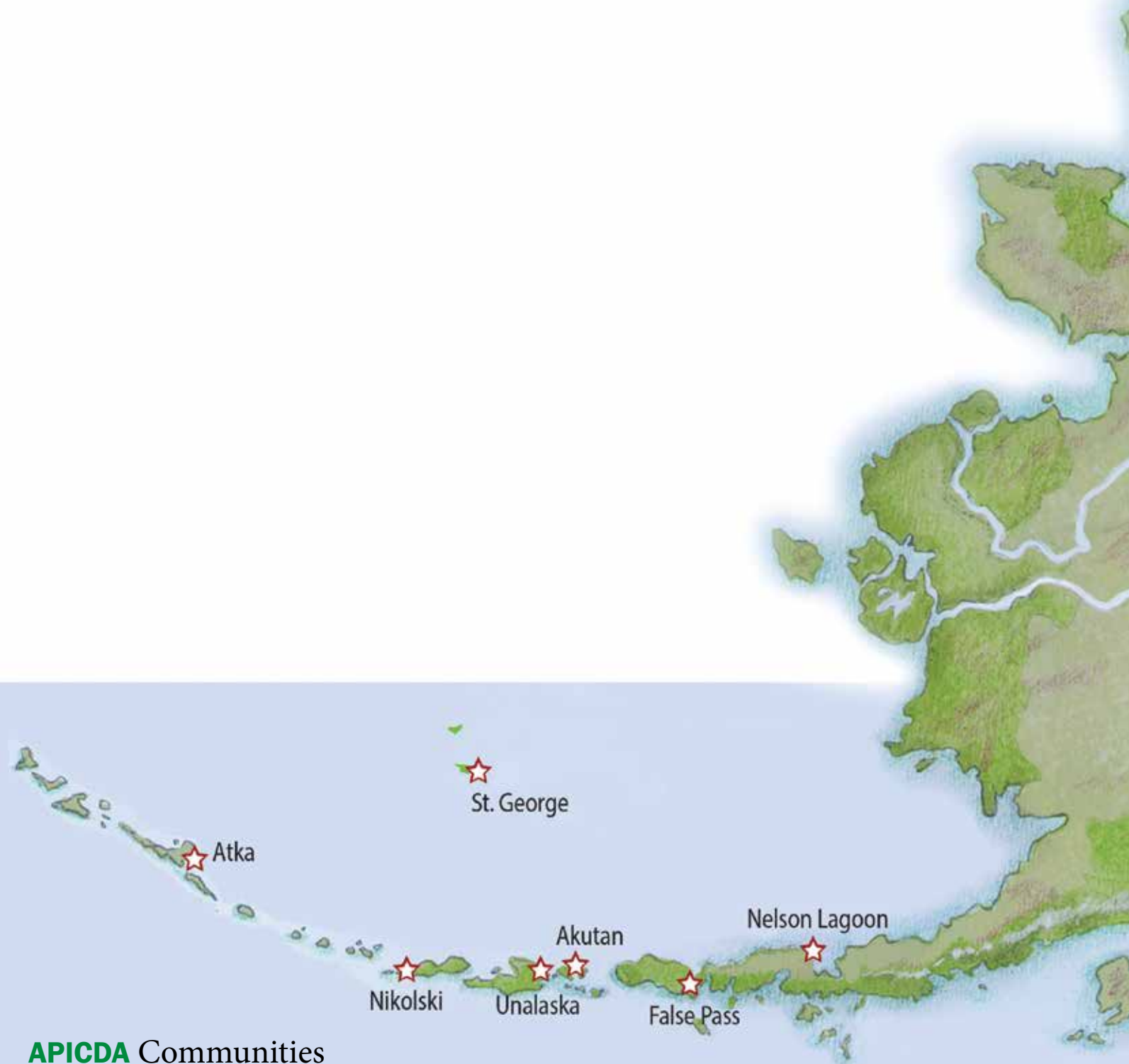




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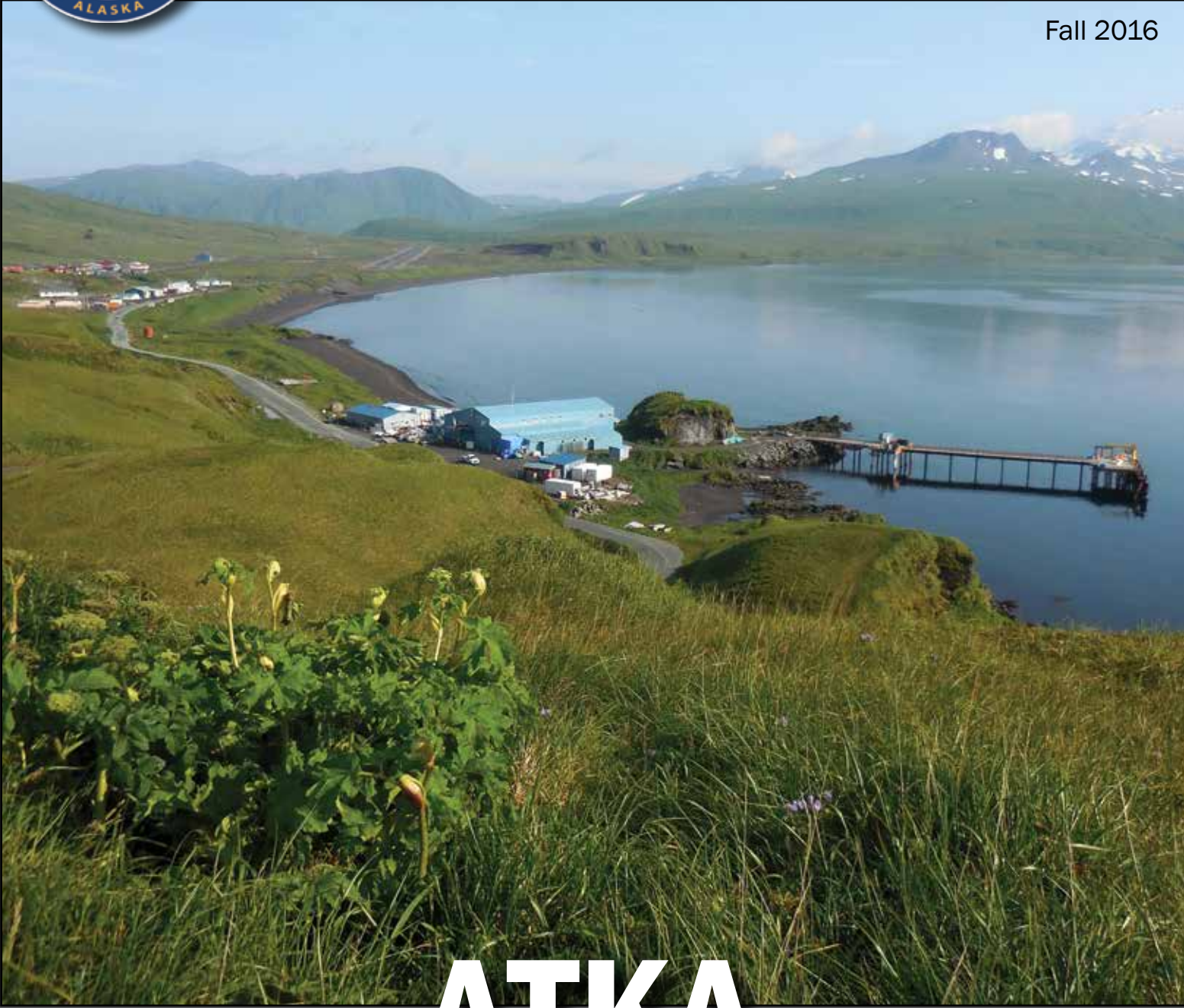


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Aleutian Wave

Fall 2016



ATKA

Memory Eternal

Ray McCullough Jr. | Paul Nicholas Nesbit | Mike Tunohun Jr.

Message from the CEO

To our APICDA Communities and Stakeholders,

The summer of 2016 will be remembered as one of APICDA’s most difficult seasons. As many of you know, we had a vehicle accident in Atka in June that resulted in the death of three employees and six injured. In addition to the Atka accident, we had some issues with our vessels and a fire at the Bering Pacific Seafoods (BPS) Mechanic Shop in False Pass.



Tragedy teaches us many things; lessons we would rather not learn in this very painful and difficult way. One important lesson learned this summer was how our communities and staff must pull together when addressing emergency situations and providing support.

The magnitude of the Atka accident was unprecedented and residents did everything humanly possible to provide emergency medical care— I was profoundly moved by their heroic actions. We are grateful to the community members who offered their steadfast support to our resident employees; this was especially hard on APS management. The Adak EMS team and clinic, Guardian Flight, and the United States Coast Guard played a critical role during the evacuation process and will never know how their efforts impacted the lives of the surviving accident victims and their loved ones.

The fire that broke out at the BPS Machine Shop was contained due to the quick response and leadership of the City of False Pass local volunteer fire department, under the direction of Village Public Safety Officer, Chris Stewart. The community pitched in alongside BPS staff, and tender crews who came to shore to fight the fire in the early morning hours of Aug 14. It was miraculous that no one was injured and the fire was contained to one building without any damage to our processing facility. In fact, the BPS staff processed fish that very afternoon.

APICDA will weather the storms and learn from these experiences; while continuing to stay focused on our mission and the many great things happening in our region like improving our refrigerated freight systems in False Pass, supporting culture camps in our communities and providing scholarships to students heading off to college. ▲

Larry Cotter, APICDA Chief Executive Officer

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ON THE COVER:
Atka in June.
