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Union approves wage proposal, Assembly to consider tonight

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

Two weeks after the end of a public workers' strike, a settlement may potentially be reached between the city and its employees.

Unionized staff of the City and Borough of Wrangell on Monday voted to approve a package that would amend their current contract, potentially bringing to a close negotiations that have gone on for more than three years.

Interim borough manager Carol Rushmore confirmed management at the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1547 had forwarded the wage and benefits proposal, which would amend the contract unilaterally imposed by the Borough Assembly on June 20. The city's governing council had decided to take that course after it felt negotiations on a new collective bargaining agreement had reached an impasse. Affected workers responded with a strike on June 22, which ended a week later when city management agreed to return to the negotiating table.

Heading Wrangell's negotiating team, Rushmore announced on July 5 that the city would not be accepting the union's final offer, and that the borough would not be making further offers. Seeking comment on the letter Friday from IBEW's attorney Serena Green, reported that both parties were still at the table.

"We were able to reach an agreement," commented Dave Reaves, business manager with IBEW's Anchorage office.

The pending agreement would be a new contract between 24 city employees represented by IBEW and the city. The protracted negotiations have revolved around this new collective bargaining agreement to replace the one adopted in 2011 and expiring in July 2014. While both parties eventually made concessions to reach common ground on restructuring the wage table and copayment of insurance premiums, heading into this summer the remaining point of difference had been an across-the-board wage increase.

In IBEW's last best offer of June 8, it proposed a \$2.50 hourly increase to apply to all wage steps on the table. The city's team the next day offered a revised counterproposal of \$0.75 per hour, which was rejected by the union without a new counteroffer. This became the terms of the contract adopted by the Wrangell Assembly on June 20 and which took effect on July 1.

The latest proposal, which was approved by union members Monday, would accept the \$0.75 but proposes an adjustment to the proportion of health insurance premiums covered by workers. Currently all workers would be required to cover 15 percent of their plans, including for packages covering immediate family members. Under the new proposal this coverage would be tiered, with employees hired before July 2011 having to cover only 10 percent, with all others hired after that date still covering the 15 percent.

Three-fourths of the bargaining unit were hired before that cutoff, and so would see a reduction to their insurance costs if adopted. Previously they had not been required to cover any percentage of costs for their health benefits, though workers hired since 2011 have.

The Assembly has called a special meeting at City Hall for this evening at 5:30 to consider IBEW's proposal.

"What we're taking to the Assembly is an amended contract," Rushmore explained on Tuesday. If adopted, the package would amend the contract already in place.

Summer season off to good start for commercial fisheries

By DAN RUDY
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It's been a fairly good start to the summer for king salmon fishermen. The first opening of that troll season started on July 1, abruptly ending by emergency order just before midnight on July 4. The order was based on preliminary catch rate and effort data.

"It looks like we did take the target harvest," reported Grant Hagerman, ADFG's region troll management biologist in Sitka. That target is 63,000 non-Alaska hatchery fish, as laid out by the Pacific Salmon Treaty signed with Canada.

A total of approximately 26,000 Chinook and 550 landings have so far been accounted for,



PHOTO COURTESY OF USCG

The fishing vessel Deceptive C reportedly ran aground near Wrangell on July 3 during high tide conditions. No one had been injured during the incident, but several thousand pounds of waste had to be collected from the scene by a joint USCG-DEC effort.

Coast Guard and DEC respond to Stikine Strait grounding

By DAN RUDY
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While Wrangell was preparing for its July 4 festivities last week, 17 miles away a fishing vessel had run aground in Stikine Strait.

On the evening of July 3 the grounding of Deceptive C on some rocks was reported to the United States Coast Guard command center in Juneau. Cutter Bailey Barco was dispatched to the scene, confirming the vessel had run aground but reporting no injuries.

Minimal sheening from three gallons of oily bilge water was present at the time, and the USCG worked with the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation under a unified command structure to contain and remediate pollution from the wrecked craft.

Southeast region supervisor for DEC's Prevention Preparedness and Response Program, Dave Pikul explained that USCG's Marine Safety Detachment Ketchikan opened its Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund and contracted Power Systems and Supplies on July 4 to undertake the mitigation. A crew

arrived in the early hours of July 5 and were able to contain the slick and access the boat for materials retrieval.

"Fortunately the release was minimal, and they were able to get on board the vessel," Pikul said. "It was quite a high tide event when it ran aground," he added.

Working through July 6, the contractor was able to clean discharged diesel fuel and remove other oil products and hazardous materials from the Deceptive C. The Coast Guard reported Friday that approximately 3,000 pounds of oily waste and debris had been recovered from the grounded vessel.

"Responders focused on a safe and effective evolution this week to remove the hazardous materials and the vessel no longer poses a threat to the environment," MSD Ketchikan supervisor Lt. David Evans said in a release. "Outstanding cooperation between Federal and State partners and industry led to the success of this operation."

As of Tuesday, the vessel remains grounded. Pikul explained the issue of its removal is now the domain of the Department of Natural Resources.

though harvest information is still coming in. Hagerman explained that while many catches are now reported electronically, some tickets are still in the mail, and there is a lag to consider.

"It's usually several weeks before we have final numbers on

that," he said. Aerial surveys indicated the participating fleet should look similar to last year's, which saw around 740 permits.

The harvest has been better than preseason forecasts first anticipated. A slow winter fishery and additional restrictions in place

for May and June led management biologists to expect between 8,000 and 10,000 fish per day.

