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# Aleutian *Wave*

## St. George Harbor Funding and Other Regional Capital Projects

The last week of June, Governor Parnell released his list of funded and vetoed capital projects. APICDA's main priority – a \$2.5 million allocation toward the reconstruction of the Zapadni Bay Harbor on St. George Island – was funded in full. This is a very significant event. The amount of funding will not pay for the anticipated cost of renovating and fixing the harbor, but it is a significant start. The state Department of Transportation had previously estimated it would cost them about \$500,000 to model the changes necessary for the harbor and to make the appropriate design modifications. We hope that work will commence this summer. In the meantime, we will move ahead aggressively to pursue federal authorization and funding in Washington, D.C. We're finally on the road!

We owe a lot of thanks and appreciation to our Juneau legislative representative Jerry Reinwan, Senator Lyman Hoffman (whose help and support was invaluable), Senator Bert Steadman (Co-Chair of the Senate Finance Committee), Representative Edgmon, Governor Parnell, the Governor's Rural Alaska representative John Moller and Congressman Young (who personally called the Governor to support the project). Also, CJ Zane helped out as well with well-timed calls to different individuals. Similarly, Pat Pletnikof, Mayor of St. George and APICDA board member, traveled to Juneau to help advocate for the project. All in all, a great team effort!

In addition to the St. George harbor project, a number of other important projects for our communities were also funded, including: Akutan Geothermal (\$2.695 million), False Pass wind energy (\$69,075), and Nelson Lagoon wind energy (\$99,075).

Thank you again to our legislative delegation of Senator Hoffman and Representative Edgmon.

# COO Update

Hello all!

In an effort to come up to speed since joining APICDA on April 11, I've been on an active tour of our operations. I feel fortunate to have visited our plants in Atka and False Pass, as well as the fish handling facility in Nelson Lagoon. Although I haven't made it to St. George yet, I look forward to visiting the new facility there too. Besides our communities, I've also been familiarizing myself with the APICDA offices with visits to Juneau, Seattle, Kenai and Homer.

My first stop was to the Juneau office where I got a good look at the daily operations of accounting, payroll and IT. I was able to witness the importance of the interactions between these departments and the operational departments of AJV. Additionally, I was able to sit in on an Investment Committee meeting and learned how that process unfolds.

Next, I flew to Seattle and met with Everette Anderson who heads up our one person APICDA office in that location. Having worked in a similar setting at one time in my career, I could identify with Everette's task of being his own support staff while still accomplishing his mission within APICDA. I also met up with Ken Smith and Larry Cotter while in Seattle for a meeting with the False Pass Fisherman's Alliance to discuss our operations at Bering Pacific Seafoods in False Pass. My trip finished off with a tour of one of our partner vessels, the F/V Starbound.

Once back in Alaska, I drove to Kenai to meet with Quota Manager Luci Roberts where I observed firsthand how she makes her magic happen to keep fish coming in. After visiting with Luci, I continued down the peninsula to Homer where I met with Construction Manager Shawn Hansen and Office Manager Rhonda Ecker. Shawn and Rhonda filled me in on APICDA's construction operations, the projects the department is currently working on and projects that are presently in the pipeline. Another portion of the visit to Homer was spent touring several of the vessels in the AVI fleet as they were being prepped for the fishing season.

In mid-May, I flew to Atka to tour Atka Pride Seafoods and had the pleasure of meeting our on-site management team, Jimmy and Larisa Prokopeuff. I spent some time getting familiar with the plant, APS operations and also the village of Atka itself. One of the ideas to come from this visit was to make use of Atka's great airport in getting halibut fillets from APS to the fresh market. This is a work in progress.

Also in May, I attended APICDA's 13<sup>th</sup> annual Community Conference followed by my first full board meeting with APICDA's Board of Directors. With each event I enjoyed learning more about APICDA, its pursuits, projects and daily actions.

The most recent stop in my tour was Bering Pacific Seafoods in False Pass. I was well informed and learned as much as I could while there with the aid of Shoreside Operations Manager, Ken Smith and Shoreside Specialist Kevin Gramson as well as Maintenance Specialist Jacob Betts. The plant in False Pass holds great possibilities and our focus for the year will be to redefine its scope and future capabilities.

Although I have 40 years of experience in the seafood processing and construction worlds, 2011 will continue to be a learning year for me. Operationally, I will continue to focus on helping to fine tune production and oversee our construction projects as I learn more about the people and places that make up those operations. Each person that I have met within APICDA is a committed, hardworking and professional; I am sincerely happy to be working with such a fine group of people.

