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2 Elim PT625  
2 Gambell FT  
1 Golovin PT625  
2 Koyuk PT75  
2 St. Michael FT  
1 Savoonga PT75  
1 Shishmaref PT75, PT625  
2 Stebbins FT, PT75  
1 Unalakleet PT75  
1 Wales PT75

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Stebbins - Rel  
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1 Savoonga Rel  
1 Shishmaref Rel  
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1 Stebbins Rel  
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1 Unlakleet Rel  
1 Wales Rel  
1 White Mountain Rel


**Village based councilor**  
Wales

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**WANTED**—Large bull muskox horn, moose/caribou antler, old ivory, Eskimo artifacts. Call Roger 304-1048 or email [nomerog@hotmail.com](mailto:nomerog@hotmail.com)

JOB OPENINGS

NMS is hiring for **Full-Time Custodians** at the Nome Beltz Middle High School to support its established team. Competitive hourly pay and benefits available. Must have some experience or working knowledge of cleaning equipment and general cleaning processes. Starting rate of pay is **\$18/hr to \$26/hr (DOE)** plus full benefits and a sign-on bonus of \$500.00.

Apply today! Visit [nmsusa.com/employment](http://nmsusa.com/employment) to get started. Contact Tahsha Smith at (907) 304-1390 or [tsmith.nms@nomeschools.org](mailto:tsmith.nms@nomeschools.org) with questions.



JOB OPENINGS

NMS is immediately hiring for multiple **Expeditors & Building Maintenance Technicians**, Level 1-3, at the Nome School District. These positions will be responsible for providing scheduled, unscheduled, preventative and emergency maintenance services for all School District facilities. Seeking candidates who have prior experience in building maintenance, electrical, HVAC systems and plumbing trades. Must have a valid driver's license as driving is required on the job. **Starting rate of pay is \$20/hr to \$30/hr (DOE) plus full benefits and a sign-on bonus of \$500.00.**

Apply today by visiting: [www.nmsusa.com/employment](http://www.nmsusa.com/employment). Once you've applied, please contact Aaron Makkar, NANA Recruiter, for further follow-up: (907) 265-4173.



Job opening

**Job Title:** Program Administrator  
**Employer:** Bering Sea Elders Group  
**Location:** Anchorage preferred (not required)  
**Wage:** Administrative, part-time, hourly

**Deadline to Apply:** Open until filled

**Organizational Background:**  
The Bering Sea Elders Group (BSEG) is a consortium of 38 federally recognized tribes residing within the Bering Sea region. BSEG's mission is to speak and work together as one voice, to protect and respect our traditional ways of life, the ocean web of life that supports the resources we rely on, and our children's future.

**Scope of Work / Job Duties:**  
The Program Administrator shall be responsible for administrative oversight and communication of BSEG including but not limited to:

- Actively promoting and supporting the organization's mission and work.
- Manages program files and records, orders office supplies as needed.
- Assist in BSEG Projects while interacting with Tribes, State, Federal, or International representatives.
- Maintain ongoing communications with BSEG Member Tribes and others.
- Other duties/responsibilities as required by the BSEG Executive Director or Executive Committee.

**Position Requirements:**

- Experience living or working in rural Alaska.
- Excellent verbal and written communication, computer, and social media skills.
- Preference for Yup'ik speaking/translation capabilities.
- Availability to work/travel days, evenings, and weekends as necessary, as well as traveling locally, regionally, and nationally.
- Must be able to sit and work from a computer for long periods of time.
- Other duties/responsibilities as required by the BSEG Executive Director or Executive Committee. (The job description does not state or imply that these are the only activities to be performed by the employee(s) holding this position. Employees are required to follow any other job-related instructions and to perform any other job-related responsibilities as requested by their supervisor.)

To apply, please send a resume, cover letter, and three references to Mellisa Johnson at: [connect@beringseaelders.org](mailto:connect@beringseaelders.org).