"What we saw in-season was a little bit different," said Hagerman. Actual catch looked to

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Birthdays & Anniversaries



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

July 13: Matt Richard, Maggie McChargue, Betty Abbott, Sam Atkins. **July 14:** Teri Keso, Marshall Peterman, J.C Gillen. Stanley Guggenbicker, Koen Kohrt. *Anniversary:* Woody and Peggy Wilson, Winston and Renate Davies. **July 15:** Kevin Shilts, Kay Nesbitt, Lily Feuerhelm, Mary Edgley. *Anniversary:* Kevin and Janelle Stutz. **July 16:** Kaelene Harrison, Carmen Pavlina, Delores Klinke, Mike Howell, Casey Seimears, Paul Allen. **July 17:** Daniel Nore Sr., *Anniversary:* Bob and Alysse Maxand. **July 18:** Dave McGuire, Tom Wickman, Dawn Robinson, Rick Brock, Elizabeth Kissinger, August Paulsen, Bethany Comstock. *Anniversary:* Scott and Carrie Mason. **July 19:** Dorianne Blachley, Tony Harding, Dane Richard, Mike Ottesen Sr., Tom Sims, Shelly Versteeg. *Anniversary:* Ben and Rhea Bowman. **July 20:** Roland Larsen, Sasha Fennimore, Bill Haines, Erin Galla. *Anniversary:* Dave and Sharon McGuire.

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

Senior Center Menu

Thursday, July 13:

BBQ chicken. Potato salad, mixed veggie, angel buscuit

Friday, July 14:

Chinese fruited pork, rice, baked zucchini, honey orange salad.

Monday, July 17:

Pork stew, peas and onion salad, hot roll.

Tuesday, July 18:

Lasagna, steamed zucchini, tossed salad with tomato.

Wednesday, July 19:

Baked turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, fresh melon.

Thursday, July 20:

Tuna casserole, Brussels sprouts, citrus salad, hot roll.

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

FERRY SCHEDULE

Departures

Northbound

Saturday, July 15
Matanuska 1:45 p.m.
Sunday, July 16
Malaspina 4:45 p.m.
Tuesday, July 18
Matanuska 6:30 pm
Saturday, July 22
Matanuska 8:30am
Sunday, July 23
Malaspina 8:45pm

Southbound

Thursday, July 13
Matanuska 11:30 p.m.
Monday, July 17
Matanuska 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, July 19
Malaspina 10:30 am
Thursday, July 20
Matanuska 11:30 pm
Monday, July 24
Matanuska 5:45am

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



TIDES TABLE July 13 - July 20

	High Tides		Low Tides	
	AM Time	PM Time	AM Time	PM Time
July 13	3:49	4:43.	10:07	10:24
July 14	4:29	5:23	10:46.	11:14
July 15	5:18	6:09	11:31.	...
July 16	6:19	7:05	0:12.	12:22
July 17	7:35	8:08	1:17.	1:22
July 18	8:57	9:12	2:28.	2:28
July 19	10:12	10:14	3:40.	3:38
July 20	11:17	11:12	4:48.	4:47

Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

Monday, July 17

Yoga: 5:30 p.m. AICS Medical Clinic. Yoga for everybody, please come and join.

Tuesday, July 18

SAIL Class: 10 a.m. Senior Apartments Atrium. Stay Active and Independent for Life (SAIL) free class is a strength, balance and fitness class for adults.
Is the attendance at your meeting or event low? Call Adrienne at the Sentinel to have it placed here.

Continuing Events

PARKS & REC ACTIVITIES: **Lap Swim:** M, W, F 6:00-7:30 a.m. & 5:00-6:00 p.m., M-F 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., S 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.; **Arthritis Foundation Exercise Class:** at the Pool: M, W, F, 9:00-10:00 a.m.; **Water Aerobics:** M, W, F 10:00-11:00 a.m.; **Family Swim:** F 6:00-7:00 p.m.; **General Swim:** M & W 6:00-7:00 p.m., F 7:00-8:00 p.m., S 1:00-2:00 p.m.; **Weight Room:** M-TH 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. **Extra 2 Lane Lap Swim:** M-W-F 10:00-11:00 a.m.

OTHER MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES/EVENTS:

AA Meetings: Tu. 7 p.m., Toss Off Th. 7 p.m., Smoked Fish F 8 p.m., Step Study Sat. 7 p.m. at the Episcopal gChurch Parish Hall, Study Materials provided. Wed. M & M 12 p.m. at the Catholic Parish Hall, use back entrance.

NA Meeting: Wednesday, We Do Recover, 8 p.m. at the Episcopal Church Parish Hall.

Bridge Social: F, 1 p.m. at th Island of Faith Lutheran Church 874-3440, 874-3507.

Salvation Army Food Bank: Tuesday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. For information or questions please call Major Michael Bates at 874-3753.

The Way We Were

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

July 12, 1917: S.L. Hogue of the firm Hogue and Tyeten, Petersburg, was in Wrangell last week. Mr. Hogue stated that an enormous quantity of ice is now floating in the Wrangell Narrows and plenty of huge bergs were seen in Frederick Sound. The entrance to La Conte Bay is likewise blocked with floes. Possibly the whole face of the glacier is falling into the sea. It is thought that such a large amount of ice is due to the cold backward spring, but the peculiar action attributed to La Conte may be caused by something more than atmospheric conditions. It will be remembered that Muir Glacier wasted rapidly in one season and hundreds of tons of ice broke and fell, leaving it a typical ruin.

July 10, 1942: Early run of salmon this year is practically nil, according to reports thus far. Anan opened today and Fish and Wildlife Agent Marcus Meyer reported virtually no salmon in that area after a visit to the grounds this morning. Other districts are equally poor. A heavy run is anticipated as the season progresses; officials pointing out that there has been no early run to speak of in recent years. Through July 4, the eight packers in this district had put only 1,816 cases as compared with 5,734 cases through July 5, last year. ARB had a total of 562 cases, Farwest 349 and a half, S. Einstoss, (packed by Farwest), 513 and a half, and Dean Kaylor in Petersburg 391 cases.

July 7, 1967: Construction Electrician Second Class Eric T. Ottesen, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Einar Ottesen has been awarded the Vietnamese Service Medal while serving with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Eleven (MCB-11) based Dong Ha, Vietnam. The medal has been authorized for all U.S. servicemen in the country. MCB-11 is the Navy's northernmost unit in Vietnam, based just south of the Demilitarized Zone. The battalion arrived in April of this year, and is supporting the other units in that area by constructing roads, bridges and buildings.

