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**Environmental Services:** Environmental Services Worker I and Relief \$25.00 + DOE; Laundry Worker \$25.00 + DOE  
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**Office of Environmental Health:** Environmental Health Technician \$31.73 + DOE  
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**Patient Hostel:** Guest Services Coordinator \$26.41 + DOE; Manager of Patient Hostel \$51.62 + DOE; Patient Hostel Attendant \$25.00 + DOE; Patient Hostel Attendant Relief \$25.00 + DOE  
**Patient Housing:** Patient Housing Coordinator \$30.02 + DOE  
**Pharmacy:** Pharmacy Technician I \$27.41 + DOE  
**Plant Operations:** Maintenance Engineer I/II/III \$31.73 + DOE; Office Manager \$41.90 + DOE  
**Primary Care:** Certified Medical Assistant \$34.25 + DOE; Registration Technician \$26.41 + DOE  
**Quality Improvement:** Administrative Specialist II \$27.41 + DOE  
**Quyanna Care:** Certified Nursing Assistant \$34.25 + DOE  
**Sanitation:** Remote Maintenance Worker I relief \$34.25 + DOE  
**Security:** Security Officer Relief \$25.00 + DOE; Security Officer Trainee \$25.00 + DOE  
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Environmental Services Worker \$26.41 + DOE  
Maintenance Worker \$31.73 + DOE  
**Elim:**  
(Add) Direct Care Attendant \$25.00 + DOE  
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**Gambell:**  
Community Health Aide Trainee \$27.41 + DOE  
Personal Care Attendant \$25.00 + DOE  
**Golovin:**  
Community Health Aide Trainee \$27.41 + DOE  
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**Koyuk:**  
Community Health Aide Trainee \$27.41 + DOE  
Environmental Services Worker Relief \$26.41 + DOE  
**St Michael:**  
Community Health Aide Trainee \$27.41 + DOE  
Maintenance Worker \$31.73 + DOE  
**Savoonga:**  
Community Health Aide Trainee \$27.41 + DOE  
Dental Assistant Trainee \$27.41 + DOE  
**Shaktolik:**  
Clinic Travel Specialist Relief \$26.41 + DOE  
Environmental Services Worker Relief \$26.41 + DOE  
**Shishmaref:**  
Clinic Travel Specialist Relief \$26.41 + DOE  
Personal Care Attendant \$25.00 + DOE  
**Stebbins:**  
Community Health Aide Trainee \$27.41 + DOE  
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Clinic Travel Specialist Relief \$26.41 + DOE  
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Clinic Travel Specialist Relief \$26.41 + DOE  
Community Health Aide Trainee \$27.41 + DOE  
Environmental Services Worker Relief \$26.41 + DOE  
Dental Assistant Trainee \$27.41 + DOE  
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## Legals

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In the Matter of the Estate of Elsie Ahnangnatoguk  
DOB: 4/26/37 , Deceased. Case No. 2NO-22-00049PR

You are notified that the court appointed Karlene Manuel as personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against the person who died are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims may be presented to Karlene Manuel, 4013 Fahrenkamp Ave Fairbanks, AK 99709, or filed with the Nome Court at PO Box 1110, Nome, AK 99762.

10.20-27, 11.3.2022

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA, SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

In the Matter of the Estate of Isaac Okleasik III  
DOB: 11/26/1996, Deceased. Case No. 2NO-21-00073PR

You are notified that the court appointed Jolene Okleasik as personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against the person who died are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims may be presented to Jolene Okleasik, PO Box 506, Teller, AK 99778, or filed with the Nome Court at PO Box 1110, Nome, AK 99762.

10.20-27, 11.3.2022

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA, SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

In the Matter of the Estate of Angus Mazonna  
DOB: 04/17/1956, Deceased. Case No. 2NO-22-00088PR

You are notified that the court appointed Barbara Mazonna as personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against the person who died are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims may be presented to Barbara Mazonna, PO Box 837, Nome, AK 99762, or filed with the Nome Court at PO Box 1110, Nome, AK 99762.

10.13-20-27.2022

## Court

Week ending 10/14/2022

Civil

No civil cases posted on CourtView Website; start 2NO-22-00114CI

Small Claims

No small claims posted on CourtView Website; start 2NO-22-00009SC

Criminal

State of Alaska v. Benjamin Iknokiknok (4/5/71); Crim Trespass 2- Vehicle; Date of Violation: 10/12/22; Jail, time-served, record of conviction.

