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Byford monofill on hold again for possible finance boost

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

At a public presentation at the Nolan Center on Monday, staff with the Department of Environmental Conservation and its contractors updated Wrangell on the status of a proposed monofill site on the island.

A designated monofill to house around 18,500 cubic yards of contaminated earth from the former Byford junkyard is planned to be sited at a state-owned rock pit. Accessible by Forest Service roads along Pats Creek, the project's nearness to the popular fishing stream has been a point of contention for some residents. Wrangell Cooperative Association has maintained its objection to the project due to the traditional importance of the stream system to subsistence activities.

Responding to those concerns, the project has been put on hold since last summer. During Monday's presentation, DEC program manager Sally Schlichting fielded questions about the project from residents, the majority of whom expressed concerns about the safety of the project and its possible impact on the nearby creek.

A recurring question concerned the science behind EcoBond, the phosphate-based material used to stabilize lead present in the contaminated soil. A pair of engineers spoke to that, explaining lead binds to the pellets chemically. Short of separating the element with a powerful acid, the molecules would stay that way indefinitely.

Other comments were critical of the department's handling of public outreach in the lead-up to the project. Schlichting was apologetic, explaining the department had considered it sufficient to keep in contact with Wrangell city staff during the project.

"We see that this was a flaw in our process," said Schlichting.

The material pulled from Byford was

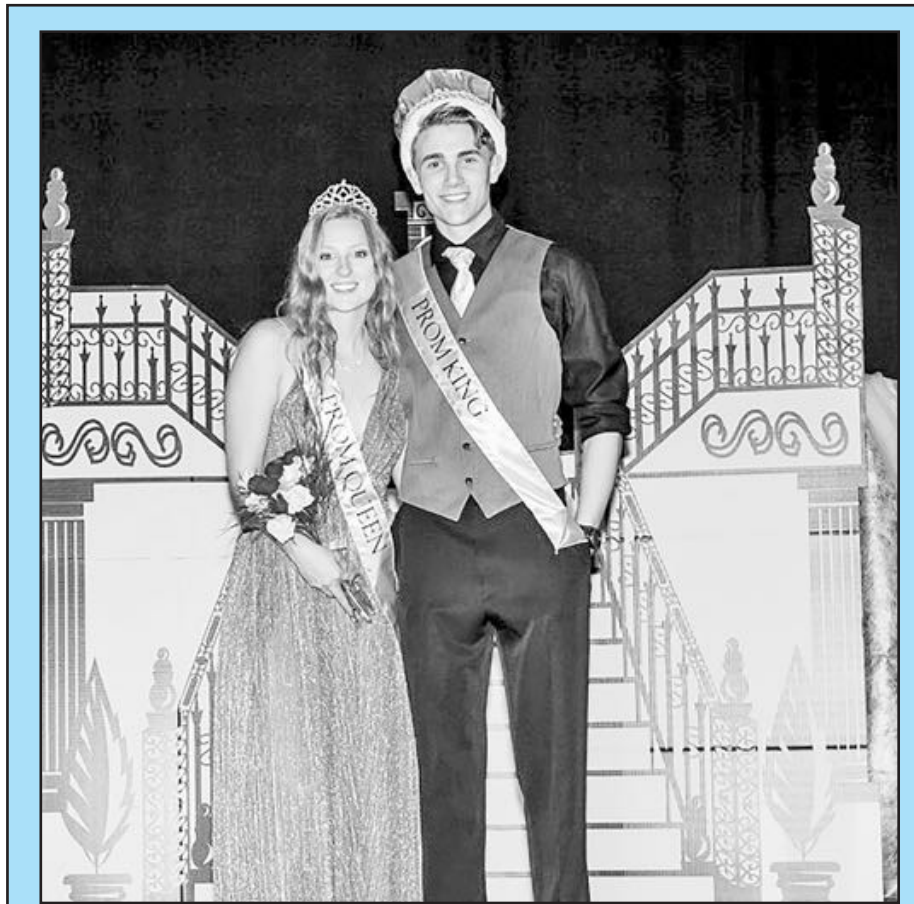


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Queen and King 2018

Crowned this year's queen and king, Helen Decker and Riley Blatchley receive court at Wrangell High School's prom, held Saturday evening at the Nolan Center. The Class of 2018 will be graduating 17 seniors this year.

not always destined to remain on Wrangell Island. Before its cleanup in 2016, the scope of the project was considerably smaller. The discovery of further debris and contamination at nearby properties ratcheted up the cost of the cleanup to around \$6 million. While 62 containers full of the most heavily-contaminated soil and debris was able to be barged south for dis-

posal, costs to similarly dispose of the remaining soil would top \$9 million. As a result, a monofill costing \$5.5 million was considered the next best option.

Of the site options available, engineers selected Rock Pit #2, owned by the Department of Natural Resources. But due to its proximity to Pats Creek – 0.2 miles – a popular fishing and recreation site along with nearby Pats Lake,

local concerns prompted a delay of the monofill's construction, set to begin last August.

In the months since, DEC has reportedly been exploring other options. Other sites were deemed to be unsatisfactory for the project, usually for drainage or grading reasons. However, a request to the Legislature by Gov. Bill Walker for additional funding may help close the shortfall in resources to the cost of barging out the rest.

Of the \$5.5 million allotted to the second phase of the Byford cleanup, around \$1.5 million has been spent. With the remaining \$3.5 million or so left, Schlichting explained another \$5.5 million would be needed to ship the remaining soil out. If given the resources, DEC would be willing to take up that option, she said.

Walker's office reportedly requested \$5 million more for the project in the upcoming capital budget, of which \$2.5 million has made it into versions put forward by the House and Senate finance committees. House Finance was due to take testimony on the budget Tuesday afternoon, and with the Legislature intending to wrap up its session by Sunday a decision is expected soon.

"Right now in the Senate version of the capital budget there's \$2.5 million in the budget, and the governor supports another \$2.5 million which would make it \$5 million," explained Rep. Dan Ortiz (I-District 36), who sits on Finance.

Speaking before Tuesday's hearing, he said it would be difficult to predict whether the extra funds would be made available as requested. Legislators are at the tail-end of available savings as they deal with an ongoing spending deficit, and resources for projects have been scarce.