July 9, 1992: What happens if you're new to town and don't know a halibut from a hooligan? With the installation of interpretive signs in Reliance and Shoemaker Bay harbors, Wrangelites and visitors can become more fish-literate. The signs, which highlight and explain Alaska's largest private industry, commercial fishing, were installed by Public Works at the harbors last week so they would be in place in time for the Fourth of July weekend. When work on the sites is complete, the sign at Shoemaker Bay will be the centerpiece for a mini park.



Wrangell Weather

Date	High	Low
July 3:	57	51
July 4:	59	48
July 5:	62	46
July 6:	69	51
July 7:	66	51
July 8:	57	53
July 9:	54	51
July 10:	57	48



Daylight Hours

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
July 13:	4:19am	9:28pm	17:09h
July 14:	4:20am	9:26pm	17:06h
July 15:	4:22am	9:25pm	17:03h
July 16:	4:23am	9:24pm	17:01h
July 17:	4:25am	9:23pm	16:58h
July 18:	4:26am	9:21pm	16:55h
July 19:	4:28am	9:20pm	16:52h
July 20:	4:29am	9:18pm	16:49h

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Metal pickup frees up scrap space at junkyard

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An arrangement made between the city and a Juneau contractor has freed up a considerable amount of waste storage space.

Working between June 27 and July 2, Channel Construction loaded one of its barges high with scrap metal – everything from automobiles and industrial waste to white goods and spent equipment. Due to a combination of transportation costs and low commodities prices, the borough has been accumulating such materials for some time without a means to remove them. It has since been working with the company since last year to schedule an exchange, where it would barge out the waste for no charge while the city would forego the usual rebate.

Leaving on July 2, the barge has since made its way to Seattle to offload. The exchange was an opportunity for residents to get rid of unwanted jalopies and other bulky items, but the majority of its haul came from Wrangell's waste transfer facility, which had been about choked up with metal refuse.

"He is projecting they picked up around 600 tons from the waste transfer facility," reported Amber Al-Haddad, director for the Public Works Department. "We were pretty pleased."



PHOTO BY DAN RUDY

Nearly 600 tons of mostly ferrous waste was removed from Wrangell's waste transfer yard, according to the contractor's estimates. During the week of June 26 an assortment of scrap was conveyed to the barge ramp, stacked, and was transported south for reprocessing.

A few vehicles and drums that were not cleaned up in time for transport still remain at the city yard, but the freed-up space should allow the department opportunity to organize its storage better as items come along. Al-Haddad said Channel Construction may

bring another barge this fall to remove additional items from around the island, such as derelict barges down by the old log transfer facility.

"They're coming back and they're going to cut those up too," she said.

Police report

Monday, July 3

Traffic: Car in ditch.

Traffic Stop: Verbal warning for driving habits.

Found Property.

Arrested Gary Hamley, 35, on charges of DUI resisting arrest and driving while license revoked.

Citizen assist.

Fireworks complaint.

Tuesday, July 4

Traffic stop citation issued to David Randall Oliver for driving with expired registration.

Found license plate.

David Churchill age 20 charged with Minor Consuming Alcohol.

Criminal trespass.

Criminal trespass.

Agency assist: Fire department, strong diesel smell.

Wednesday, July 5

Traffic stop: Verbal warning for faulty equipment.

Fireworks: Fire department burning leftover fireworks from July 3, at the dump.

Motor Vehicle Accident.

Agency Assist: Smoke coming from area of Woronoski: FD notified.

Bear complaint.

Fire: Unfounded: It was a controlled burn.

Citizen Assist.

Thursday, July 6

Parking complaint.

Fireworks: Report of fireworks at 8 mile beach.

Noise complaint: Disorderly conduct warning given for loud music.

Friday, July 7

Driving complaint: Complaint of a motorcycle tearing up Front Street.

MVA.

Civil Issue.

Traffic Stop: Verbal warning faulty equipment.

Saturday, July 8

Warrant arrest: Arrested Alaina Marie Fell, 20 on charges of failure to comply to conditions of probation.

Intoxicated Person: Title 47.

Sunday, July 9

Traffic stop verbal warning for faulty equipment.

Traffic stop verbal warning for defective equipment.

Parking Complaint.

There were three ambulance calls and one dog complaint during this week.

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10 am Start

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Friday, July 21st
11 AM - 2 PM



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Golf News

The Alaska Airlines Tournament was held last Saturday at Muskeg Meadows. There were 29 who participated.

First place went to the team of Aaron Powell, Aaron Angerman, James Brea with a net score of 37 and a team handicap of 15.

Second place went to the team of Doug Nelson, Ed Rilatos, Randy Littleton with a net score of 37 and a team handicap of 15.

Third place went to the team of Eric Koding, Faye Kohrt, Keen Kohrt, Grover Mathis with a net score of 39 and a team handicap of 15.

The straightest drive winner of an Alaska Airline Ticket was Rocky Littleton. The closest to pin winner of an Alaska Airline Ticket Rodney Littleton.

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Walker signs operating budget, Shoemaker waiting on capital

By DAN RUDY
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Just averting a state government shutdown, Gov. Bill Walker signed into law an operating budget for the new fiscal year, which began July 1.