Don Beeson, Chief Operating Officer,  
APICDA Joint Ventures



## A PIC DA Joint Ventures & Partner Purchase the F/V E xceller



AJV and B&N Fisheries have formed a new company called TNG, L.L.C. (which stands for "The Next Generation"). TNG is owned equally by the two companies. The first acquisition was the purchase of the F/V Exceller. The Exceller is a super 58 foot combination vessel, which will trawl, long line, pot fish and seine in the cod, halibut, crab and pink salmon fisheries. Its fishing range will be from the Aleutian Islands to the Bering Sea, and from the Gulf of Alaska to Prince William Sound. We expect the vessel's operations to be quite successful.



# Aleutian Art

## Art inspired by life in Nikolski finds home in village

By Michael Armstrong - Staff Writer, Homer News - Reprinted with the permission of Homer News

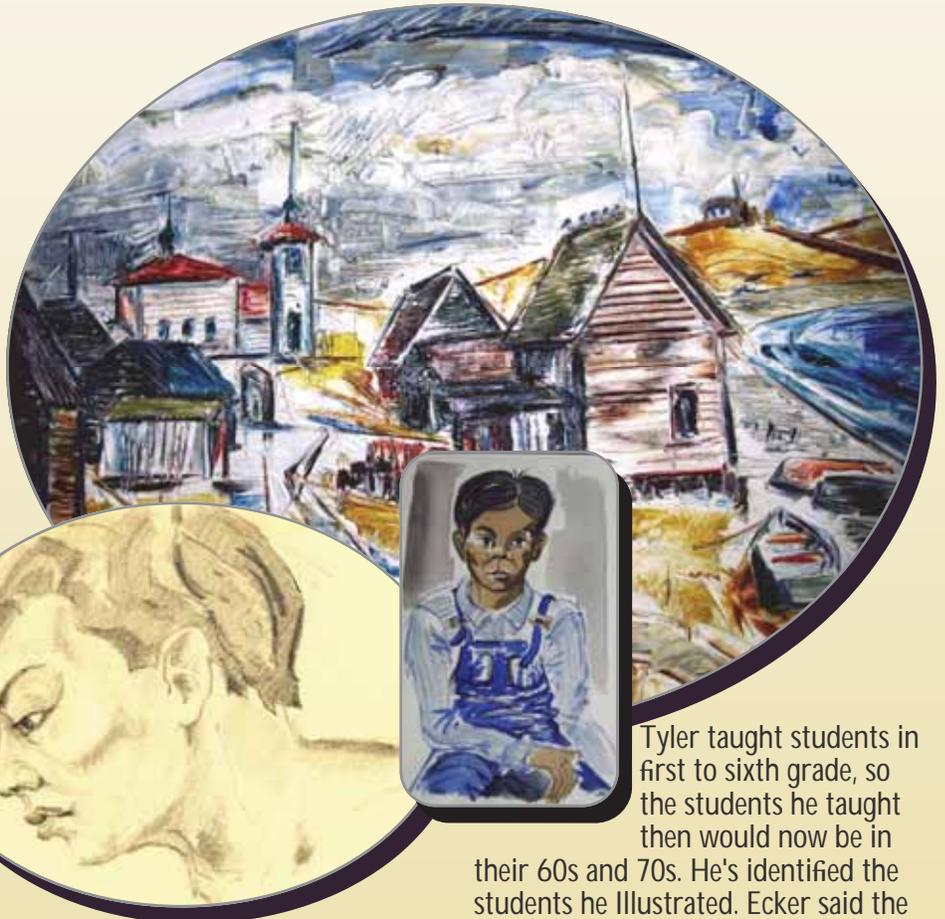
A collection of art inspired by a Homer artist's first teaching job in Alaska will return to the village where it was created. This month, the Aleutian Pribilof Island Community Development Association purchased R.W. "Toby" Tyler's paintings and sketches he did of students he taught in the Aleutian Island village of Nikolski while teaching there in the 1950s.

Tyler, who also taught in Homer and retired from teaching to create and sell his art, went to the village on Umnak Island west of Unalaska for his first teaching post in Alaska. In March and April, Tyler did a retrospective show of his work at Ptarmigan Arts. One corner of the exhibit included about a dozen pieces, including two life masks and several landscapes that came from his time in Nikolski. "I happened to notice the paintings from Nikolski and enjoyed them," said Rhonda Ecker, office administrator for APICDA, who went to the First Friday opening of the show. "Two days later it dawned on me how great it would be to purchase them and return them to the village."

Tyler said he was surprised at the connection made by Ecker to the villagers. "It's kind of interesting," he said. "I haven't had any contact with any of them since I left. ... It's a small world."