Director of Programs

Job# 21-DC-1

Denali Commission  
[USAJobs.gov](http://USAJobs.gov)

Trooper Beat

No C Detachment, Nome Post Daily Dispatches posted 6/28-7/5/2021

Seawall

**Nome Police Department**  
**Weekly press releases**  
**Activities reported between**  
**06/28/2021 – 07/4/2021**

During this period there were 244 calls for service received at the Nome Police Communications Center; 68 (29%) of these calls involved alcohol. The Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department responded to 16 ambulance calls. The Nome Volunteer Fire Department responded to two fire calls during this period. NPD responded to 14 calls reporting intoxicated persons needing assistance. No-body was remanded to AMCC as protective hold; and five persons remained at the hospital for medical evaluation/treatment. There was one citation given for Minor Consuming Alcohol, three for city curfew violations; and two open container citations and two consuming alcohol in public places citations.

**Saturday, July 3, 2021**  
Celia Jennings was cited with endangering the welfare of a child in the second degree on 4th Ave.

**Arrests**  
A total of 11 arrests made with 10 (91%) alcohol related.

**Monday, June 28, 2021**  
Charge: Warrant Arrest. Name: Regine Kava. Location: Front St.  
Charge: Theft in the second degree. Name: Gregory Jackson. Location: Belmont Pt.

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• **Employment**



## RECRUITMENT BULLETIN

Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority is recruiting for the following positions:

- **Executive Assistant**
- **Housing Occupancy Specialist**
- **Maintenance Compliance Inspector**
- **Temporary Finance/Accounts Payable**
- **Temporary Seasonal Laborers (Villages and Nome)**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO APPLY:**  
Application and full job description can be downloaded from the website [www.bsrha.org](http://www.bsrha.org), picked up the BSRHA Office: 1008 East Front Street, Nome, Alaska, or by emailing [HR@bsrha.org](mailto:HR@bsrha.org). Applications may be turned in, mailed, faxed, or e-mailed to BSRHA.

## NSEDC Job Opportunity



**Senior Crew Leader (Nome):** This position provides support for projects in the Norton Sound Fisheries Research and Development (NSFR&D) department. The Senior Crew Leader assists in project design and implementation, developing sampling procedures, logistics, field work, and equipment maintenance. The position also assists in data summaries and analysis, performs annual maintenance, supports the salmon incubation program, and assists in winter field work.

An associate's degree in science from an accredited university is required. Year-for-year applicable work experience may be substituted.

**Communications Director (Nome, Anchorage, or Unalakleet):** The Communications Director works closely with management and staff to develop and communicate NSEDC and program priorities in member communities through the development of outreach materials, event planning, and promotion, networking, and coalition-building. This position coordinates and manages the production of corporate annual reports, corporate newsletters, news releases, and other informational publications sent to member communities.

A Bachelor's Degree in Journalism, Communications or related field and at least four years applicable work experience is required.

*NSEDC has competitive wages and an excellent benefits program!*

For an application or a complete job description, visit [www.nsedc.com](http://www.nsedc.com) or contact NSEDC Human Resources at (907) 274-2248 (Anchorage), 800-650-2248 (toll-free) or [hr@nsedc.com](mailto:hr@nsedc.com).

• **Seawall**

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**Tuesday, June 29, 2021**  
Charge: Probation violation. Name: Michael Castel. Location: Steadman St.  
Charge: Probation violation, four counts of Violating Conditions of Release. Name: Jacob Seppilu. Location: Front St.  
Charges: Disorderly conduct; two counts of VCOR. Name: Woodrow Malewotkuk. Location: Seppala Dr.

**Wednesday, June 30, 2021**  
Charge: VCOR. Name: Rebecca Takak. Location: Front St.  
Charges: Criminal mischief in the fifth degree. Name: J.K. Location: E. 1st Ave.