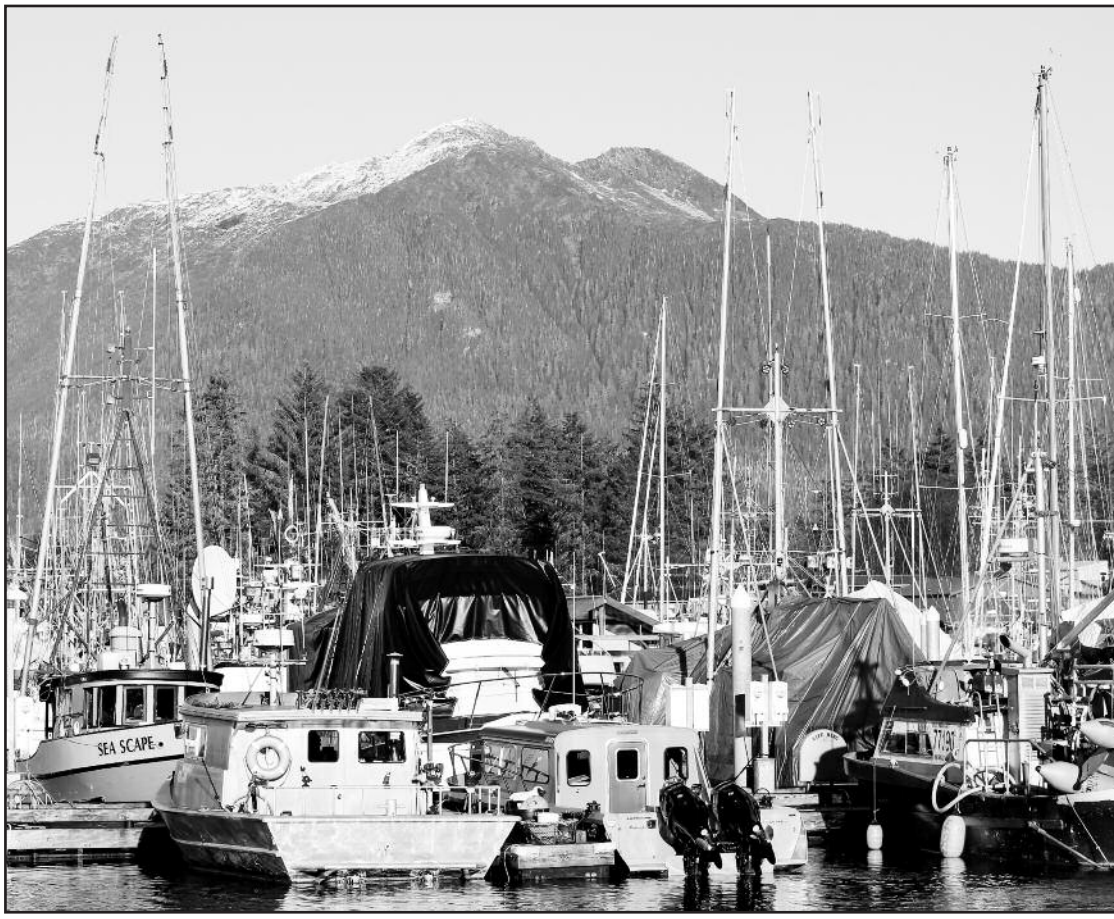
The budget follows extensive negotiations between the largely Democratic coalition-led House and Republican Senate, whose majorities each offered differing plans on how to address Alaska's multibillion-dollar spending deficit.

"The operating budget was an example of compromise, and an example of both sides not giving in and not exactly getting what they wanted," commented Rep. Dan Ortiz (I-District 36).

He was pleased with some aspects of the budget, with items for the fishing industry largely protected and no reductions to the base student allocation formula in terms of education. "I felt good about it," Ortiz commented.

The budget reflects further cuts to agency and programming spending. In a release accompanying its signing, Walker pointed out the \$4,200,000,000 operating budget is 23 percent lower than when he took office two years ago. When counting capital and other expenditures, spending in the state has been reduced by 44 percent since 2013.

Economically, these adjustments have translated into a reduction of 2,500 state positions through cuts and attrition since 2015, with 400 more such jobs expected to be eliminated by this December. In addition, most state employees will be required to take at least two unpaid furlough days while contributing more to health care coverage. Automatic cost-of-living increases have likewise been eliminated from all



SENTINEL FILE PHOTO

Boats moored at Wrangell's Heritage Harbor in January. The Harbor Department is waiting on tenterhooks for a capital budget to be adopted by the Alaska Legislature that would include money for a match to replace facilities at Shoemaker Bay Harbor.

negotiated contracts, with step increases to non-unionized employees frozen as of July 1. The governor himself has also taken a one-third reduction in salary.

"We have reduced state spending by more than \$1.7 billion, and will continue to seek efficiencies and contain costs," Walker said in a statement.

However, Walker's budget still leaves a substantial deficit in terms of spending, potentially drawing \$2.3 billion from the Constitutional Budget Reserve to close a multibillion-dollar annual deficit. Cutting the remaining fund by more than half, Ortiz pointed out the

Legislature's options for resolving its deficits has been drastically limited.

"That option is not there next year at this point," he commented. "What we haven't done is we still haven't come up with a fiscal plan."

While time remains in the current special session – the second called so far this year – a resolution on House Bill 111 ending or else reconfiguring tax subsidies for oil production could be reached. Versions differ between the House and Senate, which have yet to be reconciled between the two chambers.

Keeping Wrangell on pins and needles will be what

version of the capital budget legislators eventually adopt. Hanging in the balance will be \$5 million in the Department of Transportation's harbor facilities budget, the amount needed to fund a match for a proposed update to Shoemaker Bay Harbor's aging float network.

As happened with last year's budget, if a lesser amount than that is approved for the program, Wrangell's project will get bumped in favor of a

smaller project. Since being introduced in Walker's budget proposal last winter, latest versions of the capital budget have still maintained the \$5 million sum, so there is room for some cautious optimism.

"We haven't heard we're getting thrown out of it," offered Greg Meissner, Wrangell's harbormaster. "We're just waiting."

If approved, the city will need to draw from its Harbor Department savings and sell bonds in order to reach an approximate \$5.7 million match needed for the project. Depending on how long the bonding process takes, Meissner was hopeful contractors could be signed on to the project by the coming winter.

With a September deadline for the budget in mind, Ortiz expected an additional special session may be called sometime in August to deal with capital expenditures. Looking at the wider scope of state spending, however, Ortiz wanted to emphasize the need for new revenue sources for Alaska's services. Options such as a statewide income tax and reconfiguring of Permanent Fund earnings were explored in various bills by each legislative chamber, but in the end a settlement was never reached.

