

Stikine River rally highlights mining concerns

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

It was a perfect day to be outdoors last Sunday, Aug. 4. The sun was shining, the water was smooth, and the temperature was warm. Besides the nice weather, concerned locals also spent the day outdoors to raise awareness for another issue: Mining along the Stikine River.

The Southeast Alaska Indigenous Transboundary Commission, SEITC, held a rally upriver last Sunday. Tis Peterman, CEO of the commission, said that the Stikine was recently listed among the top 10 endangered rivers in the country by American Rivers, a conservation organization that has worked to protect America's rivers and freshwater species since its founding in 1973.

"This is the first time that the Stikine River is included on this list," reads an article by American Rivers. "Other rivers in Alaska listed as most endangered in recent years include the Chilkat River (2019), Colville River (2018), and Rivers of Bristol Bay (2018, 2011)."

Peterman said that as part of receiving this endangered designation, SEITC was required to put together an event to bring people together to raise awareness of concerns in the area. It was decided to host a rally on

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Cross Country season begins

Cross country season opened last Wednesday, July 31, with the start of school only a few weeks away. Pictured here are members of the Wrangell High School cross country team beginning their first practice of the season led by Elias Decker.

Rally for cancer care tournaments this weekend

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This coming weekend, Muskeg Meadows Golf Course will host the annual Rally for Cancer Care tournaments. The rally has become a longstanding and popular tradition for people in Wrangell and Petersburg, drawing people from both towns.

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- Betty Abbott,
Medical Center Foundation

Betty Abbott, with the Wrangell Medical Center Foundation, said that the program has been around since 2009. She explained that the foundation uses



FILE PGOTO

Becky Rooney and Maria Beers at last year's Rally for Cancer Care tournament.

the tournament to raise funds, which they then use to help offset travel expenses for cancer patients. As Southeast Alaska is made up of many small communities scattered across islands, travel

can become an expensive part of cancer treatment.

Olinda White, with the foundation, said that over the years they have been able to help 84 people with a total of

\$112,076.93 over the years.

"We encourage all the ladies and guys in Wrangell to come out and support cancer care," Abbott said. "This is kind of one of my passions because I was a cancer survivor many, many years ago ... It's very expensive and your life changes once you've been diagnosed with any type of cancer. Many trips to wherever you have your diagnosis, your treatment, followup and all of that."

The rally is divided between two days, Aug. 10 and 11. Saturday's tournament is women-only, with registration opening at 8:30 a.m. The rally will begin around 10 a.m. This is not a very serious game of golf, Abbott and White said. Instead, there will be a series of challenges and fun games for participants to enjoy, and it will just be a fun time to spend outdoors. There will also be lunch and an auction, with the day wrapping up around 4 p.m.

On Sunday there will be a 9-hole best ball tournament for the men, "Blue Tees for Balls." This tournament will begin at 10 a.m. with registration beforehand. To learn more about both events, visit the Wrangell Medical Center Foundation's Facebook page.

"We always take contributions, it's a very good program," White said. "Lots of people in town have benefited from it, a lot of people from Southeast."

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Thursday, August 8: Brian McCloskey, Dixie Booker, Lurine McGee, Rick Wiederspohn, Karl Kohrt. **Anniversary:** Jeff Brown & Jen Banks, Harley & Lana Johnson. **Friday, August 9:** Tara Dailey, Chase Good. **Anniversary:** Adam & Melinda Messmer. **Saturday, August 10:** Brent Mickle, "Charlie", Jason Gadd, Katie Brock, "Sniffer" Torvend, Debbie Mathews. **Anniversary:** Dick & Mary Edgley. **Sunday, August 11:** Teslin Smith, James Stough, Sr., Christopher Mork, Ed Kalkins, Jr. **Monday, August 12:** Luran Woolery, Rebekah Anderson, Silje Morse, Wayne Harding. **Anniversary:** Steve & Shannon Chrisman, Eric & Darian Gerald. **Tuesday, August 13:** Erik Keene Kohrt, Chris Byford, Kyle Hommel, Rachel Harris, Michael Howell, Sean Kaer, Shawna Strain, Heidi Villarma, Savana Bylow. **Wednesday, August 14:** Alice Bakke. **Thursday, August 15:** Mikel Smith, Elsie Lindley, Rebekah Gile, Chris Guggenbickler. **Anniversary:** Sanoe & Kaelene Har-rision.

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

Senior Center Menu

Thursday, August 8

Pineapple Lemon Chicken, Green Beans, Sukiyaki Salad, Rice & Vegetable Pilaf

Friday, August 9

Creole Pork Steaks, Harvard Beets, Danish Salad, Bran Muffin

Monday, August 12

Chicken & Peach Saute, Peas & Carrots, Apple/Cabbage/Raisin Salad, Pasta

Tuesday, August 13

Beef Vegetable Soup, Carrot Sticks, Peaches & Cottage Cheese, Whole Grain Crackers

Wednesday, August 14

Halibut Caddy Gantry, Steamed Spinach, Fruit Slaw, Rice & Vegetable Pilaf

Thursday, August 15

Dutch Style Beef & Cabbage, Peas, Carrot/Raisin Salad, Wheat Bread

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

FERRY

Departures

Northbound

Saturday, August 10
Malaspina 6:00 a.m.
Sunday, August 11
Columbia 5:15 p.m.
Tuesday, August 13
Malaspina 2:00 p.m.
Saturday, August 17
Malaspina 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, August 18
Columbia 3:30 p.m.

Southbound

Thursday, August 8
Malaspina 9:30 p.m.
Monday, August 12
Malaspina 4:15 a.m.
Wednesday, August 14
Columbia 6:15 a.m.
Thursday, August 15
Malaspina 7:30 p.m.
Monday, August 19
Malaspina 6:45 a.m.

