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Energy Summit

APICDA and the Aleut Corporation are co-hosting an Aleutian/Pribilof Islands Energy Summit on April 24 and 25. The summit will be at the Hilton Hotel in Anchorage and will immediately follow the APICDA Community Conference. Other participating entities include the Aleutian Pribilof Island Association, the Aleutian Housing Authority, the Aleut Foundation, the Aleutians East Borough, and TDX Power.

The primary objectives for the summit are to:

- ◆ Develop a comprehensive energy policy and plan for the Aleutian Pribilof Region for implementation no later than spring, 2011; and
- ◆ Reduce the use of fossil fuels in our region by 85% as soon as practical.

Four major areas will be covered during the summit:

Formation of a Bulk Fuel Cooperative – Includes discussions regarding organizational structure, purchasing components, bid process, transportation issues and participation requirements.

The Elements of Conservation – Focused discussion on what constitutes conservation in the home, the workplace and the community. Identify actions that can be taken to reduce energy consumption and how those actions can be accomplished region-wide starting now.

Renewable Energy – Identify sources of renewable energy in our region, their capabilities, how they can be developed, what are the impediments to utilization and how can those impediments be overcome.

Implementation of Our Policy and Plan – Includes discussions on coordination, grant seeking, RFP responses, committee networking, sharing, decision making, organization and timeline.

This is a major effort to bring all the entities in our region together, to pursue a common goal together. For more information and a copy of the Summit agenda please contact Chris Lace at clace@aleutcorp.com or call 907-561-4300.

APICDA Board of Directors

New Nikolski Board Member



We want to welcome Andrew “AJ” Lestenkof to our Board of Directors. AJ was elected by the members of the Nikolski Fishermen’s Association to complete the term previously held by Arnold Dushkin.

Andrew Lestenkof Jr. is a full blooded Unangan (Aleut) with family ties in the Pribilofs as well as Nikolski. Andrew has resided in Nikolski for the majority of his life and takes part in all community events. He is currently employed through the Nikolski IRA working mostly with the local power plant, pump house and delivering fuel. Andrew loves to fish, hunt and explore! He loves to donate his time and help others in the village when needed. You can usually see Andrew out on the water, wandering the land or working on a four wheeler. Andrew is pleased and excited to serve as a Board of Director for the APICDA family.

Board Approves Community Dividend

The APICDA Board of Directors has approved a community dividend of \$600,000. This is the fourth consecutive year a community dividend has been distributed. Fifty percent of the dividend will be allocated equally between the six member communities, and the other fifty percent will be allocated based upon occupied dwellings.

Gilda Shellikoff, APICDA Board Chair, said, “I’m really pleased that the board was able to make this distribution again this year. It was a tough decision given the economic downturn and the need for these resources in other areas, but our communities are having tough times too. We’re just fortunate we are in a position where APICDA can help.”

The community dividend is distributed to the governing entity in each community and can be used as the community desires – providing it is for the benefit of the local residents. Most communities have used the dividend to reduce home heating costs.

The dividend was distributed between our communities as follows:

Akutan	\$ 122,670.81
Atka	\$ 100,310.56
False Pass	\$ 74,223.60
Nelson Lagoon	\$ 102,173.91
Nikolski	\$ 77,950.31
St. George	\$ 122,670.81

Big Changes In Prowler Fisheries

APICDA Joint Ventures has been a 20% owner of the Prowler and Ocean Prowler LLCs for several years. Those companies owned three longline catcher-processors. The other partners – each owning 20% – were Coastal Villages Region Fund, John Winther, Bart Eaton and Jerry Kennedy. Last December all of that changed. The 20% interest held by Coastal Villages was purchased by the other four partners, and two additional longline catcher-processing vessels were purchased. A new company was also formed to own and operate all five vessels. The new company is called Alaska Longline, LLC and is owned in equal 25% parts by APICDA Joint Ventures, and by separate limited liability companies owned individually by John Winther, Bart Eaton, and Jerry Kennedy.