—Photo by Tim Malloy 2015

This issue of the *Aleutian WAVE* is dedicated to the community of Atka.



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Tragedy in Atka

In the early evening on Tuesday, June 14, 2016, Atka Pride Seafoods’ (APS) employees Ray McCullough, Mike Tunohun Jr. and Paul Nesbit lost their lives and six people sustained injuries in a serious vehicle accident in the community of Atka, Alaska. The accident occurred when employees were traveling a short distance from the processing plant to the bunkhouse for dinner. Local residents Susie Hill, William Dushkin, and Millie Prokopeuff responded to the incident immediately and displayed true heroism as did all Atka community members who assisted with the life-saving measures.

The Alaska State Troopers found the driver to be at fault and charged him with nine felonies and one misdemeanor. The charges compound this tragedy that has caused tremendous heartbreak for the families of those who died, the injured, their families, and the community of Atka. The criminal charges, if proved, mean the driver violated strict company policies concerning alcohol consumption and state laws and, in so doing, created immeasurable harm.

Condolences:

RAY LEE MCCULLOUGH JR.
(1972 - 2016)

Ray was born on June 22, 1972, in Portland, Oregon. He moved to Anchorage in 1997 and was very involved with church activities. Ray loved music, especially playing the drums.

Ray enjoyed spending time with his children and will be remembered for his infectious laugh. Ray is survived by his wife, Cindy McCullough of Valdez, Alaska; son, Tyrese R. McCullough of Valdez; daughter, Klee Bisconer of Anchorage; daughter, Kylee Bisconer of Anchorage; son, Kurtis McCullough of Anchorage; daughter, Kyesha Bisconer of Anchorage; daughter, Jamonica Gibbs of Anchorage; sister, April Turner of Portland, Oregon; niece, Nicole Phillips of Anchorage; along with many family and friends from all over. ☹

PAUL NICHOLAS NESBIT
(1958 - 2016)

Paul was a man who loved his family and struggled for many years with sobriety. He turned his life around and found a supportive community at Anchorage Native Assembly of God where he worked as a driver and helper for his church. His pastor said he was a doer and a joy, and was concerned about the people around him and those he worked with. Paul was a driver for a towing company and was known as a careful man. He reinvented himself in his adult life and it was the “new Paul” that passed in Atka that day in June. It was his second season as a fish processor with APICDA, last summer he worked in False Pass.