**Thursday, July 1, 2021**  
Charges: Criminal mischief in the fifth degree; four counts of VCOR. Name: Christine Dailak. Location: Spokane St.  
Charge: VCOR. Name: Cyrilene Okitkun. Location: Front St.

**Friday, July 2, 2021**  
Charges: Five counts of VCOR. Name: William Tate. Location: W 2nd Ave.

Charge: Probation violation. Name: Mark van Dyke. Location: Front St.

**Traffic**  
Three traffic stops was conducted during this reporting period, with one citation and two warnings issued. There was one report of motor vehicle accidents.

**Saturday, July 3, 2021**  
Offense: Not having proof of insurance. Name: Aida Harvey. Location: Front St.  
Offense: Operating ATV without a driver's license. Name: D.C. Location: 4th Ave.

**Sunday, July 4, 2021**  
Offense: Headlight requirement, having eight persons in a five-person vehicle. Name: Ashley Tobuk. Location: Front St.

*Disclaimer: This is a record of activity. The issuance of citations or the act of arrest does not assign guilt to any identified party.*



## PLEASE HELP

**Adopt a Pet or make your donation today!**

Dog food, cat food, cat litter and other donations are always welcome at the Nome Animal Shelter!


**Nome Animal Control & Adopt-A-Pet**  
**443-8538 or 443-5262**

**Court**

**Week ending 7/2/21**  
**Civil**  
Not Published v. Andrew Jordan Koweluk; Domestic Violence: Short-Term  
Not Published v. Andrew Jordan Koweluk; Domestic Violence: Short-Term  
Erica Mae Outwater v. Andrew Jordan Koweluk; Domestic Violence: Short-Term  
**Small Claims**  
Credit Union 1 v. Nina M.I. Hanebuth; Small Claims More than \$2,500  
**Criminal**  
State of Alaska v. Trevor John Morgan Green (8/30/01); Judgment and Order of Commitment / Probation; CTN 001: Burglary 1- In A Dwelling; B Felony; CTN 003: Theft 2- Firearm/Explosive; C Felony; Offense Dates: 9/30/20; The following charges were dismissed: CTN 002: Crim Trespass 2-Upon Premises; CTN 004: Theft 2- Firearm/Explosive; CTN 005: Theft3-Value \$250-\$749; CTN 006: Theft 3-Value \$250-\$749; Offense Dates: 9/3/20; Dismissal Reasons: Dismissed by Prosecution 43a; Sentencing Date: 6/21/21 with counsel, Warren Wolfe, and the DA present; CTN 001: 36 months with less than 124 days served suspended; Unsuspended time shall be served consecutively; CTN 003: 36 months with less than 124 days served suspended; Unsuspended time shall be served c consecutively; Credited for time already served in this case; Surcharges and Costs due, as stated in judgment; Probation until 6/21/24; General and Special Conditions of Probation set, as stated in judgment; Any appearance or performance bond in this case: is exonerated; Waiver of Indictment, attached to Judgment with signatories; (Statute/offense): Burglary 1; Theft 2 (both with cited Alaska Statutes); Finding (as cited in waiver); Dated: 6/21/21.  
State of Alaska v. Brianna J. Campbell (12/17/87); False Information or Report; Date of Violation: 5/23/20; 10 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days shall be served with defendant remanded 7/30/21 to AMCC; Police Training Surcharge, due.  
State of Alaska v. Gabriel Muktoyuk (2/5/73); CTN 001: Assault 4; DV; Date of Violation: 5/20/20; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; CTNs Dismissed: 002; 180 days, 180 days suspended; Police Training Surcharge, due; Probation until 6/30/23; Shall obey all state, federal and locals laws and ordinances; Shall not possess, consume or buy alcohol; Any driver's license or state ID is subject to cancellation under Alaska Statutes (AS) cited; Any new license or ID must list the AS restriction until the restriction expires; Shall not have alcohol in his residence; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing by any peace officer with probable cause to believe defendant has