With congressional reserves looking to soon be depleted, Ortiz felt a more balanced fiscal plan needed to be adopted, and quickly. "We can't just do what we have been doing."

Correction

In last week's article on July 4 food, two food booths were mistakenly conflated. Operating at the dockside pavilion near the Stikine Inn over the extended weekend, "Tan's Thai Food" was run by Tan McManus, friend Pond Ofsthus, and other helpers. The booth has been a feature of local festivities now for four years.

Dear community of Wrangell,

I would personally like to thank each and every one of you for all your help and support! It is the people who make the race, encouraging, in so many ways, volunteers and people who just stepped up to help in any way. I'm thankful to be apart of something that represents Wrangell working together. I am proud of my work. The good news is no more knocks at your door! I hope you all had a safe and wonderful celebration over the 4th of July. I would like to thank my team, Michelle Jenkins and Megan Talburt, for working so hard! Along with my supports and sponsors: Totem Bar, Brenner Construction, Stikine Sportsmen, FV Mandi J and White Enterprises and Wrangell Elks Lodge for making it possible to start the race.

Thank you Wrangell for your support,
Haillie Davis
Home Grown

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wrangell native, Mrs. Lois (Wheeler) Rutledge, will be celebrating her 100th birthday on July 14th. Her father, James H. Wheeler, owned Wrangell Drug-which is now the Totem Bar.



Mrs. Rutledge's brother, Eugene, was a dentist in Wrangell for years.

Mrs. Rutledge also donated several items to the Wrangell Museum that were gifted to her father from the Tlingit community. The family of Mrs. Rutledge is holding a card shower for her if anyone from the Wrangell community would like to send her a card celebrating this milestone.

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New signs pointing the way to Mt. Dewey trailhead

By DAN RUDY
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Towering over town as it does, Mount Dewey is just about impossible to miss while in Wrangell. The feature draws visitors about 400 feet up to its

summit throughout the year, with a viewing platform there offering a unique view both of the town and of the surrounding islands.

The quarter-mile boardwalk trail winding its way up to the



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A view of Wrangell as seen from Mount Dewey in April.

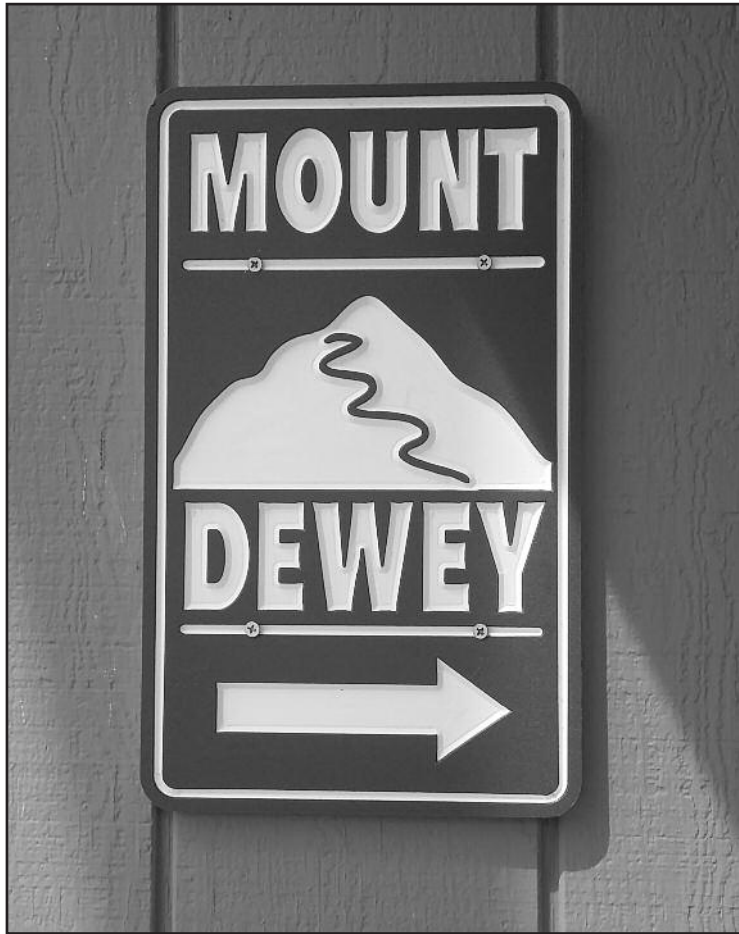


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Posted on the wall outside of Angerman's Clothing Outlet on Front Street, one of 11 new signs indicates to visitors the direction of Mt. Dewey's recreational trailhead. Tucked away on Third Street, the quarter-mile boardwalk is easily missed by the uninitiated.

platform also offers glimpses of the Back Channel, scattered muskegs and the industrial park. It makes for a short but active climb, and so has proven popular with visitors and residents alike. But getting to the trail can be tricky for those unfamiliar with the area, and its trailhead on Third Street can easily go unnoticed to passersby.

Living nearby, Cindy Martin had over the years noticed a number of tourists attempting to blaze their own trail up the hillside, clambering up its steep

and rocky incline. Sitting on the Wrangell Park Board, in 2014 she proposed that they commission signage to more clearly indicate the way to the proper trail.

"We were concerned about their safety, foremost," she explained.

Approved by the board, in January 2015 Martin said an agreement had been worked out with the industrial arts program at Wrangell High School to manufacture the signs. Operating under the name Wolf Fabrications, students make use of the school's different cutters and imaging software to produce a number of commissions.

For the signs' design, Martin worked with her brother, Paul Berger, a sign maker with Image Works in Ft. Collins, Colorado. What they came up with was identifiable, easy to read and forestry in color scheme. Eleven were fabricated out of a polycore material, with the intention of placing them along a route leading from the main dock up the hill, and to the trailhead.