## NSEDC Job Opportunities



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## Seawall

**Nome Police Department**  
**Weekly press releases**  
**Activities reported between**  
**10/10/2022 – 10/16/2022**

During this period there were 202 calls for service received at the Nome Police Communications Center; 61 (35%) of these calls involved alcohol. The Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department responded to 14 ambulance calls. The Nome Volunteer Fire Department responded to 3 fire calls during this period. NPD responded to 10calls reporting intoxicated persons needing assistance. Nobody was remanded to AMCC as protective hold; and two persons remained at the hospital for medical evaluation/treatment.

### Arrests

A total of 18 arrests made with 18 (100%) alcohol related. Charges below are referred to the District Attorney.

**Monday, Oct. 10, 2022**

Charges: Five counts of assault in the fourth degree; possession of alcohol under 21 . Name: D.S. Location: Nome-Teller Hwy.  
Charge: Violating a DV protective/restraining order. Name: John Nattanguk. Location: E. 1 St.

**Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2022**

Charge: VCOR. Name: Charlene Habros. Location: Front St.

**Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2022**

Charge: Criminal trespass in the second degree. Name: Benjamin Iknokiknok. Location: Mettler Way.

**Thursday, Oct. 13, 2022**

Charges: Disorderly conduct; Resisting or interfering with an arrest. Name: Brad Apassingok. Location: Front St.  
Charge: Criminal trespass in the second degree. Name: Vincent Kaningok. Location: W Front St.  
Charge: Probation violation. Name: Daniel Atkinson. Location: W. 1st Ave.  
Charge: Two counts of Probation Violation. Name: Magdeline Omiak. Location: W. 1st Ave.  
Charge: Assault in the fourth degree. Name: Kevin Green. Location: E. 1st Ave.

**Friday, Oct. 14, 2022**

Charge: Three counts of Violating Conditions of Release. Name: Kerry Burnette. Location: W. 5th Ave.  
Charge: Assault in the fourth degree. Name: Cordell Lockwood. Location: E. 4th Ave.

Charges: Probation violation; Failure to register as a sex offender. Name: Troy Walker. Location: Nome-Teller Hwy.

**Saturday, Oct. 15, 2022**

Charge: Disorderly Conduct; Resisting or interfering with an arrest, VCOR. Name: Rebecca Seeganna. Location: W. Tobuk.

**Sunday, Oct. 16, 2022**

Charges: Four counts of Misconduct involving a weapon in the second degree; two counts Misconduct involving a weapon in the third degree; Misconduct involving a weapon in the fourth degree; Misconduct involving a weapon in the fifth degree; Reckless Endangerment. Name: Marvin Jenkins. Location: E. 4th Ave.  
Charge: Criminal Trespass in the first degree, VCOR. Name: Florence Seetook. Location: Nome-Teller Hwy.  
Charge: Two counts VCOR, Criminal Trespass in the first degree. Name: Queenie Seeganna. Location: W 2nd Ave.  
Charge: DUI, Reckless endangerment. Name: Wendy Deering. Location: E. 4th Ave.  
Charge: Probation Violation; Assault in the second

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### RECRUITMENT BULLETIN

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## JOB OPENINGS

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•Bycatch task force

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enhanced science on myriad potential threats to fisheries happening from the open ocean, where prolonged heat waves have ravaged various marine populations, to the spawning grounds far inland in the upper Yukon and Kuskokwim rivers, where rising temperatures have been linked to increases in parasitic infections of salmon and to dieoffs from heat stress. Much of that research is underway, but some projects have limited funding or funding that is set to expire.

Scientists have pointed to climate change as a likely cause of the fish problems, but the task force is focusing on issues the state can more directly control.

A special focus of research is the role that Asian-origin hatchery fish play in bycatch and the overall health of Alaska salmon stocks.

Of the more than 540,000 chum salmon netted in 2021 by the pollock fishery as bycatch – a total that was twice the 10-year average – the vast majority were from Asian hatcheries, and less than 10 percent were of western Alaska origin, according to a genetic analysis by the National Marine Fisheries Service.

Any effective chum bycatch cap

should be focused on preserving Alaska-origin fish – and therefore depends on better information about fish genetics, said task force member Doug Vincent-Lang, commissioner of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

“I don’t really care that much if we’re catching a whole bunch of Asiatic chums,” Vincent-Lang said of bycatch at Wednesday’s task force meeting. Lack of information was one of the reasons that the North Pacific Fishery Management Council declined in the past to establish a chum bycatch cap, said the commissioner, who is one of Alaska’s six members on that 11-member federal council. “If we’d instituted one, we may just be saving a bunch of Asian hatchery chum salmon,” he said.

