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Photographers part of parade

Local photographers Vince Balansag (above) and Rich Einert (below) took part in the Fourth of July Parade this year. They are pictured here in a fire truck being driven by Terry Bunes.

Don Young makes stop in Wrangell

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

Representative Don Young made a stop in Wrangell Monday, July 7, to meet with constituents and discuss issues that matter to voters while on a tour of Southeast Alaska. There are several issues Wrangell is facing that are common across multiple Southeast communities, he said. He also discussed problems facing Alaska, in general, and common issues across the entire United States.

The ferry system is a common issue for many Southeast residents, Young said. His role, in Congress, relates to the federal funding the Alaska Marine Highway receives. Young said his main job is to protect that money. He also said that he has spoken with Governor Mike Dunleavy about the ferries, and that it can be hard to get federal funding for the ferries if the ferries are not running.

Another common issue across the region is replacing aging infrastructure, he said, as well as improving local water sources. He said he supports new hydropower and water system projects in Southeast Alaska. Even without the logging industry, he said that the region is still growing and new infrastructure will be needed.

A big issue that many Alaskan communities are facing, especially in Southeast, is a hurting tourism industry. The COVID-19 pandemic has greatly reduced the number of people willing to travel right now. A recent report by the Wrangell Sentinel shows that Wrangell is expecting only a maximum capacity of 2,000 people with their summer cruise season, down from an anticipated 24,000 visitors. It is a similar challenge across several cities, Young said. Alaska is still a very popular tourist

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Three cities go dark in early morning power outage

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

The cities of Wrangell, Petersburg, and Ketchikan all suffered a power outage in the early morning of July 4. Rod Rhoades, light and power director for Wrangell, said that the outage hit Wrangell at 3:05 a.m., but started in Ketchikan.

All three communities are connected via the Southeast Alaska Power Agency, meaning they receive and share power from the same sources. While power has been restored, officials are still looking into the cause of the outage.

All three cities lost power around 3 a.m. Rhoades said that Wrangell switched over to diesel power at approximately 4 a.m., and SEAPA power was fully restored by 7 a.m. on the morning of July 4. Rhoades said his understanding was a bird strike knocked out the power grid in Ketchikan, which made Wrangell and Petersburg also lose power.

Jeremy Bynum, electric system engineering manager with KPU, said they also assume a bird was responsible for a power

outage. They cannot confirm this, he said, but there was no lightning strike or equipment failure to point to. Bynum also said that there were several factors that played a part in power being lost in all three SEAPA communities, such as where the outage specifically began and the time of day, when few generators were running.

Around 3:01 a.m., Bynum said, there was a phase fault on a power distribution line between the Bailey and Ketchikan substations, where it is assumed a bird or small animal struck the line. This caused Ketchikan to separate from SEAPA's power generation, he said. This cascaded to create "over frequency conditions" at Tyee Lake, where

SEAPA primarily generates power for Wrangell and Petersburg. Over frequency conditions, Bynum said, are when more power is being generated than the load needs at the time. These conditions then tripped off the generator at Tyee Lake, which knocked out the power to Wrangell and Petersburg.

Bynum said that they got all

of the systems tied back together around 8 a.m. on July 4. An internal review and an after action report will be organized, he said. They will be looking at the process of what happened and Ketchikan's response to the blackout. An outage report will be submitted to the Ketchikan city manager in the near future, he said.

AMHS limiting spread of virus on board ferries

By BRIAN VARELA
Sentinel writer

The M/V Matanuska arrived in Wrangell Sunday evening during its first voyage of the season out of Bellingham, but that same day a passenger onboard the M/V Kennicott, which left Bellingham on June 27, tested positive for COVID-19.

The protocols that the Alaska Marine Highway System has in place to prevent the spread of the virus seem to have limited the infection to the one individual who only had one other close contact, according to a press release issued by the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities.

"This is an example of everyone doing everything right," said Anne Zink, Chief

Medical Officer for Alaska in the press release. "But this is a sneaky virus and travel is inherently risky during a global pandemic."

