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Wrangell man receives Excellence in Service Award from the Department of Fish and Game

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game released the winners of the 2019 Excellence in Service Award earlier this month. Up to five members of advisory committees across the state are given this award each year. This year, David Rak was one of the five recipients for serving as secretary of the

Wrangell Fish and Game Advisory Committee, according to the Department of Fish and Game, for "24 plus" years.

"I haven't gone back in my records to see how much 'plus' there is," Rak said with a laugh.

Rak joined the advisory committee because of an interest in how the rules and regulations sur-



PHOTO BY CALEB VIERKANT/WRANGELL SENTINEL

David Rak received the Excellence in Service Award from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game this year, for serving as secretary of Wrangell's advisory committee for over 20 years.

rounding hunting and fishing in Alaska were made. There are numerous advisory committees across the state, made up of local volunteers, who help the state department make those rules and regulations. He was approached by Bruce Eagle to be secretary, who was the committee chairman back in the day. Harry Sundberg, the secretary before him, had decided to retire. Being a government employee with the Forest Service, Rak said, Eagle thought he could handle the bureaucracy of being secretary.

"Nobody wants the job of secretary," Rak said. "I get elected each year. I could decline, but I don't because I think it's a good position."

Since then, he has served with various chairpersons and committees. Each one has a unique style to running meetings and getting business done, he said, but he has enjoyed his time working with everyone. The majority of people on the committee are commercial fishermen, he said, but many of them also love to hunt, camp, and fish recreationally, and they have been good people to work with. Receiving the Excellence in Service Award was a very good feeling, too, he added.

"I feel honored," Rak said. "It's all voluntary. It feels good to be recognized for volunteer service."

More than 700 people sit on 84 different advisory committees across the state, according to a press release from the Department of Fish and Game. Wrangell's advisory committee is made up of 15 members, plus two alternates.

The other four winners of this year's Excellence in Service Award are Charlie Lean of the Northern Norton Sound committee, Mike Crawford of Kenai/Soldotna committee, Moses Johnson of the Sitka committee, and Richard Burnham of the Middle Yukon committee. To learn more about the fish and game advisory committees, visit the Department of Fish and Game website.

Wrangell advisory committee discusses reorganizing moose meat distribution

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Moose meat was an important topic of discussion at the Wrangell Fish and Game Advisory Committee meeting on Mon., Jan. 7. The process by which meat from a forfeited moose is distributed through town is somewhat disorganized, said Committee Chair Chris Guggenbickler. The committee, and others around Wrangell, is interested in seeing a better system of distribution set up, one with more local control.

As many Alaskans know, there are some tight restrictions on moose hunting. Alaska Wildlife Trooper Cody Litster, stationed in Petersburg, said that only certain moose are available for hunting during the season. In theory, a hunter should be able to tell if a moose is legal or illegal by their antlers. However, Litster said, in this part of Alaska moose tend to have rather scraggly, oddly shaped horns. This means there are a fair number of illegal moose that are killed in both Wrangell and Petersburg each hunting season. When an illegal moose is killed, to ensure the creature does not go to waste, it is common for the meat to be distributed through the local community.

"One moose is a significant animal," Litster said. "It's anywhere from 200 to 500 pounds of meat."

Guggenbickler said that Wrangell's current system of distributing meat needs improvement. Wrangell does not currently have a wildlife trooper on the island. As such, when an illegal moose is shot, a trooper has to travel to Wrangell and then drive through town with the dead moose in their truck, looking for someone willing to take it for processing and distributing. There is a list of people who have said they want moose meat, Guggenbickler said, but more often than not an entire moose is more than they're willing to handle.

"We want to form a committee that handles how the meat will get distributed," he said. "We're working with the troopers to try and come up with a method of equitable distribution."

Guggenbickler added that they are taking notes from the system Petersburg has in place. In Petersburg, Litster explained, the Salvation Army and Rotary Club handle the distribution. The butchering of a forfeited moose is handled by two businesses: Tonka Seafoods and Hammer & Wikan Grocery. Once butchered, the cost of which is paid for by court fines from the hunter who shot the



moose, the meat is then put into a Community Cold Storage freezer. About half of the meat goes to Petersburg's senior home and the school district's hot lunch program. The rest is made available to other nonprofits to use as they see fit.

Loni Upshaw, with the Salvation Army in Petersburg, said that they received about 1,800 pounds of meat last hunting season. They gave 900 pounds to the school, and distributed the rest through 10 local organizations. Upshaw added that there was some talk in Petersburg of altering the system, to make the meat available to any individual who wanted some. She disagreed with the idea, however, saying that the current system ensures lots of the meat goes to people in need through churches and feeding programs.

