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Monofill moving forward next week

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

Construction of a designated monofill site to store treated soil from a contaminated site cleanup will begin next week, after nine months' delay.

To be interred at a state-owned rock pit off Pats Creek Road, the site will house around 18,500 cubic yards of earth pulled from the former Byford junkyard property along Zimovia Highway's 4-mile stretch. During 2016 the Department of Environmental Conservation led efforts to remediate the disused junkyard, which had extensive contamination after decades of battery and junk vehicle storage.

The scale of the project exceeded expectations as further debris was found buried on the property. By the time the first phase of the cleanup was completed, DEC reported the price-tag had been about \$6 million. The state agency had stepped in with its emergency response funding after Environmental Protection Agency sources initially earmarked for the cleanup were diverted to the Gold King mine spill in Colorado.

Sixty-two containers of the most heavily contaminated debris and soil were removed from the island for disposal elsewhere, while the remaining soil had varying degrees of lead contamination. It was treated with a phosphate-based compound called EcoBond, which chemically stabilizes the lead to drastically reduce its ability to leach out. Already over-budget, instead of removing the soil by barge DEC decided to have it interred on Wrangell Island.

Of the site options available, engineers selected Rock Pit #2, owned by the Department of Natural Resources. But due to its proximity to Pats Creek - 0.2 miles - a popular fishing and recreation site along with nearby Pats Lake, local concerns prompted a delay of the monofill's construction, set to begin last August.

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PHOTO BY DAN RUDY

Lifting off

A bald eagle takes flight from its perch in the middle of the Stikine River last Wednesday. The eagles are among the tens of thousands of birds to be found along the river at this time of year, after the ice coverage has broken and returning fish are easy prey.

Nine return from Close Up trip to DC and NYC

By DAN RUDY
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Wrangell high schoolers participating in this year's Close Up trip to Washington D.C. and New York City returned on Monday, after spending more than a week on the East Coast.

Taking off on the evening of April 21, nine students traveled with advisor Sarah Merritt to the nation's capital. The intent of the Close Up program is to educate young Americans on their political system, informing them of their rights and civic responsibilities in the process.

As with previous years, the trip is punctuated with sightseeing, getting to view many of the two cities' great landmarks and monuments. Merritt said one thing that was new this year was a moonlight monument tour of D.C. by trolley. Among the nighttime stops were the monuments to Martin Luther King Jr., Abraham Lincoln, George Washington and Franklin De-

lano Roosevelt, and the Korean and Vietnam war memorials.

"They're all lit up," Merritt said. "It's a different perspective to see them at night than during the day."

The students also got to meet with their legislators on Capitol Hill, meeting with Sen. Lisa Murkowski, Sen. Dan Sullivan and Rep. Don Young. They had the opportunity to speak with each on current topics relevant to Alaskans, such as climate change, gun control and sea otter management.

"Those were some of the things they touched on," said Merritt. "It went great."

Also new on this year's agenda was a tour of the J. Edgar Hoover Building, headquarters to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The group also visited the Holocaust Museum, one which Merritt includes on every year's itinerary.

Among the students' list of favorite places: In Washington

Tasha Massin enjoyed the National Zoo, while in New York she liked Times Square the best; Kellan Eagle appreciated the FBI tour, while in New York it was Central Park; Kaylyn Easterly was a fan of the Smithsonian's American History Museum in Washington, while the top of the Rockefeller Center topped her list for things to do in New York; Jean-Luc Lewis couldn't pick a favorite between the different Smithsonian museums, and in New York enjoyed visiting Ellis Island, a waypoint for over 12 million immigrants during its 62-year run; Jacob Hammer enjoyed the moonlight monuments tour best in D.C., but in New York the ferry ride to Liberty Island was his favorite; Helen Decker's favorite aspects of the trip were not places, but atmospheric, she enjoyed engaging in the political discussions in Washington, and was struck by New York City's diversity; Abby Gerald most appreciated visiting



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY SARAH MERRITT

Seated on the steps outside of the Supreme Court in Washington D.C. last week are nine Wrangell High School students. From left to right, in the back are Helen Decker, Jean-Luc Lewis, Ashley Allen, Kaylyn Easterly and Jacob Hammer; the next row is Abby Armstrong, Kellan Eagle, Tasha Massin and Abigail Gerald; while in front are Tiffany Merritt visiting with her mother, Sarah Merritt, who was the group's chaperone.

the Holocaust Museum and New York's 9/11 Memorial; and for Ashley Allen, the U-Street

District in northwestern Washington D.C. and Times Square were her highlights.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

The Sentinel extends its best wishes to the persons listed on the Wrangell Chamber of Commerce Community Scholarship Birthday Calendar.

Thursday, May 3: Lauren Taylor-Gillen, Brandon Kenfield, Steve Keller, Lenora Moore. *Anniversary:* Elmer and Pat Mork.
Friday, May 4: Kevin Young, Harley Ann Anderson, Kendri Cesar, Keith Young, Zachary Atkins, Phebe Garcia. **Saturday, May 5:** James George, Lois Powell, Yenell Cummings. **Sunday, May 6:** Maylee Haggard, Kathy Appleman, Anita Paulsen, Kaylyn Easterly. *Anniversary:* Joshua and Dacee Gustafson, Mitch and Emilie Turner. **Monday, May 7:** Kelly Westerlund, Halee Dawn Mathis, Andrea Wilborn, Kim Reading, John T. Byrd, Kayleigh Reading. **Tuesday, May 8:** Wess Strasburger, Catherine Mathis, Julie Decker, Shelley Powers, Lynne Campbell. **Wednesday, May 9:** Tillie Bainter, Hannah Crayne, Iver P Nore, Carrie Wallace. **Thursday, May 10:** Ann Schnell, Alesha Jabusch, Helen Decker, George Benson, Jeff Wiederspohn, Waka Brown, Russell Shilts. *Anniversary:* Karl and Adrian Kohrt.

If you would like to add a birthday or anniversary at no charge please call the Sentinel at 874-2301.

Senior Center Menu

Thursday, May 3

Sloppy Joes, Texas coleslaw, potato salad, bun

Friday, May 4

Chicken adobo, broccoli, Danish salad, rice

Monday, May 7

Open face turkey, peas, spinach salad, mashed potatoes and gravy

Tuesday, May 8

Meat loaf, brussels sprouts, apricot salad, rice

Wednesday, May 9

Baked white fish, beets with orange sauce, tossed salad, curry rice pilaf

Thursday, May 10

Crispy chicken, steamed spinach, fruit slaw, boiled baby red potatoes

Please call Wrangell Senior Center at 874-2066 by 10 a.m. for reservations. Milk, tea and coffee will be served with meals.

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Departures

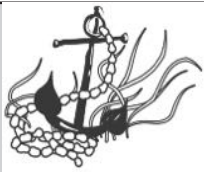
Northbound

Saturday, May 5
Malaspina 1:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 6
Columbia 4:45 p.m.
Tuesday, May 8
Malaspina 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 12
Malaspina 8:00 a.m.

Southbound

Monday, May 7
Malaspina 8:45 a.m.
Wednesday, May 9
Columbia 8:15 a.m.
Thursday, May 10
Malaspina 11:30 p.m.
Monday, May 14
Malaspina 4:15 a.m.

Arrival times may vary. Call 874-2021 for verification or call 874-3711 for recorded information.