Many thanks to Rhonda Ecker for all her hard work and to Toby Tyler for donating numerous sketches and slides for digital reproduction. Once all 18 pieces plus a detailed genealogy chart are prepared, Rhonda will be flying to Nikolski for an art opening and reception. The event is planned for the summer of 2012.

The Tyler Nikolski collection will be displayed at the Ugludax Lodge overlooking Nikolski Lake. APICDA also purchased other Nikolski work Tyler had but did not show. Tyler has loaned Ecker his color slides of his time there to scan and share with the villagers. Tyler also did a genealogy of the villagers he knew then, and that will be reproduced as well.



Tyler taught students in first to sixth grade, so the students he taught then would now be in their 60s and 70s. He's identified the students he illustrated. Ecker said the lodge hopes to hold a community potluck once the exhibit is hung.

"I'm really excited to see how many people recognize themselves," she said. "It's kind of fun," Tyler said. "I might even go back out there and revisit."

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In 1937 the Alaska Native Arts and Crafts Clearinghouse (ANAC) was set up by BIA Alaska Native Services as a wholesaler out of Juneau. ANAC separated from BIA in 1956 and became a private association as the Alaska Native Arts and Crafts Association. In 1961 the ANAC Cache was opened in Juneau. The program was intended to showcase and bring to market the art of Alaska natives through the Cache as well as a catalog. Don Burrus became the managing director in 1944 and, according to Mary Taylor, who worked for ANAC, Don would set aside to showcase unusual or unique items as they came in from the villages. One such item was a petite basket with carefully woven designs that has now come home, in a manner of speaking, as part of the APICDA family some sixty years later.

When Mr. Burrus retired in 1971, ANAC came under the management of Henry Tiffany III who moved all inventory and offices to Anchorage. According to Ms. Taylor, Mr. Tiffany's business approach was focused on selling to a larger outside audience and it pained her to see so many of the art pieces leave the state.



Mary said she guesses, "She complained loud enough," when she discovered that this particular basket was headed to Texas because Henry offered to sell it to her instead. Mary relayed that the basket came to ANAC in Juneau in the 1940's during WWII when the Aleut people were evacuated from their homes and relocated to other areas of the State. She believes that the basket came from Atka because of the way in which the top was created. Each artist had a style all their own which created a unique signature according to Mary, who became quite familiar with native artists and their pieces having worked in the field for much of her life. After borrowing the money from friends, Mary was able to purchase the basket from ANAC and has cherished it for over thirty years. Now, at ninety-three, Mary has begun transferring her collection, willing some pieces to Alaska museums and selling others to those who appreciate their worth, with the hope that they will remain in the land in which they were created.

Many thanks to Moses Dirks and Millie McKeown for the U nangamT unuu translations.



APICDA is excited to announce the purchase of its new home at 717 K Street in Anchorage. We will be moving to our new location in August. Please feel free to stop by and visit!

*Members of the A-Team were interviewed by Vanessa Orr for an article written about alternative energy in Alaska - for Alaska Business Monthly. APICDA was given permission for a partial preprint of the article; please look for the full piece in ABM's August 2011 issue.*

## The A-Team: Leading the Way in Alternative Energy Planning

By Vanessa Orr

As the United States seeks to free itself from its reliance on fossil fuels, many states are beginning to explore alternative sources of energy. Alaska, with its wind, wave and geothermal resources, is the perfect place in which to try to harness these forces of nature as a way to reduce not only its need for traditional sources of fuel, but its own carbon footprint.

One area that is leading the way in alternative energy planning is the Aleutian Islands, where the A-Team, made up of

leaders from Aleutian regional organizations such as the Aleut Corporation, Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association, APICDA, are working in collaboration with a number of community organizations to find better, more affordable energy sources. The A-Team, which was created approximately 2-1/2 years ago, was originally designed to review the various services provided to shareholders throughout the Aleutian region.

