Aleutia fillets for dinner,” Montoya said. “Last year, we generated several repeat online customers from Anchorage who first learned about Aleutia at the Anchorage Downtown Market.”

No matter where the customers are from, all enjoy hearing the stories behind what makes Aleutia salmon so extraordinary. The staff finds the experience of sharing these stories rewarding.

“We spend a lot of time talking about life in the Aleutians East Borough,” said Myers. “We talk about Aleutia harvesters’ attention to detail and the extra work they do.”

The stories resonate.

“The people we’ve met feel really good about supporting local family harvesters. They want to purchase seafood from a community-based organization that focuses its efforts on seafood quality, supporting local communities and environmental sustainability. The warmth and generosity of the local people they meet at the market certainly helps, too.”



Aleutia will be back at the Anchorage Downtown Market several times this summer. Photo by Karen Montoya.

One of the things customers seem to enjoy the most is getting a taste of this delicious salmon. This year, it’s a traditional hot smoked salmon. Last year, Aleutia offered samples of brown sugar brined smoked salmon.

The reaction has been positive. So positive that when Audrey Foster and Shannon Myers shut down the booth for the day recently and were carrying everything out, customers who sampled the salmon earlier stopped them before they were able to leave.

“They pleaded with them to unpack so they could buy several packages to take along on the rest of their trip through Alaska,” Montoya said. “It was a late day sale and a good example of the reaction they’ve received—overwhelmingly positive.”

Aleutia will be back at the Anchorage Downtown Market several times this summer, so any customers who didn't get to stop by yet will have another chance or two later this summer.

Sand Point Enjoys Fourth of July Celebration Despite Wet Independence Day

Sand Point's Fourth of July celebration drew a crowd of hardy souls determined to have a good time, even though it was a less than perfect day. Despite the rainy weather, the show went on – starting with the bike parade, which was organized by the Sand Point Women's Club.

“It went really, really well,” said KSDP General Manager Austin Roof. “Participation wasn't as high as in previous years because of the weather, but there was still a fair amount of kids there.”

After prizes were handed out, the celebration kicked into high gear, and it was game on for several fun-filled events, organized by KSDP. The jalapeno eating contest for adults and high school kids appealed to several brave participants. Dillon Larsen won for the high school category. Winston Krauss took top honors for the adult category.

The survival suit race was another enjoyable and challenging event.

“We had to rustle up some people to get involved in this event, and I ended up doing it for the adults,” said Roof.



The survival suit race, another enjoyable and challenging event, had both a kids and an adult category. Photo by Robin Gilmour.

At first, it appeared as if Roof had this one in the bag, but an unexpected challenge derailed his plans.

“I was starting to win on speed for putting it (the suit) on and off,” said Roof. “The adults also had to get the suit into the bag for this race. Then a bunch of kids grabbed my bag and started running around, trying to keep me from putting it all away. I was chasing them and grabbing Derek Cabot’s bag to keep it away from him. So it kind of broke down into a lot of fun at the end.”

The survival suit race wrapped up with Colten Mack winning for the kids’ category and Derek Cabot taking first place for the adults.

Other games had varying degrees of popularity.

“The three-legged race wasn’t very popular,” he said. “So I think I’d like to figure out something else for that. But the potato sack had some good participation. The egg toss was extremely popular. It was like herding cats for the little kids. Oh, my gosh! It was ridiculous,” Roof said.

Another game that was a big draw was the water balloon game. However, there were a few snags that created unexpected results.

“The water balloon melee was a huge hit,” Roof said. “But it probably needs to be reconsidered in future years,” he said, chuckling. “I had the eggs from the egg toss right next to it, so they started to throw eggs and there were cars around. Oh, gosh! It made a huge mess on top of it all. It was fun, but we’re learning on that one.”



Events such as the potato sack race had good participation. Photo by Robin Gilmour.

For many people, the 4th of July is also about barbecues, and for Sand Point, this was done on a grand scale, thanks to the Close Up Class, which organized the event.

