

Aleutian Wave

APICDA QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER SPRING 2014

Akutan

Atka Dock Ready for Action

False Pass

Nelson Lagoon

Nikolski

St. George

Unalaska



Father Jonah Andrew blesses the dock in Atka in 2013.



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Message from the CEO



Larry Cotter
Chief Executive Officer

Dear APICDA Communities and Stakeholders,

Tourism plays an ever increasing role in APICDA by helping to fulfill our charitable purpose of creating stable local economies in each of our communities. We continually strive to find ways to diversify those opportunities provided for residents throughout the Aleutian region.

Creating jobs and training through tourism is a perfect complement to our seafood harvesting and processing operations. One of the main benefits is the establishment of reliable employment for our local residents. Tourism operates directly within the region, allowing our employees to obtain well-paying jobs right in their home communities.

Tourism allows us to create jobs while continuing to be good stewards of the environment. The clients choose to visit our remote Aleutians not only for the world class fishing and hunting, but also because the scenery is some of the most unique

and magnificent in the world. We are conscious of our surroundings while working with our clients to provide the greatest experience possible while leaving the smallest footprint possible.

“Tourism allows us to create jobs while continuing to be good stewards of the environment.”

There will be natural synergies created between the seafood and tourism operations as both expand within the region over the next few years. The expansion of tourism operations in Nelson Lagoon, Nikolski and False Pass will complement the seafood processing operations in False Pass and Atka. The integration of our growing operations will create the efficiencies needed to operate both in a sustainable and profitable manner.

Tourism operation growth in Nelson Lagoon, Nikolski and False Pass will support expansion to a planned lodge in St. George and possible hunting and fishing operations in Akutan. The growth experienced in tourism and seafood operations will support future expansion, which will benefit all APICDA communities.

The current sport fishing and hunting camps are building a loyal base of recurring clients. The expansion of adventure tourists such as a group of surfers in Nikolski last season shows the innovative thinking the tourism division is using to ensure that growth is both diverse and sustainable. That progressive thinking will ensure that the jobs created for residents in our communities are ones that they can count on year after year.

Larry Cotter, APICDA Chief Executive Officer

Larry Cotter photo courtesy of WACDA
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Akutan



Atka



False Pass



Nelson Lagoon



Nikolski



St. George

About APICDA

APICDA (Aleutian Pribilof Island Community Development Association) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit incorporated in the state of Alaska. Our charitable purpose is to develop stable local economies in our member communities of Akutan, Atka, False Pass, Nelson Lagoon, Nikolski and St. George.

Our focus on community development sets us apart from the typical seafood company. The region's seafood resources have provided for families in our communities through many generations. By doing business with APICDA, you assist our work to better the lives of people in the communities throughout the Aleutian and Pribilof Islands.

“An Alaska Seafood Company Serving a Greater Purpose”

New to the APICDA Board



NICOLE HOBLET is a lifelong resident of False Pass and comes from a family of commercial fishermen. She is an employee of Eastern Aleutian Tribes and has been serving her region as a community health aide for over 10 years.

Nikki loves to be outdoors with her four children; Hanna, Hazel, Dayton and Kendrick.

Being from a small community, residents must wear many hats. Some of Nikki's other commitments include: City of False Pass Vice-Mayor, Aleutians East Borough School Board member, Isanotski Corporation Board member and Aleutians East Borough Assembly member.

HARVEY MCGLASHAN was re-elected to the APICDA board of directors in Dec. 2013. Harvey is a member of Akutan Fisherman's Association and returned to Akutan at the age of 18 after growing up in Seattle with his grandparents who are originally from Akutan. He bought his 32 ft. Bristol Bay boat "Midnight Sun" when he was 30 and has been commercial fishing for the past 15 years. Harvey owned and operated a construction business in the Seattle area and commercial fished in Alaska in the Sand Point area. ▲

Welcome New Staff



KEN SMITH has had a whirlwind of changes over the last few months. After his many years as general manager of seafood processing, he moved into a newly created community development liaison position. Recently, due to the growth in corporate structure and activities, we have developed a Purchasing Manager position. This position will coordinate the logistical functions, allocation, delivery of parts and supplies related to the processing plants and other areas as needed. Ken's working knowledge and fishing industry experience is a valuable asset to this position and to the evolving growth of our company.



