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St. George Marine Debris Clean-Up

During a period of three weeks this summer twelve St. George residents collected nearly 22,000 pounds of marine debris from island beaches. This is the third consecutive year of marine debris beach clean-up on St. George. The project was funded with a \$65,000 grant from the Marine Conservation Alliance Foundation, a non-profit organization based in Juneau. The effort was spearheaded by Max Malavansky, Jr.

During the clean-up, an estimated 7.5 miles of coastline was walked and any debris encountered was collected and sorted into two distinct piles of fishing and non-fishing debris.

Approximately 75-80% of trawl nets collected were sampled and bagged for later analysis as to type and country of origin. An additional 11 pounds of packing bands were collected, as were two monofilament high seas drift nets. Sixty-one percent of the debris was fishing related.

To read the entire report, go to the "Report" section of apicda.com. To learn more about the Marine Conservation Alliance Foundation, go to mcafoundation.org.

Picture courtesy of The St. George Traditional Council



Nelson Lagoon Weather Port Construction Project



During the week of August 10, 2009, I had the opportunity to visit Nelson Lagoon. I was able to see firsthand the many excellent tourism opportunities the community has to offer and how APICDA has helped in developing them thus far.

I spent most of my week doing construction work several miles down the Bering Sea coast at the Steelhead River, the location of APICDA's Weather Port construction project. The Weather Ports are being constructed to establish a comfortable, safe, and cost effective base of operations for APICDA's Nelson Lagoon tourism clients. The geographic location chosen for this project is excellent, as it is only a few hundred yards from both the Bering Sea beach and the Steelhead River. The orientation of the camp will be sure to provide access to excellent sport fishing, wildlife viewing, and beach combing.

Additionally, the scenery at this location is noteworthy, as it comes complete with a view of the Bering Sea on one side and a view of the mountains and local volcanoes on the other.

While working at the construction site, I was able to assist Merle Brandell, (APICDA's local Nelson Lagoon guide) in constructing two large wooden platforms on top of which, the Weather Ports will be placed. After almost a week of construction work, both of the two platforms were nearly completed. The actual Weather Port structures are scheduled to be assembled later in August.

After visiting Nelson Lagoon and its surrounding areas, I can safely say that many tourism possibilities exist for this beautiful part of Alaska. I certainly enjoyed my experience in Nelson Lagoon and look forward to returning in the future.

Tourism Continued...

APICDA Tourism Division Report

Highlights from the exciting 2009 season of the APICDA Tourism Division.

Atka: In August 2009, Larry Csonka and his film crew were on Atka Island filming an episode of the outdoors television show, *North to Alaska*. The episode will showcase a successful Safari Club Reindeer hunt - just a small peek at the excellent hunting season on Atka this year.



Nelson Lagoon: New to the APICDA Tourism division, is sport fishing for salmon in Nelson Lagoon. This venture has gotten off to a great start this season with the assistance of APICDA's local Nelson Lagoon guide Merle Brandell. Merle has made sure that all of the APICDA sport-fishing clients have received high quality experiences while visiting and fishing in the Nelson Lagoon area.

Nikolski: Despite some difficulties with poor weather, the Nikolski Lodge continues to draw many hunting and fishing clients this season, with a steady number of clients scheduled to arrive in the following weeks.



Partnership Update



STARBOUND

By Craig Cross, Aleutian Spray Governmental Affairs

This year the owners of the F/T *Starbound* celebrate the company's 20 year anniversary. We also celebrate our continued partnership with APICDA. That partnership is 18 years strong, and has forged a great friendship and strong bonds.

The people at APICDA can be proud of their ownership in the *Starbound*. It is recognized industry wide as the best maintained and most efficient operation in the catcher processor fleet. The *Starbound* is 250 feet in length, was built in Anacortes Washington, and started operating in the Bering Sea in 1989.

Aleutian Spray Fisheries is the managing partner and has been active from the beginning in being a good steward of the resource.

The vessel and company have been leaders in developing and maintaining the newest technology, and leading the way in reducing by-catch.

The efforts of management and crew are to continually use the resource wisely, use as much of the fish as we possibly can, minimize bycatch of other species, and generate as much return as possible from the fish that are caught. We have done that at many levels: in renovations to the processing area, through fishing gear development, by acquiring the very best wheelhouse and deck electronics, constantly reviewing our fishing tactics, through fleet communication, and recently in salmon by-catch reduction.