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



TIDES August 8 - August 15

	High Tides		Low Tides		AM		PM	
	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft
August 8	7:42	12.6	8:02	15.5	1:17	1.7	1:17	3.3
August 9	9:04	12.2	9:10	15.5	2:33	1.8	2:26	4.4
August 10	10:19	12.4	10:13	15.7	3:51	1.4	3:43	4.8
August 11	11:21	13.1	11:10	16.1	5:00	0.6	4:55	4.6
August 12	12:14	13.8	5:54	-0.1	5:52	4.1
August 13	0:00	16.5	12:59	14.5	6:38	-0.7	6:37	3.5
August 14	0:45	16.7	1:38	14.9	7:14	-1.1	7:15	3.1
August 15	1:24	16.8	2:13	15.2	7:46	-1.2	7:48	2.8

Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

Thursday, August 8

Planning and Zoning Meeting: City Hall, 6:00 p.m.

School District Policy Committee: Elementary School Room 101, 3:30 p.m.

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:

North Star Group Meeting. St. Philip's Church. Tuesday: 7 p.m., Thursday: 8 p.m., Friday: 8 p.m.

The Way We Were

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

August 7, 1919

Yesterday was another "still hunt," and the federal officers after having brought a Ketchikan man to conviction by a fine of \$300, began to smell booze again and going straight back to the cabin on the creek, where they found the outfit, he found another man had taken possession of the cabin and had a trunk with him.

When asked if he was going to live there the man said "yes," and that he had carpenter's tools in the trunk. The officer commanded him to open the trunk and the contents consisted of about 40 quarts of whiskey, so it is stated.

The Times reporter asked for more news at the courthouse this morning and was told there was none.

We happened to know there was news as the smell of the booze caravan struck the Times office about as soon as it did the federal official yesterday after noon.

August 4, 1944

Aleuts at Burnett Inlet, as well as those at Ward's Lake and Killisnoo, will be returned to their Aleutian Island homes at the end of the fishing season, according to Don Foster, Superintendent of the Office of Indian Affairs at Juneau.

Glen Green has already arrived in Juneau from Twin Falls, Idaho, to take charge of the rehabilitation program involved in returning the people to their native homes.

It will be necessary in many cases to rebuild their homes and other structures damaged in the Japanese raid on the islands two years ago.

More than 350 Aleuts will be returned to Kashega, Unalaska Atka, Akutan, Biorka, Makushin and Kikolski.

They will again pursue their former occupations of sealing, trapping and hunting. The Aleuts have been in Southeast Alaska since 1942.

August 7, 1969

During the fiscal year, which closed June 30, 1969, the Wrangell office of the Farmers Home Administration had 28 loans approved for a total of almost \$600,000.

This is almost twice the amount approved for any of the other three Alaskan FHA offices. Most of the loans approved were home loans, either for home construction or purchase of homes. A very small amount of the funds went for purchase of fishing equipment for poverty income families in the native villages.

The Farmers Home Administration is an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and grants loans for farm purposes, for home loans in rural areas and in towns having less than a 5,500 population.

August 4, 1994

Wrangell's Forest Service District joined others in Alaska

fighting fires in the Lower 48 this week. Eight personnel from Wrangell left for Spokane, to be sent to other locations, believed to be in Idaho.

One person from the local office is now aiding firefighters in Montana.

The lighter than usual fire season on the Tongass and Chugach National Forests has allowed USDA Forest Service to respond to the call for assistance on forest fires elsewhere.

One hundred of the people dispatched were assigned to 20-person fire crews with the remaining individuals being utilized in fire overhead positions. Initially, most of the personnel have been dispatched to Washington, Oregon and Idaho.

Correction

In last week's photograph of the Wrangell Community Orchestra's Bearfest performance, we misidentified Bonnie Demerjian as Michael Bania.

Wrangell Weather

Date	High	Low
July 29	55	51
July 30	57	51
July 31	57	53
Aug. 01	63	53
Aug. 02	69	51
Aug. 03	72	52
Aug. 04	73	54
Aug. 05	73	55

Daylight Hours

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
Aug 08	5:03 am	8:43 pm	15:40h
Aug 09	5:05 am	8:41 pm	15:36h
Aug 10	5:07 am	8:38 pm	15:31h
Aug 11	5:09 am	8:36 pm	15:27h
Aug 12	5:11 am	8:34 pm	15:23h
Aug 13	5:13 am	8:32 pm	15:19h
Aug 14	5:15 am	8:29 pm	15:14h
Aug 15	5:17 am	8:27 pm	15:10h

NOAA releases annual report of US fisheries

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration held an online press conference last Friday, Aug. 2, to announce the release of their annual report to Congress on the state of the country's fisheries. This report, for the year 2018, looks at 479 federally managed fish stocks across the United States. Alan Risenhoover, director of the office of sustainable fisheries, said that the report was designed to give Congressmen and the wider public more insight into the state of American fish stocks. Healthy fishery stocks are important not only for the ecosystem, but also for the American economy.

"As we all know our fisheries are important to our coastal communities," Risenhoover said. "Sustainably managing our stocks contributes to broad positive effects associated with both commercial and recreational fishing. And it's shown on this slide here the results of this economic benefit are high: \$212 billion in sales, we contribute \$61 billion to the GDP, and we support over 1.7 million jobs around the country."

An important part of the annual report is seeing which stocks are subject to overfishing, or are already overfished. Out of the 479 stocks, Risenhoover said that 321 of them had a "known status" with overfishing. 293 stocks were not subject to overfishing, the report said, but 28 were. Meanwhile, 244 stocks had a "known status" of already being overfished. Of these, 201 have not been overfished, but 43 have been in 2018.

"In 2018 over 90 percent of federally managed fish stocks are not subject to overfishing," he said. "Let's say that again, over 90 percent are not subject to overfishing."