TIDES May 3 - May 10

	High Tides		Low Tides		AM		PM	
	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft
May 3	3:20	16.4	4:12	14.1	9:38	-0.6	9:37	3.8
May 4	3:52	15.4	4:52	13.2	10:15	0.2	10:15	4.7
May 5	4:28	14.4	5:39	12.4	10:56	1.1	11:00	5.5
May 6	5:10	13.4	6:39	11.9	11:44	2.0	11:57	6.1
May 7	6:09	12.4	7:51	11.9	12:42	2.7
May 8	7:30	11.9	8:59	12.4	1:10	6.3	1:48	3.0
May 9	8:54	12.0	9:54	13.4	2:31	5.8	2:56	3.0
May 10	10:00	12.7	10:39	14.5	3:44	4.7	3:57	2.6

Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

Monday, May 7

DEC Public Open House: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Nolan Community Center, in the Civic Center room. Discussing Wrangell Monofill project.

School Board Work Session: 6:30pm - 7:30pm, Evergreen Elementary School.

IS THE ATTENDANCE AT YOUR MEETING OR EVENT LOW?

SEND INFORMATION FOR ROUNDUP TO WRGSENT@GMAIL.COM OR CALL 874-2301.

Continuing Events

PARKS & REC ACTIVITIES: Mid-day closure: M-F 1:30-3:30 p.m. Closed Sunday

Pool:

Arthritis Foundation Exercise Class:

M-W-F 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Water Aerobics:

M-W-F 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Lap Swim:

M-W-F 6:00-7:30 a.m. MTWThF 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

TuTh 5:15-6:15 p.m. Sa 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

2 Lane Lap Swim:

M-W-F 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Lap/Tot Swim:

MTWThF 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. S 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Swim Club:

M-F 3:15-5:15 p.m.

Open Swim:

M-W 5:30-7:00 p.m. F 6:30-8:00 p.m. S 1:00-2:00 p.m. **Weight Room:**

M-Thu 6:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 3:30-7:30 p.m. F 6:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 3:30-8:30 p.m.

S 10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

MEETINGS

AA Meetings: Smoked Fish Fri 8 p.m.; Step Study Sat. 7 p.m. at the Episcopal Church Parish Hall, Study Materials provided.

The Way We Were

In the Sentinel 100, 75, 50 and 25 years ago.

May 2, 1918

Hon. P.C. McCormack is today circulating a petition to the Postmaster General that the Humboldt Steamship Company be awarded a mail contract. Considering that the present mail service is so very irregular it is earnestly hoped that the steamer Humboldt will be added to the small list of vessels carrying mail between Seattle and Alaska. The large number of cablegrams sent from Wrangell each week at a heavy expense would be reduced more than half if Wrangell had a regular mail service.

April 30, 1943

Edmonton Brig. Gen. O'Conner, head of the Northwest Service Command, declared in an interview this week that traffic conditions on the Alaska Highway are surprisingly good for this time of the year and reiterated previous statements that completion of the highway is planned for the coming season. The road will be graveled but not oiled or asphalted, he said. The spring break-up carried out five or six bridges on the highway, including temporary spans across the Peace River near Fort St. John.

May 2, 1968

The hunting season on seal closed in the Panhandle yesterday. Closing at the same time was the ptarmigan and snowshoe hare seasons, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game reminded hunters. Seal skins being shipped from the state must be accompanied by a fur

export permit, as do all pelts of fur animals. These permits are available free of charge at post offices and Fish and Game offices. As warmer weather approaches most hunting seasons come to a close. However, brown bear, black bear, wolf, squirrel, and blue grouse provide the Panhandle with a variety of spring hunting. Hunters may consult their game regulations for particulars on these species before heading afield.

April 29, 1993

It was announced in the April 27 edition of the newspaper that Bob Hatting and Linda Langdok would become the new publishers effective May 1. Hatting and Langdok decided not to conclude the agreement, and the Wrangell Sentinel stays under the ownership of Alvin Bunch and Ann Kirkwood.

Castle Mountain Entertainment Upcoming Events/Movies

May 4-6 no movie (Prom 5/5)

May 11-13 no movie

Coming Soon; Rampage, Avengers Infinity War

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Movie info: www.imdb.com

Wrangell Weather

Date	High	Low
Apr. 23	46	42
Apr. 24	48	41
Apr. 25	51	41
Apr. 26	57	39
Apr. 27	52	42
Apr. 28	51	36
Apr. 29	53	34
Apr. 30	46	39

Daylight Hours

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
May 03	5:02 am	8:29 pm	15:27h
May 04	5:00 am	8:31 pm	15:31h
May 05	4:57 am	8:33 pm	15:36h
May 06	4:55 am	8:35 pm	15:40h
May 07	4:53 am	8:37 pm	15:44h
May 08	4:51 am	8:39 pm	15:48h
May 09	4:49 am	8:41 pm	15:52h
May 10	4:47 am	8:43 pm	15:56h

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Abandoned carmageddon in neutral as city weighs options

By DAN RUDY
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The city is inching toward a planned purge of the island's abandoned vehicles and assorted clutter.

The unsightly problem has been a longstanding issue in public parking spaces such as at Shoemaker Bay Harbor, with unroadworthy vehicles left there to the elements. But under municipal code junk vehicles on private property are also not allowed, and the rule extends to other collections on display deemed to be a "nuisance" by authorities. This means disused vehicles like cars and boats, rusting piles of scrap or broken equipment, and other items.

The City and Borough Assembly touched on the issue last September and in December, tasking city manager Lisa Von Barga with raising its importance on her list of priorities. To that end, Public Works had offered incentives for scrap metal disposal and other dumping, and letters had been dispatched to 20 property owners out of compliance with municipal code and zoning.

The assembly's stated intent was to see action by the beginning of May, and at last week's meeting raised the issue again.

"We have given people six to eight months to work on this," member Stephen Prysunka noted. "We offered free dump times. We've gone above and beyond, and I think we need to go out and start enforcing it."

With experience in similar matters from her time in Valdez, Von Barga has been reviewing the city's resources and legal options, and is putting together some recommended actions. She will have a report ready for the assembly at its May 8 meeting.

"I wouldn't say it's on hold," Von Barga explained. "It's a far more involved process than people realize."

For one thing, she has identified some issues with Wrangell's code itself, such as an abatement process not being clearly defined. Also, city employees cannot simply move in onto private property and clear out clutter, she explained. Depending on how far the matter goes, injunctive authority to intervene can be sought through court order. But

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- Lisa Von Barga,
City Manager

that process takes time and expense, not to mention the unpleasantness it may bring about.

Chief Doug McCloskey of the Wrangell Police Department explained another enforcement issue with regards to junk vehicles is determining ownership, and whether the vehicle has actually been abandoned. In the case of parking lots, he said it helps when the managing department identifies which vehicles or items have been left behind for too long. They will then try to notify the owners, once determined.

"Then we'll start issuing citations and making impound-

ments," he said.

There are two considerations driving this particular initiative, Von Barga explained. One is heading off issues with contamination, particularly as the Byford junkyard cleanup finally gets put to rest (see monofill story). While not expecting issues near to the same scale as that, she noted that a number of the island's properties have become repositories for old vehicles, engines and parts. If not properly drained and prepared for disposal, these pose contamination issues of their own to the immediate neighborhood.