Around three billion hatchery chum are now released annually into the North Pacific Ocean, and they may be overtaxing the resources and depleting food sources needed by Alaska-based salmon, according to some theories.

“They’re using the eastern Bering Sea as a pastureland to fatten up and go back to Asia and to get caught,” Brent Paine, executive director of United Catcher Boats, a trade group of more than 60 trawlers, told the task force on Wednesday.

Though the science on the subject is preliminary, there is some ev-

idence to back up the hypothesis. A 2012 study by the U.S. Geological Survey used modeling to find that a big increase in the population of adult hatchery chum was linked to a 72 percent decline of wild Norton Sound chum. A later study, published in 2018, considered all hatchery salmon in the North Pacific Ocean and found that about 60 percent of the chum salmon in the North Pacific between 1990 and 2015 was of hatchery origin, with Japanese hatcheries dominant.

To others, the Asian hatchery fish are proverbial red herrings.

Focusing on hatchery fish does not address the disproportionate nature of the suffering endured by western Alaska subsistence fishers, said Lindsey Bloom of SalmonState, another environmental group. “The solutions that are being presented by the bycatch commission are not addressing the problem, which is equity,” she said.

“We see it as something that’s an injustice, something that’s unfair,” Martin Nicolai, a subsistence fisherman from the Kuskokwim River village of Kwethluk, said in online testimony Wednesday. “It’s hitting our hearts. It’s hurting our hearts.”

As long as subsistence fishers are denied access to salmon in their rivers, trawlers should face the same fate, he said. He called for a five-year

moratorium on Bering Sea trawling. “As we are talking, the destruction is continuing,” he said. “You don’t need more studies and studies for decades and years.”

Western Alaska salmon runs are not the only concern of the task force. It is examining bycatch issues for all commercially important fish, including crab and halibut, in both the Bering Sea and the Gulf of Alaska.

Bycatch of crab in particular is gaining more attention because Bering Sea crab stocks have crashed. On Monday, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced that there will be no fishing allowed in the 2022-23 seasons for Bering Sea snow crab or Bristol Bay red king crab, two of the major Alaska crab harvests.

Among the recommendations for the Gulf of Alaska is that trawl fisheries there be reformulated into a quota-share system, which the industry refers to as “rationalization,” to encourage more careful harvest practices. Such quota systems are widely used for other Alaska fisheries, with shareholders assigned predetermined amounts of fish they are allowed to harvest over specific seasons. But the trawl fisheries in the Gulf of Alaska, which mostly target pollock, remain on a system that allows all permitted participants to catch whatever

amounts they can up to a total fleet cap, leading to what critics say is a dangerous rush to harvest. Defenders of the current system, however, argue that a switch to quota systems would erect more barriers to participation by less-wealthy fishers.

Another Gulf of Alaska recommendation is for full observer coverage on trawlers. That is a mandate in the larger Bering Sea fisheries, where NMFS-credentialed observers are on board large vessels to monitor bycatch and other fishery practices. Opponents of a Gulf of Alaska observer mandate argue that it would be too expensive for that fleet.

Whatever the task force winds up recommending, there are worries that any resulting actions on bycatch will be too slow.

“The changes we’re experiencing in the ecosystem are occurring faster than our ability to respond,” said Lauren Mitchell, a Sitka fisher who is a member of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council’s advisory panel.

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Trooper Beat

**Nome**  
Liquor Laws: On 10/3/2022 the Alaska State Troopers received a report that there was marijuana and alcohol in packages being sent via freight. Investigation revealed that Dylan Iya, 52, of Savoonga was importing alcohol and marijuana into Gambell, a local option community. Charges of Misuse Involving a Substance 5 and Importation have been forwarded to the DAO on Iya.

**Gambell**  
Violate Conditions: On 10/4/2022 at approximately 6:31 p.m., AST contacted Roger Oozevaseuk, 39, of Gambell, about a possible DVPO violation. While troopers were in contact with Oozevaseuk, he was found to be intoxicated, which violated his conditions of release. Oozevaseuk was arrested and charged with VCOR.

**Norton Sound Region**  
Assault: On 10/05/2022 at approximately 06:22 a.m., AST received a report of an Assault. Investigation is ongoing.