Until a definite answer on the extra funds is received, Schlichting said the monofill construction would remain on hold.

Assembly advised staged approach to nuisances, makes Byford call

By DAN RUDY
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In a draft plan outlining action on borough-wide nuisance abatement, Wrangell manager Lisa Von Barga advised a cautious approach to the City and Borough Assembly.

Since last September assembly members have had tidying up the stacked junk and discarded vehicles around the island in their sights. Municipal ordinance proscribes such eyesores, whether on public lands or private property, and enforcement was something members wanted to see done. Meanwhile, letters were issued to around 20 residents who were out of compliance, while the city waste disposal yard made several initiatives over the winter to encourage scrap metal disposal.

Von Barga presented a plan to approach the next step of enforcement on Tuesday, prefacing it with words of caution that the process of cleaning up town can be a long and messy one. In a worst-case but common enough scenario, several rounds of abatement notices could lead to legal action before any clearing out is performed, with associated fees often attached as a lien on the offending property.

"The commitment by the assembly has to be to go all the way," Von Barga advised. "If at any point along the way resolve is lost then it becomes clear any property owner can just wait it out with the assembly."

Such being the case, she advised choosing four to six properties within the "visual corridor" of the business dis-

trict and focusing on those. While staff could begin working on this manageable number relatively soon, she did add that the city's municipal code on abatement could use a bit of cleaning up itself. Von Barga partially rewrote the abatement code while working for the Borough of Valdez, and intended to bring a revised draft before Wrangell's assembly another meeting or two from now.

Updating assembly members on discussions in the House Finance Committee earlier that afternoon, Von Barga reported additional funding for the Byford junkyard (see Monofill story) was the most heavily discussed issue among capital items. Given the drum-tight budget situation for projects statewide, Von Barga noted it was an interesting sit-

uation the borough had been put in. While additional funding for Byford was not on the city's list of capital priorities – potable water provision topping that list – Gov. Bill Walker had taken up the Byford issue and his office twice requested that \$5 million be included on Wrangell's behalf. Considering the considerable interest in Juneau that had been taken and political capital expended on Wrangell's behalf, she cautiously likened the funding to a gift horse.

"No matter what decision comes up, whether the money is put into the capital budget or it's not, there are casualties on either side," Von Barga noted. If the money did come through, creek concerns would be addressed but local businesses could see a diminished share of the project contracts

from the change of direction.

Assembly member Stephen Prysunka expressed a fear that the city could be obligated to contribute funds to the project it was unwilling to part with, as even an extra \$5 million could still come up short for barging off the material. In that scenario, he said, the borough would be in an even more awkward spot.

"We're not just looking a gift horse in the mouth, we're kicking it in the mouth," he said, in that instance.

Before them to consider at Tuesday's meeting, assembly members were to discuss whether to lend its support to the Department of Environmental Conservation's project. Several members of the public were on hand to request that they postpone any decision

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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.

Thursday, May 10: Ann Schnell, Alesha Jabusch, Helen Decker, George Benson, Jeff Wiederspohn, Waka Brown, Russell Shilts. *Anniversary:* Karl and Adrian Kohrt. **Friday, May 11:** Talea Davis, Jeff Petticrew, Jessie Angerman, Tara Campbell. **Saturday, May 12:** *Anniversary:* Bob and Debi Prunella, Ken and Lou Rae Davidson. **Sunday, May 13:** Harley Johnson, Bart Churchill, Troy Kagee, Gaven Hunt, Kyle Hamock, Everly Cook, Stone Guggenbickler. *Anniversary:* Joe and Donna Kuntz. **Monday, May 14:** Jon Abrahamson, Kjell Nore, Kristofer Maenhout. *Anniversary:* Joe and Pam Stover. **Tuesday, May 15:** Dave Dailey, Michael Reeves, Eliza Villarma, Danika McGee, Terry Davenport, Trista Szepler, Hunter Wiederspohn. **Wednesday, May 16:** Sean McDonald. *Anniversary:* Alan and Leslie Cummings. **Thursday, May 17:** Peighton Royster, May Schmohl, Olin Kagee, Kristin Mill, Brody Hommel, Violet Allen, Della Demerjian, Deenie Rilatos, Lovey Brock. *Anniversary:* Wayne and Dani Easterly.

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

Senior Center Menu

Thursday, May 10

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

Friday, May 11

Mac and cheese with ham, broccoli, carrot raisin salad

Monday, May 14

Beef and cheese chili, Texas cole slaw, cornbread

Tuesday, May 15

Sweet and sour chicken, carrots, cauliflower broccoli toss, rice

Wednesday, May 16

Indian tacos, peas, sunshine salad

Thursday, May 17

Halibut chowder, 1/2 cheese and tomato sandwich, apricot salad, whole 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, May 12
Malaspina 8:00 a.m.

Sunday, May 13
Columbia 7:15 p.m.

Tuesday, May 15
Malaspina 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 19
Malaspina 12:15 p.m.

Southbound

Thursday, May 10
Malaspina 11:30 p.m.

Monday, May 14
Malaspina 4:15 a.m.

Wednesday, May 16
Columbia 7:15 a.m.

Thursday, May 17
Malaspina 10:00 p.m.

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



TIDES May 10 - May 17

	High Tides		Low Tides		AM		PM	
	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft
May 10	10:00	12.7	10:39	14.5	3:44	4.7	3:57	2.6
May 11	10:55	13.6	11:19	15.7	4:42	3.1	4:49	2.1
May 12	11:44	14.6	11:57	16.7	5:29	1.5	5:33	1.6
May 13	12:29	15.4	6:10	-0.2	6:14	1.2
May 14	0:33	17.6	1:12	16.0	6:49	-1.5	6:52	1.1
May 15	1:09	18.3	1:54	16.3	7:27	-2.7	7:31	1.1
May 16	1:47	18.7	2:38	16.3	8:07	-3.3	8:11	1.5
May 17	2:26	18.7	3:23	16.0	8:50	-3.5	8:53	2.0

Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

Is the attendance at your meeting or event low? Send information for Roundup to wrgsent@gmail.com or call 874-2301.

