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Corporate Housing: Property Associate starting \$20.85/hr DOE

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Human Resources: HR Associate starting \$27.31/hr DOE In-Home Support Program: Direct Care Attendant starting \$18.00/hr DOE Laboratory: Uncertified Phlebotomist \$19.91 + DOE and Point of Care Testing

Technician \$23.32, Administrative Specialist II starting \$19.91/hr DOE Materials Management: Materials Support Tech \$18.52, Purchasing Expeditor \$20.85/hr DOE

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Pharmacy: Pharmacy Technician \$19.91/hr DOE Plant Operations: FT Office Manager \$27.31 + DOE, Maintenance Engineer II

Quyana Care: CNA starting \$24.93/hr DOE Security: Security Officer I \$19.91 + DOI

## **In Our Village Communities:**

## Certified Medical Assistant -

Unalakleet FT **CHAP Supervisor Instructor** In Region

**Clinic Manager Stebbins** 

Community Health Aide Positions:

Positions on hold until further notice

Certified Travel Specialist Brevig - Relief

Elim – Relief Gambell - Relief Koyuk - Relief Little Diomede - Relief Shaktoolik - Relief Shishmaref - Relief

Clinic Maint. Tech Little Diomede FT St. Michael FT

1 Brevig Rel

1 Elim PT50 1 Gambell Rel

1 Golovin Rel 2 Koyuk PT50, Rel

2 Little Diomede PT50, Rel

1 Savoonga Rel 1 Shaktoolik Rel

1 Shishmaref Rel 1 Stebbins Rel

1 Teller PT50 1 Wales Rel

1 White Mountain Rel

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go to www.NortonSoundHealth.org or contact Human Resources at (907) 443-4573

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Contact Katya Gray at (907)-443-6890 or kgray@nannut.org for an application.



## **RECRUITMENT BULLETIN Vice President of Operation** in Nome, Alaska

Under the direction of the President/CEO, the Vice President of Operations will manage assigned construction, renovation, remodel and retrofit projects; assure compliance with construction project specifications, budgetary requirements and timelines; provide project management and construction expertise for construction, acquisition and development projects; supervise and evaluate the performance of assigned personnel; oversee contractor's and supervise construction field and office staff in the completion of construction, renovation, remodel and repair projects.

For more information or an application please send an email to: <u>hr@bsrha.org</u> or call 907-443-8621.

# Court

# Week ending 10/1/2020 Civil

No current civil cases on web site; start 2NO-20-00135Cl

## Small Claims Credit Union 1 v. French Kingeekuk; SC \$2,500 or Less: 1 Deft. Cert Mail

**Criminal** State of Alaska v. Timothy Stephan

Katchatag (4/7/65); Dismissal; Count I: Liquor Importation Into Local Option Area; Filed by the AGs Office 9/28/20.

State of Alaska v. Charles Kokuluk (11/16/96); CTN 001: Assault 4; DV; Date of Vio-

lation: 6/18/20: CTNs Dismissed: 002: 12 months iation: 6/18/20, C INS Dismissed: 002; IZ montris, 6 months suspended: Unsuspended 6 months shall be served with defendant remanded immediately to AMCC; Probation (no indication of time frame); Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall obey all state, federal and local laws and ordinances; Shall not possess, consume or buy alcohol; Any driver's license or state ID is subject to cancellation under AS cited; Any new license or ID must list the AS restriction until restriction expires; Shall not have alcohol in his residence; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar of liquor store; Subject to warrant less breath testing by any peace officer with probable cause to believe defendant has consumed alcohol.

# Legals

CITY OF NOME PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC SEALED BID FOR SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY

The purpose is to dispose of surplus real property, owned by the City of Nome in fee simple and no longer needed for public purposes, by quitclaim deed.

 
 Legal Description Assessed Value Minimum Bid

 Lot 49, Block 57;
 \$155,000
 \$155,000

 Lot 50, Block 57;
 \$36,200
 \$36,200
 Lot 5A, Block 50 \$16,000

NOTE: Minimum accepted bid per property is current assed value, unless otherwise noted.