**Elim**  
Assault - DV: On 10/5/2022 at approximately 1:05 p.m., AST received a report of a DV Assault. Investigation revealed that there was no primary physical aggressor being able to be identified. No arrest was made.

**Norton Sound Region**  
Assault - Non DV: On 10/7/2022 at approximately 1:18 p.m., AST received a report of an Assault. Investigation is ongoing.

**Norton Sound Region**  
Assault - Non DV: On 10/7/2022 at approximately 5:18 p.m., AST received a report of an Assault. Investigation is ongoing.

**Norton Sound Region**  
Assault: On 10/8/2022 at approximately 1:24 p.m., AST received a report of an Assault. Investigation is ongoing.

**Norton Sound Region**  
Assault - DV: On 10/8 at approximately 11:25 p.m., AST received a report of a DV Assault. Investigation is ongoing.

**Norton Sound Region**  
Assault - Non DV: On 10/10/2022 at approximately 10:11 a.m., AST received a report of an Assault. Investigation is ongoing.

**Saint Michael**  
Assault: On 10/10/2022 at approximately 3:52 p.m., AST received a report of an Assault. Upon conclusion of the investigation, charges of VCOR were forwarded on Tamira Cheemuk, 36, and James Niksik, 34, both of Saint Michael.

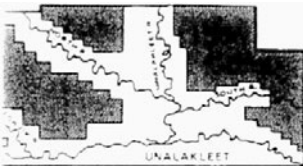
**Nome**  
SAR/Death Investigation: On 10/11/2022 at 08:45 a.m. AST were notified that Bo Adams, 38, of Nome, was reported missing. Adams had been traveling via boat from Koyuk to Nome and his last contact was from Rocky Point at 4 p.m. on 10/10/2022. When Adams did not arrive in Nome, family went looking for him and located the boat he was using and shoeprints leaving the boat but were unable to locate him. AST launched a state plane from Nome and spotted an individual male walking approximately two miles inland from the boat. Terrain conditions did not permit landing however the individual acknowledged the plane and did not appear to be in distress. The coordinates were provided to family who were on their way to continue searching however Adams was not located. The U.S. Coast Guard was contacted and responded from Kotzebue to search the area that Adams was last seen. At 2 p.m. Bo Adams was located deceased. Evidence at the scene indicates that he likely succumbed to the elements. Adams’ body has been sent to the State Medical Examiner’s Office in Anchorage for examination. Next of kin has been notified.

**Brevig Mission**  
Assault - DV: On 10/11/2022 at approximately 1:24

p.m., AST received a report of DV Assault. Upon conclusion of the investigation, Francine Rock, 22, of Brevig Mission, was arrested and charged with Assault 4.

**Norton Sound Region**  
Assault: On 10/11/2022 at approximately 1:30 p.m., AST received a report of an Assault. Investigation is ongoing.  
Assault: On 10/11/2022 at approximately 10:47

p.m., AST received a report of an Assault. Investigation is ongoing.

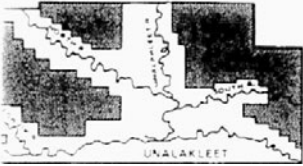


**Unalakleet Native Corporation**  
**P.O. Box 100**  
**Unalakleet, Alaska 99684**

To the Unalakleet Native Corporation Shareholders

Nomination forms are now available for shareholders interested in running for a two (2) year term for the Board of Directors. Closing date is 3rd of October 2022.  
Please write to Box 100 or call at (907) 624-3411 to request a nomination form.

Unalakleet Native Corporation  
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PH: (907) 624-3411 \*FAX: (907) 624-3833  
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**Unalakleet Native Corporation**  
**P.O. Box 100**  
**Unalakleet, Alaska 99684**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual meeting of stockholders of the Unalakleet Native Corporation will be held on 19<sup>th</sup> of November 2022 at 10:00 A.M. in the Aaron Paneok/Myles Gonangnan Memorial Hall in Unalakleet, Alaska for the following purposes:

1. Approval, Additions or Corrections to the minutes of the 2021 annual meeting.
2. Reports from the management and committees.
3. Introduction of the director nominees and statements by nominees, if they wish.
4. Election of four (4) directors.
5. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

Only stockholders of record as of 5:00 p.m. on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022 are entitled to vote at the meeting or any adjournment thereof. Stockholders are entitled to vote at the meeting in person. If you will not be able to attend the meeting in person, you are requested to fill in and sign the mailed proxy and return it to: Unalakleet Native Corporation, P.O. Box 247, Unalakleet, Alaska 99684, Attention: Proxy Committee. Proxies will be available at the time and place of meeting and during the 30 days prior to the meeting at the corporation office in Unalakleet.