Two Alaskan fish stocks were declared overfished, the blue king crab stock around the Pribilof Islands and the blue king crab stock of St. Matthew Island. No stocks in this report were in the Southeast Alaska region. However, salmon, which the region relies heavily upon, were hurt last year in other places. Chinook salmon in the upper Columbia River are subject to overfishing, according to the report. Chinook and coho salmon stocks were also declared overfished across the rest of the Pacific, from California to British Columbia.

Several stocks were removed from the "overfishing" list of the report. Among them is the coho salmon stock in Puget Sound. On the opposite end of the country, the smooth skate stock in the Gulf of Maine was declared rebuilt. Since 2000, the report reads, 45 fish stocks have been rebuilt.

During the Q&A section of the press conference, Southeast Alaska was brought up. Wrangell Sentinel news editor Caleb Vierkant asked if NOAA was taking into account other factors that could hurt stocks beyond commercial or recreational fishing, such as climate change, an increase of predators in the area, or even transboundary issues with Canada.

"I think that's something we're actively working on in all those arenas," Risenhoover said. "So the international arena up



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Smoked salmon contest

One of Bearfest's many popular events is the smoked salmon contest. Held at the Nolan Center Saturday, July 27, this year's event was judged by (left to right) Dana Tough, John Martin, and Clint Kolarich. This year's winner was Arlene Woodward.

there, members of NOAA fisheries are on those negotiation teams. Our scientists are looking at all of those issues, in particular some of the warming waters, some of the distribution shifts of the fish, as well as when they do stock assessments they'll look at mortality they can find from different sources. So if something is eating the target species that would be taken into the stock assessment, as well. So yes, those are things that we routinely look at and input into our management measures."

To find the full report, visit www.fisheries.noaa.gov.

Police report

July 29, 2019

Drug information.
Unattended baggage: Bags were picked up.
DUI: Unfounded.
Harassment.
Citizen assist: Unlocked vehicle.
Reckless driving: Verbal warning to maintain his lane of traffic.
Animal complaint.

July 30, 2019

Agency assist: Public works.
Subpoena service.
Agency assist: OCS.
Agency assist: TSA.
Two reports of suspicious circumstances.
Report of dog bite.

July 31, 2019

Citizen assist: Welfare check.
Aggressive dog.
Citizen assist: Civil matter.
Found property.
Two reports of theft: Shoplifter.
Parking complaint.
Vehicle theft: Recovered.
Disturbance.
Suspicious incident.

August 1, 2019

Misconduct involving a controlled substance.
Harassment.
Fraud/theft.
Animal complaint.

August 2, 2019

Noise complaint.
Trespassing.
Missing child: Child found.
Criminal mischief.
Domestic dispute.
Agency assist: Fire department.
Illegal parking.

August 3, 2019

Verbal warning for disturbing the peace.
Reckless driving.
Drug paraphernalia.
Harassment.
Arrested: James Howe, 47, on charges of harassment II/ domestic violence, felon in possession of weapons.
Abandoned bicycles.

August 4, 2019

Citizen report of DUI: Unfounded.
Agency assist: TSA.
Citizen assist: Warning about water running.
Suspicious incident.
Lost property.

There was one ambulance call and two dog complaints this week.

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Dan's Dispatch

By Representative
Dan Ortiz

As the District 36 Representative, my primary assignment now in the Legislature is to serve as the Vice-Chair on the House Finance Committee. In that duty, I traveled to Juneau, Anchorage, Wasilla, and Fairbanks between July 15-18 in order to hear Public Testimony on HB 2001, the special session budget bill. During those three days of testimony, we heard over 600 people testify in person. During the month of July, we had over 2,300 Alaskans provide testimony to the House Finance Committee. Over 85% of the testifiers were in support of restoring the budget that we had sent the Governor back in June.

On Monday July 29th, Senator Stedman and myself, along with the majority of the Alaska Legislature, voted yes on our Special Session budget bills, Senate Bill 2002 and House Bill 2001. These 'round two' budgets include funding for programs and items that the Governor vetoed earlier.

SB 2002, the capital funding budget, leverages state spending of \$171.5 million (combined Unrestricted General Funds and Constitutional Budget Reserve funds) to capture over one billion dollars in federal funds. The bill passed the Senate 19-0 and the House 32-6 (with the vote on how to fund it passing 31-7). It includes:

- A reverse sweep, which protects funds (and therefore programs) in the Higher Education Investment Fund and the Power Cost Equalization fund. The Higher Ed Fund provides money for the WWAMI medical

program and the Alaska Performance Scholarship program.

- Funding for the Crime-Reform bill HB49, which was our SB91 repeal from earlier this year
- Alaska Marine Highway System Vessel Overhaul funds
- Matching federal fund requirements used to pave our roads, repair our airports, and support for repair/construction of AMHS vessels.

HB 2001 is the veto restoration and Permanent Fund Dividend bill. It provides an approximately \$1,600 PFD for each Alaskan (the original Operating budget did not include a PFD). It restores funding for:

- The Senior Benefits Program
- Pre-K Grants and Early Learning Programs (including Head Start funding)
- Nearly 1 million in added funds for statewide fisheries management
- The Alaska State Council on the Arts
- Public Broadcasting
- University of Alaska (funded now at \$110 million, which is about \$25 million less than what was allocated in the operating budget originally passed by the legislature)

- The Village Public Safety Officer Program
- Behavioral Health Treatment and Recovery Grants
- Adult Dental Medicaid
- A \$5 million addition to Marine Highway System funds

Funding for the School Bond Debt Reimbursement obligation was restored while the bill was in the Senate. If that hadn't been restored, the entire burden of paying for these projects would have



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Bears on the Anan trail

A mother black bear and her cub stand next to the end of the trail at the Anan wildlife observatory. Anan is a popular spot for people to come see many creatures, especially bears.

shifted to municipalities, and we would have certainly seen local taxes go up to accommodate the increased burden to local communities for our bond debt obligations. HB 2001 passed the House 21-10 and passed the Senate 17-2.