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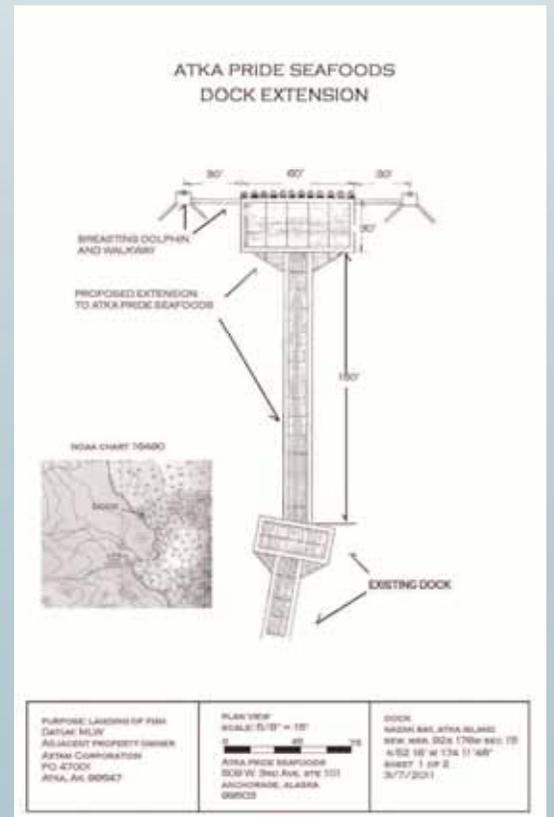
Today, the 'energy arm' of the A-Team is still going strong, the result of which is that there is now an alternative energy project underway in almost every Aleutian community. "When people have to choose between eating and heating, they come on board pretty quickly," said Lace of the A-Team's success. "When you can't afford to live here, you need to get pretty creative in your solutions. Alternative energy is allowing people to stay in the Aleutians and not pay such high prices for fuel."



The F/V Atka pride takes advantage of very calm weather and a very high tide to make a delivery at the repaired existing APS dock. A single pick with the dock crane instead of totes lightered in from off shore on the barge, spacing the boat 12' further out from dock.

The AJV Board of Directors has approved a \$1.5 million expansion of the existing Atka Pride Seafoods dock. The new dock will have a working face 180' seaward of present, with a working face bumper system, 24' of draft. The dolphin mooring structure will allow vessels up to and including larger fishing, crab boats and Coastal Transportation to safely tie up at the face of the dock. When complete, the new dock will substantially increase the flexibility of APS to accept delivery of product from all size of vessels.

The prefab work on dock materials will begin in Unalaska this summer. Pile and deck installation will begin in Atka around September 1 of this year. We expect the dock to be complete for the 2012 season.



# Greenhouses Galore

The wait is almost over. For over ten years, the seniors who live at the Father Ismail Gromoff Senior Center have hoped for a greenhouse. They have a love of planting and growing, and work on small plots outside their apartments in the often chilly Aleutian weather to provide flowers to brighten the day. The idea of having a greenhouse where the growing season would be drastically extended and they could grow all sorts of vegetables (and strawberries) has long been a dream, but as the indomitable Shirley Bucher said "people talk about making it happen, but it never does". Well, thanks to APICDA, Alaska Ship Supply, Northern Mechanical, Rocky Point Cement and Alan Haskins High School shop class it is now a reality.

Alan and his high school crew came to the Center on three occasions to talk to the seniors about the design options and how to best incorporate their wish list into the finished building where possible. It was great to observe the seasoned seniors discussing ideas with the students, and the process was well organized and executed by Alan. The students in the shop class did beautiful work on the walls and trusses and should be very proud of their accomplishment. Even City Manager Chris Hladick has jumped into the project with both feet, using past carpentry experience to brainstorm design challenges with Alan and working with Alan and Steve Engman (Shirley Bucher's son) on the concrete pour. All that is left to do is put the plastic sheeting up, the door on and the solar powered fan in the ceiling. It looks like Chris Hladick and Steve Engman will be finishing up as school is out and Alan is on vacation, and the seniors are itching to get into the greenhouse as soon as they possibly can.

This project has been one of the most enjoyable and satisfying that I have ever worked on, and the generosity and flexibility of APICDA and Alaska Ship Supply cannot be overstated. They made this happen. I called Larry Cotter at APICDA with a request for financial assistance and received an immediate and heartfelt YES. A phone call to Larry Soriano at Alaska Ship Supply for a discount on all the needed materials was an unqualified success, and they have been tremendous partners in this project. Free dirt work by Northern Mechanical and free concrete poured by Rocky Point Cement

were hugely significant in keeping the cost manageable. Every time I reached out for assistance or a donation for the seniors, I got it.

Shirley, Verla, Laura, Peat, Harriet, Alice and Anna are ready with their bags of dirt and seeds. They plan to harvest root vegetables in the fall and winter if possible, and will make the most of the extended growing season enjoying the warmth and accessibility the greenhouse provides. We will be sure to send pictures of the seniors in the greenhouse in July, and can't thank APICDA enough for making a dream a reality.