The other consideration is tourism, with the sector being a growing contributor to Wrangell's economy. While sights like the Anan Wildlife Observatory and the Stikine River draw in visitors each year, the town's ap-

pearance is something they also factor in to their overall experience.

However, the push is not limited to private property owners, and Von Barga said city staff will be focusing on making sure its own facilities are up to standard as well.

Prysunka was expecting Von Barga's recommendations to take a phased approach to the wider cleanup, focusing on a few offenders at a time.

"I think that's a really good approach," he conceded. Of the members on the assembly, he has been the most vocal about the issue, and hoped to see some action taken sooner rather than later.

"I hate it when we say we're going to do something and we don't do anything," he said.

Court report

April 24

Anthony Free Guggenbickler, 21, appeared before First District Court Judge Kevin Miller on the charge of Assault in the 4th Degree. He pleaded guilty to the count, while a charge of Criminal Trespass 1 was dismissed by prosecution. He was sentenced to serve 90 days with 85 suspended, with credit for time served. Guggenbickler was also ordered to undertake anger management counseling, and pay \$200 in surcharges with \$100 suspended. He has been placed on probation for one year, and has been instructed to pen a letter of apology to the aggrieved. For a separate plea of no contest to a count of Criminal Mischief 5, Guggenbickler was found to have violated conditions of probation and is ordered to pay \$350 in fines and surcharges.

Wilson Tylor Boon, 29, appeared before First District Court Judge Kevin Miller on the charge of Criminal Mischief 4 - Property Damage \$250-749. The defendant pleaded guilty to the misdemeanor count and was committed to serve 30 days suspended. Boon was ordered to participate and complete a treatment program and pay costs, and to pay \$200 in surcharges with \$100 suspended. He has been placed on probation for one year. In a separate ruling, Boon pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor count each of Violate Protective Order and Violated Condition of Release. A further charge of Unlawful Contact 1 and two counts of Violate Conditions of Release were dismissed by the prosecution. For this Boon was ordered to serve 35 days with 30 suspended, and to pay \$200 in surcharges with \$100 suspended.

Police report

Monday, April 23

Trespassing/Harassment.
Agency assist: Ambulance requested.
Turned in unwanted gun.
Paper service.
DV order.
Eviction order.
Arrested: Wilson Boon, 29: Charges of Violation of DVO.

Tuesday, April 24

Citation issued: Cooper Seimears, 32: Operating vehicle with expired registration and verbal warning for driving habits.
Welfare check.

Wednesday, April 25

OTC paper served.
Agency assist: Public Works.
Civil standby requested.

Thursday, April 26

Agency assist.
Agency assist: Fire Department.
Summons served.
Agency assist: Fire Department.
Catering permit.

Vandalized vehicle: Unfounded.

Friday, April 27

Traffic stop: Verbal warning for faulty equipment.
Citizen report of intoxicated person: Unfounded.
Agency assist: Alarm.
Open premise: Owners closed door.
Agency assist: Theft.
Agency assist: SEARHC.
Agency assist: Unattended luggage.
Summons service.

Saturday, April 28

Agency assist: Alarm.
20 Day ex parte denied.
Hazardous play.
Abandoned Vehicle.
Suspicious circumstance.

Sunday, April 29

Suspicious circumstance.
Report of theft.

During this reporting period there were 2 EMS callouts.

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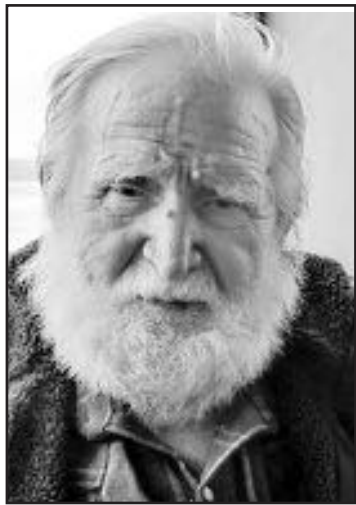
Obituary: Jack Hoover, 89

Jack Hoover, 89, passed away on March 25, 2018 in Wrangell, Alaska.

He was born on June 30, 1928 in Cheyenne, Wyoming to Clark Hoover and Anna Mae Gilmore.

He spent his years on Wrangell working as a timber faller before retiring to live life at his own pace with his family and his beloved dogs. His love of fishing and hunting kept him young at heart as well as his growing family.

He is survived by: his sister, June Hoselton (M. Arnie), Arizona; sons Bill (Tammy),



Jack Hoover

Ken (Kim), and Steve (Kathy); nephews Donald and Charlie Johnson; grandchildren, Deana Hoover, Kelsey Hoover, Chris Hoover, Erich Hoover, Linnea Hoover, George Hair, Megan Hair, Georgia Hair, Stephanie Hair, Jay Hair, Dave Zeibert Jr, Kreig Zeibert, Dave Zeibert III, Mary Gallington, and Kaylee Gallington; and great grandchildren, Dylan, Brad, and Skylar Hoover.

Jack's outdoor enthusiasm embodied the true Alaskan spirit and will truly be missed by all.

HARRY S. SUNDBERG LORENE (SKIP) HENDERSON REMEMBRANCE

The families of Harry and Skip will meet in Wrangell **May 11-12** to remember them and spread ashes.

Their friends are invited to join the families to say hello and share memories at **The Wrangell Elks Club** **Friday, May 11, 4 pm**



Happy Anniversary
25 and Counting!

Wrangell Sentinel named Best Weekly; Pilot awarded for editorial & court reporting

The Wrangell Sentinel and the Petersburg Pilot each received two awards from the Alaska Press Club for work completed in 2017.

The Wrangell Sentinel was honored with a third place for Best Weekly. The judge commented, "This newspaper has strong writing, a plus in my book. Bravo!" Reporter Dan Rudy is responsible for nearly all local stories appearing in the Sentinel.

Rudy placed third with a story about Wrangell's economy from November 30, relating to sales tax revenues. The judge commented, "Jam-packed full of information to help readers under-

stand what's happening in their economy."

Sentinel and Pilot publisher Ron Loesch received two awards.

Second place was for a story published on Sept. 7 about local attorney Fred Triem representing his client for months following her demise. Judges noted in part: "A grim tale from which the reader reaps great benefit. A fascinating case well worth the front page for complexity and original subject matter..."

Placing third was an editorial which appeared in the July 6 edition by Loesch citing the need for an

experienced electrical superintendent to be hired by the borough, to replace the former superintendent. Judges stated, "Revealing and compelling, this story pulls back the curtain on local politics, offering some cogent insight and color."

Wrangell's golf roundup

In Muskeg Meadows' first weekend tournament of the year, the annual Angerman's Golf Tournament saw 16 participants in its first nine-hole round on Saturday, with 18 participants on Sunday.

The tourney was set up for teams, with the "best ball" or lie determining the group's pace. On Saturday, with a net score of 19 and a team handicap of 16, Grove Mathis, Wayne and Kathleen Harding, and Brian Smith took first place. In second with a score of 22 and handicap of 17, were Faye Kohrt, Wayne and Chris Ellis, and Eric Kading.

Nate Johnson had the straightest drive of the day at the designated hole, only three feet off. Brett Woodbury came closest to its pin, at 19 feet and two inches.