GILDA SHELLIKOFF, a long-term member of APICDA as board chairperson and board member, now joins the APICDA/AJV employee team as administrative assistant to Ken Smith, Purchasing Manager. Originally from False Pass, Gilda has relocated to Anchorage. Her knowledge and history with APICDA will make her a valuable asset to our company.



STEVE HENRY has joined APICDA/Bering Pacific Seafoods (BPS) as permanent plant manager in False Pass. He served as a temporary plant manager at BPS during the 2013 summer season. Originally from Seattle, Steve's work experience includes managing seafood processing plants in southeast Alaska. Welcome back Steve. ▲

Meet Erik Allen



ERIK ALLEN has been employed by Cannon Fish Company, APICDA's new Seattle-based company, since 2009. He currently holds the position of chief financial officer/controller for Cannon Fish, our seafood value-added processing and marketing company.

Erik has more than ten years professional experience in analyzing needs and implementing solutions through communication and leadership with the vast majority of this time spent in the seafood industry. He graduated from the University of Portland with a bachelor of business administration majoring in finance and holds an MBA, specializing in strategy and business intelligence from the Sauder School of Business at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, BC.

Despite growing up in landlocked northern Idaho, Erik is now an experienced seafood industry professional. He is a member of National Fisheries Institute (NFI) and participated in the 2013 Future Leader's Class. Since 1998, NFI has brought together a contingent of up-and-coming seafood professionals to network, learn and further expose themselves to the complexity of the industry through a series of plant tours, interactive workshops and group discussions focusing on sound buying and selling practices. ▲

Juneau Board Meeting January 2014

The APICDA/AJV board meetings were held in late January at the Juneau office. The focus of the January meetings were to amend, ratify and approve the provisional 2014 budget reviewed during the December meeting and adjust the 2014 business plan accordingly. In addition, unaudited 2013 year-ending financials were presented. Our newly acquired marketing division personnel from Cannon Fish in Seattle participated and provided the board with their 2013 year-end financials as well as proposed 2014 budgets and activities. All in all, 2014 looks to be a watershed year for APICDA and its subsidiaries as we continue to vertically integrate activities in the fishing and support industries to our portfolio allowing the best economical advantage for the growth of our communities. Many thanks to the Juneau staff for providing a welcoming atmosphere and spectacular snacks. ▲

With Gratitude to Gilda—

An original board member, Gilda Shellikoff has served faithfully as the APICDA Chairperson for nearly twenty years. We have been well served by her and thank her for her time, wisdom and leadership.

We look forward to her joining the employee team as APICDA Joint Ventures purchasing department administrative assistant.



APICDA Board: Mark Snigaroff (Chair), Rick Lauber, Justine Gundersen, Nikki Hoblet, Pete Crandall, Bill Shaishnikoff and Andrew Lestenkof Jr., (not pictured: Patrick Pletnikoff and Harvey McGlashan).



Michaela Silva (reception), Aubrey Reese (bookkeeping), Holly Price (payroll), Katie Conomos (receivables).



Accounting Lead Marisa Morgan confers with Jennifer Williams (fisheries) in the accounting office.



Pete Cannon and Erik Allen with CEO Larry Cotter.

APICDA's Cannon Fish Company to host a booth at Boston Seafood Expo in March



Cannon sales representatives Peter Wakeman and Scott Sandvig [in background] work the display booth while buyers admire the display.

Who We Are

APICDA (Aleutian Pribilof Island Community Development Association) is a vertically integrated seafood company responsibly harvesting, processing and marketing wild Alaskan crab, pollock, cod, black cod, halibut and salmon from the Bering Sea and Pacific Ocean in a sustainable manner. We maintain the highest standards of quality for our wild Alaskan seafood from the icy ocean waters to the table.

