



Fish News

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Borough Resource Director Testifies Before President Obama's Oceans Policy Task Force

Four officials from President Obama's Oceans Policy Task Force got an earful in Anchorage last week about several major issues facing coastal communities. The goal of the task force is to come up with a national policy for managing the nation's oceans, coasts and Great Lakes. According to a White House memorandum, the national policy "should ensure the protection, maintenance and restoration" of oceans, coastal areas and the Great Lakes ecosystems. It also should enhance the sustainability of oceans and coastal economies

while enhancing the ability to respond to climate change. Furthermore, it must be coordinated with national security and foreign policy interests.

Borough Resource Director Beth Stewart testified that Alaska, like other regions, has unique circumstances that call for local expertise. She asked that the task force keep in mind that one size doesn't fit all. Stewart said in the past, many of NOAA's programs have revolved around the needs of industrial ocean-going fleets from outside of the region. She said the Borough hopes



AEB Resource Director Beth Stewart presented testimony to President Obama's Oceans Policy Task Force.

NOAA will expand its efforts to reach out to fishery-dependent communities and will work with us to develop appropriate management strategies that fit our communities.

“Any comprehensive national ocean policy needs to recognize the differences among regions and the differences within a single region,” Stewart said. “Coastal fishing communities not only need to have a seat at the table when decisions are being made, but a voice within the agency on issues that will directly their survival. We fervently hope that any National Ocean Policy will put a premium on maintaining and strengthening our communities and fisheries.”

[Link to Anchorage Daily News story](#)

[Link to Associated Press story](#)

Fish Meetings Scheduled in King Cove and Sand Point This Week

AEB Resource Director Beth Stewart and Fisheries Consultant Sam Cotten plan to meet with fishermen in King Cove and Sand Point this week to discuss a broad range of topics, including how the summer salmon season went and issues scheduled to arise during the upcoming meetings of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council and the Alaska Board of Fisheries. One of the most controversial issues is the proposed sector split. The council is considering the proposal for a variety of reasons, including the concern that competition among the sectors may contribute to higher rates of bycatch. Another reason the council is taking up the issue is because Pacific cod participants who are dependent on the fishery face economic uncertainty. The Alaska Board of Fisheries recently published its book of proposals, which will affect Area M fishermen.

Meeting Schedule:

6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28, 2009 King Cove: Harbor House

7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, 2009 Sand Point: Borough Office

[Link: AK Board of Fisheries 2009/2010 Book of Proposals](#)

[Link: NPFMC Proposed Motion: Pacific cod allocations](#)

[Link: AK Board of Fisheries Meetings](#)

[Link: NPFMC Meetings](#)

APICDA Plans to Build Fish Handling Facility for Nelson Lagoon



The Aleutian Pribilof Island Community Development Association (APICDA) is joining forces with Burkhart-Croft Architects (BCA) to design and build a \$4-million fish handling facility in Nelson Lagoon. Current plans call for the design work to be completed by the end of year. The building footprint will be 60 x 100 feet. It will include a mezzanine level, bringing the facility's total floor area to 8,400 square feet. The project is scheduled to go out for bid in January or February of 2010. The facility is expected to operate in Nelson Lagoon during the 2011 summer salmon season. Funding is being provided through an Economic Development Administration grant, with an equal match from APICDA.

AEB Requests Your Support for 2010 – 2015 OCS Oil & Gas Leasing Program

The deadline to submit resolutions/letters of support for the **2010 – 2015** Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) oil and gas leasing program in the North Aleutian Basin (NAB) is fast approaching. The Aleutians East Borough is requesting your assistance to help move the process forward. The AEB would also like to extend our thanks to several groups who submitted their resolutions and letters of support and provided a copy to the AEB. However, **it is critically important that all other municipalities, tribal**



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groups, other organizations and individual residents submit their letters/resolutions of support. The federal government will not allow the 2010 – 2015 OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program for the North Aleutian Basin to go forward without a tremendous show of support. The



Geologists believe the North Aleutian Basin is predominantly gas-prone.

oil and gas

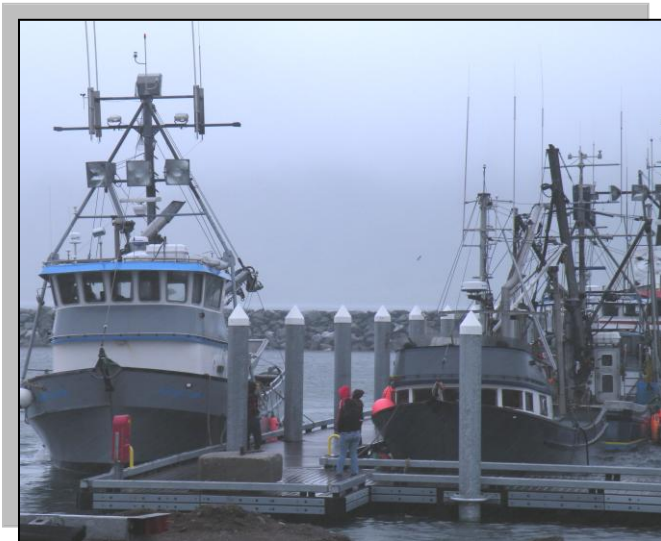
leasing program will help our region of Alaska diversify its economy and will help offset the high cost of fuel many fishing families must endure. As the sample letters that are linked below state, the North Aleutian Basin Leasing Program will benefit the local economy, provide good paying jobs, expand local infrastructure and contribute to national energy supply needs.

The Borough has submitted ten mitigation measures (including air and water pollution mitigation and fisheries protections) which the AEB has pressed the Minerals Management Service to include in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). These mitigation measures can be found on the Borough's Web site. For more information, visit this link: [AEB's Proposed Mitigation Measures](#).