Both bills are in the process of being transmitted to the Governor's desk, who has line-item veto power. He has 15 days to sign the bill. If he does use his veto power, the legislature can choose to override his vetoes with a supermajority 3/4ths

vote. If you want to continue staying engaged as Governor Dunleavy decides whether to sign or veto the bills, you can call his office at (907) 465-3500 or send an

email via the web: <https://gov.alaska.gov/contact/email-the-governor>. And as always, you can reach me at Rep.Dan.Ortiz@AKLeg.gov or (907) 247-4672.

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

I just wanted to make a comment to the recent article about State Trooper Freeburg seeking increased local collaboration. Recently I was pulled over for speeding. I didn't see the speed reduction sign coming into town from the highway. It was six o'clock in the morning; I worked 12 hours the day before, and got up before work to get a workout in. I was tired and the violation was an honest mistake. I pass these cops sometimes four or five times a day, they know me and they know my truck and know that I don't speed. Not only did they give me a ticket but they also knocked four points off my license. This is the worst ticket I've ever gotten. I believed I talked to the Sergeant or the Police Chief and tried to get them to drop the ticket and his exact words were "we do not give warnings." I would have settled for a reduced ticket that most police officers would give you anywhere else in the world.

Now, it's really hard to not take that person-

ally and feel like it's us against them. Officer Freeburg was saying that he doesn't want people to think that they're hiding behind every rock, but that's exactly what the police were doing when they pulled me over, tucked up in the woods on a blind corner at six o'clock in the morning.

Hands on guns crouched down like you're a bank robber when they're talking to you (my experience and others) makes it hard to not feel like us against them. One guy was telling me his adult daughter was walking home from a friend's house and a cop pulled up alongside her asking "what she was out so late for" and another said that a cop told him that they were "cracking down on traffic violations" because he had forgotten to put his blinker on. I met a couple of the officers here outside of law enforcement and they seem like great guys, not trying to bash anyone, but I think if you want collaboration they need to get together and agree to lighten up a bit.

Joshua Ingman

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Almost 500 responses to community prioritization survey

By CALEB VIERKANT
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Closing on July 19 last month, the Wrangell Community Prioritization Survey garnered what Ruby McMurren called a surprising number of responses. A total of 482 people responded to the survey, she said. Most of these surveys were completed online, but 49 of them were hard copies.

The survey is part of a grant project by the Administration for Native Americans, lead by McMurren and Talea Massin of the Wrangell Cooperative Association, seeking to combat outmigration of tribal citizens and improve the Wrangell community as a whole. McMurren said that Meilani Schijvens of Rain Coast Data, who helped put together the survey, was happily surprised by the turnout for the survey.

"She was expecting a couple hundred less, so she was really happy when we got that many," Massin said.

The survey was open to all

community members over the age of 10-years-old, according to an explanation of the survey's methodology by Schijvens. Of the 2,137 Wrangell residents within the proper age range to take the survey, getting 482 responses means a participation rate of 23 percent. This leads to a "survey confidence level" of 95%, Schijvens wrote, with a margin of error just below 4%.

The survey looked at items ranging from healthcare, the environment, and economic development. While the project is geared towards combating native outmigration, McMurren said that the results from it will benefit the entire community.

When it comes to healthcare, according to survey results, many people are happy to see the construction of a new hospital in town. There are some areas the public would like to see improvement on, however. These improvements include increased substance abuse programs, local

eye and dental care, and OBGYN services.

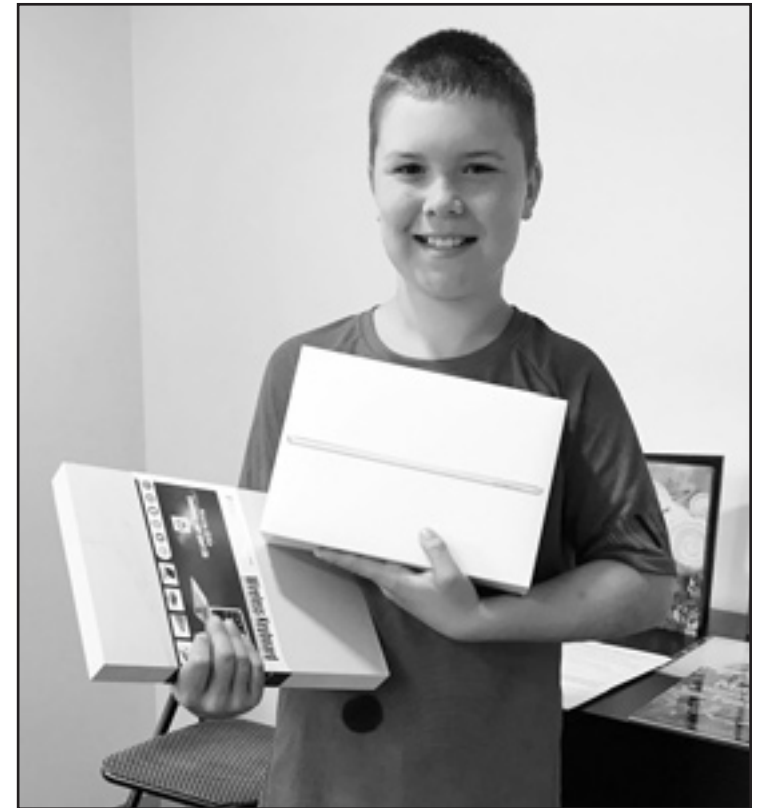
People would also like to see the reinstatement of high school training programs for the healthcare field, such as for certified nursing assistants.

In the area of economic development, people who responded to the survey are most concerned with repairing aging infrastructure, training high school students in maritime trade, and developing the old Institute property for housing and mixed-use neighborhoods.

In the area of tourism, people want to see more Alaska Native storytelling and dancing available for visitors.

Another idea that garnered a lot of attention was moving freight services away from downtown Wrangell, and turning the area into a park that tourists and locals could enjoy.