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Upcoming Community Conference

The Aleutian Pribilof Island Community Development Association (APICDA) will hold its 15th consecutive Community Outreach Conference on April 29 and 30 at the Alyeska Resort in Girdwood, Alaska. Leaders from APICDA's representative communities, APICDA board of directors, management team and partners will be in attendance. The conference participants are composed of representatives of the village corporations, IRA's, municipal governments, guest speakers and APICDA harvesting partners. We anticipate approximately 75 attendees this year.

Annually, the APICDA board of directors and management incorporate suggestions and ideas from the past conference participants and community members to provide a meaningful and informative two-day conference. This conference also provides a forum for community leaders to meet with one another with the opportunity to gather firsthand knowledge of the Community Development Quota (CDQ) program, as well as learn of future plans and projects of APICDA.

It is amazing that we have held this conference annually for the last fifteen years. The conference is well attended and provides a platform to invoke ideas and thought for the betterment of APICDA and the communities. By the time of the delivery of this article, all attendees and guest speakers will be notified. If you are in the Anchorage area during the meeting, please feel free to attend. ▴

For more information please contact: Chris Mierzejek at (907) 929-5273 ext. 202 or email: cmierzejek@apicda.com

"Efficiency on the Fly" at the APICDA Plant in False Pass

The new switch gear system coming soon to False Pass will be able to tie the separate generators together and allow for a unified and more efficient system. Currently there are four separate generators that supply power to different parts of the plant. The new switch gear system can gather data remotely with a server in False Pass and in Anchorage and has a suite of alarms that can report problems. In addition, the computerized system will track and record data for analysis.

This fully-automated system can be monitored from a desktop computer and feed power to where it is needed with the ability to control voltage consistencies like peak load during processing or cyclic load for holding refrigeration levels. It can also tie into tidal and wind generators and could feed power to the community as a back-up in emergencies. ▴

Introducing Healthy Alaskans 2020

Healthy Alaskans 2020 is a joint effort between the State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services and the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, to set health goals for Alaska that contribute to the vision of *Healthy Alaskans in Healthy Communities*. The collaborative nature of this initiative will allow individuals in communities from all over Alaska to contribute information and ideas in every step of the process. Throughout the process, we will provide health status progress reports, as well as health planning and action tools for individuals, communities, and health professionals. By working together on these important health issues, we can help improve health for all communities in Alaska.



The process is just beginning and there will be many opportunities for participation along the way. You can check out the website for updates and how to get involved at: <http://hss.state.ak.us/ha2020/>.

Vision: Healthy Alaskans in Healthy Communities.

Mission: Provide a framework and foster partnerships to optimize health for all Alaskans and their communities.

For more information:

Healthy Alaskans / 3601 C Street, Anchorage, AK 99503
healthyalaskans@alaska.gov / (907) 269-3456. ▴

UPDATE: False Pass Fuel Farm

The winter quarterly issue jumped the gun on announcing that the False Pass fuel farm construction was nearly complete. Construction is planned for this spring with a projected completion date by June, in time for the 2014 fishing season. The project will be a huge service to the community, providing fuel security into the future. This is an important infrastructure component for Bering Pacific Seafoods (BPS) and will better serve our fishermen and others transiting from the Gulf to the Bering Sea and back.



The Konrad I at the False Pass dock.



ALEUTIAN ADVENTURES

an APICDA Company

Pick your season at the SANDY RIVER LODGE

KING SEASON: (June 8 - July 15)

The Sandy is hands down, one of the best king salmon fisheries in the world. These fish are averaging 20-30 lbs. and love to chase flies!

SILVER SEASON: (Aug. 30 - Sept. 21)

While the Sandy is known for its amazing king salmon runs and world class steelhead fishing, its silver salmon fishing is top notch as well. It's common to catch 8-15 lb. fish all day, with some fish tipping the scales at over 20 lbs!