Stop by City Hall to pick up a bid form and submit a sealed bid to the City Clerk, P.O. Box 281, Nome, AK 99762 no later than 10:59 AM on Friday November 6, 2020. Faxed bids will not be accepted. Bids will be opened publicly at 11:00 AM on Friday November 6 and awarded by quitclaim deed unless the City Council rejects any or all bids at the regular meeting sched-uled for 7:00 PM on Monday, November 9, 2020 in Council Chambers of City Hall.

Successful bidders must pay by certified check within 10 days of the notice of award. Disposal shall be via quitclaim deed to the highest responsive bidder unless all bids are rejected by the City Council.

10.1-8-15-22-29.2020

# INVITATION TO BID

PORT OF NOME LAUNCH RAMP REPLACEMENT NOME, ALASKA

> OWNER: CITY OF NOME P.O. BOX 281 NOME, ALASKA 99762 907-443-6663 (PHONE) 907-443-5345 (FAX)

The City of Nome will receive sealed bids to perform construction activities to replace the inner harbor launch ramp structure at the Port of Nome in Nome, Alaska.

Interested persons may receive a bid package by registering with the City Clerk by email at bhammond@nomealaska.org, phone at 907-443-6663 or by fax at 907-443-5345. Bid Documents will be available October 01, 2020

One complete set of Bid Documents will also be available for review at The Plans Room, 4831 Old Seward Hwy # 202, Anchorage, AK 99503, 907-

One complete set of Bid Documents will also be available for review at The Associated General Contractors of Alaska, 3750 Bonita Street, Fairbanks, AK 99701, 907-452-1809.

The deadline for submission of sealed proposals

is November 05, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. local time and shortly thereafter the bids will be opened publicly and read aloud. Bids must be submitted to the City Clerk at City Hall. Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope and marked clearly on the envelope as "Port of Nome Launch Ramp Replacement" along with the name and address of the Bidder. Fax submissions are not allowed.

and performance bonds will also be required. The contract will be awarded to the lowest qualified Bidder as determined by the City. The City of Nome reserves the right to reject any and all bids,

to waive informalities, and to reject non-conforming, non-responsive, or conditional bids 10.8-15-22-29.2020

**WANTED**—Large bull muskox horn, moose/caribou antler, old ivory, Eskimo artifacts. Call Roger 304-1048 or email <a href="mailto:nomerog@hotmail.com">nomerog@hotmail.com</a>

WANTED - Mark Knapp at The Cutting Edge in

Fairbanks is buying legal ancient walrus ivory, musk ox horn, mammoth ivory and teeth. Very good prices. 907-452-7477. Knapp's Cutting Edge 1971 Fox Ave Fairbanks AK 99701.

Classifieds

cuttingedge@gci.net

INVITATION TO BID

PORT OF NOME ANODE REPLACEMENT NOME, ALASKA

OWNER: CITY OF NOME 907-443-5345 (FAX)

The City of Nome will receive sealed bids to perform construction activities to replace anodes used for corrosion protection of the dock struc-tures at the Port of Nome.

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A five per cent bid bond is required. Payment and performance bonds will also be required. The contract will be awarded to the lowest qualified Bidder as determined by the City. The City of Nome reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to reject non-conforming, non-responsive, or conditional bids. 10.8-15-22-29.2020

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: CAROLINE MINA READER.

Deceased. Case No. 2NO-20-00056PR NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Ms. Mary M. Reader has been appointed personal representative of the above-entitled estate. All persons having claims against said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to Mary M. Reader c/o LT Nome Law, P.C., Box 61, Nome, Alaska 99762, or filed with this Court at

P.O. Box 1110, Nome, Alaska 99762. DATED this 22 day of September, 2020.