Finally, when it comes to the environment, the public is mainly concerned with the ongoing drought across South-



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Everett Meissner won an iPad in a prize drawing for taking the Wrangell Community Prioritization Survey.

east Alaska, and maintaining access to safe drinking water.

In a separate survey passed out by the Tlingit and Haida Central Council on housing needs, about 79 percent of people who responded said they wanted to see their homes become more energy efficient. The next two most popular housing needs are an increase in affordable housing and the creation of more rental units.

"We had a great number of respondents," McMurren said. "We were trying really hard. You know, 482 for the size of

Wrangell is considered actually really good, as far as surveys go."

As an added incentive to take the survey, there were several potential prizes for a post-survey drawing. Everett Meissner won an iPad, and Tamara Eastaugh and John Sargent won gift certificates to City Market and Wrangell IGA, respectively. Heidi Armstrong was another winner, receiving 25,000 Alaska Airlines miles.

McMurren said that the results of the survey would be factored into a full comprehensive action plan, which they intend to release sometime this fall. Massin added that they are working with city officials to move in the right direction to start making these plans into a reality.

To see the full results of the survey, visit www.raincoastdata.com and look for the Wrangell Community Survey Assessment under the "recent work" tab.

Opportunity to Comment on the Central Tongass Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement

The Tongass National Forest is seeking public comment on the Central Tongass Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), a landscape-scale NEPA analysis that will result in a decision whether to authorize integrated resource management activities on the Petersburg and Wrangell Ranger Districts over the next 15 years. The intent of this project is to contribute to jobs and labor income in local and regional communities in the timber and tourism sectors, while also contributing to improved terrestrial and aquatic conditions that support the viability of subsistence resources and providing safe access to Forest users. The environmental analysis includes a range of activities that could be implemented when a need for change (from the existing condition to the desired condition) is identified. Specific locations and methods for activities will be determined during implementation based on the conditions defined by the alternatives in conjunction with the framework provided by the Implementation Plan and Activity Guide (Appendix A).

Public meetings and subsistence hearings will be held in the communities of Kake, Petersburg and Wrangell during the 45-day comment period. The Forest Service will advertise meeting dates and locations on the project webpage at the link provided below, in local newspapers and through public service announcements on local radio stations.

The Responsible Official for this project is the Forest Supervisor for the Tongass National Forest.

The DEIS and other project information is available on-line at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/tongass/landmanagement/projects/?cid=fseprd568085>. The DEIS and supporting documentation are also available for review at the Petersburg Ranger District, 12 North Nordic Drive, Petersburg, Alaska. Additional information regarding this action can be obtained from:

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Petersburg, Alaska 99833

Phone # 907-772-3871, Email: carey.case@usda.gov

Specific written comments on the proposed project will be accepted for 45 days following the date of publication of the Notice of Availability (NOA) in the **Federal Register**, August 2, 2019. The publication date of the NOA in the **Federal Register** is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period for a proposed action documented in a DEIS. Those wishing to comment should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. If the comment period ends on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday, comments will be accepted until the end of the next Federal working day (11:59 pm).

The Central Tongass Project is an activity implementing a land management plan and is subject to 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B. Only individuals or entities who submit timely and specific written comments about this proposed project or activity during this or another public comment period established by the Responsible Official will be eligible to file an objection. Other requirements to be eligible to submit an objection are listed at 36 CFR 218.25(a)(3). Individual members of an entity must submit their own comments in order to have eligibility to object as an individual. It is the responsibility of the sender to ensure timely receipt of any comments submitted. Names and contact information submitted with comments will become part of the public record and may be released under the Freedom of Information Act.

Comments should be within the scope of the proposed action, have a direct relationship to the proposed action, and include supporting reasons for the Responsible Official to consider.

Specific written comments for the Responsible Official may be submitted via mail, other delivery service, email, fax, or in person to:

Carey Case, Project Leader
P.O. Box 1328, 12 North Nordic Drive
Petersburg, Alaska 99833

<https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public/CommentInput?Project=53098>

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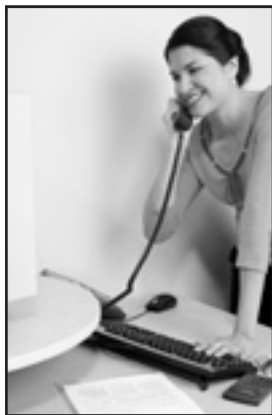
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City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska Notice to Voters



Voter qualifications for the City & Borough of Wrangell, October 1, 2019, Regular Election, are as follows:

1. a United States citizen;
2. registered and qualified to vote in the State of Alaska elections and registered thereat for at least thirty (30) days immediately preceding the municipal election;
3. at least eighteen (18) years of age;
4. a resident of the City & Borough of Wrangell for thirty (30) days preceding the election;
5. not disqualified by reason of having been convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude, and if so, that civil rights have been restored, nor disqualified because judicially determined to be of unsound mind.

Voters are cautioned to make certain their residence address is correct on their State Voter Registration. City law requires that each voter shall be registered to vote in the precinct in which that person seeks to vote in order to vote in municipal elections.

Your name must appear on the precinct list! If you are registered in another city, you must change your registration **prior to Sunday, September 1, 2019, to qualify to vote in the Regular Election of October 1, 2019.**

You may ask the Borough Clerk to check the precinct register to assure your qualifications.

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

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA AT WRANGELL, ALASKA

In the Matter of the Estate of:)
)
Ethan W. Petticrew Jr.)
Date of Birth: 01/22/1938)
) CASE NO. 1WR-19-3PR

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

You are notified that the court appointed Jessica C. Tiedeman as personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against the person who died are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice of the claims will be forever barred.

Date: 07-29-2019

Jessica C. Tiedeman
2470 N. Cottonwood Loop
Wasilla, Alaska 99654

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State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry Southern Southeast Area Office

Preliminary Written Finding under AS 38.05.035(e) and AS 38.05.945

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, gives formal notice under AS 38.05.945 that the Division has made a preliminary decision under AS 38.05.035(e) regarding the sale of the following commercial timber sale: Bay View Timber Sale (SSE-1369-K).