A crew member on board the M/V Tustumena tested positive for COVID-19 in early June, according to a DOT press release. While six additional crew members did test positive for the virus, all six passengers on board and the remaining 28 crew members tested negative, according to the press release.

If a passenger develops COVID-19 symptoms while onboard a ferry, the individual is required to isolate themselves and take a test upon arrival at their destination, said Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities

Communications Director Meadow Bailey in an email to the Petersburg Pilot. Should the passenger test positive, a quarantine or isolation situation would be put in place for all passengers and crew on board the vessel and would last at least 14 days, according to Bailey. The passengers and crew would also likely be tested for COVID-19.

According to Bailey, should a 14 day quarantine be put in place, the passengers and crew would be able to leave the ship, but wouldn't be allowed to use any form of public transportation for at least 14 days and would be monitored by the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services.

Additionally, anyone riding a ferry out

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Ferry

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of Bellingham to Alaska will have to have a negative test for COVID-19 before getting on the ferry, and will have to test negative a second time upon arriving in Alaska.

Along with their procedures to limit the spread of COVID-19, AMHS has cut back on their sailings for the season.

Only five ferries are scheduled to be sailing this summer. The M/V Tazlina and M/V Columbia will not be in service this season.

As of last week, DOT is not considering the further reduction of ferry services in its planning to address an increasing public positive COVID-19 situation, according to Bailey.



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The M/V Matanuska stopped in Wrangell last Sunday evening. This is the first stop by an AMHS ferry in Wrangell in several months. Donald Templin, with the Alaska Marine Highway, said that the last ferry to stop in Wrangell was on January 25, also the Matanuska. The ferry system has faced many struggles in recent history, including budget cuts, a strike, and an aging fleet. The COVID-19 pandemic has also led to several new safety guidelines for workers and travelers to follow. Among these protocols, according to the Alaska Marine Highway website, includes limited passenger capacities, crew screenings, and passenger screenings for long voyages. The Matanuska arrived from Ketchikan, according to the schedule on the AMHS website, and departed for Petersburg later that evening.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Thursday, July 9: Carlene Nore, Joseph Hammock, Anniversary: Ryan & Heather Howe. **Friday, July 10:** Kehli Shilts, Minnie Bandera, Craig Edgley, Anniversary: Eric & Minnie Bandera. **Saturday, July 11:** Robert Kuntz, Keian Young, Anniversary: Sarah & Andrew Scambler. **Sunday, July 12:** Levi Dow Sr, Tis Peterman, Kara Helgeson, Sharon McGuire, Elijah Comstock, David Bryner. **Monday, July 13:** Maggie McChargue, Sam Atkins, Betty Abbott. **Tuesday, July 14:** Marshall Peterman, J.C. Gillen, Stanley Guggenbicker, Koen Kohrt, Anniversary: Winston & Renate Davies. **Wednesday, July 15:** Kevin Smalley, Kay Nesbitt, Mary Edgley, Lily Feuerhelm. **Thursday, July 16:** Kaelene Harrison, Carmen Pavlina, De-lore Klinke, Casey Seimears.

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

Senior Center Meals Menu Delivery Only

Friday, July 10

Chicken Sandwich, Minestrone soup, Salad.

Monday, July 13

Alaskan Casserole, Brussel Sprouts, Salad, Roll.

Tuesday, July 14

Baked Chicken, Cauliflower, Mashed Potato & Gravy.

Wednesday, July 15

Country Pork Stew, Pea Salad, Buttermilk Roll.

Thursday, July 16

Liver & Onions, Stewed Tomato, Apple Raisin Salad, Bread.

Please call Wrangell Senior Center at 874-2066 by 10 a.m. for delivery.

Senior van also available to transport seniors to medical appointments reasonable errands like collecting mail, getting prescriptions at pharmacies or other essential need items.

FERRY

Northbound

Sunday, July 12

Matanuska, 2:15 p.m.

Sunday, July 19

Matanuska, 7:15 p.m.