Paul was buried next to his parents in his home village of Chuathbaluk, upriver from Aniak on the Kuskokwim River where he grew up fishing, hunting and trapping.

He is survived by his wife Bertha, children and grandchildren. ☹

MIKE TUNOHUN JR.
(1964 - 2016)

Mike Rambo Tunohun Jr. was born in Kodiak and raised in Old Harbor, Alaska. Mike was in the National Guard and was always upbeat with a smile on his face. He will be greatly missed and will be remembered for his great athleticism and artistic talent. He loved to go hunting and fishing and jigging for halibut. He is preceded in death by his father, Mike Sr., whom he never stopped grieving for along with sisters, Thelma, Debbie and Lisa; brothers, Eugene and Ronnie; nephew, Sargent; and grandnephew, Trenton. He is survived by his mother, Polly; sister, Janet; brother, Wayne of Anchorage; brother, Dennis; and sister, Laura Mae of Old Harbor; and many neices and nephews.

A service was held at St. Innocents Russian Orthodox Cathedral in Anchorage, with an additional service at the Three Saints Orthodox Church in Kodiak where he was laid to rest at the Old Harbor Cemetery. ☹

U.S. Coast Guard's Operation Arctic Shield

The Coast Guard has been carrying out rescue operation exercises and developing emergency plans in Arctic Alaska in order to prepare for things like a man-made incident or natural disaster.

Logistics and communication are the biggest hurdles when it comes to being prepared for the worst on routes with extreme weather conditions like the Northwest Passage.

Luxury liners like Crystal Cruises and Regent Cruises aren't the only companies wanting to navigate these remote areas with 1,000 or more passengers. Cargo ships have also made this voyage. Still, the *Crystal Serenity* is the largest cruise ship to ever travel the route. (See story page 8).

As far as environmental concerns for traveling through such a sensitive area, Crystal Cruises spokesman Paul Garcia said that both the cruise ship and the accompanying icebreaker will travel using low-sulfur fuels. He also said the company will discharge gray and black water— that's wastewater from things like showers, washing machines and toilets— no less than 12 nautical miles from shore.

Alaska Needs a New Icebreaker

Alaska's only remaining icebreaker, the *Polar Star*, built in 1978, no longer has full-time capacity due to its age and maintenance needs. There is bipartisan support for building a new, \$1 billion heavy-duty icebreaker for the Arctic, but there may be gap in service during the construction time required. As the *Polar Star* reaches the end of its service life, the Coast Guard may find itself with no heavy icebreaker, just as activity in the Arctic increases in the region. Privately owned ice-breaking ships are not considered fit for the job as Admiral Charles Michel, vice commandant of the Coast Guard said, "We don't operate non-military vessels. The ships don't just break ice, but "serve national sovereignty," he said, noting that a military vessel is required by international law "for assertion of things like navigation rights."

—Alaska Dispatch News July 13, 2016.

What is really needed are updated maps for the region, as they provide the best tools for avoiding environmental disasters akin to the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill (March 24, 1989). Without them, these massive fuel-loaded vessels will be sailing blindly through Alaska's waters. Today, some maps commonly employed are using data 50 to 100 years old, when mapping technology was far from accurate compared to modern-day techniques. Mappers say they are working as fast as they can but, given the short season, their window to gather data is small and progress is slow.

On the brighter side, the Coast Guard recently launched a seasonal home base in Kotzebue, cutting thousands of miles off its responses to Arctic incidents, at least via helicopter. Unlike previous efforts by the Coast Guard in the Arctic, which were driven by industry expansion into the region, this move indicates a long-term commitment by the federal agency to Alaska's Arctic.

Alaska's northern populations are intimately tied to its coastline and marine creatures through the essential subsistence harvest, which is a necessity both on a practical level and on a cultural level, too.

With more massive cruise and cargo ships coming to Alaska's waters, the U.S. needs to advocate for and protect the region with up-to-date marine mapping, emergency response resources and enforceable shipping lanes that keep vessels from endangering Arctic waters.

Source: Carey Restino, The Arctic Sounder/Alaska Dispatch News July.

Alaska's northern populations are intimately tied to its coastlines.

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THANKS THE U.S. COAST GUARD OF ALASKA!

With Gratitude to:

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CDR NAHSHON
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AMT1 STEPHEN
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Basic Aircrew:
AMT2 DAVID
SCHMELTER

Basic Aircrew:
AMT3 CLAY YANCEY



APICDA is deeply grateful to the USCG for saving the lives of six of our Atka Pride Seafoods' employees in the early morning hours of Wednesday, June 15, 2016. The USCG medevac'd six injured people who were involved in a serious vehicle accident in Atka from Adak to Anchorage, Alaska. We want these brave USCG crew members to know how much their heroic efforts touched the lives of the surviving accident victims and their loved ones.

This summer a new and improved system went into effect at APICDA's Bering Pacific Seafoods (BPS) loading dock in False Pass, with help from American President Lines (APL) and some collective problem solving.



Heavy-duty forklift moving totes.



Celso Zabala, BPS Lead Electrician, next to the new 20-gang panel. Photos courtesy Jed Smith, APL.

will allow for future growth. This electrical unit was created to be portable and can be moved easily.

This project was spearheaded by AJV General Manager, Laura Delgado, Jerry Duckworth, BPS Plant Manager, and Jed Smith, a 20-yr. APL refrigerator mechanic whose vision and engineering skills are almost magical. Jed is excited about the mission of APICDA and hopes to see more revitalization in False Pass. ▲



Moving a container down the road to the False Pass dock.