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

Pool:

Arthritis Foundation Exercise Class:

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

Water Aerobics:

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

Lap Swim:

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

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

2 Lane Lap Swim:

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

Lap/Tot Swim:

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

Swim Club:

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

Open Swim:

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

Weight Room: M-Thu 6:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 3:30-7:30 p.m. F 6:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 3:30-8:30 p.m. S 10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

MEETINGS

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

The Way We Were

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

May 16, 1918

All things come to him who waits but all things come a little faster to him who hustles while he waits. Wrangell has been waiting for a road to the cemetery for about fifty years, but her time of waiting and hustling has passed and the road is actually about to materialize. Stewart Woods arrived from Juneau Tuesday to take charge of the work. He was accompanied by Charles Deining and Andrew Menikel. They brought a team of horses, two wagons and all necessary tools. A camp has been established at the head of the bay and work will begin at once. Mr. Deining will not be here longer than next week as he is included in the Wrangell draft.

May 7, 1943

Charles Wilson, resident of the Wrangell highway district, charged with operating a motor vehicle within the town limits without a license, was fined \$10 or two days in jail in City Magistrate's court this morning. Wilson, protesting the right of the town to demand a town license chose the two days and gave oral notice of appeal. It is the second time Wilson has refused to pay the city license. District Judge Alexander has held, in a similar Ketchikan case, the authority of a city to assess the license within its limits. Wrangell case is now expected to go to the higher court.

May 9, 1968

The Wrangell Historical Society has invited the public to view the Wrangell Information and Exhibit Center (Museum) this Sunday. The museum was unofficially opened Wednesday, May 1, for the benefit of visitors aboard the Prince George, the first tour boat of the season. Last Sunday the Museum was opened to the Wrangell business people. The Wrangell Historical Society is planning to have the Museum open for the public on each visit of the tour boats during the summer. In addition it will be open on special occasions and on request by local organiza-

tions.

May 13, 1993

Arbor Day in Alaska will be celebrated on Monday, April 17. In order to honor the day the Society of American Foresters is providing Wrangell's citizens with 150 Douglas fir seedlings. There is no charge for the seedlings. These trees are native to the Pacific Northwest, but with proper site selection and care they will grow well in South-

east Alaska. Douglas fir is known for its soft needles and the mature tree's stately form. Each seedling is one year old and ready for planting. Douglas fir prefer lots of light so a sunny, and if possible, south facing site should be selected during planting. The seedlings can be picked up at the Wrangell Ranger District Office at the Wrangell Ranger District office.

Wrangell Weather

Date	High	Low
Apr. 30	46	39
May 01	46	42
May 02	54	44
May 03	45	39
May 04	53	44
May 05	53	48
May 06	60	44
May 07	69	42

Daylight Hours

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
May 10	4:47 am	8:43 pm	15:56h
May 11	4:45 am	8:45 pm	16:00h
May 12	4:43 am	8:47 pm	16:04h
May 13	4:41 am	8:48 pm	16:07h
May 14	4:39 am	8:50 pm	16:11h
May 15	4:37 am	8:52 pm	16:15h
May 16	4:35 am	8:54 pm	16:19h
May 17	4:33 am	8:56 pm	16:23h

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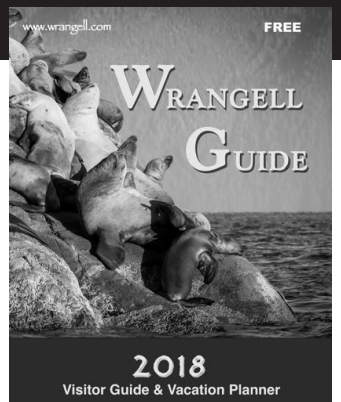
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Both reservoirs are overflowing

Wrangell's water situation seems stable heading into the summer, with both reservoirs "overflowing" according to the latest update from Public Works.

A combination of factors led to the enforcement of conservation measures through the month of March, including low precipitation, a lengthy winter and high demand. During the winter, demand by the first week of February had spiked to 1,151,000 gallons per day, which for the previous year was second only to a summertime high the first week of July, at 1,227,000 gallons daily. More recently, demand by the end of April ebbed

to half what it had been in February, on average around 563,000 gallons per day.

While some level of the increased wintertime usage was ascribed to residents letting their taps flow to prevent pipes freezing, detected breaks in the water mains had also contributed to the draw. Two had been identified during pressure tests conducted in late March, with the breaks together estimated to be losing just over 50,000 gallons of water per day. Those were repaired by Public Works, and a third break later discovered on a residential line in April was found to be losing about 43,000



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Students from Laura Davies' fifth grade class take a tour of Wrangell's water treatment plant last month, guided by plant manager Wayne McHolland at back. The class trip was part of students' study of water conservation, an interest spurred by this winter's municipal shortage.

gallons per day. It was repaired after being identified.

Leaky pipes are not the only problem with the system, with the borough's water treatment plant itself an issue. The plant's operators are trying to find ways to reduce water waste, which the assembly learned last month accounted for around 40 percent of all production. This water gets lost during recurring maintenance of both the roughing and the sand filter systems, and also includes the amount of water needed to rebuild water pressure before the resumption of operations.

In her monthly city manager's report on Tuesday, Lisa Von Bargaen said the plant manager last month started to track how much water was being produced during routine maintenance procedures. For most of April, the plant took in over 16 million gallons of raw water, distributing 9.7 million of that after the treatment process. That indicated some 6.3 million gallons of water was being lost during treatment.

Though the plant lacks all the gauges necessary to track water usage through each stage of production, one major area of waste is from cleaning its four slow sand filter bays. During the filtration process, a layer of grime builds up - called schmutzdecke - causing clogs. Eventually the freeboard depth of water increases above the filters to the point where they must be drained and the filter surface cleaned. During that operation the filter unit is offline, and 135,000 gallons of semi-treated water gets wasted during the process.

The city would like to avoid this by diverting that water into the clearwell, which staff thinks can be done with some simple piping revisions. Von Bargaen reported the city has obtained permitting from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation to make the fix, and has already begun procuring materials.

Another source of water

waste is with the plant's roughing filters, which are a preliminary stage that prepares water for the slow sand filters. The filter setup has never been able to flush itself when clogged, requiring manual clearing on the part of staff. This is an inefficient process in terms of time and of resources, losing tens of thousands of gallons each time.