The two additional vessels purchased are the F/LL Zenith and the F/LL Kjevolja, both formerly owned by Jubilee Fisheries. These vessels have extensive operating history in the Pacific cod fisheries in the Bering Sea and the Gulf of Alaska. The addition of the two vessels and their catch history significantly strengthens our investment in the cod sector. It also provides great employment and training opportunity for our residents.

Alaska Rural Energy Conference!

The Alaska Rural Energy Conference brings energy experts together to provide practical information and energy projects, ideas, and solutions for Alaska's Communities. The conference will be held from April 27th - 29th, 2010 at the Westmark Hotel in Fairbanks. For more information on participating in this exciting event, please call the Alaska Center for Energy and Power at (907) 474-5402, email Amanda Byrd at agbyrd@alaska.edu or visit <http://www.uaf.edu/acep/rec/>.

Operations



Picture courtesy of Z. Kent Sullivan

Tourism:

ATKA: The Atka Island operation saw seven hunters last year with seven reindeer taken. Larry Csonka, and crew, filmed an episode of the TV show *Napa's North to Alaska* on Atka; the show will air in 2010. Hunts are actively being booked for 2010 and 2011.

NELSON LAGOON: Nelson Lagoon Adventures ended its first season with a total of fourteen clients, four of whom were duck hunters. A number of booking requests for fishing and duck hunting have already been received for 2010. We would like to thank local guide Merle Brandell for his excellent work with the clients as well as the members of Nelson Lagoon for their support; we look forward to building and improving on this operation in the next year.

NIKOLSKI: Ugludax Lodge hosted fishing clients as well as many non-sporting guests between May and September. During October and November, the Ugludax Lodge held an inaugural reindeer hunting season with 13 clients, taking 15 trophy animals, one of which will be a contender for the new SCI world record for reindeer. These hunts were conducted in partnership with Jim Shockey's world renowned outfitting company: Jim Shockey's Hunting Adventures. A thank you to guides Danny Snigaroff, Vinnie Lestenkof, and Kevin Adkins for helping to make last year's hunts successful.

APS: The APS construction project (which caused the plant to remain closed for the 2009 fishing season) is running right on schedule and the plant will re-open for business in May.

AVI: Vessels are being readied for the 2010 fishing season. The only one actively engaged in the fishery as we go to press is the F/V Konrad 1. She is being skippered by Inar Dushkin of King Cove and fishing for p-cod in the Gulf of Alaska.



Puffin Seafoods: The skiff fleet landed approximately 30,000 pounds of halibut last season despite fishing difficulties due to weather.

BPS: Bering Pacific Seafoods operated with ever-increasing efficiency last season with the help of more crew and the Nightrider acting as tender. The production of sockeye increased and halibut and sablefish were added into production. Labor costs were reduced last year while production volumes and revenues increased appreciably.