H. Conner Thomas LT Nome Law, P.C. Attorneys for Mary M Reader Personal Representative P.O. Box 61, Nome, AK 99762 10.1-8-15.2020

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR Bureau of Land Management F-19525-A, F-19525-C, F-19525-A2, F-19525-B2

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Alaska Native Claims Selection

Alaska Native Claims Selection
Notice of Decision Approving
Lands for Conveyance
As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby
given that an appealable decision will be issued
by the Bureau of Land Management to Council
Native Corporation. The decision approves the
surface estate in the lands described below for
conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims
Settlement Act. The subsurface estate in these
lands will be conveved to Berina Straits Native lands will be conveyed to Bering Straits Native Corporation when the surface estate is conveyed to Council Native Corporation The lands are in the vicinity of Council, Alaska, and are described

Lot 1, U.S. Survey No. 9993, Alaska

Containing 129.97 acres

Kateel River Meridian, Alaska T. 6 S., R. 24 W.

Containing 640 acres

T. 7 S., R. 24 W.,

Secs. 4, 22, 23, and 24 Containing 2,559.68 acres

Sec. 22;

Tracts D, E, and P; Tracts Q. R. S. and T:

Tracts X, Y, Z, and B1. Containing 4,628.70 acres.

Aggregating 7,958.35 acres

Notice of the decision was published in the Federal Register on <u>September 8, 2020</u>. Any party claiming a property interest in the lands affected by the decision may appeal the decision within the following time limits:

 Unknown parties, parties unable to be located after reasonable efforts have been expended to locate, parties who fail or refuse to sign their return receipt, and parties who receive a copy of the decision by regular mail which is not certified, return receipt requested, shall have until October 8, 2020 to file an appeal.

On the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.

Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart 5, bobble had comed to be been under the incepts. shall be deemed to have waived their rights. Notices of appeal transmitted by facsimile will not

be accepted as timely filed.
A copy of the decision may be obtained from:
Bureau of Land Management

222 West Seventh Avenue, #13

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Shishmaref

Disturbance: At approximately 6:39 p.m., the Alaska State Troopers received a report of a disturbance. Troopers responded.

# **Trooper Beat**

Assault: At approximately 5:50 p.m., VPOs re-ported to the Alaska State Troopers that there was a possible DV Assault in the Nome Census Region. Investigation ongoing.

## 9/25/2020

Sexual Assault: At approximately 4:42 a.m., Alaska State Troopers received a report of a sexual assault. Investigation ongoing.

## Unalakleet

Assist Public: At approximately 5:18 p.m., Alaska State Troopers received a call requesting public assistance. Troopers responded and advised the

Burglary: At approximately 7:14 p.m., Alaska State Troopers received a report of a burglary sometime within the last week, in the Nome Census Area. Local Troopers were notified

Burglary: At approximately 8:58 p.m., Alaska State Troopers in Nome received a report that two sea-sonal cabins had been burglarized near mile 27 on Nome-Council Road. Guns and other items were reported stolen. Trevor Green, 19 years old of Nome, had entered both cabins along with two ju veniles and removed items. Troopers located Green and the juveniles and a large quantity of reported stolen property was found to be in their possession. Green was arrested on Burglary 1 x2, Theft 2 x3, Criminal Mischief 3, Theft 3, and Venitation of the property of the hicle Theft 2. Green additionally had an outstanding \$1,500 felony arrest warrant for multiple counts of Burglary 1 and Theft 2. Green was remanded at AMCC in Nome, where he was held on no bail pending arraignment. Charges are pending on the

Assault – DV: At approximately 10:01 p.m., Alaska State Troopers received a report from a Health Aide in Teller regarding an assault. Troopers responded and the victim was medevacked to Anchorage for medical attention, with Dominique Thomas, 44-years-old, being arrested for Assault 2. Thomas was remanded at AMCC.

Assault - DV: At approximately 11:41 p.m., Alaska State Troopers received a report regarding a dis-turbance and DV Assault in the Shishmaref. Troopers responded and interviewed all individuals. Thomas Eningowuk, 33-years-old, was ultimately arrested for Assault in the fourth degree.