Game Changer in False Pass

AMERICAN PRESIDENT LINES

APL, one of the world's leading ocean carriers, offers more than 90 weekly services and call ports in over 50 countries worldwide. They provide container transportation through an international shipping network which combines high-quality intermodal operations with advanced technology, equipment and e-commerce.

APL's General Manager of Operations in Alaska is Eugene Makarin who is Aleut born and raised in Unalaska. His experience and dedication provide a valuable contribution to the success of the maritime industry along the Aleutian Chain.

SAMSON TUG AND BARGE is an Alaskan owned and operated Interstate shipping company headquartered in Sitka. Established in 1937, they now service a route encompassing the entire Pacific Rim of Alaska.

Alaska Rejoins The Northern Forum — "We are Neighbors in the Arctic"

In 1991 The Northern Forum was co-founded by Walter Hickel, a former Alaska governor and U.S. Interior Secretary with strong interest in Arctic and far-north affairs. Alaska's membership lapsed in 2011— but on July 25, 2016, Gov. Bill Walker and Yuri Zakharenko, chairman of the Northern Forum's Regional Coordinators Committee, signed a document returning Alaska back into the fold of the organization that represents regional governments in the circum-polar north.

The Northern Forum is a non-profit, international organization composed of sub-national or regional governments from eight northern countries.

APICDA sponsored a table at the Walter J. Hickel "Day of the Arctic" luncheon hosted by the Institute of the North, held at the Captain Cook Hotel on July 26. ▲

Northern regions share characteristics that set them apart from other areas of the world. These include:

- Economies based upon the extraction of natural resources.
- Lack of internal capital resources.
- Limited infrastructural development.
- Harsh climates and vulnerable ecosystems.
- Diverse and strong indigenous cultures.
- Sparse populations.



Welcome New Staff

JAKE CARPENTER has been hired as Director of Technology, stationed in the Juneau office. In addition to IT, Jake worked in his family's marine/auto repair business until his father retired in 2003. Jake is a downhill ski coach for his brother Ray, a Special Olympic athlete who has been invited to national and international competition.



Jake believes APICDA to be a great fit for him because of our strong commitment to community building and sustainable fishing. Welcome Aboard Jake!

In August, we said goodbye to a longtime employee, RALPH WEATHERBY. Ralph has been with APICDA for nearly fifteen years and has seen the company through tremendous growth. We thank Ralph for his hard work and dedication to the APICDA mission and the communities we serve! ▲

Tourism Division Update

We had a great 2016 king salmon season at both the Sandy River Lodge and the Sapsuk Camp on the Nelson River. Silver salmon season began strong during the first week of August and steelhead season is booked for the Sandy River Lodge starting in late September, continuing into the last week of October.

The Nikolski cleanup project wrapped up in early September, with reindeer hunts starting in the first week of October. The second half of the tourism season will be busy for Aleutian Adventures staff and our guides in the field. ▲



Nikolski cleanup of contaminated soil from WWII by crew from Cape Environmental. Each container can weigh up to 2,200 lbs. and must be lifted by crane and loaded onto a barge for removal. —Photos by Vincent Lestenkof.

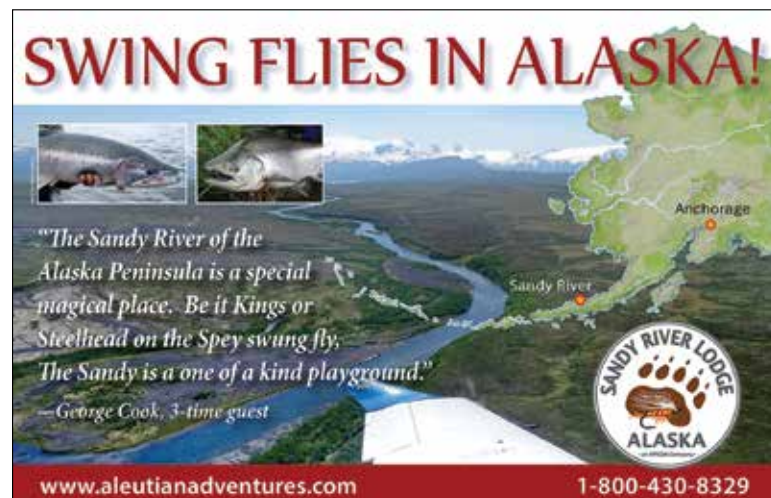


Nikolski residents, Tanya Lestenkof and Charlene Gould prep and cook for the dozen member cleanup crew.



This was our first year chartering the FV Pogo for halibut out of Homer, Alaska. Operations went smoothly, and we would like to give a special thanks to our Captain who did a great job this season, Nikolski resident, Josh Stamm.

Below: Display advertisement—Swing the Fly Magazine.



Changes in Federal Terminology

Changing attitudes toward the word “Eskimo” were recognized at the national level in May when President Barack Obama signed legislation that replaced that term with “Alaska Native” in federal laws.

The measure, HR 4238, ditches several terms that have fallen out of favor, or are considered offensive, from the wording of the Department of Energy Organization Act and the Local Public Works Capital Development and Investment Act of 1976.

Rep. Grace Meng, D-NY, sponsored the bill, with a focus on replacing the term “Oriental” with Asian American.

“The term ‘Oriental’ has no place in federal law and at long last this insulting and outdated term will be gone for good,” Meng said in a statement on her website.

The measure also struck the terms Negro, American Indian, Eskimo, Oriental, Indians, ALEUT and “Spanish speaking individual of Spanish descent” from those laws and replaced them with Asian American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander, African American, Hispanic, Native American and Alaska Native.