"It [the system] works really good, I think," Upshaw said.

The plan for Wrangell, according to Guggenbickler, is to try to organize a local committee to handle moose meat distribution. The committee would include about six people, he said, and would represent various organizations such as the Salvation Army, the senior center, the native community, local hunters, and other community members. Currently, they are working with the wildlife troopers and court systems to get things put into place, including finding a business willing to handle the butchering.

Litster added that the Department of Fish and Game is looking to fill the wildlife trooper position in Wrangell, which would also help establish a more regular protocol for handling a forfeited moose. With luck, he said, the position will be filled by next moose season.

Guggenbickler said that the plan for a "moose meat committee" is still in its early stages and would probably not be put together until the spring.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Thursday, January 24: Keith Appleman. *Anniversary:* Michael & Denae Reeves. **Friday, January 25:** Eric James, Erin Anderson, Ruth Stough, Shannon Barnett. **Saturday, January 26:** Savannah Smith, McKenna Campbell, Ryker Shilts, Gina Simonek. **Sunday, January 27:** Dacee Gustafson, Mary Shilts, Devyn Johnson. *Anniversary:* Wayne & Marty Kaer. **Monday, January 28:** Rebecca Mork. *Anniversary:* Ed & Minnie Kalkins. **Tuesday, January 29:** McKinley Angerman-Kellogg, Miki McGuire, Anthony Coblentz, Dawn Mill, Ronan Rooney, Colten Speers, Jeff Villarma, Freddie. **Wednesday, January 30:** Audra Netro. **Thursday, January 31:** Crystal Crayne, Justin Churchill, Selina Rilatos, Steve Beers, Quinton Davies, Justin Churchill, Lavonne Klinke, Jess Rugo.

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

Senior Center Menu

Thursday, January 24

Porcupine Meatballs, Mixed Veggies, Cabbage/Pear/Raisin Salad, Pasta

Friday, January 25

Oven Fried Cod, Peas, Sunshine Salad, Rice Pilaf

Monday, January 28

Hungarian Goulash, Corn & Broccoli, Honey Orange Salad, Oatmeal Rolls

Tuesday, January 29

Turkey Sandwich, Split Pea Soup, Potato Salad

Wednesday, January 30

Crispy Chicken, Baked Apple & Potatoes, Danish Salad, Cornbread

Thursday, January 31

French Dip, Peas & Carrots, Romaine Salad, Biscuits

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

Sunday, January 27

Columbia 4:45 p.m.

Sunday, February 3

Columbia 8:15 p.m.

Sunday, February 10

Columbia 4:45 p.m.

Sunday, February 17

Columbia 7:15 p.m.

Saturday, February 23

Malaspina 2:30 a.m.

Southbound

Wednesday, January 30

Columbia 7:30 a.m.

Wednesday, February 6

Columbia 6:45 a.m.

Wednesday, February 13

Columbia 5:45 a.m.

Wednesday, February 20

Columbia 6:15 a.m.

Monday, February 25

Malaspina 6:45 a.m.

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



TIDES Jan. 24 - Jan. 31

	High Tides				Low Tides			
	AM Time	Ft	PM Time	Ft	AM Time	Ft	PM Time	Ft
January 24	3:04	17.2	3:01	17.8	8:48	1.0	9:17	-2.4
January 25	3:49	17.0	3:53	16.3	9:41	1.3	10:03	-0.9
January 26	4:37	16.5	4:50	14.6	10:38	1.7	10:52	0.8
January 27	5:31	16.0	5:58	13.1	11:42	2.1	11:46	2.4
January 28	6:31	15.5	7:19	12.1	---	---	12:54	2.4
January 29	7:38	15.2	8:39	11.9	12:48	3.8	2:12	2.2
January 30	8:43	15.3	9:50	12.3	2:01	4.7	3:29	1.5
January 31	9:42	15.6	10:48	13.1	3:17	4.9	4:30	0.7

Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

Thursday, January 24

"Friends in Grief" workshop: AICS Medical Clinic, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Tips to help those who have experienced loss. Open to all.

Thursday, January 24

Riverflats Open Mic Night: Nolan Center, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Theme: Selflessness. Bring a dessert to get in free & enter contest.

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.