# Stebbins

Assault – DV: At approximately 1:01 a.m., Alaska State Troopers received a report of a possible DV Assault. Investigation is ongoing.

Miscellaneous: At approximately 1:30 p.mm. Alaska State Troopers visited the village of Steb-bins while investigating a case.

## Saint Michael

Assist Public: At approximately 2:57 p.m., Alaska State Troopers received a call for public assistance in the Anchorage Service Unit. Troopers in local village advised.

Assist Public: At approximately 3:12 p.m., Alaska

State Troopers received a request for public assistance in the village of Stebbins.

Violation Conditions: At approximately 5:01 p.m., Alaska State Troopers in the Nome Census Region received a call regarding a possible violation of conditions. Troopers responded.

911 Hang-up: At approximately 6:28 p.m., Alaska State Troopers received a 9-1-1-pocket dial from Saint Michaels. Individuals were contacted and did not need emergency services.

Disturbance: At approximately 1:15 a.m., the Alaska State Troopers received a call of a disturbance

Nome Collision, vehicle: At approximately 2:10 a.m., the Alaska State Troopers in Nome received a call about an overturned vehicle in someone's vard.

Burglary: At approximately 12:33 p.m., Alaska State Troopers in Nome received a report of a burglary. The complainant ultimately  $\mbox{did}$  not want to press charges.

Assist Public: At approximately 3:14 p.m., Alaska State Troopers received a call regarding a request for public assistance in the Nome Census Region. AST advised the caller of their options.

Assault – DV: At approximately 4:57 p.m., Alaska State Troopers in Shishmaref received a report of a DV Assault. Investigation ongoing

Disturbance: At approximately 5:46 p.m., Alaska State Troopers received a report of an individual that was potentially violating a protective order. Investigation ongoing.

Various: Serve Court Documents: AK20070379 Serve Court Documents 9/29/2020 20:56 Nome; AK20069977 Serve Court Documents 9/29/2020 8:17 Anvil Mountain; AK20069987 Serve Court Documents 9/29/2020 8:40 Anvil Mountain.

Disturbance: At approximately 3:45 a.m., Alaska State Troopers received a call regarding a distur-

### Shishmaref

Escape/Evade: At approximately 07:02 a.m., Alaska State Troopers received a report of an in-dividual that was remanded then escaped from custody. Investigation is ongoing.

Various: Serve Court Documents: AK20070692 Serve Court Documents 9/30/2020 14:40 Brevig Mission.

911 Hang-up: At approximately 7:44 p.m., Alaska State Troopers received a 9-1-1 hang up call in Unalakleet. Investigation ongoing.

Friday, Oct. 2, 2020

Lewis, Location: W. 3rd Ave

Saturday, Oct. 3, 2020

Sunday, Oct. 4, 2020

Assault - DV: At approximately 12:15 p.m., the

Charge: Arrest Warrant. Name: Jon Gerton. Location: Greg Kruschek Ave.
Charge: Violating Conditions of Release. Name:
Bradley Kelley. Location: W. Tobuk Alley.
Charges: Four counts of Violating Conditions of

Release. Name: Gina Larsen. Location: W. 3rd

Charges: Probation Violation: Concealment of Merchandise, Probation Violation, Name: Moses Milligrock. Location: Nome-Teller Hwy. Charge: Assault fourth degree. Name: Martin

Charges: Two counts of Violating Conditions of Release. Name: Sabrina Aukon. Location: River

# P.O. Box 53050

Alaska State Troopers received a report of an as-

sault in Stebbins, Upon investigation Bylan Snow

ball, 23 years old, of Stebbins, was arrested for DV Assault 3.