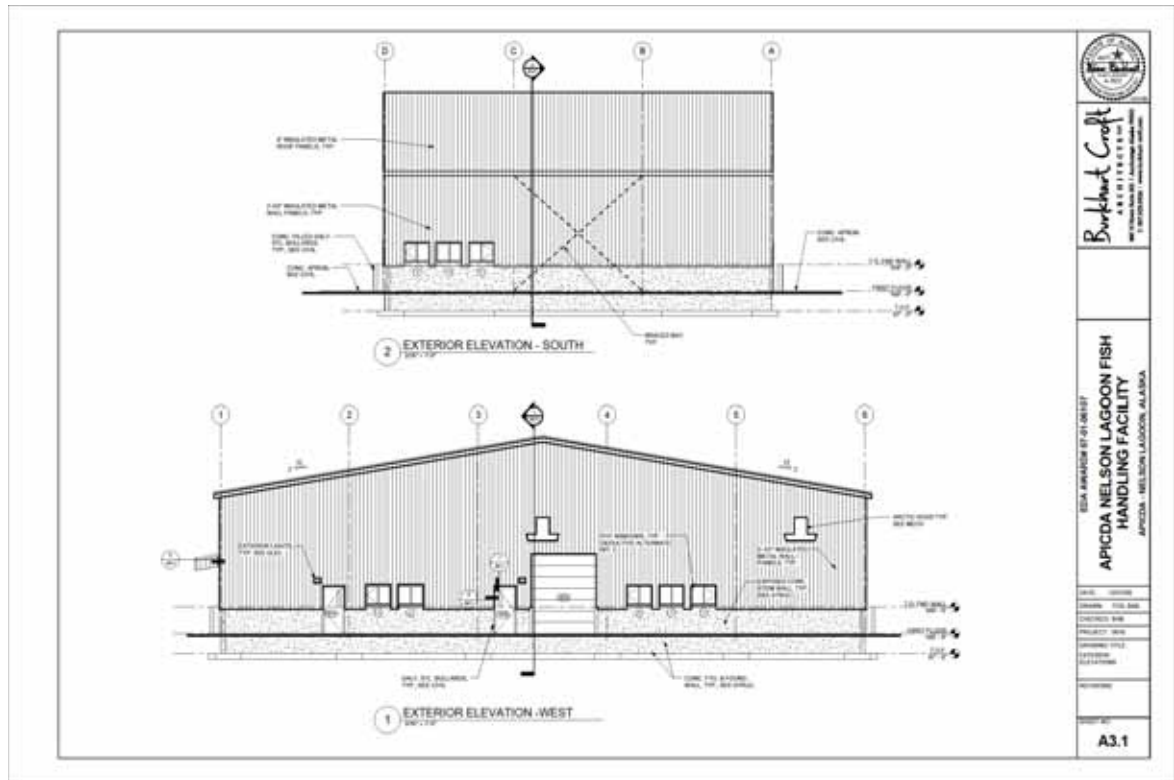
NLSC: Rentals and revenues were up last year. Slowly but surely the company is building a client base. John Nelson and Craig Rysewyk are determined to make continuous improvements in facility maintenance and operations.

New Additions to AJV:

Congratulations to Jimmy Prokopeuff and Larisa Prokopeuff who became full-time employees with APICDA Joint Ventures on January 1, 2010. Jimmy is the Atka Pride Seafoods (APS) Operations Manager and Larisa is the APS Administrative Manager. Larisa is also the manager of the Nazan Bay Inn located in Atka.