STEELHEAD SEASON: (Sept. 21 - Oct. 19)

With 13 miles of water essentially all to yourself, it is like having your own private steelhead river. Ocean bright fish with a crimson mean streak await your fly every day!



The Sandy River is located approximately 17 miles from the salt water of the Bering Sea.



APICDA Welcomes "The Sandy"

AJV (APICDA Joint Ventures) purchased the Sandy River Lodge in February 2014. The lodge is located on the end of the Alaska Peninsula near the community of Nelson Lagoon. The lodge will become a part of APICDA's tourism division, Aleutian Adventures, which is currently managing tourism operations focusing on fly fishing, reindeer hunting, bear hunting and duck hunting in multiple locations throughout the Aleutian region.

The Sandy River Lodge is well known worldwide as a premier location for both hunting and fishing. It has been featured by major publications and travel guides from around the world. "The addition of the lodge to the current tourism operations is an exciting opportunity for APICDA," says Larry Cotter, APICDA CEO. "The lodge will provide additional employment for residents of our member communities and generate a positive cash flow."

The lodge represents the next step in APICDA's overall expansion of tourism as a focus for economic development in the region.

The Sandy River Lodge was owned and developed by Mel Gillis, who will remain a part of the operations at the lodge. "It will be great to have Mel continue to be a part of The Sandy River Lodge since he has built so many long-term relationships with his clients over the years," says George Weaver, General Manager at Aleutian Adventures.

"The Sandy offers one of the best king salmon fisheries in the world from June 8 - July 15. Chinook averaging 20-30 lbs. are typically caught using fly fishing gear," says Weaver. "The silver salmon fishing generally runs from Aug. 30 - Sept. 21. It's common to catch 8-15 pounders with some fish tipping the scales at over 20 lbs. The steelhead season runs from Sept. 21 - Oct. 19 over the 13 miles of river near the lodge."

To make a reservation, please contact Aleutian Adventures toll-free at: 1-888-430-8329. Booking information can be found at www.aleutianadventures.com.



It would be difficult to find a place more remote or serene than the Sandy River Lodge. Located on the end of the Alaska Peninsula, 'The Sandy' provides comfortable accommodations along with world class fishing.

Ocean bright fish
with a crimson
mean streak await
your fly every day!



On the road with Aleutian Adventures



APICDA's tourism department 'Aleutian Adventures' has been touring with its portable booth, visiting trade shows in Dallas, Denver and the Safari Club International in Las Vegas. Next up is Long Beach and Salt Lake City. Bookings are filling up and it looks to be a busy season.

Pribilof Island students attend Alaska Marine Science Symposium

By Tonia Kushin and Ann Harding

Four students from the St. George and St. Paul Pribilof Islands, along with their teacher, Tonia Kushin and their mentor scientist, Ann Harding, attended the Alaska Marine Science Symposium held in Anchorage, Jan. 2014. During this conference, scientists gather for a week to learn and share information about research activities in the marine areas of Alaska. The four students (two elementary and two middle-school) were chosen to represent the many participants of the Pribilof Island Seabird Youth Network and present a scientific poster about their program.

The Seabird Youth Network is a partnership between the Pribilof School District, the St. George Traditional Council, the Aleut Community of St. Paul Island, the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge (AMNWR) and the wider scientific community. The network creates exciting opportunities for youth on the Pribilof Islands to learn about seabirds and contribute to long-term seabird monitoring programs. The network is dedicated to creating opportunities for Pribilof youth in four key areas: (a) Opening doors to careers in science and natural resource management; (b) Increasing



Students from St. Paul (SNP) and St. George (STG). (Back row) Sonia Merculief, SNP; Carmen Philemonof, STG; Tonia Kushin, SNP Teacher; Ann Harding, Auk Ecological Consulting; (front row) Carley Bourdukofsky, SNP and Destiny Kushin, SNP.

sense of ownership and understanding of local resources; (c) Providing training in marketable multi-media skills; and (d) Providing education in seabird ecology, research and conservation. Students on both islands have been learning about seabirds during the school year. A website is used as a platform for sharing seabird lesson plans, posting project updates, profiling current seabird research tools and results, and communicating stories of seabirds and marine conservation in the news.