To correct this, a pilot study on a self-cleaning mechanical filter setup has been ongoing for the last month and a half. As designed, the Forstamod filter unit initiates a backwash sequence when its filtration screen gets plugged. The hope is that the pricey mechanism would save on labor time and lose considerably less water than the current filters, which in the long term would pay for itself in lowered operating costs.

However, the test results have so far been mixed. Water clarity samples have come back below expectation, and a finer filter is being experimented with to see if that helps. Recurring flushings would also on a large scale lose much more water than first thought, up to 118,000 gallons per day compared to the modest test pilot model.

A possible reconfiguring of the system to discharge backwash water back into the roughing filter bays could work by allowing more time for sediment to settle before filtration.

The biggest fix, however, would be a full upgrade to Wrangell's plant, changing over from sand-based filtration to dissolved air flotation. A miniature test plant tried out in 2016 showed promising results, and in March Wrangell's assembly approved moving ahead with the replacement project. In all, it would take around three years to build and would cost \$9.1 million.

To pay for this, the city has approached the Department of Agriculture for \$3.82 million in loans and \$3.16 million in grant monies, with another \$2.5 million grant to be applied for through the Alaska Economic Development Administration. Remaining funds would come through the borough's reserves and other, smaller grant sources.

Currently, Von Bargaen reported the city is putting together its application packet to the EDA, for submission next week. If given its approval for grant funding, the project could finally move ahead.

Police report

Monday, April 30

- Harassment.
- Violation DVO.
- Civil issue.
- Summons service.
- 20- Day ex parte protective order.
- Summons service.

Tuesday, May 1

- Abandoned vehicle.
- Citizen assist.
- Toxic smell.
- Agency assist: Alarm.

Wednesday, May 2

- Traffic: Disabled vehicle.

Thursday, May 3

- Agency assist: Middle school.
- Summons service: Three services provided.
- Report of theft.

Friday, May 4

- Suspicious circumstance.
- Citations issued: Justin Dean Herr Barker, 32: Operating vehicle with expired registration

and failure to provide proof of insurance.

Violation conditions of release: Violation DV restraining order.

Suspicious activity.

Saturday, May 5

- Traffic stop.
- Found dog: Returned to owners.
- Traffic stop.
- Paper service: Order to show cause.
- Subpoena Service.

Sunday, May 6

- Traffic stop: Verbal warning for expired registration.
- Citizen assist.
- Traffic stop: Verbal warning for driving habits.
- Citizen assist.
- Citation issued: Jan Bliss, 66: For blocking roadway by illegally parking.

There were seven EMS calls and two animal complaints during this reporting period.

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Obituaries:

Carol Alice Feller-Brady, Koodeilgé, 91

Carol Alice Feller-Brady, Koodeilgé, 91, passed away surrounded by those she loved in Juneau on May 2, 2018.

She was born on Jan. 1, 1927, the youngest of twelve, born to Elizabeth Kadashan of Wrangell Naanya.ayii, who was the first ANS Grand Camp President and Raymond James Sr. of the Sitka Kiks'.adi. Her grandfather was Chief Kadashan of the Wrangell Kasqwa.kweidi and her grandmother was the sister of Chief Shakes VI.

As a child, she lived in Sitka. By the age of twelve both of her parents, as well as ten of her siblings preceded her in death. A few years later, she was sent to the Wrangell Institute boarding school and was a graduate of the class of 1947, along with her longtime friend, Wilma Stokes.

After completing school, Carol met and married John Feller from the Wrangell Kiks'.adi Clan who was a World War II

veteran. They had five children: John, Susan (Stevens), Helen, Luella (Knapp) and Christopher. In 1964, she became a widow and with help from her sister-in-law, Christine Feller-Jenkins and her husband Chuck, she raised her five children.

In 1976, Carol met Scotty "Brookner" Brady who then became the love of her life. They married and spent 42 years together. They lived in Wrangell, eventually relocating to Juneau. She documented her life story and was encouraged by her mother-in-law to share her inspirational journey. "Through the Storm Towards the Sun" was published in 1979.

Carol achieved many accomplishments, she worked at the Wrangell Institute until 1974 when it shut down and she also was a strong advocate for the youth with substance abuse issues. She was a member on various committees: The



Carol Alice Feller-Brady, Koodeilgé

Wrangell House, The Wrangell Council on Alcoholism, Alaska Native Sister-

hood, Wrangell Cooperative Association and the Local Tlingit and Haida Community Council. As a result of her dedicated service, Carol was nominated and awarded the Tlingit and Haida Delegate of the Year, as well as receiving the Honor Kempton Service Award to Humanity for Alaska.

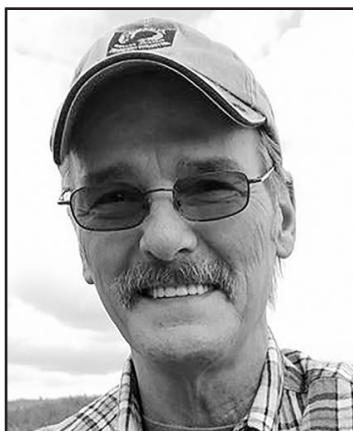
Carol was the Naanya.ayii Matriarch, she loved her family and was adored by them.

She was preceded in death by her youngest child, Christopher Raymond and her granddaughter Diana Knapp.

She is survived by her husband Scotty, four of her children, 12 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held Sat., May 12 at 1 pm at the Harbor Light Assembly of God Church, with a graveside service following, and a reception at the American Legion Hall.

Michael Dwayne Kagee, 60



Michael Dwayne Kagee

Michael Dwayne Kagee, 60, of San Tan Valley, Arizona, passed away unexpectedly on May 2, 2018.

He was born on December 22, 1957 in Lebanon, Oregon. He recently moved to the San Tan Valley, but lived most of his life in Alaska. He was an avid outdoorsman, who enjoyed hunt-

ing, fishing, spending time with his family and beloved boxers.

He was a loving husband, a father and son, a devoted family man as well as an United States Navy Veteran. He served ten years in the military, four years stationed on the U.S.S. Simon Lake during his tour of duty; It was at that time he fell in love with ships and boats. After he was honorably discharged, he spent six years as a Navy Reservist.