Picture Courtesy of Heidi Eriksen

Partnership Continued...

The processing area is always being updated. In the early years, the Starbound was one of the first to install the revolutionary Baader 212 which resulted in better recovery and faster processing of the pollock. This was later followed by the Baader 52 skinner thrusting the Starbound into the forefront of deep skin block production, which translated into more dollars per pound of pollock caught. In recent years we have re-done the factory to take advantage of the surimi markets, and this has added an entire new line to the processing area. All of these efforts are ongoing and display our commitment to increase the amount of food we recover from each pound of fish and to increase the amount of revenue we generate.

The captain and deck crew have improved the gear being used on deck to increase the speed of setting and hauling, to improve safety, and to preserve the quality of the fish being caught. They have done this with the help of new innovative materials and new designs.

The wheelhouse electronics is now similar to the Starship Enterprise of Star Trek fame. The boat's electronics in the wheelhouse and on the gear allow the crew to better target the right size pollock and insure the net is fishing properly all the time. In the past a vessel might tow for hours and not realize the gear was not fishing properly, which increased by-catch and wasted time and fuel.

Aleutian Spray Fisheries works with other vessels in the fleet to maximize catch information and improve management of the fishery. A key component to our success is our relationship with our CDQ partner, APICDA. APICDA's pollock CDQ allocation adds quota to the vessel and profitability to the entire operation.

The latest challenge in our fishery has been salmon by-catch. This is an issue that affects all people in Alaska. The Starbound and Aleutian Spray Fisheries are very sensitive to the cultural and economic importance of salmon to the villages of Alaska. We donate all incidental catch to Seashare, a non-profit corporation that distributes to food banks around the country. In fact, the Starbound was one of the charter companies that developed this program.

We have been a leader in developing technology to prevent catching salmon and have been experimenting with salmon incidental catch reduction for years – even before it became a hot topic to the rest of the industry. In 2005, Starbound crew was awarded a third place prize for reducing salmon by-catch, and after hard work was awarded first place in 2007. This year we have only caught 277 Chinook. The Starbound and APICDA can be very proud of what we have accomplished.

All Hazard Alarm Systems



The community members of Adak, Atka, King Cove, Nikolski, and St. Paul will soon see new hazard warning siren systems installed in their areas. The siren systems are put in place to alert community members to a natural disaster such as a tsunami. The powerful sirens can be heard up to a mile away and may also be used to warn of windstorms, flooding, and volcanic events. Funding for the project comes from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and is scheduled for completion within the next year.

For more on the subject please see the July 23, 2009 Dutch Harbor Fisherman article entitled "Tsunami Warning System Bound for the Aleutians", written by Van Williams.



The Atka Pride Seafoods plant renovation is in full swing and great progress has been made. The roof is on and additional building materials, to carry construction through February, are scheduled to arrive in Atka on 9/23. We have had a lot of help from Jimmy and Larisa Prokopeuff, and a special thanks to Jason Dirks, our APS engineer.

Bering Pacific Seafoods has also seen construction this summer. The new structure that will act as the BPS engineer and transshipment warehouse is now in place and the large overhead doors are on, making the structure officially "closed in."

Also, to ensure fluidity of movement, the concrete pad in the loading area has been expanded to alleviate the difficulty the forklifts have had with maneuvering in the soft gravel.

APICDA welcomes Jake Betts to its construction division. Jake will be the maintenance specialist in charge of repairing and maintaining the store of equipment in use throughout the various APICDA communities. His first stop will be in Nelson Lagoon starting in early September.



Bering Pacific Seafoods opened at the end of April this year and has been busy processing black cod, thorny heads, salmon, and Pacific cod ever since. At present, the plant is processing halibut and salmon. The following are a few statistics on the progress of processing in the 2009 season:

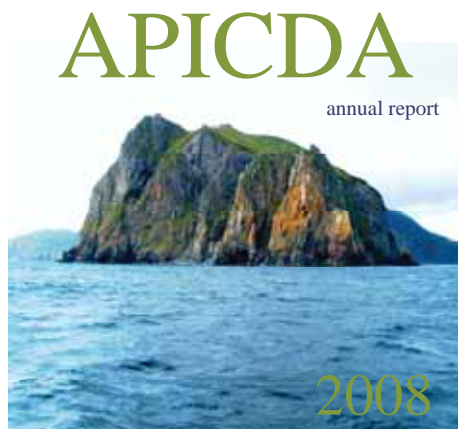
- ◆ 13% more red salmon processed this year over last year.
- ◆ 20% more chum salmon processed this year over last year.
- ◆ 8% more pounds of salmon overall processed this year over last year.