Students from both islands also attended a summer seabird camp in 2013. Camp members studied the basics of seabird biology, learned about the traditional use of seabirds on the Pribilof Islands, assisted with the collection of long-term seabird monitoring data, learned about the AMNWR seabird monitoring program, created an educational Rat-Free mural for the harbor and installed least auklet nest boxes. Students from both islands hope that the seabird camps will continue in the future. More information about the network can be found at: <http://www.seabirdyouth.org>. ▴

About the Alaska Marine Science Symposium

Since 2002, scientists from Alaska, the Pacific Northwest and beyond, have come to the Symposium to communicate research activities in the marine regions off Alaska. Researchers and students in marine science re-connect with old colleagues and meet new ones.



Red king juvenile crab.

Plenary and poster sessions feature a broad spectrum of ocean science. Participants hear the latest in the fields of climate, oceanography, lower trophic levels, the benthos, fishes and invertebrates, seabirds, marine mammals, local and traditional knowledge, and socio-economic research. The Symposium also features compelling keynote speakers, workshops and special sessions.

The Mission

The mission of the Alaska Marine Science Symposium is to bring together scientists, policymakers, students, educators, media and the public to share research findings focused on Alaska's marine fisheries and ecosystems.



Fly-over at Nelson Lagoon

APICDA Vision Statement:

The Aleutian Pribilof Island Community Development Association (APICDA) will develop commercial and sport fishing industry related opportunities to enhance the long-term social and economic viability of the coastal communities and their residents in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands.

APICDA will optimize benefits to its member communities and their residents through the development of infrastructure and fishery support services in the communities, the acquisition of seafood related businesses, including fishing vessels and/or processing facilities and support service industries at economically beneficial prices, and the acquisition of harvest and processing rights. By enabling the communities to participate in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Island fisheries,

APICDA will:

- Promote and participate in business opportunities with capital investment funds;
- Relieve chronic social problems through the creation of jobs, and encourage individual growth through educational and vocational opportunities;
- Promote community control over their individual economic and social destinies; and,
- Continue to assist each community as they make the transition from reliance upon a CDQ allocation to economic and social self-sufficiency.



Emil William Berikoff, Sr.
1944 - 2012

Emil Berikoff, Sr. served on the APICDA board for 15 years. His contributions as a trusted board member and to the APICDA community were invaluable.

In 2012 out of respect for his commitment to education, the APICDA Board of Directors formally named this fund the *Emil Berikoff Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund*.

To Apply:

Applications must be completed, submitted and RECEIVED in the APICDA office by:

APRIL 1 for the summer term(s).

JULY 1 for the fall and spring semesters award.

NOVEMBER 15 for the spring semester award.

For More Information:

Please contact APICDA's Training & Education Coordinator Anfesia Tutiakoff at: education@apicda.com or www.apicda.com for application instructions and requirements.

Emil Berikoff Sr. Memorial Scholarships – Spring 2014

APICDA is proud to announce the Emil Berikoff Sr. Memorial Scholarship recipients for spring 2014. This semester 41 students received scholarships for a total of \$86,188.83 in awards. We congratulate all of you on your hard work and dedication towards your higher education. We are pleased to assist you as you reach for your goals and wish you all good luck this semester!