The change reflects the pushback against the word Eskimo in Alaska in recent years— plus the fact that the term doesn’t encompass all the many different groups of indigenous people here. Especially among younger Alaska Natives, people have been shifting away from the term.

“When we were labeled Eskimos, that labeled us as less than human to white Americans,” said Ronald H. Brower Sr., an instructor at the Alaska Native Language Center at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. He refers to himself as an Inuk— which most people call Inupiaq— and grew up in Barrow.

In Canada, the word Eskimo is largely seen as derogatory. But in Alaska, it continues to be widely used— the Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission, for example— but has been the subject of increasing debate in recent decades.

“Eskimo is an older colonial term,” said Maria Shaa Tlaa Williams, director of the Alaska Native Studies program at the University of Alaska Anchorage. She is Tlingit. Many of the European arrivals used pejorative terms that were often not the self-designative terms that local Indigenous people used, and were not accurate.”

“More and more, Native American racial groups want to be called by a name in their own language and not a name given by outsiders,” he said. “Some people don’t object to this at all, and some people do. When enough voices are raised, the government is responsive.”

Source: Alaska Dispatch News by Annie Zak May 24, 2016.

What’s in a Name?

I Say Unangan, You Say Aleut

My name is Shayla Shaishnikoff, and I want to explain why I would prefer to identify as Unangan, or *seasider*, rather than Aleut. While I don’t



find the term Aleut particularly derogatory, I do believe that by using it we are sponsoring a piece of our history that should primarily be remembered in sorrow. Alaska Native cultures

were undoubtedly changed by outside explorers who “discovered” them. With their arrival came the commencement of broad labels on the people and their things. Native populations were placed within regional boundaries formed by linguistic features, and the Unanga were renamed with the foreign term, ‘Aleut.’ This colonial insertion of dominance stripped many of their indigenous identity, and was one of the first acts of oppression against us. From an *etic perspective, Alaska Native cultural names may seem insignificant, but *emically they are known to hold substantial meaning to the people who use them.

With my personal choice to identify as an Unangan I am acknowledging my ancestors and their boundless history in my home of Unalaska. I am respecting the name that they have given us and the cultural values they have set, in a similar way that America respects the Founding Fathers for the standards they established in this country. While the inheritance of the Aleut name will always remain rooted in our history, I find stronger connection, meaning and pride in identifying as an Unangan. ▲

*Used in anthropology, emic and etic refer to the viewpoints of cultures and social structures obtained within research. *Emic*: from within the social group; observed from the perspective of the subject. *Etic*: from the outside; culture observed from an outsiders perspective.

SHAYLA SHAISHNIKOFF worked as a 2016 Summer Intern in APICDA's Anchorage office. She recently earned her undergraduate in International Studies with a minor in Russian from the University Alaska in Anchorage, and plans to return to school in 2017 to attain her graduate degree in Global Development.

When Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen first successfully traversed the Northwest Passage in 1903–1906, the ice-choked route remained the domain of private sailors and government vessels until 1984, when Lindblad Expeditions led the first commercial cruise through the route.

Since then, interest in the passage has only increased as the amount of route-blocking ice has retreated. In September 2012, Arctic sea ice set a new record for annual minimum extent (1.32 million square miles), 293,000 square miles below the previous record set in 2007. June, 2016 brought another record low for Arctic sea ice, according to the National Snow and Ice Data Center.

During the 1930s, the Alaska Steamship Company offered cruises twice a summer on the SS *Victoria*, each lasting about a month. Starting in Seattle, the *Victoria* made her way to her first port of call at False Pass on the Aleutian Chain. The next stop was Unalaska, then up to St. Paul Island, Walrus Island, Nome, St. Michael, East Cape Siberia, Diomed Islands, King Island, Dutch Harbor, through Akutan Pass, back to Juneau, through the Inside Passage to Ketchikan and returning to Seattle 28 days later.

Cruising Alaska and the Northwest Passage

On August 16, an 820-ft. luxury vessel, the \$350 million *Crystal Serenity* set sail from Seward, Alaska on a 32-day cruise through the Northwest Passage, ending in New York. It can carry up to 1,070 passengers and 655 crew members, starting at \$22,000 and up to \$120,000 for the fanciest penthouse. An additional \$50,000 in emergency evacuation insurance is required for each passenger. Because of climate change and melting sea ice, it's the future of transportation through the Bering Strait.

The company advertising states; “Imagine the World’s Best Cruise Line taking you on the ultimate journey... “*Voyage to the top of the world through majestic waterways that line spectacular glaciers and towering fjords... where nature is truly wild and landscapes are absolutely breathtaking.*”

The advertising continues, “Following in the footsteps of intrepid explorers and rugged expedition vessels, this luxury ship becomes the first to ever traverse the Northwest Passage, a mystical Pacific-Atlantic sea route far beyond the Arctic Circle that for centuries captured the imaginations of kings, explorers and adventurers.”

“This once-in-a-lifetime expeditionary voyage marries extreme wilderness adventure with unsurpassed luxury cruising. Aboard the vessel, a dedicated 14-member professional expedition team will join each group of passengers as they navigate the majestic series of waterways comprising the fabled Northwest Passage, around Alaska and into the Beaufort Sea, through the Canadian Arctic Archipelago and on to Greenland.”

“Two years of extensive planning has gone into this carefully curated itinerary, balancing days at sea with scheduled ports of call. Intentionally designed to be flexible, the Captain and his expanded team of navigation experts will incorporate unplanned “expedition days” when favorable weather conditions allow—think rare wildlife sightings of polar bears, narwhals, musk oxen and caribou... or exciting arctic adventures from Zodiac landings, kayaking in protected bays, to trekking the tundra with a professional guide. While the luxury ship is experienced in operating in some of the world’s most extreme locations such as Antarctica and Alaska, it will be met in the Canadian community of Ulukhaktok and escorted by the Royal

Research Ship *Ernest Shackleton*, a 216-foot logistical ship, carrying with it “adventure equipment” including a platform for wilderness landings and a helicopter for ice reconnaissance (and for sightseeing tours). It will also have oil pollution containment equipment, a salvage diver and survival rations.”