Sincerely,  
Mayor Shirley Marquardt  
Unalaska, Alaska

UFA, APIA and APICDA have partnered up to address the issue of food security in the Aleutian Pribilof Island region. A project to construct greenhouses in as many communities as possible will make growing produce year round a reality. The project is intended to reduce the reliance on food that is flown and barged in to communities which will lower costs and increase quality. Fifty-one feet in diameter and twenty-one feet high in the center, the geodesic dome shape of the greenhouses will help to withstand the wind; to overcome the elements of light and heat, wind turbines will be used. Construction is planned for the summer of 2012. For a full description or questions on the project, contact Bob Mikol, [rmikol@gci.net](mailto:rmikol@gci.net) or Everette Anderson, [eanderson@apicda.com](mailto:eanderson@apicda.com)

MORE on gardening in Alaska...

*Alaska Dispatch* article and reference to Nikolski's successful greenhouse:

[http://www.alaskadispatch.com/article/pile-dirt-and-food-thought?page=0%](http://www.alaskadispatch.com/article/pile-dirt-and-food-thought?page=0%26)

# Community Outreach and Youth Conference 2011

2011 marked the second year for the Youth Conference held in conjunction with the thirteenth annual Community Outreach Conference. Youths from each of the APICDA communities are invited to attend and are given a chance to give a presentation about their community as seen from their eyes. The students also participate in educational activities and workshops created by APICDA's Human Resource Department.