The next day, George and Brett Woodbury, Jimmy Bogen and Jerry Bakeburg made up the winning team, with a net score of 19 and a handicap of 12. In second place, Nate Johnson, Matt Houser and Grover Mathis ended up with 21 points, with a handicap of 16. George Woodbury had the straightest drive, at 18 feet.

This weekend will be another nine-hole best ball tournament, sponsored by Bobs' IGA. Sign in starts Saturday at 9 a.m., with tee time an hour afterward.

2017 Alaska Press Club Awards



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-Judge's Comment



Best Business Reporting 3rd Place - Dan Rudy
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Citizen science a push of this year's bird festival



PHOTO BY DAN RUDY

A tree of migratory bird sculptures Ms. Wilson's first grade class assembled from navigational charts adorns one of the Nolan Center's meeting rooms during the Stikine River Birding Festival last weekend, one of several displays put on by students. Through the preceding week visiting artist Evon Zerbetz assisted all the grades at Evergreen Elementary School, in addition to leading an adult linocut class in the evenings. A children's book illustrator as well, Zerbetz has offered to donate 20 percent of all sales on her website at www.evonzerbetz.com that originate from Wrangell to the local school, through May 11. Any funds received would go toward special student assemblies and events.

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

At last week's 21st annual Stikine River Birding Festival, increasing public involvement in conservation efforts was a strong theme.

The festival's focus always centers around the diverse bird species found around Wrangell and the Stikine River, highlighting different ways for residents and visitors alike to understand and enjoy them. From birdwatching to outdoor photography, using them thematic in the arts or enticing birds to backyards with self-built houses and feeders, the birding festival encourages a wide array of activities.

One of the themes this year was citizen science, a means of enlisting interested amateurs to collect data primarily useful to researchers. Among the four-day event's keynote speakers was Julia Parrish, a professor at the University of Washington since 1990.

"I've worked in Alaska that whole time as well," she told her audience at the Nolan Center last Friday.

Parrish's big project is the Coastal Observation and Seabird Survey Team (COASST), which for the past 17 years has trained residents along the Pacific coast to collect information on seabirds that allow her team of researchers to more accurately gauge the populations of different species. It first started as a way to provide a baseline against which the effects of an oil spill could be assessed, but has since branched out to assist in a variety of issues, from climate change to harmful algal blooms.

"It's a bird program, but with a twist," Parrish said. "In this program we teach people to go collect data on dead seabirds."



PHOTO BY DAN RUDY

Ecologist Julia Parrish walks her audience through the mortality characteristics of the common murre during her talk for the Stikine River Birding Festival last Friday.

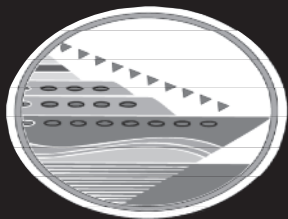
So why deceased birds? She explained dead birds pose several benefits to researchers, for one being their ease of being observed. ("They're dead!" Parrish said.)

To understand how that helps, Parrish first laid out four key points to take away

about seabirds.

One is that they live a long time, relative to other avians. For instance, the common murre - a common sight along the Alaskan Pacific Coast - tends to live from

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2018 WRANGELL PORT SCHEDULE



Arrival Date	Departure Date	Ship Name	Arrival Date	Departure Date	Ship Name	Arrival Date	Departure Date	Ship Name
May 09	May 09	Wilderness Explorer	July 06	July 06	Seabourn Sojourn	Aug. 31	Aug. 31	Silver Explorer
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Bird festival

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20 to 25 years. Gulls can live anywhere from 15 to 40 years, while the albatross leads about as long a life as a human, between 50 and 70 years.

"People are just now getting to the life length of an albatross," Parrish noted.

Seabirds also expend a great amount of time and effort into reproduction, tending only to raise one chick per year. Raising the next generation takes the effort of both parents, who split duties minding and feeding their young. Parents tend to lose quite a bit of weight during the process.

Parrish also pointed out that seabirds tend to have wide ranges through the year, flying long distances between seasons. Citing a figure that the average American travels 250 miles each year for vacation, she contrasted this with the northern fulmar, which can travel about 15,000 miles in a given year. At under two pounds, the sooty shearwater surpasses all others by making its rounds over 40,000 miles.

"Every single sooty shearwater in the world is like an Alaska Airlines Platinum member," Parrish joked.

The last titbit about seabirds she had to share was about their shapes, which can be informative about their activities and range. For example, open ocean-going birds are distinguishable by their long, thin wings, while coastal shelf dwellers like the puffin are "football-shaped." Those subsist-



PHOTO BY DAN RUDY

Entitled "The Flock," Chris Ellis' quilt won first place for adult art pieces submitted to this year's Stikine River Birding Festival. Other categories included children's art and photography, and entries were put on display inside the Nolan Center over the course of the weekend.

ing closer to shore are shaped somewhere in between, and have legs and feet suitable to walking.

Taken together, these points illustrate that the corpses of these generally migratory seabird species are often found at particular places at particular times of year. When and where they show up and in what frequency can often yield information about how the population as a whole is faring, which can be

quite useful for species that spend most of their time at sea.

What death teaches can at times seem counterintuitive. With murres, for example, Parrish explained that during the breeding season the presence of more dead adults along the beaches than usual indicates a rough year for breeding. A larger number of dead chicks, conversely, is a good sign, and corresponds with high reproductive years.

After 17 years of collecting data on various species, the COASST researchers are able to develop an average frequency for how many birds tend to die, and when. Postmortem examinations can indicate whether the cause is natural or bacterial in nature, or else hastened by parasites or plastics. In the instance of abnormally large die-off events, other environmental factors can be at play.

In the winter of 2015/16, for example, Alaska had an alarming die-off of common murres, up to 1,000 times greater than normal and for a nine-month

stretch. What seemed to be at the root of the problem was emaciation.

"These birds couldn't get enough to eat," Parrish recalled.

Flustered and hungry, they would work their way to shore before dying in great numbers. Of an estimated population of 3,000,000 in Alaska, around 700,000 of the birds died that year. At the same time, the Gulf of Alaska had been experiencing its unusually warm "blob" of water temperatures, which lingered on for several seasons.

"This warm water brought a different ecosystem with it," Parrish said, which in turn affected the food sources murres and other species rely upon. The marine heatwave did not just impact avians, but is thought to have been behind the recent decline in king salmon stock as well.

Troublingly, die-off events such as that seen among murres have been happening with increasing frequency as marine temperatures incrementally

rise. "This gives us a window into the future," she said.

One of the benefits of citizen science programs like COASST is about connecting people to such developments, bringing them closer to home in a sense. The program also encourages participants to consider things in a more scientific light, seeing patterns and drawing hypotheses from there. From its site, COASST recognizes citizens of coastal communities as essential scientific partners in monitoring marine ecosystem health. By collaborating together with natural resource management agencies and environmental organizations, the program works to translate long-term monitoring into effective marine conservation solutions.

To find out more about the program, check out its webpage at <http://depts.washington.edu/coasst/>.

USCG to conduct free commercial fishing vessel dockside exams

The Coast Guard Commercial Fishing Vessel Examiner will be conducting free courtesy dockside exams in Wrangell from May 14-17. Fishermen interested, should contact Jim Paul at 907-617-2523 in Ketchikan.