Your letters of support for the 2010 – 2015 OCS oil and gas leasing program for the NAB are crucial. Remember: You will be able to review the DEIS next summer to see what protections are in place. The opportunity to comment on the DEIS and further oil and gas development will occur at that time. However, **the Five-Year OCS Plan for 2010 – 2015 will likely not be approved if local support is not strongly demonstrated to MMS.** If the plan doesn't move forward because of a lack of interest and support, we will never be able to see what the Draft EIS would identify as risks and benefits. ***The deadline for resolutions/letters of support is Sept. 21, 2009.*** (See link to sample letters [below] to help get you started.) The Borough would appreciate a copy of your letter/resolution of support.

[Link: 2010 - 2015 Oil & Gas Leasing Program - Sample Letters](#)

False Pass City Council Passes Harbor Rates Ordinance



False Pass Harbor. Photo by Melanie Hoblet.

On Aug. 3, 2009, the False Pass City Council passed its Harbor Rates Ordinance (Ordinance 10-01). The rates include:

Dock Fees. Use of the *Municipal Dock and newly constructed sheet pile dock* is subject to the following fees:

- (1) Dock facilities used for loading or unloading other than crab pots (crab pots include associated lines, buoys, bait pitchers and sorting tables) will be charged by the lift \$2, each way.
- (2) Cargo delivered from freighters, moving across *either* dock, shall be charged a penny a pound, with a minimum charge of \$10.00;
- (3) Crab pots, including associated lines, buoys, bait pitchers and sort tables - unloading or loading across *either* dock: \$2 per pot (3 Dungeness pots count as 1 regular Crab pot) to unload and reload within one calendar year;
- (4) Ferry docking fee: \$125 for each docking for any vessel in the state Marine Highway System;
- (5) Fresh water: for long term use, meter hookup \$75, plus \$4.00/thousand gallons; intermittent use, \$25 per fishing season;
- (6) Miscellaneous: fork lift rental, \$50/hour or portion thereof; van storage, 8x20 \$200/year; 8x40 \$350/year; skiff storage - \$200/year; there shall be a fee of \$.05 per square foot of space occupied charged to each stored item per month; emergency pumping \$50/hour plus materials; and all costs of professional services as required.

(7) Mooring Fees: vessels moored to *the Municipal Dock or the sheet pile dock* **shall be engaged in active loading or unloading materials.** *All other vessels wishing to moor leisurely will be asked to moor at the harbor. Any vessel remaining at the Municipal Dock or sheet pile dock leisurely* will be assessed ...

For further details, click on the link below:

[Link: False Pass Harbor dock and mooring fees](#)

Get Hooked on the Sand Point Silver Salmon Derby during the Labor Day Weekend



Catch the excitement at the Sand Point Silver Salmon Derby, one of the community's biggest fundraising events of the year. The fun-filled family event takes place September 4 – 7, 2009 in the Sand Point Boat Harbor, at the gear shed.

The packet purchase and dessert kick off will take place on Friday, September 4th at 6:30 p.m.. Fishing will begin Saturday, September 5th at 8:00AM and continue through Monday, September 7th until 3:00 PM. The prize potluck

will be held Monday, September 7th at 5:30 PM. All activities and events will be posted prior to the beginning of the Derby.

The derby donates a portion of the proceeds to the Volunteer Sand Point Emergency Medical Services, Boys and Girls Club of Alaska/ Sand Point and The Sand Point Culture Camp, which serves children and adults of the Aleutians East Borough.

Salmon Prizes

Adults

- First Place \$750.00
- Second Place \$400.00
- Third Place \$150.00

Children

- First Place \$300.00
- Second Place \$200.00
- Third Place \$100.00

If you would like a brochure of all the activities, e-mail Tina at tanderson@aeboro.org



Contact: Karen Montoya

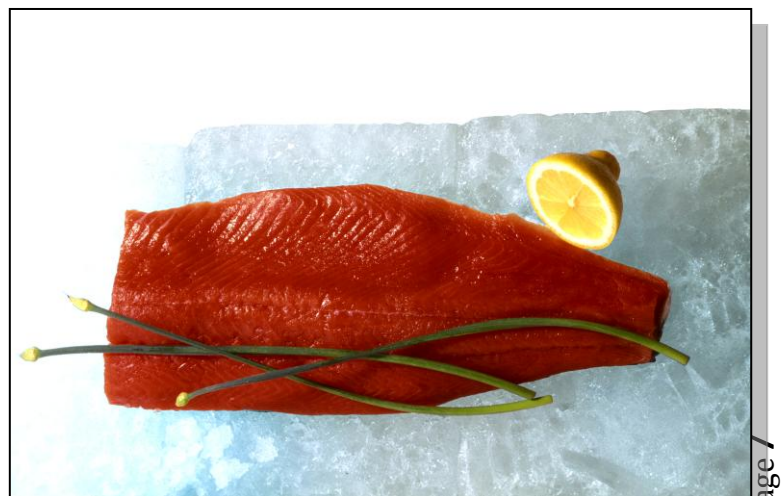
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Capture the ocean-caught flavor of Aleutia sockeye salmon from home this fall

Buy a case of fillets directly from Aleutia to enjoy premium salmon through the winter

SAND POINT—August 26, 2009—Aleutia sockeye has been making a splash around the country this summer for its ocean-bright appearance and clean, rich flavor. Now you can fill your freezer with a 25-pound case of beautiful, pin-bone-out, vacuum-packed Aleutia salmon fillets by calling 907-383-5909 or sending an email to aleutia_Tiffany@arctic.net.

Aleutia's local friends pay a discounted price for a limited time by mentioning



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the discount code AFRIEND. Hurry and order, because a limited amount is available for individual sale.

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