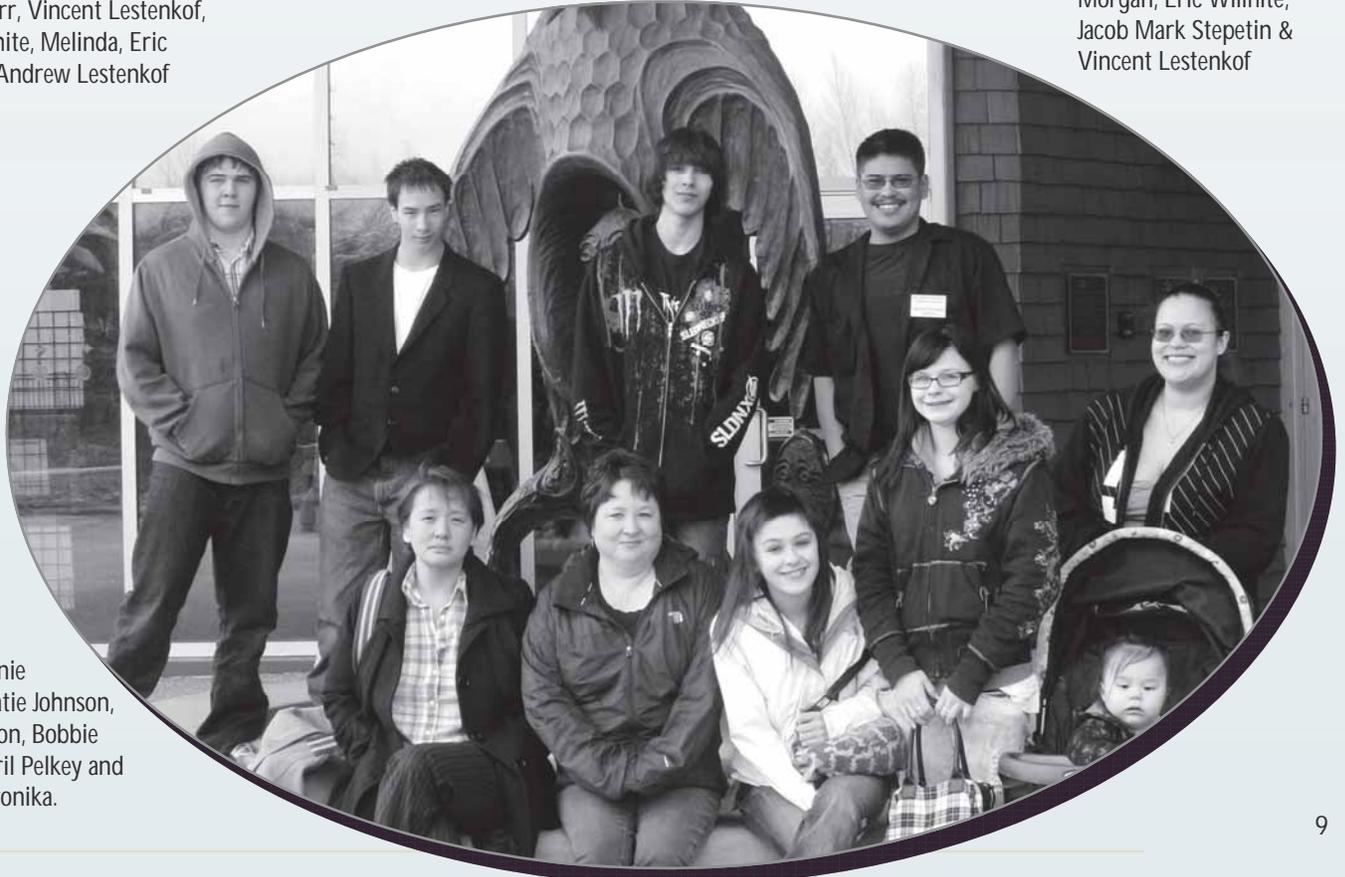


The Community Outreach Conference presenters Day One: Larry Csonka, Tourism partnership with APICDA; Larry Cotter, APICDA's current activities; Rob Smith, APICDA financials; Larry Cotter and Don Beeson, subsidiary activities; Laura Delgado and Becky Shellikoff, APICDA Human Resources with guest Viola Stepetin, TAF; Jeff Kashevarof, APICDA vessels; George Weaver and John Nickels III, APICDA tourism activities; Shawn Hanson, APICDA construction; Everette Anderson, renewable energy and food security; Peter Jurasz and Doug Scudder, Merrill Lynch. APICDA's Longterm Reserve Account; Todd Loomis, Cascade Fisheries; APICDA harvesting partners. Day Two: CJ Zane, AJV Government Relations; Aggie Blandford, WACDA; Bruce Wright, APIA; regional entities, community and youth presentations.



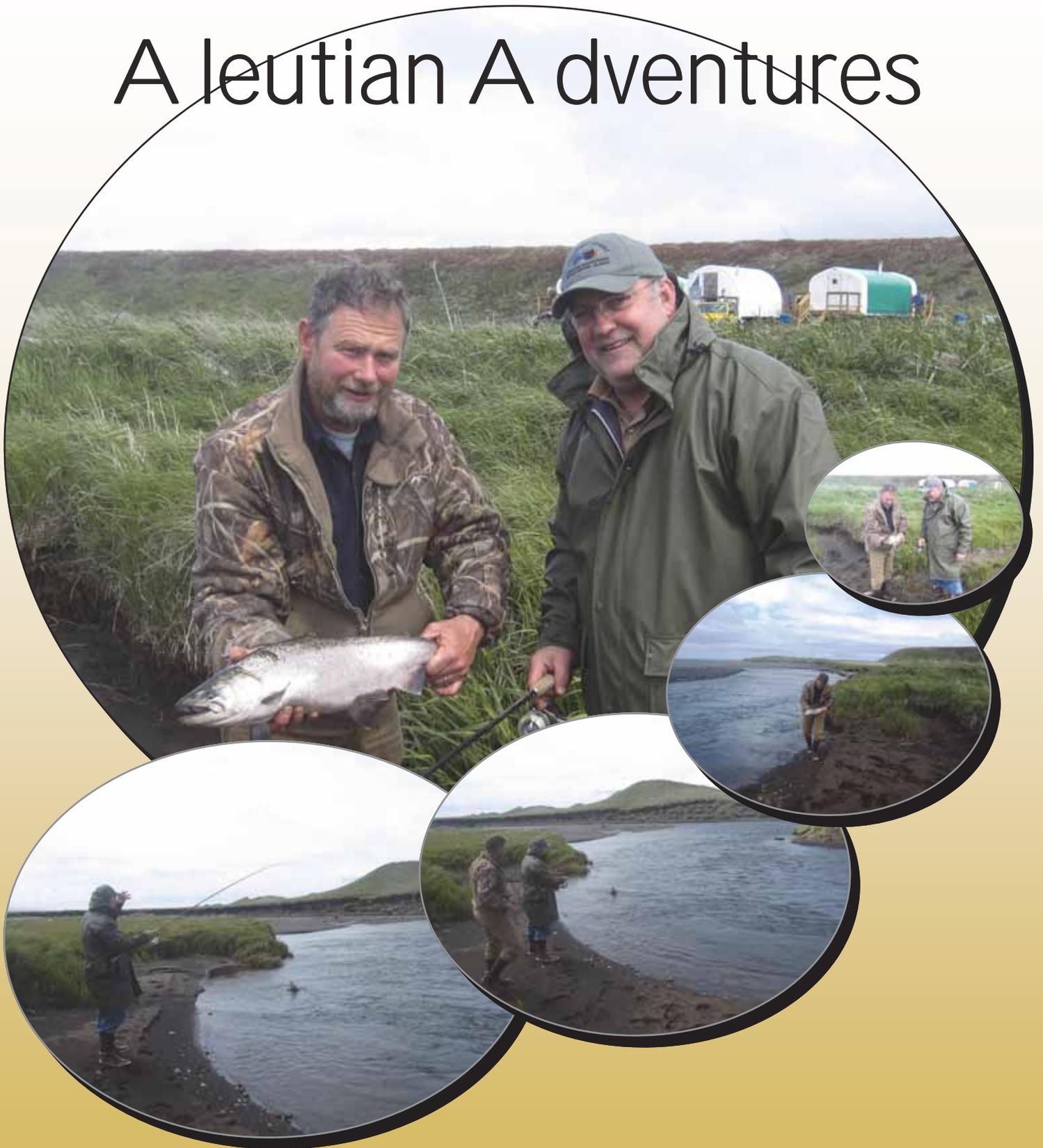
L to R: George Bezezekoff, Agrafna Kerr, Vincent Lestenkof, Daniel Willhite, Melinda, Eric Willhite, & Andrew Lestenkof