<u>Student Name:</u>	<u>Community:</u>	<u>School:</u>
Darling Anderson	False Pass	Hartwick College
Shasta Anderson	False Pass	University of Alaska, Anchorage
Noah Betzen	Unalaska	University of Alaska, Fairbanks
Kelsey Clark	Unalaska	Brigham Young University
Carmichael Dirks	Atka	University of Alaska, Anchorage
Nikka Dirks	Atka	University of Alaska, Anchorage
Karina Garay	Unalaska	University of Alaska, Anchorage
Christina Gordon	Unalaska	Carroll College
Rachell Gulanes	Unalaska	University of Alaska, Anchorage
Martin Gundersen	Nelson Lagoon	University of Alaska, Anchorage
Bethany Hladick	Unalaska	Willamette University
Abbygale Jensen	Unalaska	University of Alaska, Anchorage
Kailyn Kashevarof	St. George	University of Alaska, Anchorage
Chantae Kochuten	False Pass	University of Alaska, Anchorage
Nadine Kochuten	False Pass	University of Alaska, Anchorage
Douglas Krukoff	Unalaska	George Washington University
Janice Krukoff	Unalaska	Alaska Career College
Jesse Lestenkof	St. George	University of Alaska, Anchorage
Leilani Lestenkof	St. George	University of Alaska, Fairbanks
Ally Lestenkof	St. George	University of Alaska, Anchorage
Vicadel Magalong	Unalaska	University of Alaska, Anchorage
Derick Magnusen	Unalaska	University of Massachusetts, Boston
Desiree Mercurief	St. George	University of Alaska, Anchorage
Samantha Mierzejek	St. George	University of Alaska, Anchorage
Carlene Moller	Unalaska	University of Alaska, Fairbanks
Nikita Robinson	Unalaska	University of Alaska, Anchorage
Kimberly Rowland	Unalaska	University of Alaska, Fairbanks
Raven Samuelson	False Pass	Pacific University
Gage Schaack	Nelson Lagoon	University of Alaska, Fairbanks
Katie Shae	Unalaska	University of Idaho
Shayla Shaishnikoff	Unalaska	University of Alaska, Anchorage
Simeon Snigaroff	Atka	University of Alaska, Anchorage
Haliehana Stepetin	Akutan	University of Alaska, Anchorage
Robin Stepetin	Akutan	University of Alaska, Anchorage
Sarah Stepetin	Akutan	University of Alaska, Anchorage
Ashley Swetzof	Unalaska	University of Wisconsin-Superior
Danrick Trinidad	Unalaska	Renton Technical College
Patrick Trinidad	Unalaska	Pacific Lutheran University
Claudine Tungul	Unalaska	University of Alaska, Anchorage
Anfesia Tutiakoff	Unalaska	University of Alaska, Anchorage
Dirk Yatchmeneff	False Pass	Prince William Sound Community College

GPA Scholarships

Students who received the Emil Berikoff Sr. Memorial Scholarship and earn a 3.5 GPA or higher for the term are eligible to receive an additional GPA scholarship based on the following schedule:

- 3.5-3.74 GPA: \$500/term up to \$1,000 school year
- 3.75-3.99 GPA: \$750 term up to \$1,500 per school year
- 4.0 GPA: \$1,000/term up to \$2,000 per school year

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
Darling Anderson	\$750
Bethany Hladick	\$500
Chantae Kochuten	\$1,000
Nadine Kochuten	\$500
Jesse Lestenkof	\$1,000
Samantha Mierzejek	\$1,000
Kimberly Rowland	\$750
Gage Schaack	\$500
Haliehana Stepetin	\$750
Robin Stepetin	\$500
Danrick Trinidad	\$750
Anfesia Tutiakoff	\$500
Dirk Yatchmeneff	\$500

Work Invest Now Scholarship (WINS) Scholarship

The following students earned the \$2,000 WINs Scholarship for working with APICDA and its subsidiaries last summer. If you are a college student, or about to start college, you can get a \$2,000 WINS scholarship from APICDA as well, by simply going to work for us and completing your contract. It's easy to do, plus you earn some money!

- Chantae Kochuten, False Pass
APICDA Receptionist/Admin. Assistant
- Samantha Mierzejek, St. George
APICDA Tourism Expeditor
- Anfesia Tutiakoff, Unalaska
APICDA Training & Education Assistant

Student Loan Repayment Program

APICDA would like to announce the Student Loan Repayment Program to the residents of the APICDA communities. This program repays a specific dollar amount (up to \$5,000 per year) of a graduate student's loan as long as the program requirements are met. This program was created because APICDA no longer awards scholarships to students who are pursuing graduate degrees or higher. The main

focus is to encourage graduates of the APICDA Region to return to the region for employment and career opportunities.