Miscellaneous: At approximately 6:39 p.m., the

Alaska State Troopers received a report of a dis-

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knoyn2015@outlook.com

**Koyuk Native** Corporation Koyuk, ALASKA 99753



# **ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS POSTPONED**

turbance in the Norton Sound Region. Troopers

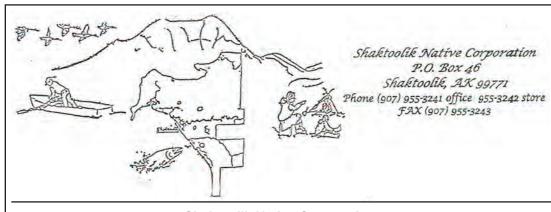
minor in the Norton Sound Region. Investigation

sault: At approximately 4:50 p.m., Alaska State Troopers received a report of a sexual assault of a

Brevia Mission

The November 7, 2020 Koyuk Native Corporation Annual Shareholder meeting at the Koyuk School has been postponed until the 1st Saturday in January, 2021. Koyuk Malemute School doors open @ 10:00AM, meeting scheduled to start by 12:00PM.

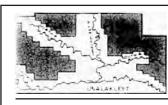
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## **Shaktoolik Native Corporation**

## **Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders**

Shaktoolik Native Corporation will hold its Annual Meeting on Monday, November 16, 2020 at 10 A.M. or upon establishment of a quorum. This year the Shareholders will be electing seven (7) directors. Any shareholder 18 years of age or older, and in good standing, may file for nomination to the SNC Board of Directors. All candidacy forms must be filed and received, on or before, October 13, 2020, at the close of business day. All interested shareholders of the Shaktoolik Native Corporation may obtain forms from the Shaktoolik Native Corporation at the address listed above.



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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Unalakleet Native Corporation will be held on 14th November, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. for the following purposes:

- 1. Approval, Additions or Corrections to the minutes of the 2019 annual meeting.
- Reports from the management and committees.
- 3. Introduction of the director nominees and statements by nominees, if they wish.
- Election of four (4) directors.
- 5. To approve Shareholder Resolution 2020-01 establishing the Unalakleet Native Corporation Settlement Trust.
- To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment there of.

Due to public health and safety concerns related to the spread of COVID-19, there will be no in-person attendance at the 2020 meeting of shareholders. Instead, the 2020 annual meeting of shareholders will be conducted as an electronic meeting using electronic communication and telecommunication. Information about participating in the electronic annual meeting of shareholders will be provided at a later time.

Only stockholders of record as of 5:00 p.m. on 3rd October 2020 are entitled to vote at the meeting or any adjournment thereof. UNC will begin soliciting proxies around October 14th. At that time, a proxy statement related to the election of directors and providing other information about UNC, a proxy form for shareholders to use to vote on the election of directors and approving the Unalakleet Native Corporation Settlement Trust, and other proxy solicitation materials will be sent to shareholders. Since 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 also be available during the 30 days prior to the meeting at the corporation office in Unalakleet.

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# Seawall

Nome Police Department Weekly press releases Activities reported between 09/21/2020 – 09/27/2020

During this period there were 267 calls for service received at the Nome Police Communications Center; 97 (36%) of these calls involved alcohol.

The Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department responded to 16 ambulance calls. The Nome Volunteer Fire Department responded to no fire calls during this period.

NPD responded to 20 calls reporting intoxi-

cated persons needing assistance. Nobody was remanded to AMCC as protective hold; and five persons remained at the hospital for medical evaluation/treatment.

There were three citations issued for minor consuming alcohol and two citations for open container violations.

Arrests
A total of 93 arrests made with 83 (89%) alcohol

# Monday, Sept. 28, 2020

Charges: Assault fourth degree, DV; Violating Conditions of Release. Name: Nancy Goldsberry. Location: E. K St.

Charges: Seven counts of Violating Conditions of Front St Charge: Probation Violation. Name: Theodore Westlake Location: F. 4th Ave.

Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2020 Charge: Assault fourth degree, DV: Violation Conditions of Release. Name: Clifford Iknokinok. Lo-

cation: Fore and Aft. Charges: Criminal Trespass in the first degree, four counts Violating Conditions of Release. Name: Ryan Okleasik. Location: E. 4th Ave.

# Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2020

Charges: Disorderly Conduct. Name: Josephine Tom. Location: Greg Kruschek Ave. Charges: Three counts of Violating Conditions of Release; Misdemeanor Probation Violation. Name: Alexandria Okpealuk. Location: E. 3rd Ave. Charge: Arrest Warrant, Name: Alexandria Ok pealuk. Location: River Street.

Charges: Three counts of Violating Conditions of Release. Name: Ronald Ozenna Sr. Location: W. Sunday, Oct. 4, 2020
Charge: Furnish Alcohol to a Minor. Name: Rebecca Seeganna. Location: Spokane St.
Charges: Assault in the fourth degree. Name: Benjamin Apassingok. Location: E. 5th Ave.
Charges: Warrant Arrest. Name: Daniel Ahmasuk. Location: W. 2nd Ave. Charge: Arrest Warrant. Name: Frank Miller. Location: Center Creek Rd.

# ing issued. NPD responded to one report of a

Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2020 Charge: Proof of insurance to be carried on demand. Name: Cody Cordeiro. Location: Nome-

Traffic

A total of 12 traffic stops were conducted during

tion: Martinsonville

Charge: Operating Vehicle with expired registra

## tion. Name: Jody Crenshaw. Location: Center Creek Rd.

Sunday, Oct. 4, 2020 Offense: Operating Vehicle with expired registration. Name: John Keeley. Location: Nome-Teller

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

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For further information, contact the Bureau of and Management at 907-271-5960,
m\_ak\_akso\_public\_room@blm.gov, or by Telemmunication Device for the Deaf (TDD) through the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339, hours a day, seven days a week. The BLM wil

reply during normal business hours.

Land Transfer Resolution Specialist

Adjudication Section

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Public Information Center (9543)

# Fish Factor

By Laine Welch

Now that the 2020 pack of Alaska salmon has been caught and put up, stakeholders will get a better picture of how global prices may rise or fall. Nearly 75 percent of the value of Alaska's salmon exports is driven by sales between July and October. And right now, lower supplies of wild Pacific salmon by the major producers are pushing up prices as the bulk of those sales are made. For sockeye salmon, global supplier and market tracker Tradex reports that frozen fillets are in high demand and supplies are hard to source for all sizes. With a catch this year topping 45 million, Alaska is the leading producer of that popular commodity.

"Luckily, sockeye harvests were once again abundant in Bristol Bay as fishermen caught nearly 200 million pounds. Although that's a bigger than average harvest for Bristol Bay, it's still down 9 percent from last year. With lower sockeye harvests in Russia and closures in Canada, we estimate the global sockeye harvest declined by 26 percent in 2020," said Andy Wink, executive director of the Bristol Bay Regional Seafood Development Association speaking on the Tradex Three-Minute Market Report. Tradex reports that sockeye prices are "significantly higher than last year" and suggests that suppliers are stockpiling inventories in their freezers. "Our recommendation for sockeye buyers is similar to a few weeks ago, which is to secure your supply now. Sockeye prices are anticipated to make a good bull-run before moving into a bear-type market," said correspondent Tasha Cadence.

Tradex predicts the same for wild chum salmon due to low catches from all producers. "In speaking to our VP of Asia Operations, he advised they are anticipating that new season chum won't be available until the end of September and that salmon will certainly be very short this year," Cadence added. "Both from Russia and Alaska, and the estimated raw materials price will go up to \$4,300

per metric ton - which translates to about \$1.95 to \$2.00/lb."

And the same holds true for pink salmon, where big shortfalls from Russia are biting into the global

Prices for pink salmon that are processed in China and distributed back to the U.S. and other countries have increased from \$2,600 to \$3,400 per metric ton - or from \$1.20 to \$1.55 per pound. "Going back a few weeks it was reported that Russian boats did not even want to make commitments at the higher prices as they wanted pricing at even higher levels," Cadence said. A weakening dollar also means foreign customers can buy more U.S.

salmon for less. How the initial uptick in salmon commodity markets might play out in fishermen's paychecks remains to be seen. Alaska processors typically post a base price as a place holder when the salmon season gets underway. Then, bonuses for fish that is chilled, bled or delivered are often sent to fishermen in the fall, and any profit sharing checks usually arrive the following spring.