Before this sale may be held, the Director of the Division of Forestry will make a written final decision that the sale is in the best interest of the State. This decision will set out the facts and applicable policies upon which the Director bases his determination that the proposed timber sale will or will not best serve the interest of the State. The final decision is expected to be available to the public after **August 29, 2019.**

This timber sale is located on Prince of Wales Island, approximately 1/4 mile east of the public floatplane and harbor in the City of Thorne Bay. The legal description of the sale area is within Sections 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 34, and 35, Township 71 South, Range 84 East, Copper River Meridian. The sale area is located on the Craig C-2 USGS quadrangle. The main access for this sale area is from the existing Prince of Wales Road System, specifically off the Sandy Beach Road.

The harvest unit is approximately 640 acres and contains approximately 14,600 MBF of timber. This volume will be negotiated and sold under provisions of AS 38.05.115, AS 38.05.118 and/or AS 38.05.123, in the form of one or multiple sales. The sale(s) will require in-state manufacture and will be a negotiated contract.

The public is invited to comment on any aspect of the preliminary decision. Comments should be mailed to the Alaska Division of Forestry, 2417 Tongass Avenue, Suite 213, Ketchikan, AK 99901. Comments must be received at the Division of Forestry office no later than **August 28, 2019,** in order to be considered in the final best interest finding decision of whether or not this sale will be held in whole or in part. To be eligible to appeal the final decision a person must have provided written comment by **August 28, 2019.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SUBMIT COMMENTS CONTACT:

Alaska Division of Forestry
2417 Tongass Avenue, Suite 213
Ketchikan, AK 99901

Contact: Greg Staunton
Phone: 225-3070
Fax: 247-3070
Email: greg.staunton@alaska.gov

Copies of the preliminary decision are available for review at the Division of Forestry at the above address and at the Ketchikan, Craig, Petersburg and Wrangell Public Libraries and the State Online Public Notice System.

<https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/default.aspx?id=194943>

The State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Individuals with disabilities who may need auxiliary aids, services, or special modifications to participate in this review may contact the number above.

Greg Staunton
Southeast Area Forester

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CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA LEGAL

DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY FOR BOROUGH ASSEMBLY, PORT COMMISSION, and SCHOOL BOARD and signature petitions as required, will be available in the Borough Clerk's Office from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays), **August 1, 2019 through August 30, 2019.**



Qualified persons may have their name placed on the ballot for the October 1, 2019, City & Borough of Wrangell Regular Election by filing declarations of candidacy for Borough Assembly, Port Commission, and School Board.

- Assembly: Two – (3 Year Terms)
- Assembly: Two – (1 Year *Unexpired* Terms until 10-2020)
- School Board: Two – (3 Year Terms)
- School Board One – (1 Year *Unexpired* Term until 10-2020)
- School Board One – (2 Year *Unexpired* Term until 10-2021)
- Port Commission: Two – (3 Year Terms)

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

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Puzzle answers from Aug 1 Edition



Alaska Fish Factor

By LAINE WELCH Fisheries columnist

25 percent retaliatory tariff imposed by China on US imports last July caused 36 percent drop in US seafood sales

It's been one year, so how's that trade war with China working out for the nation's seafood industry?

As with farmers, there's not much winning and ongoing tweeted skirmishes have global fish markets skittish.

The quick take is the 25 percent retaliatory tariff imposed by China on US imports last July caused a 36 percent drop in US seafood sales, valued at \$340 million, according to an in-depth analysis of Chinese customs data by Undercurrent News.

"Chinese imports of US seafood fell from \$1.3 billion in the 12 months prior to tariffs

(July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018), to \$969m in the twelve months after (July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019), underlining the heavy impact of weaker demand for US seafood subject to tariffs, while poor catch of US wild-caught seafood was also to blame," the News wrote.

Until then, China had been Alaska's biggest seafood buyer purchasing 54 percent of seafood exports in 2017 valued at close to \$1 billion.

The tit for tat taxes hit nearly all Alaska seafood; exempted were millions of pounds of frozen Alaska pink and chum salmon and cod that are sent to

China for processing into fillets or portions and exported back to the US and other countries. Those numbers took a big slide.

Over the past year, China imported \$136 million of Pacific salmon, down 56 percent, and reflecting a 62 percent drop in volume. Imports of frozen cod decreased to 53 million pounds valued at \$91 million, both down 37 percent.

The 25 percent tax also pushed the US from China's second largest seafood supplier to fourth place, behind Russia, Ecuador and Canada.

The trade uncertainties have had a downward press on many

fish prices and forced Alaska salmon buyers into a more "conservative mode," especially with pink and chum salmon, said a major Alaska processor.

"The tariffs are not on but they are not off. Could they be on tomorrow or never hit? The threat is always out there," he said.

Meanwhile, China is turning away from the US market, and selling products to Europe in direct competition with American producers, said John Sackton, market expert and publisher of SeafoodNews.com.

"Products that China is not shipping to the US due to the trade war are going elsewhere, and where they compete directly with US products, it means US exporters face a more competitive situation," he said, adding that American brands will suffer.

"To the extent buying American in China becomes unpatriotic, the Chinese will begin to shun US seafood products and actively seek out other sources, such as Norway, Ecuador, and Russia," Sackton said. "In my view, the greatest long term danger from the trade war is that it could lead to a generation of Chinese who look down on American products."

Doug Vincent-Lang, commissioner of the Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game, said he believes the escalating trade wars are the seafood industry's biggest challenge.

"In talking with processors, they are uncertain as to the economic viability of delivering their products and getting them onto the shelves of their consumers," Vincent-Lang said. "When I took this job I understood how we managed our fisheries but I didn't really have a good appreciation of that dance between how we manage our fisheries in the context of the global economy and world markets."