His special talent and passion was repairing and restoring wooden boats. He eventually achieved the title of Master Shipwright. His dedication to this passion made him a favorite among the townspeople of Wrangell, Alaska where he spent many years repairing and maintaining the fishing fleets.

He was preceded in death by son, Michael Kagee Jr. of

Wrangell.

He is survived by his wife of 20 years, Cheryl; sons, Trevor Kagee of Juneau, Alaska and Travis Hooker of Denver, Colorado; daughter, Megan Hooker of Denver; stepsons, Adam (Amelia) Howard of Michigan, and Dustin (Vanessa) Howard of Oklahoma; grandchildren: Faith, Elijah, Levi, Brock, Hendrick, and Vaughn; parents, Lorraine and Ronald Kagee of Wrangell; and siblings, Sherry Sambito, Keith Kagee and Richard Burr.

A memorial service will be held on May 10 at the National Memorial Cemetery Cave Creek, Arizona.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be made to: DVFARM.ORG or on facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/donate/851837395026521/10204493109845305/>

Agapia "Terri" Kozeroff, 79

Agapia "Terri" Kozeroff, 79, of Wrangell, Alaska, passed away on March 15, 2018 at Wrangell Medical Center.

Terri was born May 1, 1938 on St. Paul Island, Alaska to Valentina and Gregory Kozeroff. She was the oldest of 12 children.

She moved with her family to Wrangell in the late 1940s.

While living in San Francisco, she met Charles Fortenberry. They were married and moved back to Alaska. They had a son, Ernie, and a daughter, Donna. She returned to Wrangell in 1978 where she spent the rest of her life. She enjoyed working at the cannery for many, many summers. She loved being an active member of the



Agapia "Terri" Kozeroff

Elks as well as the Alaska Native Sisterhood. Terri was known to love to make people laugh. She was very proud of her grandchildren.

Terri is survived by her children, Dale Kozeroff of Florida, Ernie Fortenberry of Washington, Donna Massin of Wrangell, her sisters Jan Johnson and Feckla Weldon, brother Walt Kozeroff and grandchildren Devan, Kari, and Tasha.

A memorial service will be held upstairs at the Elks at 2:00 pm, Saturday, May 12. A reception will follow downstairs.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to Wrangell Long Term Care.

WINE TASTING FUNDRAISER FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE DOGS

Friday, May 11

6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Rayme's Bar

All proceeds support the Search and Rescue Dogs who are traveling to Sitka with their humans for training. Taste a variety of wines. Bottles will be available for purchase. Appetizers will also be available.

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Terry and Roxanna Coblentz invite you to celebrate with them the marriage of their daughter Kimberly Marie Coblentz to William Edward Agricola Jr. They will be married at a private ceremony **Saturday the 12th of May.**

Please join us at the
James & Elsie Nolan Center
@ 6:30 pm
for the reception.



HARRY S. SUNDBERG LORENE (SKIP) HENDERSON REMEMBRANCE

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

Their friends are invited to join the families to say hello and share memories at

The Wrangell Elks Club

Friday, May 11, 4 pm

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Rescue dog team holding wine fundraiser

Wrangell's search-and-rescue (SAR) dog program will be holding its second wine-tasting fundraiser on Friday.

A component of Wrangell Volunteer Fire Department, SAR dogs are primarily used to assist in searches for missing persons, whether becoming lost while in the wilderness or following a disaster. Dog handler Steve Prysunka explained the dogs are trained both to search for living subjects and to detect for human remains.

gram has been up and operating since 2014, supporting various emergency responses since. Since last year's fundraiser the program has added a new member, bringing the count for the canine team to four. Their names are Katilli, Sage, Aspen and Moscow.

"Moscow's our newest addition," said Prysunka. Unlike the other three retrievers, this dog is of the Belgian Malinois breed, originally used for herding. "He speaks French."

The latest iteration of the pro-

The dogs are all privately

owned, receiving regular training with their handlers as well as training together on a weekly basis. Each trainer is responsible for a good deal of the cost for maintaining and certifying their animal.

Equipping a dog with its harness and other emergency gear can cost around \$1,000 per animal, but a major cost is for traveling to various training sessions and workshops. For instance, Wrangell's four SAR dogs went

to Sitka over the weekend to train cooperatively with the Sitka Fire Department's search dogs and with Juneau's SEADOGS team. There, they focused on being able to detect human remains on land and in the water.

"The fire department supports us each year with funds for equipment for help and training," Prysunka said. Other support comes through private organizations like the Stikine Sportsmen Association, or

through individual fundraising efforts.

One of the latter, the group will hold a wine-tasting at Rayme's tomorrow similar to one it held last year in April. At that event, about 60 people raised \$1,400 for the group.

"We're very excited about the event," said Prysunka. Set for Friday at 6 p.m., the event will also give supporters the opportunity to meet the different SAR dogs.

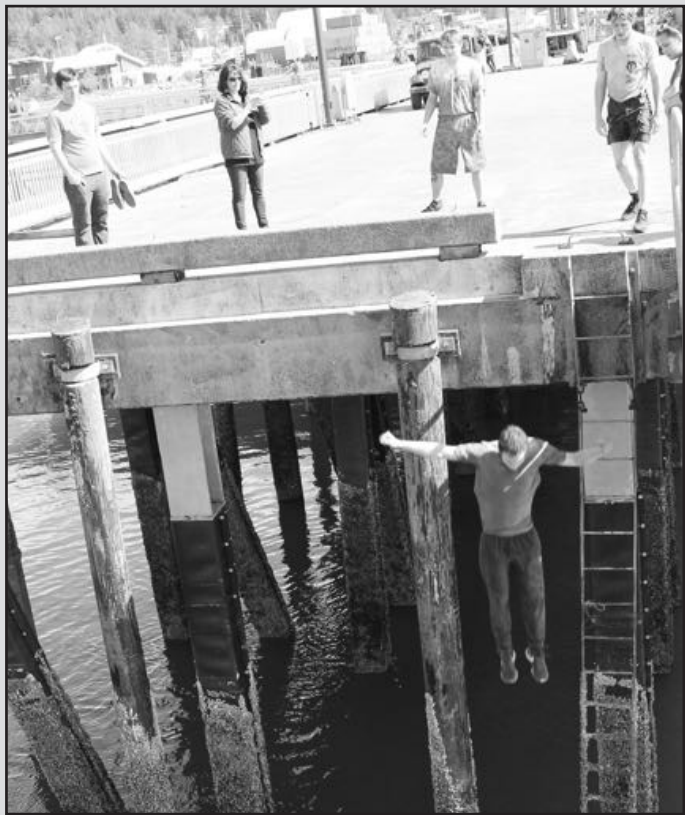


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Jumping into the next chapter