We were fortunate this year to have help from five crew members from Atka and four crew members from Unalaska. The Atka crew included Jimmy and Larisa Prokopeuff, who are normally the backbone of Atka Pride Seafoods (due to the construction renovation of APS, Jimmy and Larisa were available to help us). We would like to say thank you to all of our crew for their hard work, and farewell to the three members who have headed home to resume school.



2008 APICDA Annual Report

The 2008 APICDA Annual Report was mailed to all APICDA households in mid-August. A copy is also on the APICDA website under the "Report" section of apicda.com. If you did not receive a report and would like one, please contact Chris Mierzejek in our Anchorage office.



Cruise ship visit to False Pass

A cruise ship has visited False Pass for the first time ever – or, at least, the first time anyone in False Pass can remember. The *Clipper Odyssey*, operated as a charter ship all over the world by luxury travel company *Abercrombie and Kent*, made a stop in the port of False Pass on July 28th and stayed for about two hours. The ship, carrying approximately 60 passengers, came into port after spending time whale watching outside False Pass as it returned south from Nome.



2010 Calendar Photo Contest

The 2010 photo contest for the APICDA calendar and Christmas card is once again under way. All original photos of the APICDA region and communities are welcome.



\$100 for each winning entry
NO limit of entries per person
All entries must be received by
Sunday November 15, 2009

NOTE... 300+(dpi) minimum... For an effective reprint please send the highest resolution possible.

- Email to rengen@apicda.com

APICDA Calendar Contest 234 Gold Street Juneau, AK 99801

Original prints will be returned to entrant upon request.

For more information please call the APICDA office at

1-888-927-4232 or E-Mail

rengen@apicda.com

Bering Sea Pollock

APICDA's 2009 Pollock allocation is 11,410 metric tons. Our harvest partners, Starbound and Trident Seafoods, harvested 4,536 metric tons (99.4%) of the 4,564 metric ton A Season allocation. For the B Season, the Starbound harvested 6,855 metric tons of the allocation leaving only 19 metric tons in the water.

Pacific Cod

APICDA's 2009 Pacific cod target fishery is 2,516 metric tons. Our harvest partner, Prowler LLC., harvested 1,516 metric tons (100%) of the A Season allocation. Prowler LLC., also harvested 588 metric tons (59%) of the 1,000 metric tons B season allocation, leaving only 412 metric tons to be harvested in December.

Atka Mackerel

APICDA's 2009 Atka mackerel allocation is 2,452 metric tons and the Pacific Ocean Perch allocation is 480 metric tons. Our harvest partner, Cascade Fishing Inc. harvested 2,353 metric tons (96%) of the Atka mackerel and 424 metric tons (88%) of the Pacific Ocean Perch. We transferred the small remaining amounts in the three different federally managed areas (EAI-541, CAI-542, and WAI-543) to NSEDC, another CDQ group.

Yellowfin Sole

APICDA's 2009 Yellowfin Sole allocation is 6,226 metric tons. Our harvest partner, Cascade Fishing Inc., will start to harvest our CDQ in October and November.

Rock Sole

APICDA's 2009 Rock Sole allocation is 2,317 metric tons. Our flatfish harvest partner, Cascade Fishing Inc., will also target some Rock Sole along with the Yellowfin Sole fishery.

Bering Sea Sablefish

APICDA's 2009 Bering Sea Sablefish quota is 56 metric tons. APICDA's *F/V Reagan* harvested 6 metric tons (11%) and *F/V Barbara J* will harvest the remaining 50 metric tons in September and October (each vessel is owned 50% by APICDA).

Aleutian Island Sablefish

APICDA's 2009 Aleutian Island Sablefish quota is 50 metric tons. Due to difficulties in harvesting sablefish in the Aleutian Islands, we (along with all the other CDQ groups) consolidated our allocations with BBEDC. The combined quota will be harvested by the *F/V Judy B*, a vessel owned by BBEDC, with royalties distributed back to each CDQ group.

2009/10 Opilio (Snow) Crab

The Opilio /Snow crab (BSS) total allowable catch will be announced at the end of September. Our harvest partner, Trident Seafoods, will harvest APICDA's entire amount using the *F/V Barbara J* and the *F/V Farwest Leader* (each is owned 50% by APICDA).