“Travel through the Northwest Passage heralds the beginning of a new era of exploration: authentic discovery and pure adventure, with respect to the remote communities that will be visited.”

In the 110 years since Roald Amundsen led the first trip throughout the Northwest Passage, fewer than 240 complete transits have been made, according to R.K. Headland of the Scott Polar Research Institute at the University of Cambridge in England. It wasn’t until 1984 that a passenger ship, the *Lindblad Explorer*, made a full traverse.

Safety of those on the ship is only part of the equation. The sensitivity of people who live in these remote locations is another. One of the shore excursions being offered to *Serenity* passengers is a “Study in Global Warming,” a \$600 package that includes a 250-mile roundtrip flight to Shishmaref, an Alaska village of 580 that is being lost to rising sea levels.

Environmental groups such as Greenpeace and Friends of the Earth are unhappy about the arrival of cruise ships in the Northwest Passage, stating that the whole arctic ecosystem is fighting for survival and more ship traffic only adds additional stresses to this sensitive area of the world.

“In one sense, having people see the Arctic and develop an appreciation for it can be a positive as we try to preserve



Route map from Crystal Cruises website.

these places,” said Don Perovich, adjunct professor at Dartmouth and Arctic researcher at the U.S. Army Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory. “I just hope it’s done safely for both people and the environment.”

Success or not, cruise companies are already planning for summer 2017. The Regent Cruises is planning a sailing on the *Seven Seas Navigator*, a ship with an ice-strengthened hull that carries 835 passengers and crew members. Prices for that 30-day trip are \$23,000 to \$53,000 all-inclusive, according to Jason Lasecki, a spokesman for Regent. ▲

—Source: Alaska Dispatch News July 11, 2016 by Karen Schwartz, NY Times.



Passengers on deck enjoying shuffleboard while at sea on an Alaska Steamship in the 1930s, en route from Seattle, Washinton to Juneau, Alaska.





APICDA Training & Education Programs

APICDA offers higher education and supplemental scholarship programs to support and encourage the education and training goals of community residents. The programs enable our residents to have access to college and university programs and to qualify for jobs within the region that may otherwise be filled by non-CDQ residents.

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 Information about application instructions and requirements:

Contact APICDA's Training & Education Program Manager, Anfesia Tutiakoff — education@apicda.com
Toll free: 1-888-927-4232 or www.apicda.com



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. APICDA's scholarship program is named in his honor.

Congratulations, 2016 Fall Emil Berikoff Sr. Memorial Scholarship Recipients!

A total of \$56,520 was awarded by the Emil Berikoff Sr. Memorial Scholarship Program to the following students for the fall semester.

Recipient:	School:	Community:
Jessica Andersen	Humboldt State University	Unalaska
Liam Andersen	Michigan Technological University	Unalaska
Darling Anderson	University of Alaska Fairbanks	False Pass
Shasta Anderson	University of Alaska Anchorage	False Pass
Raul Carpentero	University of Alaska Anchorage	Unalaska
Nikka Dirks	University of Alaska Anchorage	Atka
Benjamin Enlow	University of Colorado Denver	Unalaska
Ross Enlow	Willamette University	Unalaska
Joey Fernandez	University of Hawaii Manoa	Unalaska
Citlaly Garcia	Western Oregon University	Unalaska
Christina Gordon	Carroll College	Unalaska
Nichole Gordon	University of Washington	Unalaska
Rachell Gulanes	University of Alaska Anchorage	Unalaska
Martin Gundersen	University of Alaska Anchorage	Nelson Lagoon
Kevin Huynh	University of Alaska Anchorage	Unalaska
Angela Johnson	University of Alaska Fairbanks	Nelson Lagoon
Georgia Kashevarof	University of Alaska Fairbanks	St. George
Alanna Kochuten	California State University Maritime	Unalaska
Douglas Krukoff	George Washington University	Unalaska
Celeste Kukahiko	University of Alaska Anchorage	Unalaska
Anthony Lekanoff	University of Alaska Anchorage	St. George
Jana Lekanoff	University of Alaska Anchorage	Unalaska
Jesse Lestenkof	University of Alaska Anchorage	St. George
Rainier Marquez	Chico State University	Unalaska
Reanna Marquez	University of the Pacific	Unalaska
Bobbie McNeley	University of Alaska Fairbanks	Unalaska
Ashley Merculief	University of Alaska Fairbanks	St. George
Dasha Moyer	Art Institute of Portland	Unalaska
Vincent Naanos	Pacific Lutheran University	Unalaska
Kayla Nalam	Highline College	Unalaska
Timmy Nguyen	University of Alaska Anchorage	Unalaska
Jaila Pili	DePaul University	Unalaska
Rosie Pound	Art Institute of Portland	Unalaska
Kanesia Price	Western Washington University	Unalaska
Michael Remolino	University of Alaska Anchorage	Unalaska
Taytum, Robinson	University of Hawaii at Manoa	Unalaska
Cameron Samuelson	Pacific University	False Pass
Jacob Stepetin	Stanford University	Akutan

Jhiddle Sugabo	University of Alaska Anchorage	Unalaska
Kiecel Tungul	University of Alaska Anchorage	Unalaska
Levi Vernon	University of Alaska Fairbanks	Unalaska
Rachael Yatchmeneff	University of Alaska Anchorage	False Pass
Sue Yoon	Sacramento State University	Unalaska

2016 Fall GPA Scholarship Recipients:

The following students earned the GPA Scholarship for the fall term by earning a 3.5 GPA or greater and will receive the GPA Scholarship award.