"Retro-payments more than anything are a payment to appease the fleet and keep them from jumping to another processor," said a longtime Bristol Bay fisherman. "There are many instances where a processor has paid their 'retro or adjustment in the Spring, only to have to make another payment in early June to match competitors. Price adjustments are a dark art and there is no set formula as it relates to the sale of the pack."

## Fish on!

Salmon numbers continue to trickle in but Alaska's total catch won't add up to much more than 114 million fish, about 85 percent of what state managers predicted for the 2020 season. Of that, over 45 million are sockeyes and 58 million are pinks. Landings of just over two million cohos are the lowest since the mid-

1970s and a chum salmon harvest of just under 8 million is the weakest since 1979. Chinook volumes also are well below historical levels.

The preliminary value of Bristol Bay's 40.7 million salmon catch, nearly all sockeyes, is \$140.7 million, ranking ninth in the last 20 years. That doesn't include any post-season price bonuses. As always, there is a lot of fishing action going on after salmon.

At Southeast Alaska, beam trawlers are back on the water targeting 650,000 pounds of pink and sidestripe shrimp in a third opener. Southeast's Dungeness season reopened on October 1 and a few million pounds are likely to come out of that fishery. There will again be no opener for red or blue king crab due to low abundances.

On October 5, a hundred or more divers also could be heading down for over 1.7 million pounds of red sea cucumbers. A catch of just under three million pounds of sea urchins also is up for grabs, but there may be a lack of buyers. Southeast divers also are targeting giant geoduck clams.

At Prince William Sound, a 15,000-pound test fishery is underway for golden king crabs through October; likewise, a nearly seven million pound golden king crab fishery is ongoing along the Aleutian Islands.

Kodiak crabbers have pulled up more than 2.3 million pounds of Dungeness crab so far with a few weeks left to go in the season. A sea cucumber fishery opened at Kodiak on October 1 with a 130,000-pound limit.

Halibut landings were approaching 13 million pounds, or 79 percent of the 16-million pound catch limit. Homer, Kodiak and Seward are the top ports for landings.

For sablefish (black cod), the

catch was nearing 17 million pounds, or 52 percent of the nearly 32 million pound quota. Seward, Kodiak, Sitka and Dutch Harbor were getting the most deliveries.

Both of those fisheries end in early November.

The Bering Sea pollock fishery closes on November 1. Alaska pollock is the nation's top food fishery and the Bering Sea will produce over 3 billion pounds again this year. And as always, fisheries for cod, flounders, rockfish and much more are ongoing in the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska.

Finally, the state Board of Fisheries has accepted 275 proposals to address at its as yet undetermined meetings on Prince William Sound and Southeast subsistence, commercial, sport and personal use fisheries and statewide shellfish. Meeting dates have been bumped from this winter to sometime next year due to COVID-19 constraints.

The board will consider new meeting dates at an October 15-16 virtual work session.

## Halibut survey success

A "resounding success" is how scientists summed up this summer's Pacific halibut survey despite it being shortened and scaled down a bit due to coronavirus constraints. The so-called fishery-independent setline survey (FISS) uses standardized methods to track population trends in the Pacific halibut stock, which ranges from the west coast and British Columbia to the far reaches of the Bering Sea.

For two months this summer 11 longline vessels (down from the usual 17) took halibut survey experts aboard to fish at 898 stations, down 30 percent from the planned 1,283. The foregone areas were waters off California, Oregon and Washington. Survey areas in the Bering Sea near

the Pribilofs also were cut, along with stations at the Aleutian Islands near Unalaska and Adak.

"We also thinned out a little bit in the Western Gulf of Alaska, and we also removed the stations off Vancouver Island," said David Wilson, executive director of the International Pacific Halibut Commission which oversees the stock for the U.S. and Canada.