2009/10 Bairdi (Tanner) Crab (Season 10/15/09-3/31/10)

The West Bairdi Tanner crab (WBT) total allowable catch will be announced at the end of September. Our harvest partner, Trident Seafoods, will harvest APICDA's entire amount using the *F/V Farwest Leader* (owned 50% by APICDA).

The East Bairdi Tanner crab (EBT) total allowable catch will be announced at the end of September. Our harvest partner, Trident Seafoods, will harvest APICDA's entire amount using the *F/V Farwest Leader* (owned 50% by APICDA).

2009/10 EAI Golden (brown) King Crab (Season 8/15/09-5/15/10)

APICDA's Aleutian Island Golden King crab (EAI GKC) total allowable catch is 25,200 pounds. Our harvest partner, *F/V Erla N*, will harvest the entire amount.

2009/10 Bristol Bay Red King Crab (Season 10/15/09-1/15/10)

The Bristol Bay Red King Crab (BBRKC) total allowable catch will be announced at the end of September. Our harvest partner, Trident Seafoods, will harvest APICDA's entire amount using the *F/V Barbara J* and the *F/V Farwest Leader* (each is owned 50% by APICDA).

Scholarships

Congratulations Fall 2009 Higher Education Recipients

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| Angela Alfonzo | Unalaska | University of the Pacific |
| Matthew Betzen | Unalaska | Ashford University |
| Theresa Bindley | Unalaska | Wenatchee Valley College |
| Brandon Cahoe | Nelson Lagoon | The Art Institute of Seattle |
| Kelsey Clark | Unalaska | Brigham Young University |
| Erin Dickson | Unalaska | University of Alaska Fairbanks |
| Delores Gregory | Unalaska | University of Alaska Fairbanks |
| Jake Herring | Unalaska | University of Oregon |
| John Honan | Unalaska | George Fox University |
| Karis Jackson | False Pass | University of Alaska Anchorage |
| Siv Jonsson | False Pass | University of Alaska Anchorage |
| Samuel Kyle | Unalaska | University of Alaska Fairbanks |
| Nadine Kochuten | False Pass | University of Alaska Anchorage |
| Renee Kochuten | False Pass | University of Alaska Anchorage |
| Brittany Larsen | Unalaska | Rocky Mountain College |
| Sage Lewis | Unalaska | Bryn Mawr College |
| Kaia Machalek | Unalaska | Linfield College |
| Mika Machalek | Unalaska | Lewis and Clark College |
| Morgann Machalek | Unalaska | University of Hawaii at Manao |
| Kathleen Makarin | Unalaska | The Art Institute of Seattle |
| Brain Magpantay | Unalaska | Boise State University |
| Lisa McConnell | Unalaska | Baker College |
| Samantha Mierzejek | St. George | University of Alaska Anchorage |
| Heather Miller | Unalaska | Marlboro College |
| Anna Myrgorod | Unalaska | American University |
| Chase Oleyer | Unalaska | University of Alaska Anchorage |
| Allan Paredes | Unalaska | University of Alaska Anchorage |
| Perfina Pletnikoff | St. George | University of Jyvaskyla |
| Kyesa Robinson | Unalaska | North Idaho College |
| Aidee Rodriguez | Unalaska | University of Alaska Anchorage |
| Kelly Samuelson | False Pass | Alaska Pacific University |
| Molly Shae | Unalaska | North Idaho College |
| Garret Shaishnikoff | Unalaska | University of Alaska Anchorage |
| Ryan Shaishnikoff | Unalaska | University of Alaska Anchorage |
| Corey Smith | False Pass | University of Alaska Anchorage |
| Eric Southworth | Unalaska | Polytechnic Institute of NYU |
| Monica Southworth | Unalaska | St. Olaf College |
| Tina Tran | Unalaska | University of Alaska Anchorage |
| Anfesia Tutiakoff | Unalaska | University of Alaska Anchorage |
| Shelly Tuttle | St. George | University of Alaska Anchorage |
| Roseanne Wilson | False Pass | University of Alaska Anchorage |
| Hallidie Wilt | Unalaska | University of Alaska Anchorage |
| Savannah Yatchmeneff | False Pass | Hawaii Pacific University |
| Haleigh Zueger | Unalaska | Hofstra University, New York |

*The total amount awarded for the Fall 2009 semester: \$106,436.50
The next scholarship deadline is November 15, 2009 for the spring semester.*



GPA Scholarship for the Fall Semester/Quarter 2009



Students are awarded the \$500 GPA scholarship in addition to their Higher Education Scholarship award, based upon their GPA from their most recent semester. Students must have a 3.5 GPA or higher. The following is a list of students who were awarded the GPA scholarship for their outstanding achievements in the spring 2009 semester/quarter.