January 30, 1919

In a letter from The National Red Cross to Wrangell Chapter: "Dear Madam, It is a pleasure to acknowledge the contribution of \$1,344.69. The amount will endow two beds for a year in the American Hospital No. 1 at Neuilly, and we have asked our Commissioner to have a placard placed on the beds bearing the inscription, "Donated by the Wrangell, Alaska chapter, American Red Cross," that those who enjoy the comfort of these beds may be aware of the donors. Though hostilities have ceased there are thousands of American boys sick and wounded, and these bed will serve a great need in bringing relief to them. Such a gift is a splendid tribute to the members of your congregation and we ask you to extend to each our hearty appreciation of this contribution and the spirit, which has prompted it." Yours very truly, L.J. Hunter, Deputy Comptroller.

January 28, 1944

What about Wrangell garnets? A new kind of paint, made of crushed industrial garnets and a new resin that won't burn, has been produced for the U.S. Navy. The paint is used to cover steel decks, to render them non-slip regardless of wet or oil, and immune to the tremendous heat of bomb, shell, and torpedo flashes which set ordinary paint to burning furiously. The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company produced the new material, under the name of Dektred. It can be put on with a trowel, or like ordinary paint by spraying. The paint is used on weather and flight decks especially, gun emplacements, and in quarters, passageways, landings and stairways.

January 23, 1969


The Forest Service has announced that there will be no new sales of western red cedar for export during the next three years.

Regional Forester W. Howard Johnson said that no cedar from new Forest Service sales would be considered surplus to domestic needs. He said the decision was reached by the Secretary of Agriculture after wood processors announced that a mill was under construction in the state that would use approximately 20 million board feet of cedar a year. Until now, cedar could be exported in the round to Japan. Johnson said that the decision does not affect the handling of logs on sales under contract prior to January 1 of this year. All timber, including those sales will be administered under the terms of the contracts under which the timber was originally offered for sale, he said.

January 27, 1994

Wrangell residents should see the completion of a rebuilding of the Zimovia Highway to the Alaska Pulp Corp. mill by the end of the 1995 construction season, a state transportation official

said last week. Tracy Moore of the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities told a standing room only crowd that showed up at Wrangell City Hall last Thursday for what he called an "informal discussion" of the repaving work that the state is in the preliminary design phase of the project now. Although he stopped short of making outright promises, Moore was confident of his prediction that the reconstruction will take place in 1995.




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Date	High	Low
Jan. 14	43	35
Jan. 15	39	32
Jan. 16	37	28
Jan. 17	37	30
Jan. 18	33	30
Jan. 19	33	28
Jan. 20	39	30
Jan. 21	43	39



Daylight Hours

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
Jan 24	7:58 am	4:02 pm	8:04h
Jan 25	7:57 am	4:04 pm	8:07h
Jan 26	7:55 am	4:06 pm	8:11h
Jan 27	7:53 am	4:09 pm	8:16h
Jan 28	7:52 am	4:11 pm	8:19h
Jan 29	7:50 am	4:13 pm	8:23h
Jan 30	7:48 am	4:15 pm	8:27h
Jan 31	7:46 am	4:17 pm	8:31h

School board meets new maintenance director, reviews policy on standing committees

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

The Wrangell school board held a meeting on Monday, Jan. 21, to meet with the district's new maintenance director.

Josh Blatchley came before the board to introduce himself, and to relate to the board some of the things he feels need attention, in regard to school maintenance. In general, he said, all of the buildings in the Wrangell school district are old, but are fairly sturdy. There are roofs that need patching in some places, but are generally in good shape. Heating and air conditioning in all the buildings are in good shape, as well.

Some spots that could do with some renovation, he said, are the sidewalks by the elementary school, and the brick wall of the high school, facing Reid Street. The doors in the school buildings were also aging, he added. Blatchley said that there wasn't a door that wasn't under 30 years old. They open, close, and lock, he said, but replacing them is something the board should consider one day soon.

During the meeting, the school board approved the first and second readings of various new policies. Among these include a policy covering administrative staff organization, lines of responsibility among the school organization, and the duties of the superintendent.

One policy caused a bit of discussion, BP-7133. This was a first reading of the policy, which covers the need for and responsibilities of various standing committees. These committees help the school district in areas of policy making, budgeting, and organizing a curriculum for students. There was also a portion of the policy stating that members of the school board could be members of these committees, but could not chair them. The board explained that the purpose of this section of the policy was to help avoid any negative perceptions from the public. It could potentially look bad if a board member was chair of a committee, and also got to vote as a member of the school board on the policies that committee helped craft.