consumed alcohol.  
State of Alaska v. Sheryl Ann Dorcas Akeya (9/4/91); CTN 001: Harassment 1; DV; Date of Violation: 7/4/20; CTNs Dismissed: 002; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Police Training Surcharge, due; Probation until 6/30/22; Shall obey all state, federal and locals laws and ordinances; Anger management course.  
State of Alaska v. Jennifer Ford (11/8/86); CTN 001: DUI; Date of Offense: 6/21/20; Any outstanding appearance or performance bond is exonerated; CTN: 002, Dismissed; 120 days, 100 days suspended; Report by 5:00 p.m. on 10/1/21; Fine: \$3,000, due 6/30/22; Police Training, Initial and Suspended Jail, Surcharges due; Cost of Imprisonment: 2nd Offense: \$1467, full amount ordered and due now; Obey Driver's License Directives: Driver's license revoked for 1 year, concurrent with DMV action; Use an Ignition Interlock Device: After you regain the privilege to drive or obtain a limited license, you must use an IID as directed for 12 months; Costs of

IID will be deducted from the fine if you file proof of payment before the fine due date; Probation until 6/30/22; Obey all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Obey all state, federal, and local laws and ordinances; Do not consume, or buy alcohol for a period ending 1 year from date of this judgment (6/30/21); You are required to surrender your driver's license and identification card; Your license and ID are subject to cancellation under cited Alaska Statutes (AS); Any new license or ID must list the cited AS buying restriction during the restricted period; Cited AS; You are subject to warrantless breath test by any peace officer with probable cause to believe you consumed alcohol; Subject to warrantless search of residence for alcohol, upon probable cause.



## Nome Eskimo Community

**INVITATION FOR CONSTRUCTION, PLUMBING AND ELECTRICAL BIDS**

Nome Eskimo Community invites qualified licensed and insured contractors for the construction, plumbing and electrical work to submit proposals for a proposed residential home located in Nome. Please contact NEC for location and bid packet. Proposals should be submitted to:

**Nome Eskimo Community**  
Attn: Theresa Kenick, Housing Specialist  
P.O. Box 1090 Nome, AK 99762  
Questions? Please call Theresa at (907) 443-9120

Proposals are due by 5PM July 29, 2021



## Restoration Advisory Boards

### Seeking Members

*The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) seeks to determine community interest in establishing a Restoration Advisory Board for the **Unalakleet Air Force Station**.*

The purpose of a Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) is to inform local communities about the environmental restoration of Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS). RAB members serve a 1-2 year term, represent the local community, and are active participants in the decision-making process. Service is voluntary.

USACE will consider forming a RAB for the Unalakleet Air Force Station if there is demonstrated community interest.

If you are interested in serving on a potential RAB for this site, please email [Public.Affairs3@usace.army.mil](mailto:Public.Affairs3@usace.army.mil) by August 7, 2021. Use **Unalakleet RAB** as the email subject line.

### NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION (NOAA)

#### NATIONAL OCEAN SERVICE (NOS)

**Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for Surveying and Mapping Projects in U.S. Waters for Coastal and Marine Data Acquisition Available for Public Comment**

NOS has prepared a Draft PEIS in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act to analyze the potential environmental impacts associated with NOS's recurring data collection projects to characterize submerged features (e.g., habitat, bathymetry, marine debris). The Draft PEIS is now available for public review and comment.

The "action area" for these projects encompasses United States (U.S.) rivers, states' offshore waters, the U.S. territorial sea, the contiguous zone, the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone (U.S. EEZ), and coastal and riparian lands. As a part of the Proposed Action, NOS may use active acoustic equipment such as sub-bottom profilers, single beam and multibeam echo sounders, side-scan sonars, and Acoustic Doppler Current Profilers. The Draft PEIS analyzes NOS data collection projects for a time period of 6 years. Publication of the Draft PEIS on June 25, 2021 begins the 60-day public comment period.