Taking the opportunity to rinse off after a muddy game of football at the track, Brian Schwartz takes a leap from the top of city dock during Senior Skip Day on Monday. Classmates River Guggenbickler and Ian Jenson look on as they await their turn, while most of the rest of the Class of 2018 take their dip from the summer float below. This month 17 students will be graduating.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

Donating a kidney to someone in need is simple... and yet complicated. The simple part is that we are each born with two kidneys, but can live long and healthy lives with only one. When someone's kidneys fail, the gift of a healthy third kidney gives them the boost they need to avoid dialysis and resume an active life. Why not share?

When a friend went on the kidney transplant wait list at Swedish Hospital in Seattle, I applied to be a living kidney donor for her. I had a telephone interview in November and lab tests at Wrangell Medical Center during December and January. All costs were covered by the transplant program. At every step of the process I was told I could back out at any time. I had frequent contact with a donor program nurse to answer any questions. I recently went to Swedish Hospital for a two-day evaluation. My travel and lodging costs were covered. All my tests looked great, until a CT scan raised a couple of minor issues. A nephrologist kindly sat me down to explain that I should not donate. I am disappointed... but I can still help by encouraging others to become donors.

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The friend who was my designated kidney recipient, Anchorage Episcopal priest and counselor Gayle Nauska, now needs to find a donor. So do 95,000 other Americans. Many will die before they receive one. A transplant from a live donor is more successful than from a cadaver. Search 'Swedish Hospital Kidney Transplant' for online information and links to an application form. Contact me as well. I'll be happy to provide more information.

Alice Rooney

Sea otter creating imbalance

To the Editor:

The reintroduction of the sea otter has created an imbalance of human resources and sea life.

A much larger impact is looming: Before the sea otters reintroduction to Southeast Alaska's Archipelago, fishermen fished all types of fish and crustaceans but find themselves now regulated nearly out of business while the reintroduced sea otters continue to ravage the shallow bottoms of all estuaries of Southeast.

I can assure that within the next ten years, without proper regulation and control of this predator of crustaceans, the sea otter will be the cause of its own demise.

The sea otter will reach the Petersburg boat harbor inside of ten years and the damage they leave behind will be done.

The recovery time of the crustaceans will only begin when control of the otter begins, only if not too little too late.

When the sea otter reaches Petersburg and Wrangell, subsistence crabbing will be no more. Believe me they are coming. I have watched the sea otter go from the outside coast to within the south entrance of Wrangell Narrows. Meaning in forty years they have multiplied fifty times and moved inland fifty miles or more.

As a commercial salmon troller I boast to have provided the finest table salmon in the world. I have quietly idled up and down the shores of southeast Alaska's archipelago observing animal habits and behavior and that they are many as they adapt to changes.

However, there is a change coming that will adversely impact all, but to all, not good. Fishermen are at a loss and the poor sea otter will be the cause of its own demise through starvation and disease and is a horrible way to die.

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Aaron Angerman
 Board Secretary
 Wrangell Medical Center
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 Wrangell, Alaska to a permanent repository at the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
 Rock Pit #2 located adjacent to NFS 6259/Pat's Creek Road.

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

There will be no hauling on the following dates:

- May 26 through May 28, 2018 for Memorial Day weekend
- June 16 through 17, 2018 State of Alaska youth fishing weekend
- June 22 through 23, 2018 State of Alaska youth fishing weekend
- June 30 through July 5, 2018 for Independence Day holiday celebrations
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Project Point of Contact:

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

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A Public Open House will be held Monday May 7, 2018 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Nolan
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Lisa von Bargaen
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Lisa Von Bargaen
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Alaska Fish Factor. By LAINE WELCH Fisheries columnist

Commercial fishing has fatality rate 23 times higher than all other workers in the nation, one of the most dangerous of jobs in the nation

Commercial fishing remains one of the most dangerous jobs in the nation, with a fatality rate that is 23 times higher than

for all other workers.

Vessel sinkings account for half of all fishing fatalities; second is falling overboard - deaths that are largely preventable.

From 2000 through 2016, 204 U.S. fishermen died after falling overboard, according to a just released study called Fatal Falls Overboard in Commercial Fishing by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH). Nearly 60 percent of the falls were not witnessed, and almost 90 percent of the victims were not found.

In all instances, not a single fisherman was wearing a PFD (personal flotation device).

"I think there is a social stigma against it. It's a sort of macho thing. I also think there is a lack of awareness that there are really comfortable PFDs," said Jerry Dzugan, director of the Alaska Marine Safety Education Association for over three decades.

Today's life jackets are not the bulky, cumbersome clunkers that most people are familiar with from childhood or have stashed in the cubbies of recreational boats. Newer models are lightweight and built right into rain bibs, or fit comfortably over or into deck gear.

"I've got a couple that are so comfortable that when I leave my boat, I forget I have them on," Dzugan said.

He estimated that less than 10 percent of Alaska fishermen wear PFDs while working, whereas "a few years ago it was less than five percent."

According to the NIOSH report, the number of falls over-

board decreased on average by 3.9 percent annually during the study's time frame. Most falls occurred on the east coast (62), followed by the Gulf of Mexico (60). Alaska ranked third with 51 deaths overall.

Alaska's deadliest catch might surprise you - it's the salmon drift gillnet fishery with 16 fatalities.

"When things go south on a small open boat it happens quickly," Dzugan said. "Swamping, being hit by a wave and not being able to recover. Sometimes they are fishing alone or with just two people, often in open waters. All of those combine to have those being a particularly high risk."