Annya Ritchie, a board member, felt that this part of the policy was not good. She said she understood excluding board members from chairing ad hoc committees, but standing committees seemed like something that a board member should have the opportunity to hold a chair position on. She said that she and other board members had been elected to handle things like policies, budgeting, and curriculum. To have these committees do the work and not be a co-chair, at the very least, felt like they were passing off their responsibilities. There was further discussion amongst the board. In the end, they voted to approve of the reading of this policy, but agreed to rework it and bring it back for a second reading next meeting.



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Free Samples at City Market

City Market offered free samples of Signature Select brand products to customers last Monday, Jan. 21, to promote the new products it carries. City Market will begin carrying this new brand as they begin working with a new wholesaler, JB Gottstein out of Anchorage. The types of groceries under the Signature Select brand include cookies, chips, drinks, jerky, and much more. "We continue to work for the people of Wrangell," said Benn Curtis, with City Market. "Try to bear with us for a few weeks while we work the rough edges off."

Pictured here are Bill Miller, with JB Gottstein, and Curtis.

Joint Boards nominate Vincent-Lang for top ADFG post

The State of Alaska Joint Boards of Fisheries and Game last night unanimously voted to nominate Doug Vincent-Lang as Commissioner of the Department of Fish and Game. Vincent-Lang, who has more than 34 years of experience with the department, has been acting commissioner since last month.

With the nomination, Vincent-Lang's name has been forwarded to Gov. Michael J.

Dunleavy for appointment. Pending appointment by the governor, he will then be considered for confirmation by the legislature.

"I'm pleased there is unanimous support by all members of the Boards of Fisheries and Game. It speaks highly of Doug's credentials and commitment to the department and the state of Alaska," said Chairman of the Board of Fisheries Reed Morisky. "We look

forward to working with him in the fish and game regulatory process."

Vincent-Lang began work at the department as a fisheries research and management biologist for the Division of Sport Fish in 1981. He held the positions of regional management and research coordinator and assistant director for 28 years in the Division of Sport Fish.

During his tenure at the Division of Sport Fish, Vincent-Lang worked on a number of high-level research and policy issues for the state. He evaluated habitat needs and in-

stream flow requirements of fish while working on the feasibility assessment of the Susitna River Hydro-electric project. He was instrumental in integrating planning into the management of Alaska's recreational fisheries by leading an effort to develop and implement the first-ever strategic plan for the Division of Sport Fish.

In 2012 he was named director of the Division of Wildlife where he managed Alaska's wildlife under the sustained yield principles and public trust doctrine principles. He led legislative wildlife issues

on the state, national, and international levels.

In addition to his experience in both fisheries and wildlife management, Doug has served as the Endangered Species Act Coordinator for the State of Alaska. He has represented the state on a wide range of policy issues including climate change, arctic, and marine policy issues.

He holds a B.S. degree in biology/population dynamics from the University of Wisconsin - Green Bay and a M.S. degree in Biological Oceanography from the University of Alaska - Fairbanks.

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Police report

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Illegal parking.

Agency assist.

Civil issue.

Harassment.

Parking complaint.

Traffic stop: Verbal warning for taillight out.

Traffic stop: Citation issued to Adam Tacker, 53. Failure to provide proof of insurance and operating with expired registration. Verbal warning given for no tail lights.

Summons service.

January 15, 2019

Agency assist: Ambulance.

January 16, 2019

Subpoena served.

Missing dog.

Citizen report DUI: Unfounded.

Agency assist: Two reports of loud boom.

Warrant arrest: Dylan Franks, 29. On charges of failure to appear.

Subpoena served.

January 17, 2019

Civil paper service.

Harassment.

Six subpoenas served.

January 18, 2019

Agency assist: Line crew.

January 19, 2019

Parking complaint: Citation issued to Omar Sanchez, 29. For parking on private property.

January 20, 2019

Probation violation.

Welfare check.

Minor in consumption.

Traffic stop: Verbal warning for no headlight.

There were five ambulance calls and two dog complaints this week.

Lady Wolves take down Glacier Bears

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

The Lady Wolves basketball team travelled to Haines to face off against the Glacier Bears in the second weekend of conference games this season. Things went in Wrangell's favor in both games, and the team walked away with two more victories under their belts. The Lady Wolves are now 4-0 in conference play.