The Draft PEIS, fact sheets, and a summary of impacts can be accessed online at: <https://oceanservice.noaa.gov/about/environmental-compliance/surveying-mapping.html>.

Written comments on the Draft PEIS will be accepted on or before August 24, 2021 and may be submitted by one of the following methods:

- Federal e-Rulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov/NOAA-NOS-2021-0055>. Click the "Comment Now!" icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.
- Mail: Please direct written comments to DOC/NOAA/NOS Environmental Compliance Coordinator, SSMC4-Station 13612, 1305 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.
- E-mail: [nosaa.ec@noaa.gov](mailto:nosaa.ec@noaa.gov)

For further information contact Giannina DiMaio, DOC/NOAA/NOS, Environmental Compliance Coordinator, SSMC4-Station 13612, 1305 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, [nosaa.ec@noaa.gov](mailto:nosaa.ec@noaa.gov), 240-533-0918.



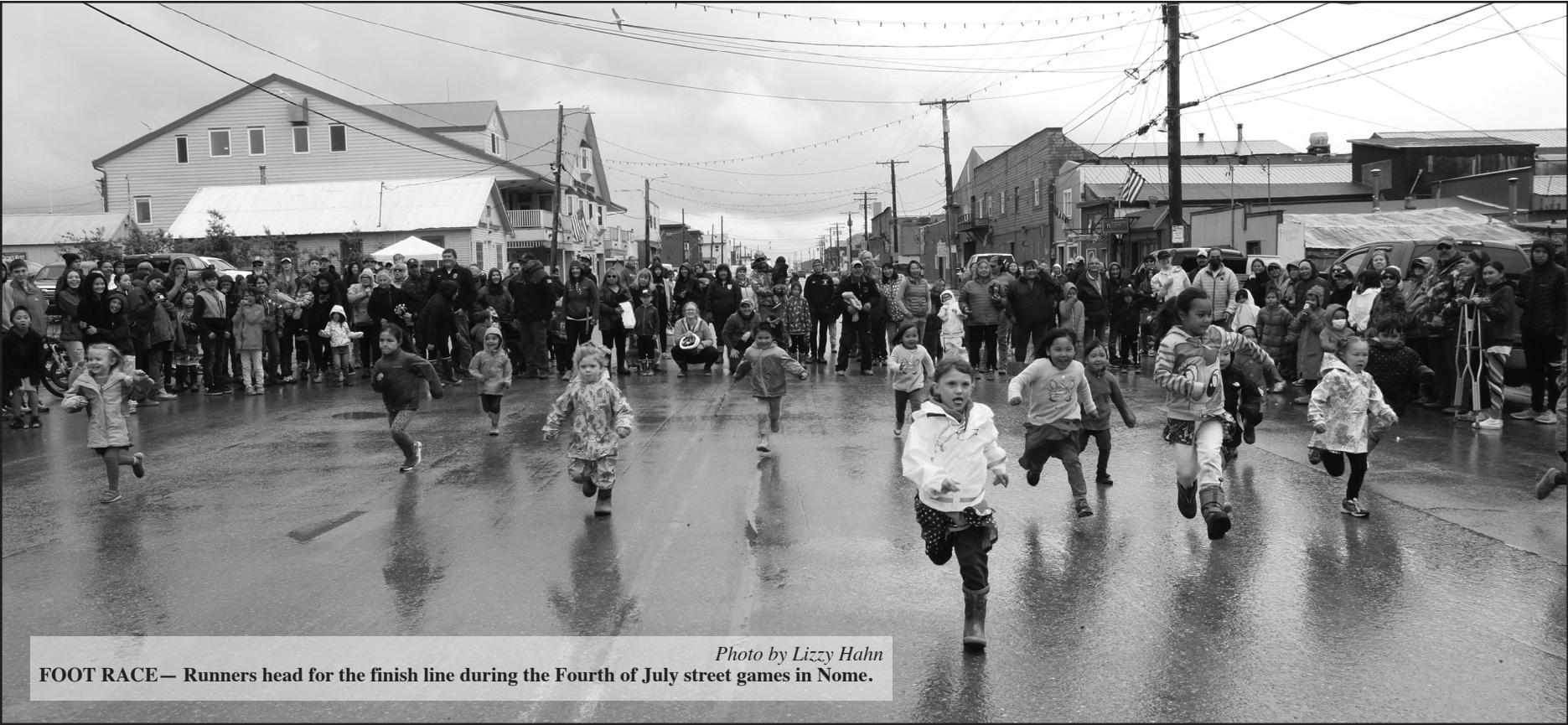
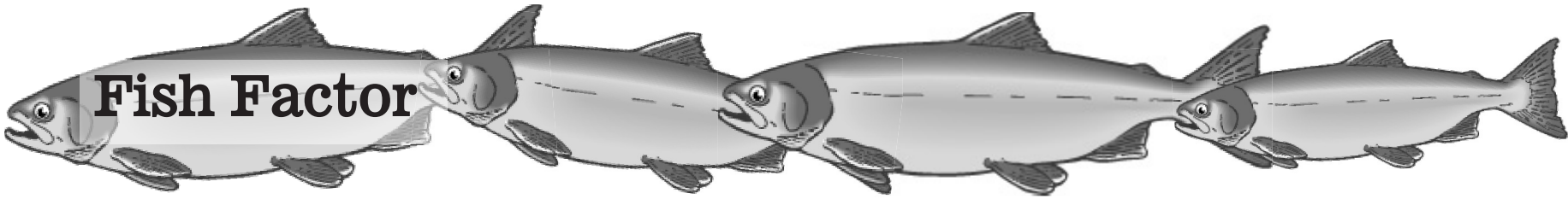