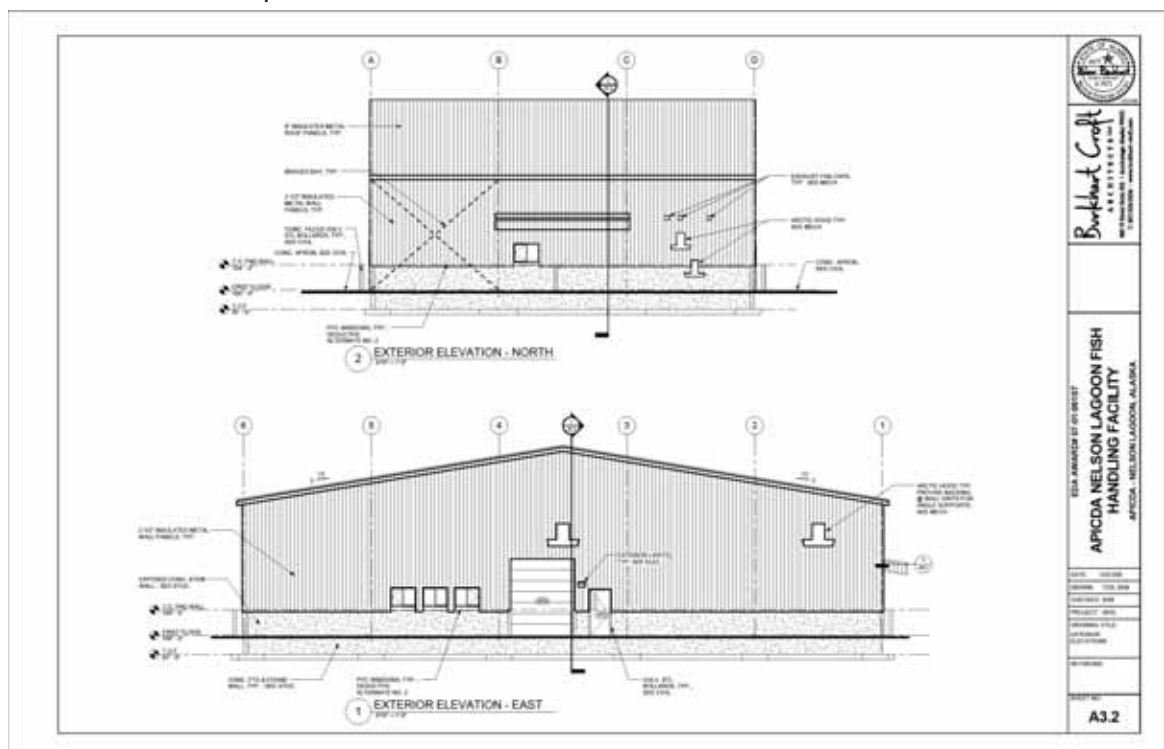


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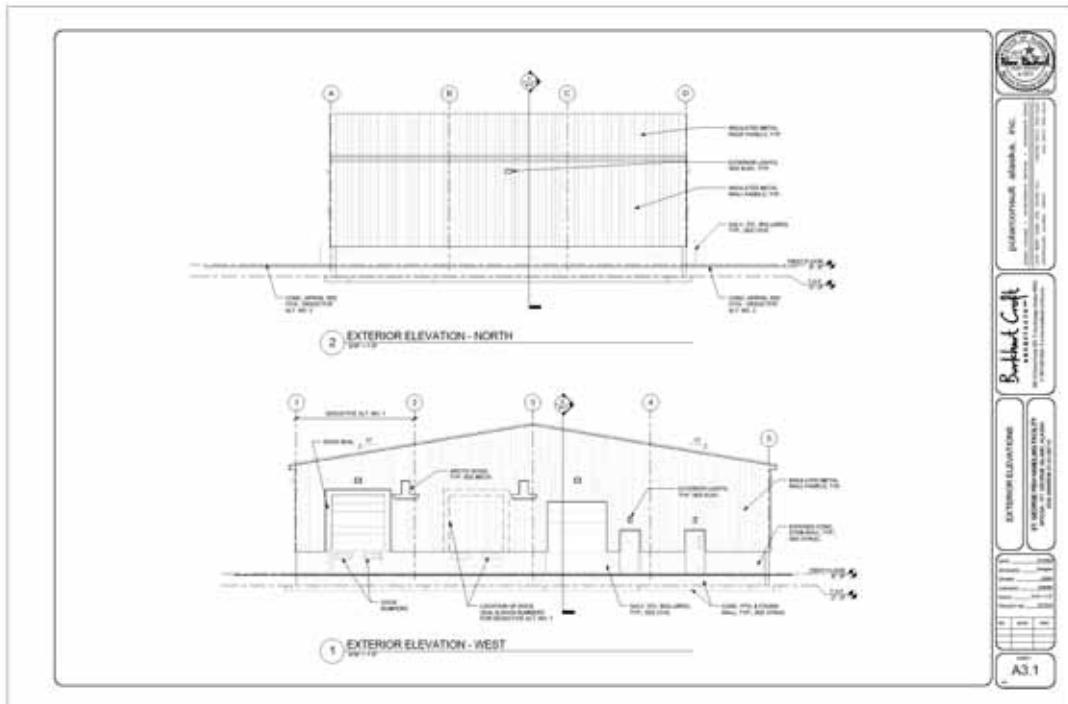


Nelson Lagoon:

The Nelson Lagoon fish handling facility went out for bid in late January and the bid opening occurred on March 2nd. The contract has been awarded to Beachy Construction Inc., of Homer, Alaska. Construction is scheduled to begin this spring or summer and should be completed for the 2011 salmon season.