Meanwhile, Trump tweeted that beginning September 1 the US will impose a 10 percent tariff on the remaining \$300 billion in goods the U.S. imports from China which will include more seafood.

The Wall Street Journal reports that: "The total value of bi-

lateral goods traded with China, \$271 billion in the first half of the year, fell short of that with both Canada and Mexico for the first time since 2005. Mexico is now the U.S.'s top trading partner."

Fish trade assist - As the federal government prepares to roll out \$16 billion to help farmers caught in the cross fire of Trump's trade wars, Democratic congressmen want fishermen included in the deal.

Currently, fishermen and seafood producers are not eligible to apply for US Dept. of Agriculture trade assistance programs. Oregon Senator Ron Wyden and Massachusetts Representative Seth Moulton filed legislation in late June to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Act to enable the federal government to expand the scope of fishery disasters to include trade disputes.

Alaska and Maine's congressional delegations also wrote separate letters to the Trump administration asking it to provide the same relief for fishermen that has been created to help farmers hurt by tariffs.

Salmon prices - Icicle Seafoods was the first buyer at Bristol Bay to post base prices for sockeye at \$1.35 a pound, up from the average \$1.26 last year, and \$0.40 for chums, an increase of four cents.

KDLG in Dillingham reported that Icicle also is paying 15 cent bonuses for iced or RSW fish for both drift and setnetters, plus 8 cents more for chilled/bled, and a five cent premium for floated fish. All told, that's \$1.63 per pound for sockeyes at Bristol Bay.

Alaska General Seafoods, North Pacific Seafoods and Peter Pan at Bristol Bay also have posted a sockeye base of \$1.35.

Kodiak base prices have taken a dip with reports of \$1.45 for sockeyes, \$0.27 for pinks and \$0.25 cents for chums. That compares to last year averages of \$1.56, \$0.39 and \$.51, respectively.

At Cook Inlet, sockeye prices were reported at \$1.70, down from \$2.27.

Southeast Alaska trollers were averaging \$5.13 a pound for Chinook, \$1.56 for coho and \$0.61 for chums, according to fish tickets. Prices for seine and driftnet-caught salmon were reported at \$0.55 for chums, down from \$0.90, sockeyes at \$1.90, a drop of six-cents, and \$0.30 for pinks, down from \$0.38 per pound on average last year.

At Norton Sound, chum prices at \$0.50, were down from \$0.80 and coho at \$1.40 was the same as last year.

Average Alaska salmon prices per pound across all regions for 2018 were: Chinook - \$5.98; sockeye - \$1.33; coho - \$1.34; chum - \$0.78; pink - \$0.45. Prices do not include bonuses.

CITY & BOROUGH OF WRANGELL NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

The following vessel and equipment have been impounded pursuant to Wrangell Municipal Code, Title 14.

The City and Borough of Wrangell intends to sell the below vessel and various equipment at a public auction by sealed bid, at Wrangell City Hall, on Friday, August 23, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at City Hall, in the Borough Assembly Chambers. All items will be sold for cash to the best and highest bidder. At any time prior to the sale, the owners, or their operator, master or agent, may redeem the equipment with a cash payment of all fees against it, plus costs and interest.

Upon sale being made, the City and Borough of Wrangell shall make and deliver its bill of sale to the buyer. The City and Borough of Wrangell offers no warranty as to the condition or fitness of use and assumes no liability to owners or their operator, master or agent in the sale of the vessel or equipment. The vessel and equipment will be sold in their current condition, as is and can found in the following locations.

DESCRIPTION	MINIMUM BID	CURRENT LOCATION
"TRES SUERTES" (41 ft. Fiberglass Fishing Hull)	\$6,888	Ritchie Yard Storage
Vans/Building Supplies	\$5,033	Dock / Lot 2

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Wrangell-Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee Notice of Meeting and Call for Project Proposals

The Wrangell-Petersburg-Kake Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will be meeting on Wednesday, August 14, 2019, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., and Thursday, August 15, 2019, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., or until business is concluded. The purpose of the meeting is to review the progress of previously funded projects, review new project proposals, and make recommendations for funding of projects through Title II of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act (PL 114-10).

The meeting will take place via video teleconference at the Wrangell and Petersburg Ranger District Offices. The meeting is open to the public. A toll free teleconference number will be available for individuals who wish to attend by telephone. Committee discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and Committee members. However, there will be a one-hour public comment period beginning at 7:00 pm on August 14th. Individuals wishing to make an oral statement should request in writing at least five days prior to the meeting in order to be scheduled on the agenda.

Title II funds may be used for projects that benefit the National Forest and have broad-based support with objectives that may include, but are not limited to:

- Road, trail, and infrastructure maintenance or obliteration
- Soil productivity improvement
- Improvements in forest ecosystem health
- Watershed restoration and maintenance
- Restoration, maintenance and improvement of wildlife and fish habitat
- Control of noxious and exotic weeds
- Reestablishment of native species

New project proposal forms are available at the Petersburg and Wrangell Ranger District offices. To be considered at a committee meeting, proposals should be submitted in writing no later than five days prior to the meeting. Proposals will continue to be accepted after that date, but sufficient funding may not be available to consider all proposals received. For assistance with the form, or for other information pertaining to the meeting, please contact Linda Slaght, RAC Coordinator, at 772-3871 or by e-mail at linda.slaght@usda.gov. For other information, contact either of the Designated Federal Officials; Ted Sandhofer, Petersburg District Ranger, 772-3871 or Clint Kolarich, Wrangell District Ranger, 874-2323.



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Joel Peterman grilling hot dogs at the post Stikine River Rally picnic on Sunday, Aug. 4.

Stikine River

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the Stikine itself at The Desert, a wide sand bar a short boat ride from Wrangell. She said that they had a very good turnout of over 20 people. A post-rally picnic was held at City Park later in the afternoon, as well.