On Friday night, Jan. 18, the Lady Wolves took a commanding lead right from the start. They lead by 23 points by the end of the first quarter, with Haines not able to make a single basket. By the end of the third quarter, the Glacier Bears had only managed to make eight points. When the buzzer went off at the end of the fourth quarter, the

Lady Wolves had blown the Glacier Bears out of the water, 63 points to their 16.

Saturday's game was more challenging, but still a win for Wrangell. The Glacier Bears fought hard to make baskets and keep up, but Wrangell was able to maintain a solid lead. The last varsity game also went to the Lady Wolves, 79 to Haines' 45. Coach Laurie Brown said that Saturday's game was a good opportunity for her younger players to show off their skills.

"It was a really good weekend," said Brown. "The whole group worked well at attacking the basket and playing on defense."

This weekend, Wrangell will host home games against Metlakatla. They will also face off against Petersburg, the week-

"It was a really good weekend. The whole group worked well at attacking the basket and playing on defense.

-Coach Laurie Brown



COURTESY OF BILL MCROBERTS

The Lady Wolves had an amazing weekend in Haines last weekend, playing against the Glacier Bears. Adding on another two victories, the girl's basketball team is now 4-0 in conference games.

Legal services proposals discussed at Assembly workshop

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

Over the recent holiday season, the city and borough of Wrangell issued a RFP, or "request for proposal" for municipal legal services.

Borough Clerk Kim Lane explained that the borough assembly, by majority, opted to see what other legal representation could be available for Wrangell, as opposed to their current law firm Hoffman & Blasco. It was not that Wrangell was dissatisfied with this firm's services, she said, they just wanted to see what other options there were.

The RFP went out to multiple lawyers, according to Borough Manager Lisa Von Barga, and they received two replies. One response came from Scott Brandt-Erichsen out of Ketchikan. The other came from Joseph Levesque, from Anchorage.

The Borough met in a workshop last Thursday, Jan. 17, to decide which lawyer was worth bringing to Wrangell for further interviews.

Before getting into business, Assembly-member Patty Gilbert said she had some concerns about how the RFP was handled. The deadline to respond to the request, she said, had only been 12 business days. That seemed like a very short timeframe, she said, especially over the holiday season. Von Barga apologized for causing concern, but said she felt the two responses they got were very good. She also said that, in the future, they would set RFPs for a longer timeframe to respond.

Everyone on the assembly agreed that what they were looking for in their legal representation was someone who could make timely responses to questions, and who could simplify complicated matters.

Mayor Steve Prysunka said he did not want a lawyer who would go on a long diatribe that went over his head. He wanted someone he could understand. He added that he favored Levesque, after reviewing the proposals sent to the borough. Assembly Member Jim DeBord agreed with the mayor. Gilbert, on the other hand, felt that Brandt-Erichsen was worth interviewing. Other assembly members asked why they could not bring both lawyers to Wrangell for an interview.

"If we only invite one, we've kind of made a decision," said Assembly Member David Powell.

After further discussion, it was agreed that both lawyers should be brought to town for interviews.

The assembly then turned to the question of when and how the interviews should be conducted. The main question

was whether the lawyers should be interviewed together or separately. Prysunka said that one of his concerns was stretching out the process of finding legal representation unnecessarily long. It was agreed upon by the assembly to interview both lawyers separately, but to keep those interviews as close together as possible. The tentative plan was made to invite both Levesque and Brandt-Erichsen to Wrangell at the end of the month and conduct one interview in the afternoon, after lunch, and the other interview either that evening or the next morning.

Once the workshop was complete, the assembly broke into a short executive session to hear an update on the progress of a formal grievance procedure with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, a labor union the borough holds a collective bargaining agreement with.

School News

Kayla Hay has been named to the Dean's List for the fall of 2018 semester at Montana State University located in Bozeman, Montana.

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Wolves go 1-1 in close games against Haines



COURTESY OF BILL McROBERTS

The Wrangell Wolves faced off against the Haines Glacier Bears last weekend. The games, played on Friday and Saturday, were very close and hard-fought. Wrangell came away with one win and one loss.

By CALEB VIERKANT
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The Wrangell Wolves basketball team had a hard-fought set of games against the Haines Glacier Bears last weekend. Each game had its tense moments, as both games were determined by only a few baskets.

In the end, the Wolves were able to claim one victory, and one loss, against Haines. After last weekend, the Wolves are now 3-1 in conference games.

Wrangell held a decent lead through the majority of Friday's game, on Jan. 18. They held a 12-point lead at one point, in the second quarter.