*Matthew Betzen *John Honan *Brittany Larsen *Kaia Machalek *Kathleen Makarin
*Lisa McConnell *Anna Myrgorod *Aidee Rodriguez *Kelly Samuelson
*Shelly Tuttle *Savannah Yatchmeneff

2009 Higher Education Scholarship Recipient **Graduates**

Kaitlin Touza, New York University, Psychology
Roseanne Wilson, University of Alaska Fairbanks, Business Administration
Dora Roll, North Dakota State University, Criminal Justice
Carmen Clark, Grace College and Seminary, Graphic Design and Illustration
Carly Wiehe, University of Alaska, Anchorage, Bachelors in Natural Sciences and an Associates in Radiologic Technology
John Nickels III, University of Alaska, Anchorage Aviation Technology/Management
Natasha White, Prince William Sound Community College, Associates of Arts
Colleen Wilt, University of Alaska, Anchorage Civil Engineering
Perfina Paul Pletnikoff, University of Alaska Anchorage, Psychology
Jamie Sunderland, Ashford University, Organizational Management

Internship Program:

APICDA offers two internship programs. The student internship program is for current participants of the Higher Education Scholarship program. The Employment Internship is for residents interested in gaining work experience. Internship positions are available in our Anchorage office at various times of the year. These are paid internships and last for 3 months. Assistance may also be available for airfare and housing. Please contact Laura Delgado for upcoming openings.

APICDA Welcomes New Staff Members

John Nickels III

Assistant General Manager,
Tourism Division
Anchorage office.



Ivy Pelkey

Secretary/Receptionist
Anchorage office.

Jacob Betts

Maintenance Specialist,
Anchorage office.



Community Development

St. George Fish Handling Facility

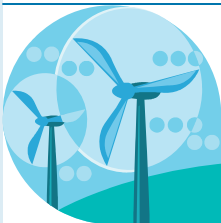
The APICDA/EDA (Economic Development Administration) St. George Fish Handling Facility project is underway! After APICDA's internal review of responses to a RFP for a Contractor, we chose Dowland Construction, Inc. to be the contractor for the project. APICDA, the Architect/Engineer team, and Dowland have been diligently working to ensure that the project schedule is adhered to. The EDA recently issued the official Notice to Proceed for the project. As a result, logistical and mobilization efforts are underway. As of the printing of this newsletter, Dowland Construction, Inc. is aggressively working to get a barge full of supplies and materials to the island to commence construction. The facility is scheduled for completion by 5/1/2010.



Nelson Lagoon Salmon Facility

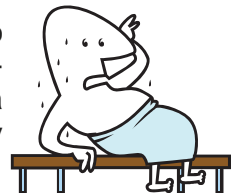
APICDA recently identified Burkhart Croft Architects, LLC (BCA) as the Architect/Engineer (A/E) firm for the Nelson Lagoon Salmon Facility project. By newsletter print time, APICDA management and BCA team members will have traveled to Nelson Lagoon to gather preliminary data and geotechnical information on site, the first step for the A/E team to define and create facility design sets. The Nelson Lagoon facility is slated to be open by June, 2011.

Nikolski Wind Turbine Will Be Spinning In October



After a multi-year wait, the Nikolski wind turbine will be integrated into the local diesel power plant and generating cheap, renewable energy in October. The project was initially funded by a grant secured through the Aleutian Pribilof Island's Association; additional funding to complete the project was through a grant from the Alaska Energy Authority. TDX Power is heading up the project.

An interesting side to this project will be the capture and use of waste heat and power generated. A pipeline will carry waste heat from the wind turbine to the Ugludax Lodge and the greenhouse, substantially reducing heating expenses for both buildings. Another pipeline will carry waste heat from the power house to the community center. There will be so much excess heat the community is building a sauna adjacent to the community center.