T. Row L to R: Byron Morgan, Eric Willhite, Jacob Mark Stepetin & Vincent Lestenkof



B. Row: Melanie Prokopiof, Katie Johnson, Angela Johnson, Bobbie McNeley, April Pelkey and daughter Veronika.

# A leutian A dventures



APICDA CEO Larry Cotter spent some time in Nelson Lagoon visiting both the Steelhead and Sapsuk fish camps in early June. Both the Sapsuk River and Steel Head camps are operational and will host several clients this season for king and coho fishing. June 21st saw the first of the king salmon clients and has now wrapped up

with the coho season beginning mid August. New Weather-Port tents and hot water systems have been added, making stays even more enjoyable for clients. We are also happy to report having hosted Greg Thomas and Kent Sullivan at the camps, both writers for fly fishing magazines. More to come on that soon...

<http://www.anglerstonic.com/dev/content/tonic-makes-it-out-alaska-alive>



A crew from Nikolski and APICDA guide Scott Kerr have been busy building a new cabin at Lookout Cove on Umnak Island. Once the interior is complete, the cabin will be leased to APICDA and used as a staging point for its reindeer hunting clients beginning this fall on September 29<sup>th</sup> and running through November 3<sup>rd</sup>.



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# Events of Interest

## Congratulations!!!

### Recent Graduates

Kimberly, Phillip and Felipe each received Supplemental Education Scholarships from APICDA and have recently graduated from vocational schools.

**Kimberly Kashevarof**, from St. George graduated from AVTEC with her Business and Office Technology Certificate.

**Phillip Lekanof**, from St. George graduated from AVTEC with his Business and Office Technology Certificate.

**Felipe Lekanoff**, from Unalaska graduated from West Coast Training with his Heavy Equipment Operations Certification.

### Pribilof Marine Science Camp

Nine students represented the Pribilof School District at the 2010 PICES symposium in Seattle this May. The students, invited by Dr. George Hunt from the University of Washington, were keynote speakers to an audience of 300 fellow scientists from 13 different countries. The Marine Science Camp students presented the findings of four years of examinations on Golden V kelp, plankton, fish, Pribilof king crab and more. To read the full story printed in the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner on May 23, 2011 go to:

[http://newsminer.com/view/full\\_story/13382292/article-Pribilof-School-District-students-head-to-international-conference-in-Seattle?instance=youth](http://newsminer.com/view/full_story/13382292/article-Pribilof-School-District-students-head-to-international-conference-in-Seattle?instance=youth)

### Snohomish County Homeschool Group Tours the F/V Starbound



A group of up and coming fishermen recently toured the Starbound. Students had the opportunity to learn about navigation, setting the net, processing, case up and where the workers eat and watch movies. They met Captain Karl, Mitzi the purser and nurse, and many crew members who were preparing to set sail for B season pollock fishing.

It was a super tour; the kids learned a lot and were extremely appreciative to Barry and the Starbound crew for taking time to teach them all about where their food comes from.

To wrap up the tour, Barry treated the group to ice cream in the galley!

L to R: Peyton, 4; Aimee, Tyler, 8; Avery, 7; Barry, Aidan, 9; Shannon and Gavin, 1

# Community Liaison Training



*Back Row L to R:*  
April Pelkey, Akutan;  
Katie Johnson, Nelson Lagoon;  
Melanie Prokopiof, St. George;  
Carleen Hoblet, False Pass;  
Dennis Golodoff, Atka  
*Front Row:* Becky Shellikoff, APICDA;  
Vinnie Lestenkof, Nikolski; Laura Delgado, APICDA.

The CLOs met once more after the Community Outreach Community hosted by APICDA, May 3 & 4, where they viewed a PowerPoint presentation designed by Human Resource specialist Becky Shellikoff. The PowerPoint was created to help the CLOs introduce students to APICDA. CLOs in attendance were Carleen Hoblet, False Pass; Katie Johnson, Nelson Lagoon; April Pelkey, Akutan; Dennis Golodoff, Atka and Vinnie Lestenkof, Nikolski.