Problems arose, however, when it was determined the new signs could not go onto existing street signposts.

"Ultimately it was not kosher per regulations," said Martin. Alaska's Department of Transportation has stringent guidelines about roadside signage, with rules on the size,

color, reflectiveness, height and even orientation of indicators.

"The project was delayed for quite some time," said Kate Thomas, Parks and Recreation director.

Unable to post her signs on the roads themselves, Martin instead turned to private properties, working with the owners of residences and businesses along the route to complete the project.

Six have finally found their mounts, across from the Stikine Inn on the wall of Angerman's Inc., on the wall of Ottesen's True Value, in the yards of Jim Thomsen and Joy and Ed Burns, Saint Rose of Lima Catholic Parish, and at the base of the stairs next to Jeff Angerman's home. Five more signs have yet to be installed, preferably on routes commonly accessed by tourists.

"I've been told that it would be helpful to have one down by the ferry terminal," Martin said.

Improvements to the trail itself are also in the offing. Thomas said staff were in the process of laying down new wire mesh on the boardwalk, and that improved interpretive signage and a handrail at the trailhead could be expected later this season, likely August.



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Wrangell Public Schools is requesting proposals for Special Education Director Services.

Any interested parties should contact the Wrangell Public Schools District Office for a complete proposal packet at: P.O. Box 2319, 350 Bennett Street, Wrangell, AK 99929, Phone: (907) 874-2347, Fax: (907) 874-3137.

It is understood by all interested parties responding to this proposal that this document is a request for district-wide Special Education Director Services proposal and NOT AN INVITATION TO BID.

Sealed proposals must be received by 3:00 p.m., August 3, 2017.

Proposals will be opened at 3:15 p.m. on August 3, 2017. The proposal will be taken to Wrangell Public School Board during their regular meeting in August for a decision on the selection of a contractor.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Wrangell Museum has been in the process of cleaning up its paperwork and ownership on items held in the collection. Please be advised that the Museum will acquire ownership of the following items if a valid claim is not received by the museum within 45 days of the last publication of this notice. All items are "Found in collection." All items have been in the museum's documented possession since prior to 1993. A list of the items is as follows: FIC. 001 Flag-homemade British flag made with tape (condition poor), FIC.002 Flag-handmade Russian flag (condition poor), FIC.004-Flag USA (condition poor), FIC.005-Flag-North to the future (condition good), FIC.006-Tablecloth, FIC.007-Scrapbook owned by Tom Brunner, FIC.008-Photo of log barge in Icy Straight, FIC.009- Glass negative (broken), FIC. 010-Photo album-photos of unknown people, FIC.011-Photograph-unknown tugboat, FIC.012-Photograph of unknown area, FIC.013-Photo album of Skagway area, FIC.014-Photograph of log barge near Sitka, FIC.015-Lapel buttons and patch, FIC.016-Magazines-6 boxes of Alaska Magazine.

Contact Terri Henson, Museum Director, PO Box 1050, Wrangell, AK 99929, 907-874-3770 for more information or to make claim of ownership

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT WRANGELL

In the Matter of the Estate of:)
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Clarie M. Moeser has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-entitled estate. Pursuant to Alaska Statute 13.16.450, all creditors are hereby notified to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of first publication of this notice or be forever barred. Said claims must be submitted to Clarie M. Moeser, c/o Chupka Currall LLC, 306 Main Street, Suite 326, Ketchikan, Alaska 99901.

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Opportunity to Object to the Wrangell Island Project

The Wrangell Island Project Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and draft Record of Decision (ROD) were completed and posted to the project website on July 13, 2017. Paper copies have been mailed to those organizations and individuals who specifically requested them. The Wrangell Island Project proposes timber harvest and road construction on the Wrangell Ranger District, Tongass National Forest. The Responsible Official for this project is Earl Stewart, Tongass Forest Supervisor. The FEIS and draft ROD, and additional information regarding this proposed project is available on the project website at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=34831> or from: Bob Dalrymple, District Ranger, PO Box 51, 525 Bennett Street, Wrangell, AK 99929, phone 907-874-2323, fax 907-874-7595, or email dalrymple@fs.fed.us.

The Wrangell Island Project draft Record of Decision is subject to a pre-decisional administrative review (objection) pursuant to 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B.

Objections will be accepted only from those who previously submitted timely, specific written comments regarding the proposed project either during scoping or other designated opportunity for public comment in accordance with 36 CFR 218.5(a). Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted timely, specific written comments regarding the proposed project unless based on new information arising after designated public comment opportunities (36 CFR 218.8(c)).

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The Reviewing Officer is Beth Pendleton, Alaska Regional Forester. Send objections to: Beth Pendleton, Regional Forester, Tongass National Forest, PO Box 21628, 709 W. 9th Street, Juneau, AK 99802-1628, phone 907-586-8863, fax 907-586-8863 or e-mail, objections-alaska-regional-office@fs.fed.us.

Written objections, including any attachments, must be filed (regular mail, fax, email, hand-delivery, or express delivery) with the Reviewing Officer within 45 days following the publication date of this legal notice in the newspaper of record. The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered objections are 8 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Electronic objections must be submitted in a format compatible with the current version of MS Word. It is the responsibility of objectors to ensure their objection is received in a timely manner (36 CFR 218.9).

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Fishing

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be more akin to 15,000 to 17,000 fish per day, prompting the emergency closure on Independence Day. The majority of these were caught off the outer coastline, further offshore than normal.

Depending on how the run shapes up a second opening may follow in mid-August, with the date depending on whether there is a need for conservation closing.

"If it's low enough or we're a little bit concerned," Hagerman explained, the department can order a conservation closure for up to 10 days. "At this point, it's still a question mark."

For districts 6 and 8, the drift gillnet season opened on July 2 for a three-day period. Participation was reportedly below-average, and while harvest rates of sockeye improved they remained lower than usual. A 24-hour extension was announced, and in Wrangell's district another 24-hour mid-week opening was granted.