The new vessel specific checklist generator located at www.fishsafewest.info is a useful tool that provides a detailed list of fishing vessel requirements tailored to the fishing vessel.

Mandatory exams are required for all commercial fishing vessels that operate beyond three miles from shore. No tickets will be issued.

The U.S. Coast Guard Navigation Center (NAVCEN) discovered numerous vessels broadcasting incorrect Automatic Identification Systems (AIS) data in violation of federal regulations, if not corrected they may issue civil penalties. Take the time to verify your vessel's AIS broadcast information at <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/aisSearch/>.

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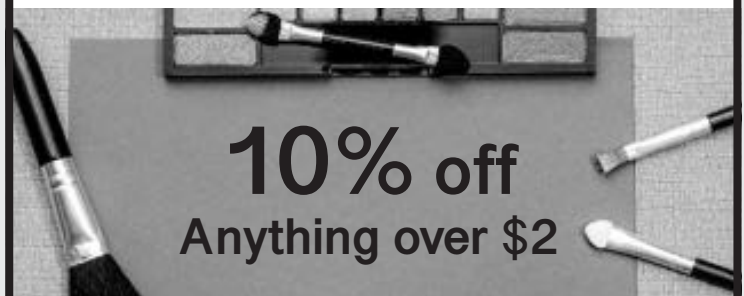
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Alaska Fish Factor

By LAINE WELCH
Fisheries columnist

The biggest project focuses on research to help determine the causes of declining Chinook salmon

A shuffle in some funding leaves Alaska's commercial fisheries division in good shape to manage the resources and target important projects across the state.

At first glance, the \$69 million operating budget for FY19 appears to be down slightly from last year's \$72.3 million but that's not the case.

"Most of that difference is a sort of 'cleanup' in authority we no longer had funding for, such as the Alaska Sustainable Salmon Fund, test fishing and some interagency items. The rest is due to \$1.1 million shortfall in Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission revenue which was made up from other Department funds," said Scott Kelley, commfish division director.

Added to the budget was a nearly one million dollar unrestricted increment offered by Representative Dan Ortiz of Ketchikan, which got the nod from Alaska lawmakers.

The extra money will be distributed among 11 projects in four regions - Southeast, Central, Westward and the AYK (Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim).

The biggest project focuses on research to help determine the causes of declining Chinook salmon.

"It's a \$300,000 project for a juvenile Chinook marine survey in the Bering Sea," Kelley said. "Almost the first thing I get asked at meetings around the state is what's going on with king salmon. That project looks at the early marine survival which is where we think these mortality events are most affecting the species. It's the only project in the state that really gives us a first look at what's going on there."

Other projects back on the funding track include Southeast and Togiak herring research, westward salmon weirs, Southeast sablefish research and Prince William Sound Tanner crab.

One thing cut from the commfish budget was nearly \$400,000 for unpopular test fishing programs, where portions of fishermen's catches are used to help cover management costs.

"We don't need to test fish because we got the general funds. I view that as a very positive development," Kelley said.

The entire state budget still awaits final approval but Kelley expressed confidence in a good outcome, thanks in part to Governor Walker.

"I do believe that the governor is strongly supportive, not just of the commercial fisheries division but for the Department of Fish and Game in general," he said.

Kelley also praised United Fishermen of Alaska and other

fishing stakeholders for going to bat for their industry during the legislative session.

"Their advocating has been extremely beneficial for the division and greatly appreciated," Kelley said.

Crab share shuffle - It's slow going for brokers who deal in quota shares for crab in Bering Sea fisheries. Most holders are taking a wait and see approach on the crab stocks, hoping for an uptick before they sell.

Few sellers make it tough to place a value on the shares, said Jeff Osborn at Dock Street Brokers in Seattle, the "go to guy" for crab quotas.

"Red crab is down from around \$70 to between \$60 and \$65 per pound," Osborn said. "For opilio (snow crab) it's hard to say because there are no sellers to speak of. For vessel shares, I'll speculate somewhere in the \$27 to \$28 range. For bairdi Tanners, people see a lot of crab but nobody really knows what to expect for next season so everyone is gun shy on sales."

Crab shares are bought and sold in two categories: vessel shares and skipper shares.

"Skipper shares are reserved for people who are actively fishing on crab boats," he explained. "You have to have participated in the crab fishery in the past 365 days to purchase those shares. Vessel shares are much more lenient and can be held by a qualified entity, corporation or business regardless of recent participation."

On the skipper side, Osborn said crabbers face a looming 'use it or lose it' deadline.

"Basically, there needs to be participation in the crab fishery or another Alaska fishery within the past three years if you are an initial quota share recipient. Otherwise, effective June 30 for the upcoming season they will not receive any quota to harvest. And then if they still have not satisfied the recency requirement by June 30, 2019, they will lose their quota share, it will just go away," Osborn said.

Why?

"It's to ensure that those who own skipper shares are actually participating and not accumulating it and leasing it out and collecting a check and depriving the market of shares that could be used by guys that are actively participating," he said.

Osborn estimates between 100-120 crabbers have transfer eligibility for skipper quota but many could lose it under the new rules.

Another Right of First Offer option, or ROFO, also makes crab shares available to crew to help them become invested in the fishery.

"The intention of the ROFO is to set aside 10 percent of any

transaction of vessel shares to be sold to qualified individuals. They can then purchase some or all at the same price that is sold to whoever is buying the 90 percent of the quota. So it provides an avenue for people to pick up smaller chunks than they might be able to otherwise."

Candidates come to the Bay! - Four candidates for Alaska governor will face off in a debate at the 2nd annual Bristol Bay Fish Expo at Naknek in early June.

Naknek is the key logistics hub for 10 major seafood processors and a fleet of nearly 1000 at the northeastern end of Bristol Bay.

The debate is just one of the events in a lively line up that benefits childcare in the community.

"We turned to our natural resource, salmon, to support Little Angels Childcare Academy and it has just been phenomenal," said Sharon Thompson, Expo co-founder and organizer. "Salmon is supporting their early childhood education."

The first Expo last year raised \$17,000, enough to open the doors of the childcare center. This year is likely to see even more donations.

"We are getting boat builders and engine manufacturers and others from Texas and Washington and Oregon - it's caught their eye. It just blows my mind," said co-organizer Katie

Copps-Wilson.

The theme of the June 8-9 event is "Celebrating our Past, Sustaining our Future," and a history of the region's canneries will be highlighted.

Historian Katie Ringsmuth will kick things off on June 8 with highlights of the Diamond NN Cannery History Project which aims to document, preserve and share the unique experiences of cannery life. The Diamond plant was the first industrial processing plant on the Naknek River in 1890.

On that theme, Mug Up events will be ongoing during the two day Expo.

"Anyone who has ever worked in a cannery knows that mug up is a colloquial term for coffee break. Coffee and donuts will be available along with storytelling, because we all know that's where the best stories are told," Thompson said, adding that archivists from the National Park Service and project curators will be on hand to scan, photograph and identify old photos, labels, maps and other artifacts.

The popular "speed hiring" will be back, which connects captains with potential crew members.

"It's like speed dating and many happy matches were made last year. That face to face contact is so important. We expect it will be bigger than ever," Thompson said.

One of the biggest hits of the Expo, Thompson said, is a fashion show and wearable art auction.