•Seawall

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degree; Resisting or interfering with an arrest.  
Name: Denny Martin. Location: E. H St.

**Traffic**  
NPD responded to 1 report of a Motor Vehicle Accident during this reporting period.

*Disclaimer: This is a record of activity. The issuance of citations or the act of arrest does not assign guilt to any identified party. Officers refer all cases to the DA for action.*



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# Administration says Corrections deaths not ‘unusual,’ ACLU says it’s deflecting responsibility

**By Lisa Phu, Alaska Beacon**

None of the 15 people to die in Alaska Department of Corrections custody in 2022 so far “died as a result of others,” according to Gov. Mike Dunleavy. Acting Corrections Commissioner Jen Winkelman also said the deaths were not “unusual.”

“The investigations of deaths indicate that none of these inmates at this time have died as a result of others; in other words, murders or otherwise inappropriate dealings with the individuals in prison,” Dunleavy said at the beginning of a press conference Monday.

The Alaska State Troopers division investigates every in-custody death. John Skidmore, deputy attorney general for the Alaska Department of Law in the Criminal Division, said those deaths are investigated in the same way that officer-involved shootings are investigated.

“And all of those investigations then are referred over to the Office of Special Prosecutions when there’s ever any concern that it may rise to the level of any sort of criminal conduct. And what I can tell you is that today, we do not have any cases at this time that have presented themselves as rising to the level of criminal conduct,” Skidmore said.

Megan Edge said the governor and his administration are downplaying the severity of the deaths and are deflecting responsibility. Edge is communications director for the ACLU of Alaska and director of the ACLU of Alaska’s Prison Project.

“Just because somebody’s life wasn’t taken at the hands of another individual does not mean their life wasn’t taken because of failures in the system. That doesn’t address concerns about the medical screening process, the system being overburdened, mental health; it doesn’t

address any of those issues. All that tells me is that somebody else’s hands did not cause that person’s death. It does not mean the system is not responsible for their dying,” Edge said.

Edge said it was disappointing that the governor and his staff didn’t offer solutions or proactive plans of what they’ll do to keep people safe and prevent further deaths.

The ACLU of Alaska on Friday formally requested that Dunleavy initiate an independent review of the deaths of Alaskans while in Corrections custody. Dunleavy did not address the request at the press conference Monday. Governor spokesperson Jeff Turner said in an email afterward, “The ACLU request was received, and it will be responded to in due time.”

Edge said the ACLU of Alaska is working with other members of the legal community to figure out a litigation strategy.

Fifteen people have died while in Corrections custody so far this year, which is the highest number of deaths in custody since 2015. Nine of these 15 people have died since Aug. 4. Of these deaths, several individuals have been in their 20s or 30s and died after only a short time in state care. Two deaths in August occurred after less than 24 hours. At least two have died by suicide – 20-year-old Kitty Douglas, as reported by Alaska Public Media, and 31-year-old James Rider. The ACLU of Alaska has identified through its research a third death by suicide, and suspects more. Several who died this year had not been sentenced.

Acting Corrections Commissioner Winkelman said the deaths are not unusual.

“While it’s unfortunate to have any death, it is not unusual and it is not a reflection on our staff’s ability

to care. We have over 30,000 people that enter and leave our facilities every year, and it’s often a very sick population. Eighty percent have not had medical care within the prior year. The average number of deaths over the last 10 years is nearly 12 deaths per year,” Winkelman said.

Deputy Attorney General Skidmore also said federal law prohibits the state from giving details of why a person died “because that gets into their personal medical histories.”

“Under federal law, it prohibits any provider of medical services, which includes the Department of Corrections, from disclosing information about people’s health records. And so we’re not allowed to go into the details of what sort of ailment or illness someone may have had,” he said.

Dunleavy emphasizes that the issue of deaths in Corrections custody “is taken very seriously by this administration, by the individuals that work for this administration.”

“All of these investigations will be thorough. And, again, we will follow all applicable law and we will make sure that we don’t violate anyone’s privacy rights,” Dunleavy said.

Edge said protecting privacy is important and critical, “but also when people are dying pretrial, they’re denied their right to due process, they’re denied their right to equal protection, they’re denied their right to rehabilitation. So there’s other rights here that people don’t have once they’ve died.”

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