Dzugan believes wearing a PFD on deck is the number one way that fishermen can save themselves from becoming a statistic. Second is doing on-board safety drills.

"Everyone needs to know what to do in the case of an emergency. And every crew member needs to be part of the risk assessment on the boat, not just the captain," he said. "Also, make sure your boat is watertight, keep your survival gear maintained and practice with it, and get enough sleep."

The NIOSH report also recommends reducing fall hazards on deck and using man overboard alarms and recovery devices.

"It costs less than \$100 to rig up your own floating lines to trap someone inside and tie them off to a cleat on the rail until you can get them back on the boat," Dzugan said.

Although fishermen have been somewhat slow to adopt preventive measures, he said there has been tremendous improvement in Alaska.

"It's been a total cultural change. In the 1970s there was an average of about 38-40 fishing deaths a year in Alaska; it's averaged 3.5 over the past five years," he said. "The arc of improvement in fishing vessel safety has been a long one, but it's been steadily upwards. I'm very optimistic."

The fatality numbers already have skewed upwards since the data in the NIOSH report were compiled through 2016. Total U.S. fishing deaths have risen to 224, according to report author, Samantha Case of NIOSH in Anchorage. In Alaska, there were 10 fishing deaths in 2017; six were from the sinking of the crab boat *Destination* in the Bering Sea.]

Salmon starts! Alaska's salmon season officially kicks off on May 17 with a 12-hour opener for sockeyes and kings at the famous Copper River!

In other fishing updates: Southeast fishery managers announced that under provisions of the Pacific Salmon Treaty, the Chinook salmon harvest is limited to 130,000 fish for all users,

down 80,000 fish from last year. For trollers, the take is 95,700 kings and the May/June season will open only in a few select areas.

Fishing for lingcod in the Panhandle opens May 16 with a 310,700 catch limit.

A fishery for coonstripe and spot shrimp opened in Southeast on May 1 with a 675,000 pound quota from four districts.

Trawling for sidestripe shrimp also is underway at Prince William Sound with a nearly 113,000 pound catch quota.

Norton Sound's red king crab fishery closed on April 30 just shy of the 50,000 pound winter harvest. The shortage will be added to the summer crab fishery for a combined total of about 300,000 pounds.

Alaska's halibut catch was approaching 3 million pounds with Seward and Sitka leading all ports for deliveries. Sablefish catches topped 4 million pounds with Sitka in the lead for landings.

Fishing continues for all kinds of whitefish in both the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska.

Finally, Frankenfish is a step closer to U.S. supermarket sales. AquaBounty, the producer of the genetically engineered salmon won FDA approval last week to grow the fish in an Indiana plant it bought last year for \$14 million with a goal to produce three million pounds annually. Currently, the salmon are being grown out in Panama.

A final hold up is commerce laws that don't allow the genetically tweaked salmon to be sold in the U.S. until labeling guidelines are in place to inform consumers.

Import breaks - "Made in America" grants are available to small and medium sized companies that have been clobbered by an influx of cheaper imports.

"Basically, if it's a product that competes with imports and the domestic firm is losing ground and the imports are rising, the assistance can be available," said David Holbert, executive director of the Seattle-based Northwest Trade Adjustment Assistance Center (NWTAAAC).

The NWTAAAC is one of 11 regional non-profits funded by the U.S. Economic Development Administration and serves companies in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Alaska. The group has been around since the 1970s, but is not very well known, Holbert said. It began as a means to help U.S. manufacturers facing competitive disadvantages often caused by global trade deals. The program now includes businesses in other sectors, such as timber, agriculture and fishing.

The program offers match-

ing grants of up to \$75,000 to mid-sized companies aimed at helping them hire outside expertise to boost their bottom lines.

"So that's \$150,000 for projects such as website building and creating marketing tools like brochures, brands and logos, as well as quality certifications, product design, to name a few. No two are the same," Holbert explained.

Eligible smaller businesses with less than \$1 million in sales can receive up to 75 percent in matching funds for up to \$30,000, meaning their out-pout would be \$75,000.

"When a company faces destructive price competition, it's a situation where they can't win by trying harder. They have to change. For small to medium sized enterprises, change is often instigated by outside expertise. Generally speaking, the companies have to find their way to a customer base that values quality customization and/or rapid fulfillments," Holbert explained.

Eligible companies need to show a drop in employment and in sales or production and other trade criteria. The Center handles all the qualifying paper work and if approved, also helps craft a business plan focusing on what would be required for the company to succeed. A company has five years to use the funds.

"The companies select their projects and vendors. We're not telling anyone what to do or who to hire. We'll advise and help, but it's your solution to your situation," Holbert stressed. For smaller Alaska fishing companies, more than one can apply under the umbrella of a trade association. Bering Sea crabbers, for example, long hammered by imports of Russian crab, used funds to redesign a website, create marketing materials and design a weekly newsletter. "The support and guidance provided by NWTAAAC staff throughout the entire funding process was amazing," wrote the Alaska Bering Sea Crabbers trade group. Other Alaska fishing beneficiaries include Taku Fisheries in Juneau and Fields Wild Salmon of Kodiak. Holbert said that Alaska halibut fishermen, who are facing stiff import competition from eastern Canada, also may be eligible.

"Don't be shy about calling. You're not dealing with a big bureaucracy; you're going to talk to a person who can relate to you and your business," Holbert stressed. "If you've got a decline in business in recent years and you believe it's due to imports, we can find out fast if you qualify."

The NWTAAAC board of directors is meeting in Anchorage in mid-May. Learn more at www.nwtaac.org or email david@nwtaac.org.

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Roadside cleanup part of wider sweep on illegal dumpsites

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

As the city tries to contend with junk vehicles and collected waste (see Assembly story), other efforts to clean up Wrangell's act have been underway.

In April annual community-wide cleanup of parks and roadsides were undertaken by volunteers for Wrangell Pride, while running group Southeast Beasts encouraged people to collect and dispose of litter throughout the month while footing about the island.

Some problems are greater than just the odd can or bottle. Surrounded by wilderness, out of convenience or simple habit some residents have taken to tossing things out illegally. One such dump site is at the end of the Spur Road along Wrangell's eastern side, also called Ishiyama Drive.