3.5-3.74 GPA	\$500 per term		
3.75-3.99 GPA	\$750 per term		
4.0 GPA	\$1,000 per term		
Jessica Andersen	\$500	Vincent Naanos	\$500
Darling Anderson	\$500	Kanesia Price	\$1,000
Raul Carpentaro	\$750	Michael Remolino	\$500
Christina Gordon	\$500	Jacob Stepetin	\$500
Jana Lekanoff	\$1,000	Jhiddle Sugabo	\$500
Jesse Lestenkof	\$1,000	Kiecel Tungul	\$500
Dasha Moyer	\$750		

WINS Recipients:

Nichole Gordon	Each of these Emil Berikoff Sr. Memorial Fund Scholarship recipients received a \$2,000 Work Invest Now (WIN) Scholarship. Students qualify, by applying for summer employment with APICDA or a subsidiary company.
Celeste Kukahiko	
Kanesia Price	
Ashley Swetzof	

Students who complete employment in good standing qualify for the WIN scholarship in addition to their Emil Berikoff Sr. Memorial Fund Scholarship.

Welcome New Community Liaison Officer



TAMMY SHELLIKOFF has been hired as our new CLO in False Pass. Tammy is a lifelong resident of False Pass and she is very excited about her new role in the community. We look forward to Tammy's assistance with our new initiatives in Training & Education. Welcome, Tammy!

Fall Community Activities:

T & E Program Manager, Anfesia Tutiakoff (*far right*) and Intern, Celeste Kukahiko sent Community Activity supply boxes to Akutan, Atka and St. George.

Activities include: Rock Painting, Felt Halloween Tote, Scavenger Hunt, Hot Cocoa Mason Jars, Movie Night, Card Making and Snow Globes.



Janice Krukoff—Success Story

JANICE KRUKOFF, known for her contagious laugh and ambitious personality, was born in Unalaska in the late 1950s. She was raised by proud parents Sergie Krukoff of Nikolski and Mariamna Merculief Krukoff of St. George Island. "My upbringing may have had its rural problems, however, village life provided me with strong heritage, culture, and traditions," says Janice. With a strong passion for her Unangan roots, Janice has admirably decided to use her educational accomplishments to give back to her community and its region.

Once her sons, Princeton and Douglas, had begun adult lives of their own, they encouraged their hardworking mother to return to school as she had always thought about. With the support of her family behind her, Janice marched into the Alaska Career College admissions office and began the enrollment process for the 2013 fall semester. After two



years of hard work and dedication, she graduated with an associate of Applied Science Degree in Business Administration and Computer Technology, making everyone who knows her proud. "Going back and finishing school was my greatest accomplishment besides raising my two children!" Janice declares.

Janice now resides in Anchorage, and feels that she can benefit the people of her region by working for the Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association (APIA). Positive outcomes are expected, as she is brimming with excellent ideas to improve the lives of Alaska Natives and strives to develop better communication between the communities, tribes and corporations. We admire Janice for pursuing her dreams and are very proud of her accomplishments and commendable values! Keep up the good work Janice, and Qaqaasakung! ▀

—Story by Shayla Shaishnikoff, APICDA Intern.

My Unalaskan Summer, 2016

—By Shayla Shaishnikoff, APICDA Intern

Sometimes I have to remind myself not to take my home for granted. The splendor of this small island that I am so accustomed to most likely appears exotic to the foreign eye. If climbing rural Alaskan mountains that often hold illusory poisonous flowers isn't striking enough, just imagine doing so while passing WWII ruins.

Next to hiking, one of my most treasured activities in Unalaska is spending time in my dad's skiff while halibut fishing from the unpredictable depths of the Bering Sea. In the winter I daydream about eagerly awaiting a halibut's forceful tug at the end of my line as sea lions roar on the distant beaches and whales bigger than our boat pass us by. How privileged I was as an adolescent to have taken casual appearances of otters and porpoises for granted! As an Unangan, the ocean plays a huge role in my life, however there are also countless creatures of the land that deserve recognition. Wild horses, squirrels, foxes, bald eagles and puffins inhabit the island among us and they are a constant reminder of how unique my upbringing really was. I am now living in Anchorage and Interning for APICDA, but I am beyond grateful to have returned home this summer to help my family with the efforts of our subsistence lifestyle, which I yearn for every winter I am away. ▴



Shayla overlooking Unalaska's front beach in early August. (Right) Brothers, Talon and Landen Shaishnikoff helping with the family halibut harvest.



2016 APIA Urban Unanga Culture Camp

—Story and photos by Celeste Kuakahiko, APICDA Intern

APICDA was pleased to help support this year's camp with a donation of \$5,000. During the week of June 19-25, the Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association, Inc. held their ninth annual Urban Unanga Culture Camp at the APIA headquarters in Anchorage. Approx. 130 students, as young as five, attended the camp to work on cultural arts and participate in various traditional activities.

Making ulux̄tāx (kayaks) from scratch is not a quick process; instructors began building the framework a week prior to the start of camp. Mentors and students alike worked diligently to add the finishing touches throughout the week. In addition to kayak construction, this year's culture camp featured activities that included bentwood visors, traditional dance, drum making, Unangan language, carving, traditional foods and more. On Friday, the second to last day of camp, mentors and campers took a bus to Goose Lake, where the newly built 2-person ulux̄tāx was blessed, and then successfully tested out on the lake.



Camp came to a close with the annual Aleut Picnic held at the Aleut Corporation headquarters. The students came together to perform traditional dancing at the closing event and enjoyed the company of fellow Unangans over the lunch provided by the Aleut Corporation. ▴



Father John Zabinko from St. Innocents Russian Orthodox Cathedral blessed the ulux̄tāx before it was tested on Goose Lake.