Things turned against them in the fourth quarter, however. The Glacier Bears were able to gain momentum and catch up, tying the game at 38 to 38. The Wolves were able to pull ahead, but then the Glacier Bears tied them again and pull ahead. Then Wrangell tied the Bears. There was lots of back-and-forth in the final minutes



COURTESY OF KYLE CLAYTON

Brett Abrahamson (#45) jumping for a basket.

of the game, but Haines was able to hold a lead of two points as the clock wound down. Wrangell attempted a last-second three-pointer, but it missed.

The Glacier Bears claimed a narrow victory with a score of 45 to 43. Coach Cody Angerman said that it is always difficult to play games on the road, and attributed the loss to the Wolves allowing too many turnovers.

"Had we protected the ball and been a little smarter, the outcome would have been different," he said.

Saturday's game went in Wrangell's favor, but it was still a hard struggle. Both teams stayed fairly close together in points. By halftime, they were

tied 20 to 20, thanks to a three-pointer by the Glacier Bears in the last moments of the quarter. The Wolves pulled ahead in the third quarter, but lost their lead by the fourth. Angerman said that they were down by two points with only 20 seconds left on the clock, but were able to retie the game at 49-49. A free throw by Brett Abrahamson (#45) gave Wrangell a single point lead, which the team built on. When the buzzer went off, Wrangell had won with a score of 54 to Haines' 49.

"I'm not going to lie, it did get a little tense," Angerman said. "I'm proud of them."

Wrangell will go up against Metlakatla next weekend, in a set of home games. Angerman said that Metlakatla is a hard team to beat, but the team is focusing on their training and will be prepared to face them.

The weekend after, on Feb. 1 and 2, the Wolves will face Petersburg in their homecoming games.



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Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk
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Alaska Fish Factor

By LAINE WELCH Fisheries columnist

Seafood industry contributed over \$245 million in taxes and fees to the state and over 50 municipalities

When most people think of Alaska crab, they envision huge boats pulling up "7 bys" for millions of pounds of bounty in the Bering Sea. (7 bys refers to the 7'x7'x3' size of the crab pots.) But it is the smaller, local crab fisheries that each winter give a big economic boost to dozens of coastal communities across the Gulf of Alaska. They occur at a time when many fishing towns are feeling a lull while awaiting the March start of halibut and herring openers. The gearing up means a nice pulse of extra work and money for just about every business tied to fishing.

High winds and overall snotty weather delayed Kodiak's Tanner crab fishery, but 83 boats dropped pots a day late on January 16th. They will compete for a 615,000 pound catch quota, an increase from 400,000 pounds last season. At an average weight of 2.2 pounds, that will yield about 280,000 crabs.

The fishery will go fast, said Natura Richardson, assistant area manager for shellfish at the

Department of Fish and Game office at Kodiak.

"It could be as quick as a couple days but it's looking more like four to six days, something like that," she said, adding that the mid-winter crab season picks up the pace at work.

"Oh yea, there's a lot of activity with all the registrations and figuring out who's going where. There's a lot of excitement in the office. It's fun," she said.

Reports of prices starting at \$4.65 a pound also were exciting, an increase from \$4.50 last year. That could mean a payout of nearly \$3 million to Kodiak fishermen.

Crab fisheries for Tanners and golden king crab will open throughout Southeast Alaska in mid-February. A fleet of about 60 boats typically participates each winter for a harvest of less than one million pounds of Tanners; around 30 boats fish for golden king crab which has a harvest guideline of about 70,000 pounds.


Southeast's Dungeness crab



PHOTO BY CALEB VIERKANT/WRANGELL SENTINEL

JOM Dancers at Baby Raven Reads

Wrangell's JOM Dancers stopped by Head Start last Saturday to perform for the Baby Raven Reads group. Baby Raven Reads is a reading program that helps teach native children about their culture, and also helps them in school preparedness and mental development.




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fishery, which occurs in the summer and late fall, is one of the region's most lucrative fisheries. In the 2017/18 season, a fleet of about 200 boats took just under 2 million pounds (937,701 crabs) valued at nearly \$6 million to local fishermen.

Processor reports for 2017 show that they paid \$194 million for total crab purchases from Alaska fishermen and sold it to customers for nearly \$252 million.

Fish stats - One click will take you to a site where you will find all you need to know about prices and landings for nearly every Alaska fish species, where they were caught, how much of each was processed and into what products, and what processors sold it all for.

It's called Commercial Fisheries Statistics and Data from the Department of Fish and Game and it extends back to the early 1980s.