“They had a table with all of the barbecue food, plus the tent,” Roof said. “The beer garden was

located in back of the net shed, taped off. Decorations were hanging from the rafters and walls.”



The bike parade, organized by the Sand Point Women’s Club, kicked off festivities at the July Fourth celebration. Photo by Rayette McGlashan.

Several tables were decked out and loaded with free 4th of July toys for the kids. There were also gift cards from Trident, and prizes for the winners of the games.

“Everyone had a lot of fun,” said Roof. “The kids looked like they were having a great time. We had a lot of participation from volunteers. Then with help from the Women’s

Club and the Close Up Class, it never felt like it was overwhelming. Hopefully, we can do something similar next year.”

King Cove Celebrates July 4th - Twice

For many people, Independence Day conjures up images of barbecuing out in the sunshine, games and fireworks. However, in Alaska, summer can often bring rain. In King Cove, that was definitely the case. So the city decided to celebrate the Fourth of July on two separate days.



On July 4th, King Cove held their picnic, fishing derby and duck race. Photo by Bon Babcock.

On Independence Day, the community turned out in force for the July 4th picnic.

“We had hot dogs, hamburgers, beans, salads, all that fun stuff,” said Etta Kuzakin, a volunteer with the King Cove Women’s Club, the group that organizes the July 4th festivities.



On July 8th, kids and adults in King Cove participated in dozens of games, including the potato sack race, the buoy hop and the marathon race. Photo by Chris Babcock.

Afterward, participants donned their rain gear and trudged down to Ram’s Creek for the fishing derby and the duck race. The biggest fish this year was 18.5 inches and the smallest was 3.5 inches.

“We also have tiny little ducks that we put in the creek,” said Kuzakin. “There are prizes for 1st all the way to 5th place. Even though it was wet and raining, people still participated.”

So children wouldn’t be wet and miserable, the community decided to wait until a nice day arrived to launch the arena games.

Many kids were eager and even

champing at the bit to take part in the festivities, but the wait was worth it. Four days later, on July 8th, Mother Nature cooperated with good weather. Kids and adults alike participated in dozens of games, including the ball throw, the jump rope race, the buoy hop, a pie-eating contest, the marathon race and of course, the much-anticipated bike parade.

The bike parade, which included kids in sixth grade on down, began at the King Cove Corporation office. Bike riders showcased their bikes, decorated to the nines, while riding up the boardwalk, then turning around and returning to the start. Kids were judged in three separate categories: tiny tots to kindergarten, first to third grade and 4th to sixth grade.

“There was also the best overall bike, which went to Bailee Wilson,” said Kuzakin. “She had a phenomenal bike. All the kids’ bikes were absolutely gorgeous!”

The races commenced after the bike parade. The marathon race faced an unforeseen obstacle which required organizers



The bike parade included young children up to sixth grade. Photo by Chris Babcock.

to change the course a bit.

“Unfortunately, we were not able to run up to marathon rock this year because there was a wounded bear in the area,” said Kuzakin.



“From the actual Fourth of July festivities to the July 8th events, it was absolutely fabulous,” said Etta Kuzakin, a volunteer with the King Cove Women’s Club. Photo by Etta Kuzakin.

The adults ran to the AC Store and back to the Chapel. Kids ran around the Gould Store loop. The little ones ran from the Heart Lake Apartments to the stop sign by the police station.

“It all took about two hours,” said Kuzakin. “It was a lot of fun.”

As the events wrapped up, it seemed the good weather could no longer hold out.

“It was perfect timing because as soon as we got done, it started to pour,” said Kuzakin.

Even though some participants were still finishing up in the marathon races, nobody seemed to mind that much.

“It was still fun for everybody,” said Kuzakin. “We all had a great time. From the actual Fourth of July festivities to the

July 8th events, it was absolutely fabulous, and we look forward to doing it again next year.”