Still, Wilson said roughly 70% of the Pacific halibut biomass was sampled overall and 100% in the core areas of the central Gulf, Southeast Alaska and northern British Columbia

"Normally we would have done a thinner sampling in those areas but to ensure that we had enough samples coming out we went for 100 percent in those areas," he explained, calling it the "most data-rich setline-survey in the IPHC's 97-year history."

The halibut that are caught during the survey are sold to cover the cost of the operation. Wilson said the poundage and prices will be revealed next month at the IPHC interim meeting. "The key thing is that we were able to meet both our scientific requirements and also maintain our economic goal of revenue neutrality," he said

The November 18-19 meetings, which will be held online, also will provide a first glimpse at how the halibut stocks are holding up.

"The interim meeting is usually an information sharing meeting for stakeholders where we present the preliminary stock assessments and the outcomes of other research activity. We also put out some of the regulatory proposals we will be considering at the annual meeting," Wilson said.

Halibut catch limits and other regulations will be revealed in late January.

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The effort is not politically motivated, according to Kloster, and is not about bolstering the voice of a particular party. "It's not about who you vote for, but about getting the vote out and being informed," said Kloster. The job of elected officials is to represent the people, and when individuals do not vote, someone else makes that decision, she added. Kloster emphasized that voting and "getting everyone's voice heard" is a priority of the organization yearround, not just during election seasons and years.

Mailing out ballot applications is one way to increase voter access, but Kloster said that NPACF also advocates for longer term solutions by advocating for policies that allow equal access to voting. They run a get out the vote program and encourage voting in different ways, including starting a hotline and compiling information online and in videos laying out when, where and how to vote.

Kloster said that there is potential for the organization to mail out ballot applications in future elections, but this depends on whether or not Alaskans find the initiative helpful. For example, it is possible that in future elections the DOE will automatically mail absentee ballot applications to all voters

Alaska Division of Elections spokesperson Tiffany Montemayor said that the DOE does not stop organizations from sending out absentee ballot applications. It is not unheard of for organizations other than the DOE to mail out ballot applications, according to Montemayor. She said that the DOE will review the application for accuracy upon the organization's request, which the division appreciates doing. 'Helping to get out the vote is a good thing. The Division of Elections wants every Alaskan voter's voice to be heard," Montemayor said, but adds that, "We do want voters to know that they only have to apply once and that those applications are not coming from our office."

Notice of Intent to Adopt Revised Rates for Pilotage Services Western Alaska, Region Three As Per AS 08.62.046

The Alaska Marine Pilots, LLC (AMP), hereby publishes the following rates for Western Alaska, effective January 1, 2021.

Description	Published Rate Provision	2021 Published Rate (CPI 1.40%)
Port Charges		
Dutch Harbor, Unalaska Bay, Iliuliuk Harbor, Captains Bay	1.b.I	\$2,730.69
Industrial Outports: Adak, Barrow, Balboa Bay, Cold Bay,	1.b.II	\$2,695.72
Kivalina, Kotzebue, Nome, Port Clarence		
Fishing Outports: Akutan, Atka, Chignik, Clarks Point, False Pass,	1.b.III	\$2,450.64
Naknek, Norton Sound, Port Moller, Sand Pt, St Paul, Togiak		
Unlisted Outports:	1.b.IV	\$2,450.64
Inner Harbor Charges		
Dutch Harbor / Captains Bay	1.c.I	\$1,720.33
Industrial Outports	1.c.II	\$1,698.31
Fishing Outports	1.c.III	\$1,543.91
Unlisted Outports	1.c.IV	\$1,543.91
Gross Tonnage		
Gross tonnage between 14,000 and 50,000	1.f.II	\$0.0608
Gross tonnage greater than 50,000 an additional	1.f.III	\$0.0897
Other Provisions		
Hourly Rate	2.b	\$229.95
Daily Rate	2.b	\$2,759.40
West of Cape Cheerful or North of Bering Straits	2.c	\$3,786.68
Cruise Ship or Non-Commercial Yacht	2.d	\$4,274.47
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