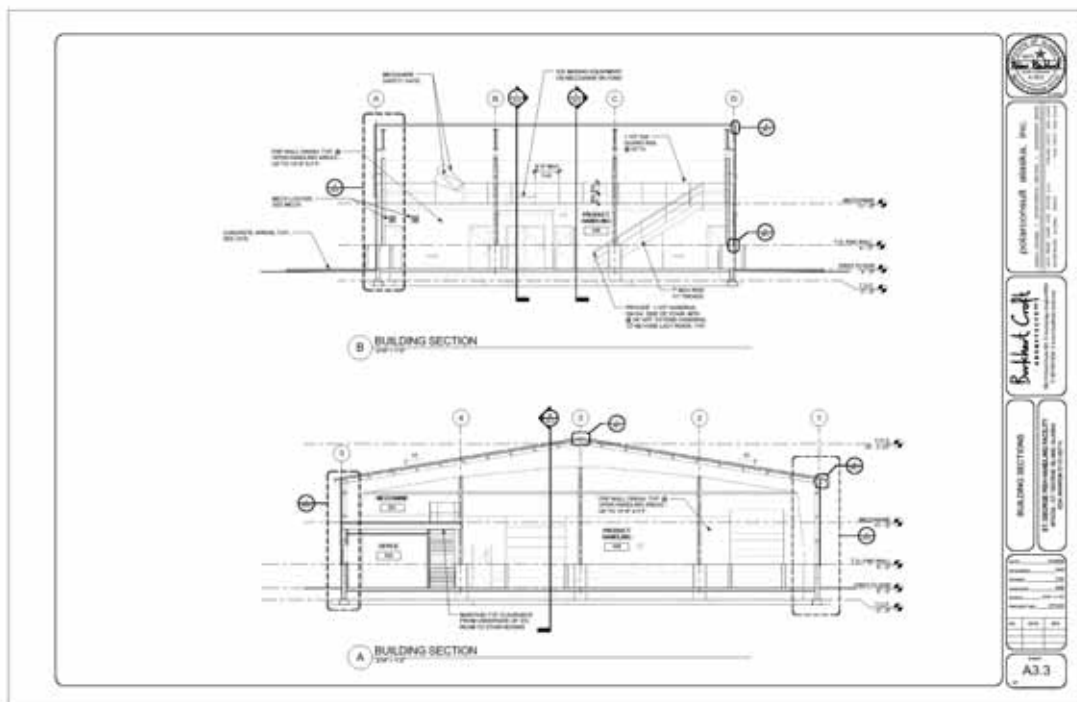


St. George EDA Projects



St. George:

Construction of the St George fish handling facility got underway in late September. The project is on schedule and the facility is expected to be completed by June of this year. Work is progressing and the General Contractor expects to complete construction well ahead of the EDA deadline. Concrete was poured for footings, walls, and foundations in January/ February.



Scholarships

In 2009, APICDA awarded \$221,837 in scholarships to sixty-five college students. Twenty-seven GPA scholarships were awarded to twenty students for a total of \$13,500. 2009 saw an addition of four new students to the scholarship program with 2009 awards increased by \$6,293.

Twelve residents participated in the Supplemental Education Scholarship program for a total of \$44,122 in awards. The purpose of supplemental grants is to provide training and supplemental education scholarship assistance to APICDA residents.

Please visit the Training & Education page on our website at www.apicda.com for more information on scholarships, internships, school grants, employment, applications, and requirement listings.

Scholarship application deadlines are: July 1st for the fall and spring semesters (school year) award. November 15th for the spring semester award.

Student Interns

Two students participated in the internship program this summer.

John Nickels interned in our Anchorage office with George Weaver and Laura Delgado. John is now a full-time employee in APICDA's tourism department.

Monica Southworth interned for her second summer with Unalaska Community Broadcasting (Channel 8).