"We always joke that Bristol Bay has a style of its own. Grundens has donated lots of gear from their new line for women, so we're really stepping it up this year," she said.

"We are still accepting donations and it is a great way for businesses to get their names and services out there. All the products and services will be listed in an online catalog that will be on social media everywhere," Thompson said.

The Expo will end with a gubernatorial candidates debate on June 9 from 7-9pm that will include Governor Bill Walker, Scott Hawkins, Mike Chenault and Mike Dunleavy. The debate will be broadcast live on KAKN and KDLG.

Looking ahead, the organizers plan to include more communities.

"From Togiak to Ugashik and everywhere in between and beyond, we would love to expand our Expo to embrace crab, halibut, pollock, herring - all those other wild seafood products from Bristol Bay that are feeding the world," Thompson said.

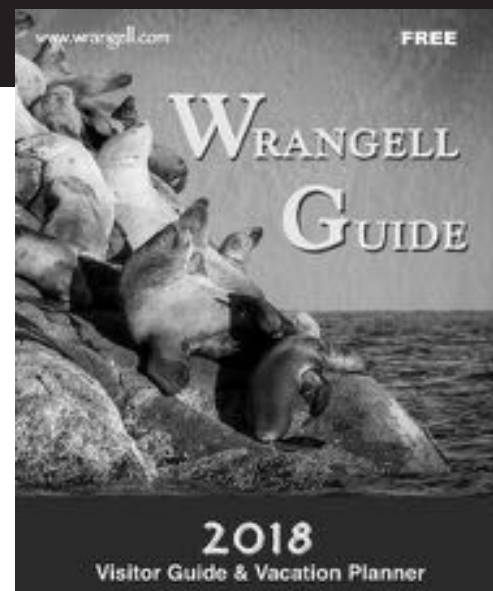
"The bottom line is everything benefits Little Angels," echoed Copps-Wilson. "Our mantra is kids, fish, future."

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Swim Club sends three to state olympics

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

Three athletes from Wrangell Swim Club competed with 450 other swimmers from around the state last weekend, participating at the Alaska Junior Olympics in Anchorage.

Coach Jamie Roberts reported it was the second time Nikolai Siekawitch and siblings Jack and Renee Roberts have

participated at the event, among the state's premier annual swimming competitions.

"All three swimmers had great races, got to see old friends and make a few new ones, spent time with family, and had some fun adventures in Anchorage," the coach said. "This was also an opportunity to prove to themselves that when you show up to practice every day and do the hard work, you see the awesome results."

During the meet, Jack Roberts earned fourth place in the 100-yard butterfly, with a time of 1:10.72. He took fifth in the 50-yard butterfly as well, seventh in the 100-yard breaststroke and ninth in the individual medley. He made four personal best times and met a personal goal of swimming the 50-yard butterfly in under 30 seconds.

Renee Roberts had a per-

sonal best of her own, and met a goal of finishing in the top 10 in the 100-yard backstroke, placing fifth with a time of 1:05.82. She also took two 12th place finishes, in the 100-yard freestyle and 100-yard butterfly, and a pair of 13th place finishes.

Siekawitch earned two personal bests in the competition, and swam the 100-yard freestyle in 56.99, which Roberts explained was "impressively fast." He took 14th in that competition, and finished the 400-yard individual medley in 10th with a time of 5:09.05. He completed the 50-yard freestyle in 12th place, and took another 14th place for the 100-yard backstroke.

"Oftentimes, the difference between first and 20th is such a small amount of time," the coach noted, "such as three to four seconds in a 50-yard race. So what I am really looking for



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Wrangell swimmers Nikolai Siekawitch, Jack Roberts and Renee Roberts participate at the Alaska Junior Olympics in Anchorage last weekend. For all three athletes, it was their second visit to the big meet.

as a coach is whether they executed all the mechanics and race strategies that they have been working on in practice, in the months leading up to the meet. Meets are opportunities to test your training and see

how you can take it up a notch for the next meet."

The club's next activity will be the annual summer swim camp in Craig, which 10 Wrangell athletes plan to attend.

CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL

Pursuant to the City & Borough of Wrangell Code, Sec. 3.04.808, notice is hereby given that the regular assembly meetings of the assembly shall be held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. The meetings shall be held at 7:00 p.m., in the Assembly Chambers, City Hall, Wrangell. If any such Tuesday shall fall on a legal holiday as defined by the laws of the State of Alaska, the meetings scheduled for that day shall be held at the same hour on the next succeeding day which is not a holiday. Separate notice for the regular council meetings shall not be required. There will be no regular meetings the second Tuesday in July and August and fourth Tuesday in December.

Kim Lane, Borough Clerk
City of Wrangell, Alaska
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Correction

In last week's story on the Special Olympics fundraiser, the Hammer family noted Lisa Messmer and Muskeg Meadows Golf Course have also been key supporters of the upcoming torch run.

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by Dave T. Phipps



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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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City & Borough of Wrangell Board of Equalization PUBLIC HEARING

The Borough Assembly, acting as the Board of Equalization, shall hear testimony, both oral and written, **with a decision to follow**, at **5:30 p.m., Monday, May 7, 2018**, in the Borough Assembly Chambers.

The hearing and meeting is open to the public.

Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk
City & Borough of Wrangell

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Nolan Center

The City and Borough of Wrangell is recruiting for a Nolan Center Director to oversee all staff management, facility operations, and administration of the Civic Center, Museum, Collections, Gift Shop, Theater, and Visitor Center.

The Nolan Center Director is responsible for maintaining a record of Wrangell's past for its residents and visitors. The Director must educate the public, prioritize collections, and set goals for the safekeeping and care of Wrangell's historical record. The Director is responsible for performing the managerial and administrative tasks required to support and enhance the day-to-day business operations of the facility. This involves work with agency personnel, meeting planners, members of private industry, event planners, historical scholars and researchers and the general public, both locally and outside of Wrangell. The Director is responsible for overseeing the general condition of the building and making sure that all necessary maintenance is performed.

The ideal candidate has the ability to work independently, while performing a variety of administrative duties including supervision, delegation, personnel administration, and the ability to deal with the public. They will also have the ability to perform historical research on regional history, be a reliable source of information, and provide responsible, professional care to the community's collection of artifacts which are housed at the Museum.

Preferred education and experience require at least two years office management/administrative experience with emphasis on customer service and supervisory experience. Familiarity in civic facility operations is preferred. Knowledge in history, museum studies, or anthropology desired. Skill in event management is a plus. Experience in meeting/convention marketing and/or planning, proficiency in grant writing and grant administration, and budget formulation and administration is also desired.

This is a full-time, salaried position with full benefits, at Grade 24. The full job description and employment application can be found online at www.wrangell.com/jobs.

To be considered, submit a cover letter, résumé, and completed employment application via e-mail to amollen@wrangell.com, or in person to City Hall, 205 Brueger St., Wrangell, AK 99929. **Applications will be accepted until end of business May 4, 2018, with review beginning April 17.**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTIFICATION OF ROAD USE ACTIVITY
SOIL TRANSPORTATION ALONG A PORTION OF NFS 6259
TONGASS NATIONAL FOREST, WRANGELL ISLAND, ALASKA
APRIL 30, 2018

NRC Alaska hereby provides notice of its intent to utilize a 1.7 mile portion of the National Forest Service Road identified as NFS 6259 (otherwise known as the Pats Creek Road) for the purpose of transporting treated soil from the Wrangell Junkyard site located at 4-mile Zimovia Highway in Wrangell, Alaska to a permanent repository at the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Rock Pit #2 located adjacent to NFS 6259/Pat's Creek Road.