QT Culture Camp in Sand Point Teaches Traditional Values, Knowledge to Kids

For many kids, summertime in Sand Point means tide pooling at the beach, bidarki making, storytelling, weaving, dancing and immersing themselves in Aleut culture. Culture Camp is immensely popular, not only in Sand Point, but also for kids in other Alaska communities who travel here to participate. The Qagan Tayagungin (QT) Tribe launched its 16th annual culture camp to 85 eager kids in Sand Point June 22nd – July 2nd. The variety of activities both indoors and outside kept kids fully engaged and keeps them coming back for more year after year.



Dancing, language, and Bentwood hat making were just a few of the classes offered at the 2015 QT Culture Camp. Photo courtesy: QT Culture Camp.

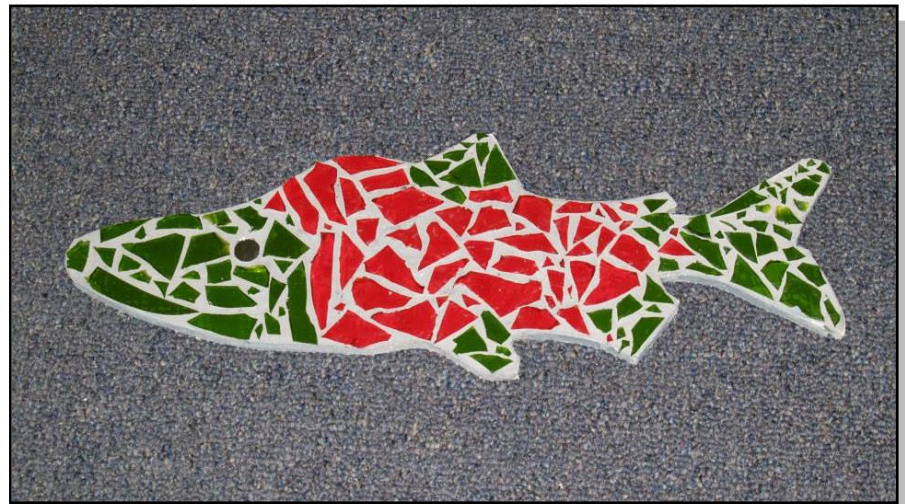
“Dancing and language are a lot of fun for the kids,” said Carla Chebotnoy, QT Culture Camp Director. “Of course, being out in skiffs and going down the beach is something else they really enjoy. We went on a hike to Red Cove and across to the

other side of the island. They like being outside and making hats. They kind of like a little bit of everything.”

A little bit of everything is exactly what kids get at the QT Culture Camp. One of the highlights and a new class this year was salmon mosaic art. Cheryl Smith, a teacher from Seattle, came to Sand Point to debut this class.

“She started the kids out with Styrofoam shaped in a salmon,” Chebotnoy explained. “Then they glued glass onto it, grouted it and polished it. It was pretty awesome. The kids really liked it and so did the community. It was a big hit!”

For the first time, Father Christopher Stanton, an ordained Russian Orthodox priest and board certified chaplain, introduced the kids to traditional values and culture.



Salmon mosaic art was a new class featured this year, taught by Cheryl Smith of Seattle. Photo courtesy: QT Culture Camp.

“He hit on things such as being polite and respectful,” Chebotnoy said.

The ever-popular courses, such as the Aleut Bentwood hat making class, drew a large group of followers, as it does every year. Peter Devine and Tim Shangan led the class.

“They also took the kids out in a skiff and brought fish back that we dried and smoked here at camp,” said Chebotnoy.

Teacher Marcus Daniels instructed the campers on how to make Aleut bidarkis.

“We made a two-man bidarki this year,” Chebotnoy said.

Sally Swetsoff taught campers how to make regalia and dance dresses. Five new dresses were created this year.

Dance instructors Karis Porcincula and Elizabeth Brown taught the kids about Aleut dancing and full crown head dress beading.