2009 Year in Review

2008-2009 School Grants

Below is a brief description of the grants that were awarded for the 2008-09 school year in the amount of \$82,808.

Atka

The students of the Atka High School attended a navigation course at the Grand Aleutian Hotel in Unalaska sponsored by the Geophysical Institute of the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Each of the six students learned mapping techniques, how to utilize a compass, and the operation of Global Positioning Systems (GPS). The trip was a great success for the students academically, as well as providing them with real-life experience as they enjoyed their time spent in Unalaska.

Akutan

School travels took the students of Akutan to Homer, Seward, and Anchorage last year. The group began its travels from Akutan to Homer, on one of Alaska's State ferries the M/V Tustamena. From Homer, they drove to Seward and Anchorage. In the Homer area, students visited Fritz Creek Gardens and China Poot Bay; in Seward, they visited the Alaska Sealife Center; and in Anchorage, the Imaginarium and APICDA office.

False Pass

Washington DC and Williamsburg, Virginia were the destination spots this year for six False Pass students and their three chaperones. One of the greatest benefits of the trip to the students was the opportunity to participate in many of the activities they had previously only experienced through textbooks, such as meeting with Senator Lisa Murkowski at her office in Washington DC. The trip was truly educational, as well as memorable for the entire group.

2009 Year in Review *continued...*

Nelson Lagoon

For their 2009 school trip, the Nelson Lagoon School combined two years worth of grants, and traveled to Seattle and surrounding areas. The group of five focused on the commercial fishing industry in the greater Seattle area and visited the offices of Starbound, Peter Pan, and APICDA. The students also toured the Ballard Locks, Pike Place Market, Pacific Science Center, and the U.S. Coast Guard Station.

St. George

The St. George School completed two projects this year using their grant funds. The first project was a drama/theater project. Out North Theater Company was contracted to provide a one-week workshop for the students to learn dancing, singing and story telling through dramatic acting. The theme of the project focused around traditional Aleut and Native Alaskan cultures. The second project for the St. George students was the Annual Marine Science Camp, which consisted of various research projects of the marine sea and plant life specific to the area. The grant funds assisted eighteen students from St. Paul and St. George.

Unalaska

For 2009, the Unalaska School used school grant funds for its fishery program. Funds also supported the Marine Advisory Program position at the fish hatchery, new science lab tables, and continued upgrades and maintenance of the hatchery.

New Community Liaison Officers in St. George and False Pass

Carleen Hoblet ~ False Pass

APICDA welcomes Carleen Hoblet as the new Community Liaison Officer for False Pass. Carleen has been a resident of False Pass for 14 years, is married to Shane Hoblet, and is the mother of two small children and a brand new baby girl. Until recently, Carleen worked for the False Pass Clinic for Eastern Aleutian Tribes Communications Health Information Systems Data Entry. Welcome Carleen, we are excited to have you with us.



The CLO program serves to assist community residents with issues concerning employment openings with APICDA, scholarship applications, and APICDA grant programs. For further information on the CLO program, please visit the Training and Education page of the APICDA website at www.apicda.com



Melanie Prokopiof ~ St. George

Melanie was raised on St. George Island. As an active community member of the Pribilof's, she is excited to be helping the area with its interests through positive growth. Melanie has several years of experience in working closely with people and looks forward to being a part of the success of the community. She currently works for the Pribilof Island School District as a Pre-K teacher and community librarian. Melanie has also worked for the Traditional Council and APIA. We are happy to have you working with us Melanie. Welcome aboard!

Farewell

November 2009 saw the passing of Taty Zaochney from Atka and Lawrence Prokopioff from Akutan. Taty Zaocheny was the mother and grandmother to many of our employees as well as the name sake of the F/V Taty Z. Lawrence Prokopioff contributed much to his community and will be remembered for his good nature and perpetual smile.

Everyone at APICDA would like to send their condolences to the families and friends of Taty and Lawrence, as well as the communities of Atka and Akutan.



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