Photo by Lizzy Hahn  
**FOOT RACE—** Runners head for the finish line during the Fourth of July street games in Nome.



**By Laine Welch**

Fishermen are the ears and eyes of the marine ecosystem as a changing climate throws our oceans off kilter. Now a new phone app is making sure their real life, real time observations are included in scientific data.

The new Skipper Science smart-phone app, released on June 18, comes from the Aleut Community of St. Paul Island in the Bering Sea as a way “to elevate the thousands of informal-yet-meaningful environmental observations by fishermen and others into hard numbers for Alaska’s science-based management,” said Lauren Divine, Director of Ecosystem Conservation for St. Paul’s tribal government whose team created and owns the dataset for the app. “How do we take what has historically been called anecdotal and create some structure around it that is rigorous and has scientific repeatability?” Divine said to KCAW in Sitka.

“There is a vast body of deep knowledge that fishermen hold from their experience on the water, indigenous and non-indigenous alike, that they use for decision making and risk evaluation and to execute a likelihood on the water. And we have very much underutilized that knowledge for years, especially here in the North Pacific,” she added in a phone interview.

The free app, which works on or off the internet, is an offshoot of an Indigenous Sentinels Network started 16 years ago at St. Paul Island to monitor wildlife and the environment in the Bering Sea.

To broaden its reach, St. Paul partnered with advocacy group Salmon-

State’s Salmon Habitat Information Program (SHIP). Through its surveys and other outreach SHIP quantifies what’s regarded by scientists as fishermen’s “informal observations” and shares the information with managers and decision makers.

Troller Eric Jordan of Sitka, who has been out on the Southeast waters for 71 years, agrees the grounds truth should be in the data base. “We have perspectives that go back decades as persons that are dependent on reading correctly what’s going on. We are tuned in to the utmost degree. We know which bird is feeding on what fish, the water temperature, the depth, the bottom structure, all those things,” he said about the Skipper-Science community. “And we’re trying to project into the future quicker than almost anybody else. We know stuff that is helpful to everybody as they’re trying to understand the changes, because we’re not just there to understand, we’re there to adapt.”