This activity will be a continuance of 2017 hauling activities and is anticipated to begin between May 9 and 11, 2018 and continue through December 31, 2018.

There will be no hauling on the following dates:

- May 26 through May 28, 2018 for Memorial Day weekend
- June 16 through 17, 2018 State of Alaska youth fishing weekend
- June 22 through 23, 2018 State of Alaska youth fishing weekend
- June 30 through July 5, 2018 for Independence Day holiday celebrations
- September 1 through 3, 2018 for Labor Day Weekend.

Project Point of Contact:

For more information about hauling or the hauling schedule, contact the NRC project manager: Shane O'Neill at (907) 980-0818

Public Open House:

A Public Open House will be held Monday May 7, 2018 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Nolan Community Center in the Civic Center room to share information about the Wrangell Monofill construction project, schedule of activities, and other information. For more information about the open house, contact: Meghan Larson at (907) 343-2727.

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The Southeast Alaska Power Agency (SEAPA) will accept sealed bids on the following surplus vehicle:

- 2000 Blue Ford F250 Pickup Truck

The vehicle may be viewed at the offices of The Southeast Alaska Power Agency, Mile 4.5 Zimovia Highway, Wrangell, Alaska. Bid forms and additional information may be downloaded from SEAPA's website at:

<http://www.seapahydro.org/rfp.php>

or submit a request by email to:

sthompson@seapahydro.org

Bids are due May 18, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. AKDT. All sales will be on an "as-is" "where-is" basis, with no warranties of any kind, express or implied, attached to the property.

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The Southeast Alaska Power Agency (SEAPA) is advertising for the position of Temporary Brushing Technician/Laborer.

Base location is Ketchikan or Wrangell, Alaska with work not to exceed (6) months. Work is performed as required along SEAPA's power line right-of-way corridor, with some prep and other work as required at other SEAPA-owned facilities. Majority of the work is conducted in remote wilderness locations, with minimal support. Crew typically overnights in the field on a purpose-built landing craft or in a portable shelter. Position requires a broad range of experience, skills, and clear demonstration of the ability to successfully perform essential duties and responsibilities. Qualifications for the position include a High School Diploma and valid Alaska driver's license. The position is open until filled. A complete job description and the electronic application process are available online at:

<https://seapahydro.applicantpro.com/>

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Sitka Sound herring biomass much higher this year

The Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game has mapped 32 nautical miles of herring spawn through April 27, including 1.0 nmi of active spawn in Salisbury Sound. Spawn deposition surveys were conducted on April 7-11 and on April 24-25. Final results from this year's stock assessment will not be available until November 2018, however, some general information can be derived from the data

collected to date.

Nearly all spawning this year occurred along shorelines of Kruzof Island, Hayward Strait, and the Siginaka Islands. Very little spawning was observed in the islands near Sitka, which typically receive substantial spawn. The lack of spawn in the islands near Sitka and the lower than typical spawn mileage are unusual and have not been observed for many years.

However, preliminary results of the spawn deposition survey revealed that although spawn mileage was approximately half that of 2017, the spawn extended nearly twice as far offshore, and egg density was higher.

In 2005 and 2008, a similar situation occurred where the spawn extended far offshore on Kruzof Island due to the very wide shelf of herring

spawning habitat. Therefore, due to exceptional spawn along the Kruzof Island shoreline, the 2018 herring spawning biomass was much higher than was apparent from the spawn mileage alone.

The total harvest this season is 2,926 tons with an average of 11.2 % mature roe. This harvest is 8,202 tons short of this season's GHF of 11,128 tons. The department announced the season closure on the VH F radio at 11:00 a.m., April 3, 2018. Multiple factors were considered in closing the fishery: The completion of the first spawn event with documented spawn totaling 13.3 nmi; the minimum size limit by processors (1 2 5 gram average) was

higher this year than past years and 60% of the forecast biomass was below the size necessary to satisfy market requirements; although herring were available, due to the higher market requirements, herring meeting these requirements were not found despite extensive vessel and aerial surveys conducted in the last several days prior to the closure. The decision to close the fishery was made in consultation with industry representatives.

In 2017, 62.3 nmi of herring spawn was mapped; peak spawn occurred on April 8 and the last spawn was observed on April 21. The 2017 model estimated post fishery biomass was 49,347 tons.

CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL JOB BULLETIN: Electric Utility Superintendent Wrangell Municipal Light and Power

The City and Borough of Wrangell is recruiting for an Electric Utility Superintendent to lead the Borough's Light and Power Department.

Under the direction of the Borough Manager, the Electric Utility Superintendent plans, directs, coordinates and supervises the activities and personnel of Wrangell Municipal Light & Power, including all construction, operations, personnel, and maintenance activities in the department.

The Superintendent performs regular evaluations and directs maintenance tasks to ensure proper generation and distribution operation, oversees the operation, maintenance and repair of the diesel generating plant and distribution system. They are responsible for all electrical maintenance, new work in power plant, overseeing and performing building maintenance, and repair duties to ensure that all power plant structures and distribution infrastructure are safe and operating efficiently. Additionally, they provide leadership to all electrical employees, prepare an annual budget for the electrical department and reports to the Borough Manager on the electrical department's operations.

Preferred education and experience include completion of an electrical apprenticeship program or trade school diploma, as well as extensive industrial maintenance and electrical work experience, considerable in-depth knowledge of electric generation and distribution operations to ensure that equipment installation and construction is done safely, efficiently, and according to specifications. Requires experience with contract bidding, good verbal and interpersonal skills, thorough knowledge of required electrical codes and standards as well as the ability to inspect building electrical systems. Mechanical knowledge and skill to oversee operations, maintenance and repair of diesel generators safely and efficiently is expected.

This is a full-time, salaried position with full benefits, at Grade 30. The full job description and employment application can be found online at www.wrangell.com/jobs.

To be considered, submit a cover letter, résumé, and completed employment application via e-mail to amollen@wrangell.com, or in person to City Hall, 205 Brueger St., Wrangell, AK 99929. **Applications will be accepted until end of business May 4, 2018, but will be reviewed as received.**

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Wrangell Borough Manager

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CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL JOB BULLETIN: Finance Director Finance Department

The City and Borough of Wrangell is recruiting for a Finance Director to lead the Borough's Finance Department.

The Director of Financial Services is a senior management position responsible for integrating accounting operations, audits, systems, and controls governing business transactions such as purchasing, contracts, and insurance.

This position plans, organizes, directs, and coordinates centralized financial management and planning for all City functions and selected outside organizations. Manages financial services including, budgeting, treasury, public financing, liability and debt management, accounting operations, utilities and customer accounting, performance reporting, financial database management, accounting controls, and audit support. Directs and coordinates centralized contract review and administration, personnel, purchasing, and information systems.

This position will appeal to a candidate who thrives in a fast-paced, collaborative, team-centered work environment and enjoys solving problems autonomously and efficiently. The Finance Director will supervise a staff of 3 full-time employees and 1 part-time employee and will report to the Borough Manager.