“We made about ten of those this year,” said Chebotnoy. “That’s a lot of beading.”

Another class featured Bering Sea head dress beading and glass ball beading.

Josie Shangin from Akutan taught the Aleut language class – a course that’s always popular with the kids.



Campers also enjoyed Bering Sea head dress beading. Photo courtesy: QT Culture Camp.



Glass ball beading was another popular class. Photo courtesy: QT Culture Camp.

“We also had our cooks, Anne Morris and Dana Osterback, who dished up a lot of traditional Native food,” said Chebotnoy. “They cooked fish in all different forms and varieties. The kids also went out on the beach and brought back bidarkis and sea eggs to cook up. They made caviar out of salmon roe.”

The Native delicacies included fish pie, homemade bread and corn beef soup.

“It was all yummy!” she said.

Visitors from outside of Sand Point also participated in the culture camp. Two teachers from Anchorage’s Humanities Forum traveled to Sand Point to take part in the camp and observe. In addition, kids from the Youth

Conservation Corps joined in the fun. They came from Homer, Sand Point, St. Paul and Adak. For everyone involved, it was a tremendous learning experience and an enjoyable time.

APICDA Summer Interns

The APICDA College Internship Program provides employment opportunities for residents who receive the Emil Berikoff, Sr. Memorial Scholarship. The program assists in placing students in summer internships that offer practical work experience. APICDA is delighted to have such highly motivated and talented students working in the Anchorage office. Please find more information about interns Robin Stepetin and Shasta Anderson below.



Robin Stepetin of Akutan is serving as an intern for APICDA's Human Resources and Training and Education Departments.



ROBIN STEPETIN is from Akutan and is serving as an intern for APICDA's Human Resources and Training and Education Departments. She is attending the University of Alaska Anchorage, studying Justice with a minor in Legal Studies. Robin would like to become a Probation Officer or Juvenile Justice Officer after she graduates in the spring of 2016.



Shasta Anderson of False Pass was hired to intern for APICDA's Tourism Department.

SHASTA ANDERSON is from False Pass and has been in the Medical Technology Program for four years at the University of Alaska Anchorage. She will be returning as a full-time student in the fall and hopes to finish her degree and graduate with her Bachelor's of Science degree. Shasta was hired to intern for the Tourism department.

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Aleutian Pribilof Island Community Development Association

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Get Ready, Get Set, Get Snapping!

We are looking for images from the APICDA communities of:
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All original photos must be maximum resolution for quality reproduction use in APICDA's 2016 Calendar and/or 2015 Holiday Card. Capture the seasons, holiday traditions, cultural events, people at work, children at play, wildlife and scenics.

Click often and send us your best shots by 5:00 pm on October 1, 2015



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Job Announcement Purchasing Manager

Job Summary: Aleutian Pribilof Island Community Development Association (APICDA) is seeking a Purchasing Manager. The desired applicant will have proven experience in coordinating logistical functions company-wide. This position is responsible for administering and managing the company's acquisitions and the delivery of parts and supplies to the seafood processing plants along with other duties as assigned. This is a regular, full-time, benefit eligible position.

Education and Experience: Bachelor degree in Procurement, Logistics, Business or related field from an accredited university and 5 years' experience in purchasing. CPSM certification and prior experience in the seafood industry preferred.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

Directs availability and allocation of supplies and products.

Collaborates with related departments, as necessary, to meet the needs of all functional areas, including taking advantage of sales opportunities, in order to minimize negative financial impact on the Company.

Protects and controls proprietary materials.

Develops and implements project management tools, such as plans, schedules, and responsibility plans.

Directs and tracks tasks, scheduling and work assignments to ensure the availability of resources.

Reports plans, progress, and results to supervisor, as requested.

Monitors and assesses scenarios to create the most viable, financially sound plans for order, shipment, and expediting supplies and parts.

Understands needs of the seafood processing plants and takes action to ensure that needs are met.

Location: Anchorage, AK

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