Harvest rates for king and coho salmon in both areas likewise remained below average, though these were offset by higher than usual harvest rates for pinks and chum. A four-day opening for both districts was to begin on July 9, wrapping up today.

ADFG reports that the Wrangell and Prince of Wales districts' gillnet fishery is managed for sockeye salmon abundance through early August. This year's pre-season forecast for Stikine River sockeye salmon is 185,000 fish, above the recent 10-



PHOTO BY DAN RUDY

A break out from the office

Tenants of the Kadin Building and their extended neighbors at the Churchill Building throw an impromptu sidewalk party, complete with the "Savings Buck," mascot Tongass Federal Credit Union's school savings program. In addition to TFCU, booths were put up by Wrangell Fitness, Southeast Alaska Rural Health Consortium, Tlingit-Haida Central Council's Tribal Family Services office, and the Alaska Public Health Office.

year average of 168,000.

Meanwhile, in the Anita Bay terminal harvest area, as of Friday about 4,800 Chinook and 7,600 coho salmon had been taken. The year's forecast expects a total of 481,000 summer chum, 15,400 Chinook, and 20,100 coho salmon. A rotational fishery began on June 13 for the drift gillnet and purse seine gear groups with an initial time ratio of one to one, changing to a time ratio of two to one in SW 31. This rotational fishing period will conclude on August 31 when Anita Bay opens to both gear groups concurrently until it closes for the season at noon on November 10.

Meanwhile, the Dungeness crab summer fishery is looking at an early closure this year, set for July 25. The season has been shortened by three weeks, considerably more than the last to be shortened, by one week in

2013.

ADFG fisheries biologist Adam Messmer explained the first week of the catch is used to project the rest of the year, a method in use since 2000. The upper threshold for the season is 2,250,000 pounds of crab, with projections falling well short of that so far.

Usually the Stikine Flats are the most productive in the region, but it and other parts of the mainland shoreline have not fared so well. Better catches elsewhere in northern and southern Southeast have in the past compensated for such shortfalls, but that was not the case this season.

"It was pretty similar across the board," Messmer said.

In the case of 2013's early summer closure, the crab still came, but later on during the fall season. Ordinarily only 20 percent of the year's harvest are caught in those months, with the majority harvested during the summer season. But in that case the autumn catch represented around 39 percent of the year's takings.

"Those crab were around for harvest in the fall," said Messmer. "When that happened there was quite a bit of softshell" evident during the summer.

He said it was possible the year's molt came later than usual, something that could be verified by dockside sampling. If the rate of softshell crab is higher than usual, management could opt for a full Dungeness fishery in the fall, for two months rather than one.

"We don't really know that until this season continues," Messmer added.

Other variables could be at play, such as predation by sea otters, but they would be harder to pinpoint because of Dungeness' data-limited fishery. The department would prefer to "err on the side of conservation," he explained. However long it lasts, the autumn fishery is expected to begin on October 1.

Seafood production has been ongoing for a couple of weeks already in Wrangell. For salmon, numbers at Trident Seafoods is about going as hoped for so far. But regional manager John Webby explained the season is still in its early stages.

"I think we're really close," he said. "Our chum numbers could be a little greater," though harvests to the north have been "very robust." "We're sending most of those fish here to Wrangell," he said.

"Pink numbers are down a little bit. But it's been so early and there haven't been a lot of pink fisheries," Webby added.

Above the nets and the brine, one potential point of concern for local seafood producers is the availability of water. In

Wrangell, treatment of its freshwater sources failed to keep up with production last summer, leading to emergency measures to be taken late in July and causing some disruption to seafood plants. Additional staff and new means of maintaining the filtration bays have been adopted by the city's water department for this summer, and so far has shown to have made the process more efficient.

Still, this week the city announced it was moving to a cautionary alert level for Wrangell water users.

"It's cautionary in the sense that the tanks can fluctuate rapidly," explained interim city manager Carol Rushmore.

Keeping the sand filtration bays clear and water flowing involves clearing them of sediment, which in its old age the system is more prone to accumulate. The new methods have brought the amount of time needed between cleanings up from four days last year to three weeks last month, though heavier demand has brought that back down to two weeks, Rushmore said.

With the processors getting into full swing, she asked that residents try to remain mindful of their water usage. At this stage, it involves making sure taps and spigots are turned off when not in use and checking for line leakage. Water sales to cruise ships has been curtailed for the present, and restaurants are encouraged to provide tap water to customers upon request. This last bit will not in itself solve the water issue, but is one more way to remind people to think conservatively.

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Possible risks posed by abandoned mine sale

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

A regional conservation group recently called attention to the prospective sale of a disused Canadian mine, and suggests the exchange could bode poorly for efforts to maintain water quality in transboundary rivers.

The Tulsequah Chief zinc mine is across the Canadian border in British Columbia located along the Tulsequah River, a tributary of the Taku River. It has been out of use since 1957, and its critics contend it has since been a source of headache both for its past owners and for subsistence users along the Taku watershed it neighbors.

Constructed and initially operated for five years during the 1950s, after a lengthy lull it was purchased by Redfern Resources Ltd., which applied for an environmental assessment (EA) certificate to develop a 2,480-ton-per-day underground copper, lead, zinc, gold and silver mine at the site. Twice since, the mine has changed hands due to bankruptcy, the latest occurring last fall when owner Chieftain Metals Corporation was placed into receivership. Since its initial abandonment in 1957, acid has been draining from the mine site into the Tulsequah River, which in turn is a tributary to the Taku River.

According to B.C.'s Ministry of Energy and Mines (MEM), acid mine drainage is the outflow of acidic water from metal or coal mines. While the acid in rock is formed through a naturally occurring process, fine particles created and left exposed through the blasting or crushing processes involved in ore extraction speeds up the oxidation process. When oxidation occurs acid is rapidly produced, and can go on for many years.