Mining and fishing, while not seemingly connected on the surface, have been two conflicting industries in Alaska for quite some time.

Peterman said that last Sunday was chosen for the rally for another reason besides the nice weather. It marks the fifth anniversary of the Mount Polley Mine disaster.

Located in British Columbia, the tailings dam of the Mount Polley Mine failed in 2014. According to American Rivers, 24 million cubic meters of toxic waste spilled into nearby lakes and rivers. American Rivers also points out that the Red Chris Mine, located in the Stikine's watershed, is engineered in a similar manner to Mount Polley and is also owned by the same company, Imperial Metals.

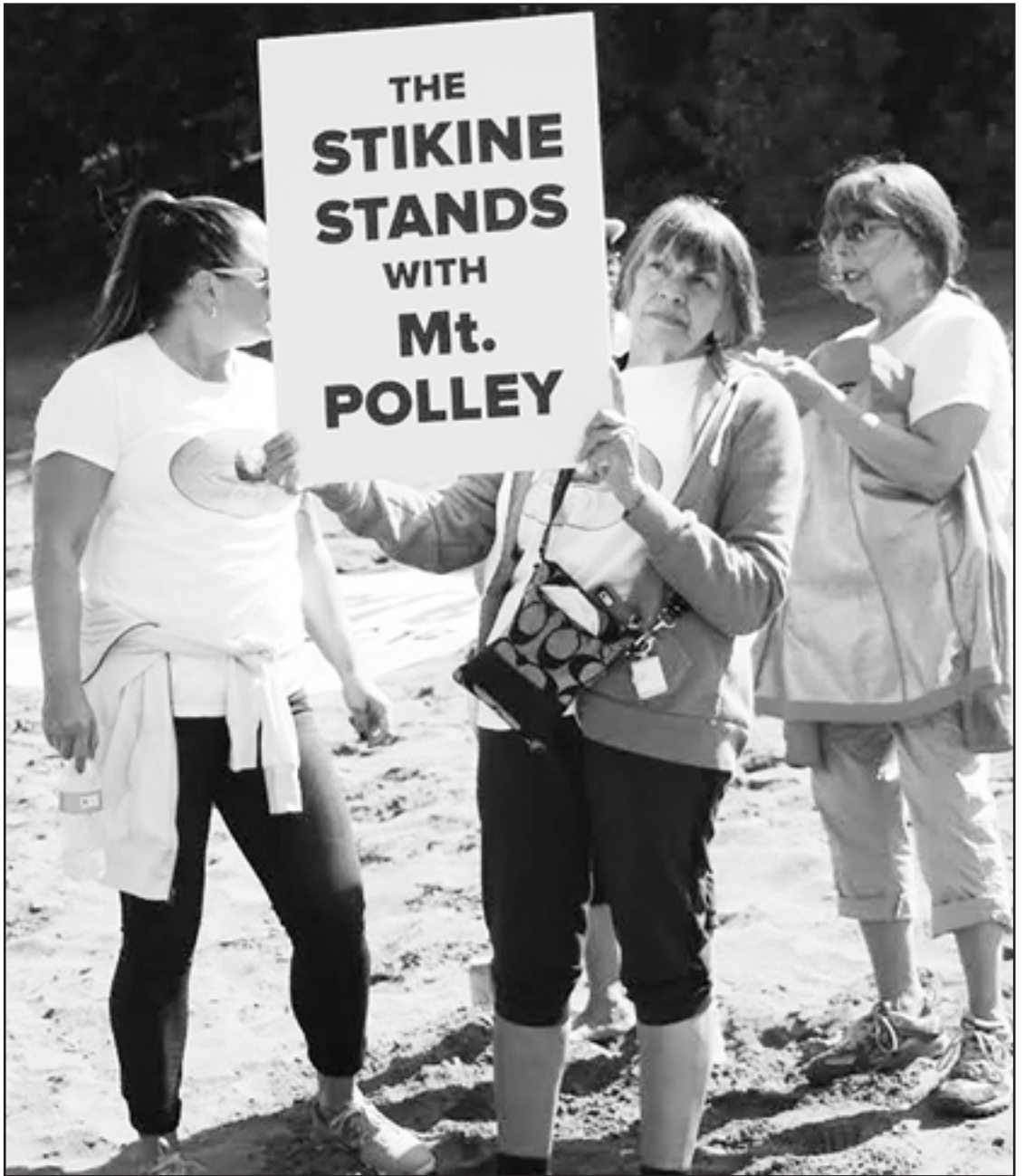
Of course, Peterman said, SEITC is not just concerned about mining along the Stikine River. As a consortium of 15 tribal nations across Southeast Alaska, she said they want to protect rivers all over the region.

"SEITC is also concerned about KSM, which is on the Yunuk down by Ketchikan, and we're also concerned with the leeching that's coming out of the Tulsequah Chief Mine on the Taku," she said.

Imperial Metals could not be reached for comment as of press time. However, an article on their website reports that they recently agreed to sell a 70 percent interest in the Red Chris Mine to Newcrest Mining. This will form a joint venture, the article reads, that will "... enable Imperial to unlock significant value at Red Chris by leveraging Newcrest's unique technical expertise in block caving operations." This year, according to Imperial Metal's website, 72-76 million pounds of copper and 36-38 million ounces of gold are expected to be mined from Red Chris. A 2005 environmental assessment of the mine project

stated that the mine was not likely to have any significant negative impacts on the environment. The assessment did say, however, that the project would adversely affect the fish habitats of several nearby watercourses, and that a "significant proportion" of waste from the mine's northern dump would become acid generating.

To learn more about SEITC, visit their website at www.seitc.org.



COURTESY OF TIS PETERMAN

Lovey Brock holding a sign at the Stikine River Rally last Sunday. The rally was held in commemoration of the fifth anniversary of the Mount Polley Mine disaster, and to highlight concerns of mining having a negative impact on the Stikine River.

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