The program went into effect on Jan. 1, 2014 and will only include students who are enrolled in a degree program on Jan. 1, 2013 or later. An applicant must intend to return to, or work for the benefit of the APICDA region upon award of a degree. ▲

APICDA Sponsors Students to Receive OCEAN YOUTH AWARD

It is our honor to congratulate the students and associates of the Pribilof Student Marine Research team from St. George and St. Paul Islands. Since 2008, students from both St. George and St. Paul participated in working with marine ecological research in the Pribilof Domain. Their work included but is not limited to: scientific research, recording of data, charting and mapping known environments of blue king crab and exploring explanations on how to recover the Pribilof blue king crab stocks. Through monitoring and tagging, these students have also made discoveries concerning the growth and reproduction of a rare kelp, *Aureophycus Aleuticus*.



Anthony Lekanof, William Lekanof and Danielle Mercurief

APICDA sponsored three of the many students who participated in the Pribilof Student Marine Research Team by bringing them in to Anchorage to attend the Alaska Marine Gala hosted by the Alaska SeaLife Center on Feb. 15, 2014 at the Dena'ina Center. These students were encouraged to come and accept the Alaska Ocean Leadership Award. This award was presented to the students for their dedication and efforts in promoting the understanding of Alaska's oceans. The three students APICDA transported from Sitka (where they are attending high school at Mt. Edgecumbe) were from St. George, Alaska; Anthony Lekanof, Danielle Mercurief and William Lekanof. We are proud of their work and dedication to marine science and look forward to their continued influence in our region. ▲

Alaska Remembers—
50th Anniversary Commemoration
of the 1964 Great Alaska Earthquake



The 50th anniversary of the 1964 Great Alaska Earthquake is on March 27, 2014. This catastrophic earthquake caused great loss of life and property, shaping Alaska's future and the people who lived through the event. Fifty years later, this earthquake remains the second largest on record. This anniversary is a great opportunity to remind Alaskans they live in earthquake country and motivate them to prepare for disasters.

The State of Alaska Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management wants to inform and prepare citizens through statewide events, activities and unified messages across Alaska commemorating the anniversary of the earthquake and telling the story of its impact on Alaskans. Help spread the preparedness message statewide and promote local events within your communities and organizations.

If you are planning an event, it can be added to the promotion efforts, featuring it on the 1964 Anniversary website: www.ready.alaska.gov/64quake, which includes local and statewide event listings.

Scheduled events and activities:

- The Great Alaska Shakeout, a statewide earthquake drill, will occur at 1:36 pm on March 27. The public can register at www.shakeout.org/alaska
- The 1964 Earthquake Commemorative Event will honor survivors of the earthquake and tsunami. The commemoration will take place at the Anchorage Museum at 5:00 pm on March 27.
- The Anchorage Museum 1964 Earthquake Exhibit will be on display April through September 2014.
- The Alaska Shield 2014 State Exercise will involve federal, state, local, private, and non-profit organizations to test our preparedness for a catastrophic disaster.

Thank you for helping remember those lost in the 1964 earthquake and tsunami, and improving preparedness across Alaska.

For more information:

Tony Luiken, Outreach Specialist, State of Alaska
Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management
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2014 Photo CONTEST

We are looking for images of the natural environment, children at play, people at work, and community activities. Click often and send us your best shots!

ALL ORIGINAL
PHOTOS OF THE
APICDA REGION
ARE WELCOME

\$100
For each
winning entry!

All photos submitted will
be considered for the
APICDA 2015 calendar
and
2014 Christmas card

For more information you may
call the APICDA office at:
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EMAIL YOUR
DIGITAL
PHOTO ENTRY
To: MEDIA@APICDA.COM

All entries must
be received by
OCTOBER 6, 2014

To be considered for this contest,
all photos must be taken with at
least an 8 megapixel camera set
at the highest resolution possible

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