At this particular mine site, the Tulsequah River is the primary receiving environment of its acidic effluent. The costs for the pollution abatement necessary to safely reopen the Tulsequah Chief mine have proven an unsurpassable obstacle for both mine owners. A treatment center was installed by Redfern in 2005 but never used, with the company

arguing it needed the mine open to finance its operation. The facility was subsequently sold along with other mining equipment to satisfy creditors. After Chieftain Metals acquired the site in 2010, another acid-water treatment plan was developed and put into action for a short period in 2012.

The mine went into another receivership after its owner, Chieftain Metals Corporation, was pressed into bankruptcy late last year. The provincial government implemented a Tulsequah Chief working group in September 2016 to bring together all provincial regulating agencies to ensure communication and coordination of action.

Shortly after Chieftain Metals was placed under receivership, on September 26 inspectors from two ministries and the Taku River Tlingit inspected the Tulsequah Chief mine site. Inspectors found a number of non-compliance issues at the site including no caretaker on site, drainage issues at the sediment pond, and unsecured chemicals at the site. MEM has since reported hiring a contractor to "store and properly secure all chemicals identified on site," with most of the work completed in December 2016.

Water quality watchdog Rivers Without Borders reports that the seeping of rock-produced acid into the neighboring watershed still remains a problem at the site, posing a potential risk to salmon and other fish inhabiting the system. Despite a statement of cooperation signed between British Columbia and the state of Alaska last October promising more dialogue between the two on mining concerns, news of a prospective buyer to the site has caused the group concerns. The cordial agreement had been reached following heightened concerns about protecting river water quality, following the rupture of a tailings dam at Mount Polley into the Fraser River system in August 2014.

Rivers Without Borders announced the possible purchase of Tulsequah Chief on June 29, noting it had learned of the arrangement from a redacted post on receiver Grant Thornton's website, rather than from the

provincial government. What is disconcerting to the organization about the proposed sale is the lack of dialogue between British Columbia's provincial government and Alaska.

"B.C. did not say one word about this potential buyer," commented Chris Zimmer, Rivers Without Borders' Alaska director.

One of several concerns the group voiced in last month's media release was the province's strategy of relying on mine operators to implement full cleanup of the site is not working, in part because the financial incentives are not there – in the short term for a smaller scale mine like Tulsequah Chief, but in the longer term for much larger ventures being developed across the province.

"Trying to re-open the Tulsequah Chief a third time is not a cleanup plan. It is a recipe for another bankruptcy, more pollution, and opening up the heart of the Taku to mining and road building," Zimmer commented in the release.

"The Tulsequah Chief is not a viable mine, and it's time to clean it up and close it down once and for all," it quoted John Morris, Sr., an elder and Tribal Council member of the Douglas Indian Association. "Two mining companies have gone bankrupt trying to re-open this mine and have left a legacy of toxic acid mine drainage into salmon habitat. B.C.'s assurances of mine cleanup seem hollow, with B.C. more interested in re-opening this failed mine rather than cleaning up its 60 year legacy of pollution."

A body metals study on Taku River king salmon and Dolly Varden char concluded by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in October 2016 showed no significant difference in metal concentration in fish captured near the mine site, when compared to fish captured upstream and downstream of it. However, the mine's authors noted the scope of the study was limited to whether fish were impacted, not whether Tulsequah Chief was polluting nearby waters.

An aquatic ecological risk

assessment undertaken by Chieftain Metals in 2014 likewise found there had been "no unacceptable risk" to river salmon from the mine, but concerns about the assessment prompted the province to require another one to be taken, which was not completed by the time the company went into receivership.

The ongoing issue highlights similar concerns about mining projects elsewhere in the province. The Red Chris Mine, which began operations near the Stikine River's tributary Iskut in 2015, is one such case. Zimmer noted the sizable copper and gold mine makes use of watered tailings storage similar in design but larger in scale than that at Mount Polley. In the official

autopsy examining the latter's rupture, one of the key recommendations to prevent similar incidents was to use dry tailings storage techniques.

Involving stacking relatively dried cake leftover from mining operations, this method would virtually eliminate ground water contamination and runoff, and would be resistant to seismic disturbances. If used as intended, risks of catastrophic ruptures such as that at Mount Polley would not be a concern. However, the main reason to favor watered tailings over dry storage is financial, being less costly to develop and maintain slurried tailings. Other logistical considerations are to be considered, such as rainfall and onsite water storage.



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Alaska's marijuana tax revenue reaches \$1M

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) – Alaska's marijuana industry has brought in more than \$1 million in tax revenue since commercial sales began in October.

Revenue passed the mark on June 30, which was the due date for Alaska cannabis growers to pay taxes collected in May, The Juneau Empire reported. The state's May money pushed overall revenue to \$1.2 million and was \$272,600 – the highest of any single month since October.

The Department of Revenue predicted earlier this year that the state would collect \$2 million in the fiscal year that ended July 1. The revenue will miss that mark, but officials said sales are on the verge of increasing.

Kelly Mazzei of the department's tax division said outdoor growing operations have not yet made their first harvest. When that happens, the state's tax revenue might soar, she said.

Mazzei predicted figures for June could reach \$500,000.

Under Alaska's rules, cultivators – not retail-

ers – pay state taxes.

Eight states and the District of Columbia have legalized recreational marijuana, though only Oregon, Washington, Colorado and Alaska have fully fledged their industries. Nevada began allowing recreational sales July 1.

In Alaska, tax revenue has remained stubbornly below state projections for a variety of reasons including a slower-than-expected regulatory process, the time needed for cultivation and harvest, and the fact that out-of-state investment is not permitted.

Retailers and cultivators have been forced to bootstrap their own businesses, which requires them to gradually increase production as their monthly profits allow.

Fairbanks remains the marijuana farming capital of Alaska, according to Tax Division statistics. In May, nine cultivators paid taxes there. Anchorage had only two, the same number as Sitka and Juneau. Kenai had three cultivators.

Alaska's retail stores have purchased a total of 289 pounds of marijuana from state farms.

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