Anthony Lekanof elected to the St. George Tanaq Corporation Board

AANG! I am from St. George Island and am the son of Phillip and Desiree (Turner) Lekanof, and the grandson of Anthony Lekanof and Stefani-da (Merculief) Lekanof. I've remained on and off island for the last few years, as I had attended Mt. Edgecumbe High School in Sitka.

Recently, I was elected as Director for the St. George Tanaq Corporation, for whom I will serve a three-year term. My goal is to continue the advocacy for on-island presence, and encourage talks between entities in hopes to establish a long-term plan for my hometown. For my fellow youth wanting to have a say in their village councils, I encourage you to run for office!

Thank you to APICDA for giving me the opportunity to share my story. I would also like to thank the St. George Tanaq Shareholders for giving me the opportunity to serve the home I love the most. ▴



Anthony Lekanof attended Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, Arizona, and has transferred to University Alaska Anchorage, with plans to major in Aviation Technology with a minor in Business.

Unalaska Camp Qungaayū 2016



Unalaska Camp Qungaayū (kung-eye-you) Culture Camp instructors butchering sea lion. This was the 19th annual event to pass down traditional culture, sponsored by the Qawalagin Tribe.

ABOUT ST. GEORGE ISLAND

Saint George is a second class city in the Aleutians West Census Area, located on the northeast shore of St. George Island. Over 210 species of birds nest on the cliffs of St. George Island. It lies 47 miles south of St. Paul Island, 750 air miles west of Anchorage and 250 miles northwest of Unalaska. The island is approx. 12 miles long with an area encompassing 34.8 sq. miles of land and 147.6 sq. miles of water.



For centuries Aleuts have traveled to St. George from the mainland for hunting and fishing. In 1786, while looking for the famed northern fur seal breeding grounds, Gavril Pribilof of the Russian Lebedov Lastochkin Company became the first non-Native to travel to the island. The island was named Sveti Georgiy (St. George), and its larger neighbor to the north was originally called St. Peter and St. Paul Island. The Russian American Company enslaved Aleut hunters from Siberia, Unalaska, and Atka and relocated them to St. George and St. Paul to harvest the fur seal. Between 1870 and 1910, the U.S. Government leased the Pribilof Islands to private companies, who provided housing, food, and medical care to the Aleuts in exchange for work in the fur seal plant. In 1910, the U.S. Bureau of Fisheries took control of the islands, but poverty conditions ensued due to over-harvesting of the seals.

During World War II, residents were moved to Funter Bay in Southeast Alaska as part of the area-wide evacuation. Unlike other Aleutian residents, they were confined in an abandoned cannery and mine camp. In 1979, the Pribilof Aleuts received \$8.5 million in partial compensation for the unfair and unjust treatment they were subjected to under federal administration between 1870 and 1946. In 1983, the U.S. government ended the commercial seal harvest and withdrew from the islands, providing \$8 million to St. George to help develop and diversify the local economy. The city was incorporated in 1983. Today, residents are working to develop commercial fisheries and tourism. More than a million fur seals congregate on the islands every summer. St. George harvests 500 fur seals each year for subsistence purposes. Halibut, reindeer, marine invertebrates, plants and berries also contribute to the local diet. ▴

Source: Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference (SWAMC) website



Repairing the Crosses in Akutan —A Labor of Love

For the past several summers, April Pelkey, APICDA's Community Liaison Officer in Akutan has been scraping down the crosses in the village churchyard and repainting them. Last summer, she repaired 15 crosses with supplies from Unalaska Builders Supply and the local store.

"I do this work as a form of respect for the elders and my relatives who have passed. I watched my mother paint the crosses when I was a child and now my children watch me," explains April.

April reports that hand scraping the crosses is a workout, but it's worth all the effort in the end because it makes the churchyard look so much better.

With help from the Akutan Traditional Council, the Safe Harbor Church repainted fencing and built new fence boxes around some of the graves, and were able to hire local help to repair and paint the main fence around the church yard.

The Orthodox, Byzantine or Russian (Orthodox) Cross, also known as the Suppedaneum cross, is a variation of the Christian cross. The cross has three horizontal crossbeams—the top represents the plate inscribed with INRI, and the bottom, a footrest. In the Russian Orthodox tradition, the lower beam is slanted upward toward penitent thief St. Dismas, who was crucified on Jesus' right, and downward toward impenitent thief Gestas. ▲

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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.

Who We Are

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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Atka Culture Camp —Niiguḡum Tanasxa

—Photos courtesy Atka IRA Council Cultural Department



Young camp participants butcher and process reindeer from their successful hunt as younger campers watch and learn.



Young campers learning to paddle the igyax on Korovin Lake.

Below: Rules For Living from the Unangam Elder's Academy, Association of Unangan/Unangas Educators and Aleutian Pribilof Island Assoc. 2014.

Live with and respect the land, sea, and all nature.

Tanaḡ, Alaḡuḡ ama slum imuunuu
huzuu anaḡim anaḡinḡis sahngaḡtada.
(Niiguḡum Tunuu - Atka dialect)

Tanaḡnangin, Iḡayuusalix, anḡaḡimchin
aḡnaxḡichin. (Qagaadan Tunuu - Eastern Aleutian)



Renowned Attu basket weaver Agnes Thompson (top, center) mentored a group of up-and-coming weavers, some of whom are shown here: (clockwise from right) Cheryl Atkins, Bobbi Dushkin and Trinity Dirks-Nevzoroff.



Bobbi Dushkin of Sand Point shows progress on the beginnings of her basket weaving.



Filleted halibut (left) and halibut heads wrapped in Taagan'gim kangakix (wild celery leaves).



Makarius Swetsof cuts and prepares 'hudax' (dry fish).



Damien Truong with his catch, a xxiigix (rock greenling, aka "Pogie").



Timothy Zaachney with his catch of the day.