4B CDQ Halibut Net Pounds: 374,000
 Total Harvested to Date: 226,048 / 60%
 Pounds Remaining as of
 Last Landing: 147,952 / 40%

4C CDQ Halibut Net Pounds: 117,675
 Total Harvest to Date: 29,888 / 25%
 Pounds Remaining as of
 Last Landing: 87,787 / 75%

AJV- IFQ Halibut

2C 291 pounds / 291 pound remaining
 3A 6359 pounds / 4,667 harvested / 1,692 remaining
 3B 611 pounds / 611 remaining
 4A 523 pounds / 523 harvested
 4B 419 pounds / 419 pound remaining
 4D 47,847 pounds / 35,412 harvested / 12,435 remaining

Remaining pounds will be harvested in October.



AJV IFQ Sablefish

Aleutian Islands: 107,289 round lbs.
 Harvested: (98%) 105,522 round
 Total Remaining: (2%) 1,767 round
 Remaining pounds will carry over to 2010

Bering Sea: 100,379 round lbs.
 Harvested: (23%) 23,064 round
 Remaining: (77%) 77,315 round
 Remaining pounds will be harvested in October.

Central Gulf of Alaska: 34,588 round lbs.
 Harvested: (98%) 33,913 round
 Total Remaining: (2%) 675 round
 Remaining pounds will carry over to 2010

Western Gulf of Alaska: 33,216 round lbs.
 Harvested: (99%) 32,876 round
 Total Remaining: (less than 1%) 243 round
 Remaining pounds will carry over to 2010

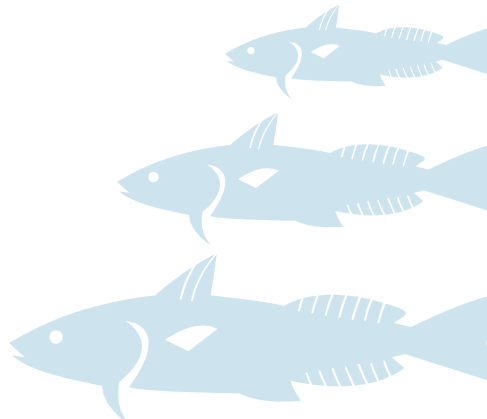
West Yakutat: 4,716 round lbs.
 Remaining: 100%
 Remaining pounds will be harvested

Southeast: 8,863 round lbs.
 Remaining: 100%
 Remaining pounds will be harvested in October.

CDQ Sablefish

Aleutian Islands: 50 mt / 110,230 round lbs.
 Transferred to BBEDC: harvesting all 6 CDQ groups quota.
 Remaining pounds: 0%

Bering Sea: 45.5 mt / 100,309 round lbs.
 Harvested: (13%) 5.982 mt / 13,187 round
 Remaining pounds: (87%) 39.518 mt / 87,121 round
 Remaining pounds will be harvested in October.



ALEUT Committee Formed

The Aleut Leadership and Entities Uniting Together (ALEUT) Committee, otherwise referred to as the “A Team” was recently formed. The purpose of the committee is best described by its mission statement: *“To advocate for and maximize the services provided to our stakeholders, residents and communities through our respective organizations by coordinating services, educating, sharing information and working together.”*

At the present time participating entities include APICDA, The Aleut Corporation, The Aleut Foundation, the Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association, East Aleutian Tribes, the Aleutian Housing Authority, and the Central Bering Sea Fishermen’s Association. Eventually we hope that all entities in the Aleutian Pribilof Island region will join.

The first project undertaken by the A Team is development of a directory of services catalog. The catalog will contain a list of all services provided by participating entities, including the type and description of service, eligibility requirements, and contact individual. You can expect to receive a copy of the directory in the mail in the next few months.

The A Team is also focusing its attention on energy needs within our region. The first part of this process has been the development of a region wide assessment of needs, capabilities and logistical requirements. The assessment contains a number of recommendations including convening an Aleutian Pribilof Islands Regional Energy Summit. The document is titled Aleut Region Energy Planning: Working Together for an Energy Policy and Energy Plan to Secure Low-Cost Sustainable Energy. The report was prepared by Dan Duane (AHA), Bruce Wright (APIA), Everette Anderson (APICDA), and Eric Waterman (TAC). You can find this document at apicda.com.



Ugludax Lodge customer Jim Olson, and lodge fishing guide Vinnie Lestenkof, pose here with the 91 inch, 400 + pound halibut Olson caught during his summer 2009 visit to Nikolski.

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