For salmon, charts and graphs show historical harvest rankings by the number of fish, the total poundage and average prices for each species by Alaska region and more.

It shows that at Cook Inlet, for example, the highest sockeye price ever paid was \$2.54 a pound in 1988, the lowest price was 56 cents in 2002. The best sockeye price to fishermen at Kodiak was \$1.83 paid in 2014. At Bristol Bay, the lowest sockeye price was 42 cents a pound paid in 2001. The highest price for chum salmon at Southeast was \$1.03 per pound in 1988; in Prince William Sound the low for pinks was 9 cents in 1996, the high was 82 cents in 1988.

Click on herring and you'll see that for Southeast Alaska's sac roe fishery, the average price in 2017 was 38 cents a pound and 51 cents for food and bait

herring.

The shellfish data includes octopus, shrimp and all crab taken in state waters, meaning out to three miles from shore

It also covers aquatic farming and shows that through 2017, 35 farms in Alaska were producing shellfish and sold nearly 2 million oysters in 2017. The first harvest ever of seaweeds (from Kodiak) that year totaled nearly 17,000 pounds.

The dive fisheries are included, as are harvests of lingcod, pollock, cod, rockfish and other whitefish.

Data from Alaska processors are compiled in Commercial Operator's Annual Reports (COAR) and show how much fish was processed into frozen, fresh, canned and other forms, plus the wholesale poundages and values by species and area going back to 1984.

For sea cucumbers from Southeast, for example, processors purchased 1.3 million pounds in 2017 and sold them to customers for nearly \$12 million dollars. At the Alaska Peninsula, nearly 17 million pounds of cod were processed valued at \$27 million to local processors.

Find the statistics and data pages at the Alaska Department of Fish and Game website on the left sidebar under fishing.

WA is big AK fish winner - Each year United Fishermen of Alaska updates its Fishing Facts that provide snapshots of coastal communities and municipalities throughout Alaska, plus the west coast. The numbers show that is where most of the fish bucks flow.

The latest data show that just under 9,000 permit holders fished in 2017, of which 70 percent were Alaska residents. Nearly 22,000 crew licenses were purchased, split almost

evenly between in and out of state residents.

The 2017 Alaska harvest totaled 6.4 Billion pounds valued at \$1.8 Billion in gross dockside earnings for fishermen.

The seafood industry provided over 64,000 direct jobs making it Alaska's largest private-sector employer, and it contributed over \$245 million in taxes and fees to the State and over 50 local municipalities.

Permit holders live in 214 Alaska communities and every U.S. state except for West Virginia.

Fishing vessels registered to California owners totaled 1,423 which harvested 160 million pounds of seafood valued at \$36.6 million.

There were 2,723 vessels registered to Oregon owners who landed 576 million pounds valued at \$136 million at the Alaska docks.

It's the state of Washington that takes home the bulk of the benefits from Alaska's fisheries.

A total of 1,713 fishing vessels plying Alaska's waters in 2017 were registered to Washington owners. Permit holders plus crew from Washington who fished in Alaska added up to 6,707.

And it was those fishermen who took home most of Alaska's catch and paychecks.

Of the 6.4 Billion pounds landed in Alaska, just under 4 billion pounds were taken by Washington residents. And of the total \$1.8 Billion dockside seafood value, \$873 million went to Washington.

United Fishermen of Alaska is the nation's largest commercial fishing trade organization with 35 member groups ranging from small skiff operators to huge at-sea catcher processors.

Assembly discusses low water levels, police statistics

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

Water levels in Swan and Tyee lakes were a hot topic at Tuesday night's assembly meeting. Mayor Steve Prysunka gave a presentation to the borough assembly, informing them that Wrangell might be facing power supply issues in the future. He explained that there are three communities in question with this looming issue: Wrangell, Petersburg, and Ketchikan. Ketchikan gets most of its power from Swan Lake, while the power plant at Tyee supplies Wrangell and Petersburg. However, extra power from Tyee Lake can be sold to Ketchikan, when it is available. Prysunka said that the Southeast Alaska Power Agency has oversold power from Tyee, and has put Wrangell and Petersburg in danger of having to switch to diesel power.

Water levels in both lakes are low, the mayor said. Swan lake is at a water level of 285 feet, which can provide approximately 22.7 days of power. Tyee Lake is at a level of 1,277 feet, or about 32.8 days of power. Prysunka showed a slide of water levels over several years. The low point for water levels, and thus power supply, has always come in the months of April or May. The water level currently, in January, is at the April/May level. Despite this, he said, SEAPA continued to sell Tyee Lake power to Ketchikan until September of 2018. His contention is that SEAPA oversold power that rightfully belonged to Wrangell. By doing so, they put this community and Petersburg in a bad position. He said that SEAPA owes Wrangell power, and if they could not provide it they owed the city money to cover the cost of running diesel generators for potentially months.