**Call for fish board seat**

The call is out for nominees to fill one open seat on the state Board of Fisheries. The opening stems from the Alaska Legislature on May 13 giving a thumbs down to Governor Dunleavy’s appointment of Abe Williams, a regional affairs director for the Pebble Mine. Nearly 1,000 Alaskans spoke out against Williams’ appointment.

According to Alaska statutes, Dunleavy was required to name a replacement within 30 days.

“The Governor is taking additional time to receive input from all stakeholders before making a selec-

tion,” Jeff Turner, Deputy Director of Communications, said in an email, adding that “he has committed to filling the seat before the next Board of Fish meeting in October.”

United Fishermen of Alaska said that Governor Dunleavy “is open to considering applicants from all across Alaska.”

By March 2021, the BOF was scheduled to have finished up 275 proposals for Southeast Alaska, Prince William Sound and statewide shellfish fisheries. But the normal meeting cycle was disrupted by the COVID pandemic.

Starting in October of 2021 it will hold a two-day work session followed by meetings for those other regional fisheries in November through March of next year.

Then in October 2022, the BOF will turn its attention to Bristol Bay and Chignik, the Bering Sea, Arctic-Yukon- Kuskokwim and Alaska Peninsula regions.

“The Governor’s nominee will serve on the board in the interim until the legislature, in joint session, makes a decision,” said Board director Glenn Haight.

The BOF regulates commercial, sport, subsistence and personal use fisheries in Alaska state waters, meaning out to three miles.

Currently, only one of the seven board seats is held by a person from a coastal region – John Jensen of Petersburg.

**Alaska seafood love**

A new national survey revealed that 26 percent of U.S. consumers said they purchased seafood for the

first time during the Covid pandemic, nearly half plan to increase their intake and nearly 74 percent plan to continue cooking seafood at home.

That’s according to a 2021 Power of Seafood report by Dataessential which tracks national market trends. The report was compiled for the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute.

Seafood saw unprecedented growth in grocery sales at nearly 30 percent at the height of the pandemic, far exceeding all other food categories.

The top reasons? It’s healthier than red meat and people said they prefer the taste.

Topping the seafood list of favorites was salmon and by a five to one margin, responders said they prefer wild over farmed. Having less harmful additives was a top reason they prefer wild-caught seafood.

Over 60 percent said they want to know where their seafood comes from and that it is sustainably sourced.

Over 70 percent of 1,000 responders said they are more likely to buy seafood when they see the Alaska logo, and they are willing to pay more for it.

That holds true in Japan where another ASMI survey of 1,000 seafood eaters showed that nearly 80 percent said they were more inclined to buy products bearing the Alaska brand. The responders said their favorite things about Alaska seafood were (translated from Japanese) wild deliciousness (63 percent), great nature (49 percent), clean ocean (45 percent) and freshly frozen (44 per-

cent). “We had to adjust our strategy and tactics in all of our markets which were hit hard by the pandemic and required new data to guide our efforts,” said Hannah Lindoff, ASMI Senior Director of Global Marketing and Strategy.

**Fish gets gutted**

Meanwhile, in the ongoing state budget battle, Governor Dunleavy vetoed \$3 million in federal CARES funding for ASMI that he gushed over on June 25. “Alaska’s seafood industry is a strong pillar of our economy and my administration is committed to supporting ASMI’s urgent and substantial need following unplanned industry-wide COVID-19 costs,” Dunleavy said on his website. “No one does seafood like the Last Frontier with its world-class stocks of fresh, nutritious, and wild protein. Our fleets have weathered the storm of COVID, now it’s time to keep delivering a piece of Alaska on a dish around the globe,” the governor added.

ASMI is a partnership between the state and the Alaskan seafood industry and is funded by a tax on processors and some federal dollars. It receives no state funding.

The \$3 million was part of a \$50 million Alaska portion for seafood-related relief in the \$2.2 trillion CARES Act passed in March 2020 by Congress.

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