Have Questions about APICDA's education and employment programs?

Your CLO can assist you with:

- ◆ Employment openings with APICDA and our fishing partners
- ◆ Job information and applications
- ◆ Higher Education Scholarship applications and information
- ◆ Supplemental Education Scholarship applications and information
- ◆ Enrollment in local training sponsored by APICDA
- ◆ Internship applications and information
- ◆ School Grant information and assistance with your application
- ◆ APICDA Miscellaneous Grant Program
- ◆ Provide you with university or vocational training school information when you are looking to further your education

A training conference for Community Liaison Officers was held in Anchorage March 7 & 8 and attended by CLOs from Atka, Akutan, Nelson Lagoon, Nikolski and Unalaska. The two day conference focused on the training and educational program guidelines to assist the CLOs in their positions.

The conference also welcomed guest presenters from APIA, The Aleut Foundation and Starbound. Information about APIA's Human Services programs was presented by Colleen Dushkin, Georgia Kashevarof, Grace Smith and Kathryn Duder. Viola Stepetin, from the Aleut Foundation, presented the new Aleut Student Handbook (designed by the A-Team). The handbook is now available on the APICDA website and copies have been mailed directly to shareholders of The Aleut Foundation. The CLOs also met and discussed employment opportunities aboard the APICDA partner vessel, pollock catcher/processor F/V Starbound.

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**A-Team Student Handbook:** Copies of the handbook may be obtained by contacting The Aleut Corporation at 1 800 232 4884. A PDF version may also be found on APICDA's homepage and Training & Education page at [www.apicda.com](http://www.apicda.com)

# Events cont'd...



Pictured: L to R:  
Angela Johnson,  
Jacqueline  
Hartman, Bobbie  
McNeley, Dailey  
Schaack, and  
Samantha McNeley



## Nelson Lagoon Chefs

APICDA Human Resources Director Laura Delgado took a trip to Nelson Lagoon mid-June to help out APICDA's tourism department with its food prep for the Sapsuk and Steelhead fish camps. While there, Laura recruited some of the local residents for help with the job. After prepping meals for the camps, the team spent time discussing the tourism department, cooking, baking and

the opportunity of cooking for the camps. Each member of the cooking party was given copies of the recipes they were working with and a small stipend for their assistance with the encouragement to buy their favorite cooking gadgets! If you are interested in cooking for the camps, please see the APICDA homepage for details. [www.apicda.com](http://www.apicda.com)

# Thanks for Visiting!



We always enjoy seeing members of our communities and would like to thank the students of the False Pass school for stopping by to say hello in May. If you're traveling through Anchorage, please feel free to stop in and visit us at our new location 717 K Street.

From L to R back row: Ward Walker, Teacher; Becky Shellikof, APICDA; Amanda Morgan, TA; Amanda's son, Byron Morgan, Laura Delgado, APICDA;

Front Row: Unknown, Regan Hoblet, Calum Hoblet, Dayton Hoblet, and Kendrick Hoblet

## Photo Contest

It's never too early to start sending in your pictures for the APICDA calendar contest. Send all submissions with the highest resolution possible. A camera setting of a minimum of eight megapixels is strongly recommended. **Please be aware that photos below this level of resolution may not meet the requirements needed for resizing.**

Pictures may be sent to [djohnson@apicda.com](mailto:djohnson@apicda.com) or disks may be mailed to 234 Gold St. Juneau, AK 99801. Each winning entry is equal to \$100 dollars and becomes the property of APICDA for reprint at any time. *All entries must be received by October 3, 2011.*



## New Hires



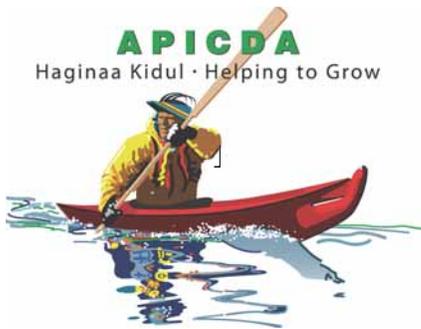
Welcome!  
Darin Krukoff;  
BPS Maintenance  
Assistant

Not Pictured: Dwayne Young;  
BPS Engineer Trainee

MORE...

*Fisherman's News* is also holding a photo contest for its 2012 calendar. All entries must be submitted by August 31, 2011. For details go to:

[http://www.fishermensnews.com/calendarpromo\\_2012\\_photos.html](http://www.fishermensnews.com/calendarpromo_2012_photos.html)



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