Prysunka and Borough Manager Lisa Von Barga received an email from SEAPA representatives stating that there was a plan being put in place to "alleviate some of the risk associated with pending weather uncertainty." Power from Swan Lake will be sent north when it would be the most efficient use of water, easing some of the strain being put on Tyee Lake. Reserves in Swan Lake will also be increased via hydro and diesel generation. Despite

this plan, the assembly all agreed that it would be a good idea to begin talking about ways for the community to conserve energy.

Another big part of the meeting was a document of police statistics over the past year, which had been given to the borough a few meetings ago. Having had time to review these statistics, which cover the number and types of crimes in the community, the borough had some questions. Officer Bruce Smith, with the Wrangell Police Department, attended

the meeting to answer those questions.

Assembly Member Jim DeBord brought up that the document showed an 82 percent increase in traffic incidents, about 544 cases through the year. He asked if it was a good use of the department's time to pull over almost a fourth of the population of Wrangell. Smith answered that the 544 incidents were not all just pulling people over for tickets. These cases included abandoned vehicles, complaints,

and many cases where the driver could not provide immediate proof of insurance. Many of the charges made in the last case were voided once the driver appeared at the police station to prove they did have insurance.

Assembly Member Patty Gilbert also asked if the police had seen an uptick in drug-related offenses since Alaska had legalized marijuana. Smith replied that there had been a few charges related to improper marijuana use, as well as some involving meth. Later

on, in response to another question, he said that Wrangell only saw three drug related traffic offenses last year, with a fourth pending investigation.

Other items covered in the meeting included approval of a first hearing of the "Curleyville" replat, a rezoning of lots to give a portion of property belonging to the Presbyterian Church to a neighboring property, and a resolution that authorizes the conveyance of public land to Chet and Barbara Powell for the amount of \$36,500.

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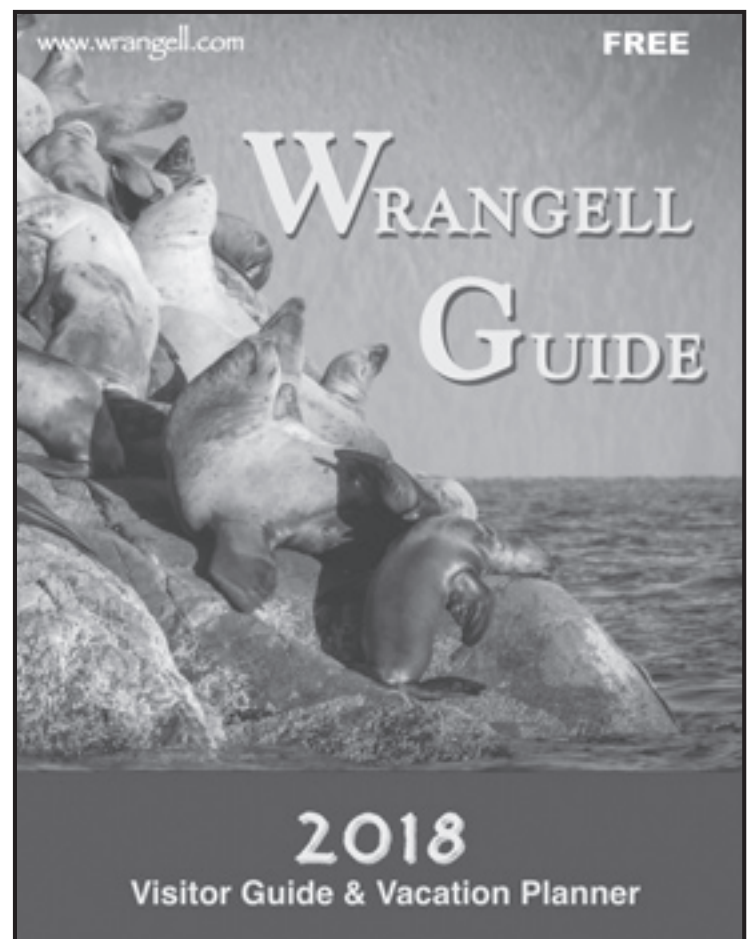
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