Preferred education and experience typically requires a bachelor's degree in accounting, finance, business administration or a closely related field and eight years of experience in accounting systems and operations, treasury, financial reporting, or audits, including three years in a leadership capacity. Experience in governmental accounting is preferred. An active CPA or CMA certificate and/or a master's degree in business administration may substitute for some experience.

This is a full-time, salaried position with full benefits, paid at Grade 30 ranging from \$6607 to \$8346 per month. The full job description and employment application can be found online at www.wrangell.com/jobs.

To be considered, submit a cover letter, résumé, and completed employment application via e-mail to amollen@wrangell.com, or in person to City Hall, 205 Brueger St., Wrangell, AK 99929. **Applications will be accepted until end of business May 11, 2018.**

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CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL JOB ADVERTISEMENT Temporary Water Treatment Plant Light Maintenance Water Department

The City and Borough of Wrangell will accept applications for the position of Temporary Water Treatment Plant Light Maintenance from April 16, 2018 through May 4, 2018.

The Water Department is currently seeking applicants to fill two positions of Temporary Water Treatment Plant Light Maintenance. These positions will assist in the day-to-day maintenance at the water treatment plant. The two positions are full-time, temporary that will work forty hours per week for approximately six weeks.

Applicants must have a valid driver's license and have knowledge of light maintenance.

For a complete list of duties and responsibilities a job application may be obtained and returned to City Hall, 205 Brueger Street (P.O. Box 531), Wrangell, AK 99929.

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Borough Manager

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CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL Public Announcement ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE POSITIONS OF Nolan Center Custodian

The Nolan Center will be accepting applications for a Custodian through May 11, 2018 at 5:00p.m. This is a permanent, part time position with benefits. This position performs custodial and light maintenance duties at the Nolan Museum/Civic Center. Performs such duties as replenishing bathroom supplies, waxing floors, changing light bulbs, responsible for set-up, take-down and cleaning after civic center events and rentals Applicants must be willing to work a flexible schedule and weekends. Minimum age 18 years.

This position will typically require 20 hours per work week.

Applications and job descriptions may be obtained and returned to Wrangell City Hall, 205 Brueger Street (P.O. Box 531), Wrangell, AK 99929.

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Stikine king salmon subsistence fishery to be closed

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

The Federal Subsistence Board announced on Monday it will be closing its Chinook salmon subsistence fishery in the Stikine River this year due to low expected returns.

Under the authority delegated him by the board, Ranger Bob Dalrymple of Wrangell's Forest Service district made the decision to close down the fishery. Pre-season forecasts made by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game informed the decision, with 6,900 king salmon greater than 28 inches in length expected to return. Management escapement goals range from 14,000 to 28,000 such fish, making 2018 expectations about half the lower threshold.

One of two federally-managed subsistence fisheries on the Stikine, the Chinook salmon fishery was to run from May 15 to June 20. The fishery is open to residents of Wrangell, Petersburg, Meyers Chuck and surrounding drainages, with one permit issued per household. Permitted participants predominately use set gillnets in the Stikine fisheries.

While the king salmon fishery has been shelved for the year, a subsistence fishery targeting sockeye will begin on June 21. During that season, permit holders can retain Chinook again as incidental bycatch, though due to the species' shortfall anglers are asked to release any unharmed



USDA CHART

This map indicates the waters managed by the federal government along the Stikine River. Though the darkened sections are ordinarily opened to subsistence fisheries, this year Chinook salmon will not be available to users from May 15 through June 20.

female kings if possible.

The closure on the Stikine follows a similar closure of the subsistence fish-

ery last year. Meanwhile, a wider closure by state authorities to the king salmon sport fishery in Southeast is on-

going. ADFG announced in late March that the season to have started on April 1 would be closed to most waters, which included the majority of districts 6,7, 8 and 10 around Petersburg and Wrangell.

The waters adjacent to the Stikine River will see the longest closure, including District 8 and a portion of the Back Channel in District 7, through July 14. Most other areas reopen June 15, with designated terminal harvest areas reopening even sooner on June 1.

Forecasts for other wild king salmon stocks in Southeast are below goal as well, with similarly restrictive management actions being taken across all fisheries. By reducing the harvest of specifically wild king salmon, it is hoped that spawning escapement will be increased for future production.

ADFG's surveying crew headed upriver on Tuesday, to begin collecting data on the season's returns and escapements. They are expected to begin adult drift netting by next week, giving the department a better idea of how the stock is faring as the spring progresses.

For additional information on the federal subsistence fishery, call Dalrymple at 874-2323 or biologist Martin Hutten at 974-7502. Additional information can be found online on the Federal Subsistence Management Program site at www.doi.gov/subsistence.

Monofill

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In the months since, DEC has reportedly been exploring other options with the City and Borough of Wrangell and Wrangell Cooperative Association, which had voiced concern. WCA remains formally opposed to the site selection, though other sites were deemed to be unsatisfactory for the project, usually for drainage or grading reasons.

After meeting with the city last week, DEC on Monday announced its contractors would begin moving the soil over to the monofill site next week.

"That's what we're planning to do, and partly that's because if the option that's chosen is the monofill, we need to start now if we're going to finish this year," explained Sally Schlichting, the department's project head for Southeast Alaska.

Its primary contractor, NRC Alaska, will be using a 1.7-mile section of Forest Service road

to relay materials by truck to the rock pit. Each truckload represents 10 cubic yards of soil, so running loads five days a week it should take contractors the rest of the year to complete.

Minus costs for the site study and engineering designs, Schlichting estimated the second phase of the Byford cleanup has so far cost \$1.5 million. When all is said and done, the monofill should cost \$5.5 million, less than half DEC's estimated cost to transport the affected material southward for disposal.

"We're hopeful we can keep it to that," said Schlichting. The project has already seen additional costs through last fall's demobilization, additional sampling and modeling work, and maintaining the temporary stockpile over the winter.

Starting as early as May 9, the contractors' work schedule

will be flexible through the week, avoiding wet weather whenever possible. Due to Pats Creek's appeal to local user groups, a handful of holiday weekends will be set aside as off-days for transporting soil. These include May 26 through 28 for Memorial Day weekend; June 16 and 17, and 22 and 23, for the statewide designated youth fishing weekends; June 30 to July 5 for Independence Day celebrations; and September 1 through 3 for Labor Day weekend.

DEC will be holding a public open house next week ahead of the project, with a function scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m. on May 7 to be held at the Nolan Center. Community members will have the opportunity to overview the project and schedule, meet with project planners, and get other information. All are welcome to attend.

City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska Public Hearing - PUBLIC NOTICE

The Borough Assembly will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** on **Tuesday, May 8, 2018**, in the Borough Assembly Chambers on the following items:

a. ORDINANCE No. 946 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING SUBSECTION 14.11.005(CC), FEE SCHEDULE, CRUISE SHIP SECURITY FEE, OF THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE (second reading)

b. ORDINANCE No. 947 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING SECTION 3.05.050, TELECONFERENCING, OF THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE, ASSEMBLY - RULES OF PROCEDURE (second reading)

The Public Hearing process has changed by Assembly Action, (Ordinance 937) so that the hearing will take place during the Assembly Meeting under "PUBLIC HEARING" (item 11), on the Assembly's Agenda.

The Public is encouraged to attend.

Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk
City & Borough of Wrangell

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