The problem there had caught the notice of Lucy Robinson, an area resident. At the Spur Road turnaround, she makes frequent use of the hardened trail to the nearby beachside. The landing down

below makes a good launching point for recreational vehicles, and the beach itself is a fine place for taking the dog or for barbecues.

"The woods are just filled with garbage," she said of the trail.

Discarded furniture and appliances, tires, household garbage and yard clippings were among the items left there, as well as assorted trash that may have been emptied from people's vehicles. Quite a bit has built up, suggesting people have been using the site as an impromptu landfill for some time.

"It's somewhat frustrating that folks are using that area as a dump site," said Robinson.

Along with Jared Gross and friends Andrew Jylkka and Shahmeer Azmat, the four spent Saturday trying to undo some of the mess. Speaking with the Indian General Assistance Program office at Wrangell Cooperative Association, they got a bunch of hefty bags to work with. Robinson also contacted Public Works, arranging to bring items out to

the waste transfer yard for proper disposal.

"We just felt like it needed to be done," she said.

Working through the afternoon, the volunteers were able to fill up a pickup bed with larger debris and bags of garbage. It was a start, but Robinson acknowledged there is still quite a bit of work to do out there.

She has continued talking with IGAP about possible solutions. "Signage being one," said Robinson.

"We're going to look at that," IGAP coordinator Chris Hatton confirmed.

Her program was recently allotted \$30,000 in additional funding for solid waste projects, which is already going toward remediating illegal dump sites around the island. Hiring on two assistants for the project, training and work began on April 10.

"They're focused on all areas," said Hatton. "They've picked up all kinds of stuff."

Similar to Robinson's site on Spur

Road, household debris and white goods were commonly found among the improperly discarded items, but also wood and metal debris, and lead acid batteries. "Not a lot, but some," Hatton added.

The project has also budgeted in some heavy equipment to help tackle larger items, including an abandoned car and a wire spool the workers found. Talks with Public Works and the local police about improving public awareness of the problem have also been had. As with previous years, IGAP will soon begin circulating an updated list of locations people can bring various categories of recyclables and other refuse for proper disposal.

IGAP spearheaded a similar effort back in 2014, focusing in particular on combating improper disposal of discarded fish nets. The office has maintained a collection bin for old nets over at the boatyard, where fishermen can discard them free of charge. The thousands of pounds of nets they collect then get sent south for recycling.

Wetlands mapping could encourage fish and development both

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

A regional nonprofit will be conducting a survey of Wrangell's watersheds this summer in an attempt to encourage wetlands conservation.

Angie Flickinger is the Wrangell area coordinator for Southeast Alaska Watershed Coalition, a regional consortium of community organizations interested in managing watersheds and resources. What the group would like to do is inspect streams, culverts and other aquatic habitats and identify opportunities for their improvement or restoration.

Under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, wetlands and watersheds are protected from the adverse impacts of various human activities. So as not to completely stymie development, compensatory mitigation is an allowable practice whereby a developer - be it a private citizen, municipal government or other organization - seeking a federal permit can set aside land or resources to compensate for dredging, filling or other related activities where wetlands are concerned.

With this particular project, Flickinger said SAWC would be focusing on restoration of area

wetlands rather than preservation, as a means to encourage responsible development. Efforts to restore or improve existing watersheds can count as credit toward these 404 permits, she explained, which in turn can be of benefit to Wrangell, where developable land to exchange or set aside for projects is in limited supply.

"The Wrangell watershed assessment came about from some conversations with the city over time," Flickinger explained.

What she would like to do this year is survey aquatic resources such as streams, muskegs, fish passage culverts and so forth found around the borough, including some in state forest lands. Existing data for aquatic resources on United

States Forest Service lands will also be included in a final watershed assessment report, which would be publicly available for use.

Her prospective watershed assessment report would include updated maps of aquatic resources and an overview of their condition, recommendations for maintaining or improving their habitats, and potential project opportunities.

An example on an already-identified project would be the strategic placement of felled trees around the west fork of Pats Creek, in order to encourage fish habitat. Log jams buried along the creek's banks would serve this purpose, using second-growth spruce.

Also at Pats at its east fork, another project would be to se-

lectively breach an abandoned logging road at its crossing, as it has blocked off access to fish. This would renew access to "relic channels," and would improve sedimentation downstream.

Flickinger will be investigating such watershed resources over the coming summer, conducting field work with a camera and global positioning system device.

"The first steps will be sort of ground-truthing the resources," she said.

The compilation of her report is scheduled to occur this fall, with a community meeting to be set up at its completion explaining SAWC's findings. All data would subsequently be made available to the public for use.

Assembly

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until the state's capital budget was finalized.

"Just another week," asked Jamie Roberts, a resident.

The state's upcoming budget was expected out by Sunday, while an updated estimate for transporting the soil by barge was still being figured. By next week it was felt the situation would be clearer. Roberts had testified to House Finance in support of the additional money, but was afraid a motion of support for the monofill on the part of the assembly could be interpreted as the money was not needed.

Wrangell Cooperative Association tribal administrator Esther Ashton spoke on behalf of the tribe, also requesting they postpone their decision.

"This budget is actively being considered," she said. Ashton felt chances would be improved if a declaration of support were delayed.

Despite this, and noting the wording of their resolution only supported the engineered monofill if funds for shipment off-island were unavailable, Prysunka pressed to move forward with the vote.

Member Julie Decker agreed. "From my understanding of what was said, there was a whole discussion with the House Finance Committee. This is not going to be news to them," she offered. "I don't think it's going to harm the chances."

"The way this is wrote up we're not necessarily supporting going out there," fellow member Roland Howell added. "I think most of us would agree, it can't stay where it's at."

The assembly voted unanimously in favor of the resolution.

In other borough business, at Von Barga's invitation Public Works director Amber Al-Haddad reported bids were in for the resurfacing of Evergreen Road. Two competitive bids had come in, with Southeast firm SECON submitting a bid for \$4.6 million. The project bid was close to \$1,000,000 under Department of Transportation estimates. As Wrangell was contributing around nine percent in match funds, she pointed out it could potentially see some savings on the project if costs remain down.

"Keep your fingers crossed. If there are no major change orders, we could see close to \$100,000 coming back," Al-Haddad said.

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