Sunday, July 26

Matanuska, 1:15 p.m.

Sunday, August 2

Matanuska 01:15 p.m

Southbound

Wednesday, July 15

Matanuska, 3:15 a.m.

Wednesday, July 22

Matanuska, 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, July 29

Matanuska, 5:15 a.m.

Wednesday, August 5

Matanuska 06:45 a.m

Call 874-2021 for information or call 874-3711 or Toll Free 800-642-0066 for recorded information.



TIDES July 9 - July 16

High Tides

Low Tides

	AM		PM		AM		PM	
	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft
July 9	04:03	15.5	05:04	14.3	10:24	-0.3	10:37	4.3
July 10	04:45	14.3	05:45	14.0	11:02	0.8	11:26	4.6
July 11	05:31	13.2	06:29	13.7	11:42	1.8
July 12	06:27	12.1	07:19	13.6	00:20	4.6	12:27	2.8
July 13	07:36	11.3	08:14	13.8	01:20	4.5	01:17	3.7
July 14	08:52	11.1	09:08	14.1	02:26	4.0	02:14	4.5
July 15	10:01	11.4	10:00	14.6	03:32	3.2	03:16	4.9
July 16	11:01	12.0	10:48	15.2	04:33	2.1	04:17	4.9

Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

Jury duty for July. You will be receiving notices in the mail in the next few weeks. Court number: (907) 874-2311.

Anyone doing business at the Wrangell Court are required to wear a mask unless under 2 years of age or exempted for medical reasons. This is effective until further notice. All hearings are being conducted telephonically until further notice. Contact the court for the call-in number at (907) 874-2311.

Saturday, July 11

Wrangell Emblem Club #87 Meeting at 1:00 pm, Upstairs at the Wrangell Elks Lodge #1595.

Continuing Events

AA Meetings: North Star Group Meeting Tuesdays and Fridays 7 - 8 p.m at St. Philips Episcopal Church.

The Way We Were In the Sentinel 100, 75, 50 and 25 years ago.

July 8, 1920

The Shriners reached Wrangell on their return voyage Sunday evening. A mosquito fleet composed of five boats took a goodly portion of Wrangell's population on board at 5 o'clock and went out to meet the Jefferson and Spokane which were traveling together. The steamers were met just around the point of Vank Island and was surely a joyful meeting. Bands played, flags fluttered and handkerchiefs waved. Richard Suratt, Alaska representative of the Gaumoat Weekly was aboard one of the Wrangell boats with his moving picture machine and secured some splendid pictures for his corporation which will not only possess news value but will be excellent advertising of the scenic beauties of the inside passage.

July 6, 1945

Wrangell Chamber of Commerce was host over the holiday to Governor Gruening and members of the Smaller War Plants Corporation who flew up from Ketchikan Tuesday noon and left the morning of the Fourth for Juneau. Secretary of Alaska Lew Williams came down from Juneau aboard the Manana to join the party here and accompany them back to Juneau. Others who traveled with the SWPC party were Ross Cunningham, Associate Editor of the Seattle Times and Frank B. Heinzleman, Regional Forester for Alaska. During the day of their arrival, SWPC officials held interviews at the Fire Hall with business men and individuals who had ideas for business expansion in Wrangell and vicinity and the officials declared themselves as well satisfied with results.

July 9, 1970

A \$10,000 state Rural Development grant has been approved to assist Wrangell in building a new city hall, Gov. Keith Miller has announced. City Mgr. Kester Dotts has been directed by the City Council to seek costs of a new municipal building which would be placed on city-owned land on the waterfront fill area. The present city hall above the fire station is too small, Dotts said. Dotts told councilmen in the presentation last month that an 80-by-40 square foot building could serve Wrangell's needs through the next two decades. The manager said the prefabricated metal buildings which could serve the purpose are on the market and could be acquired through a lease-purchase agreement which would preclude a large outlay of funds initially. The fill area is on the waterfront behind the Elks Club and bank.

July 13, 1995

Laying down the line, a 12-inch water main along Zimovia Highway has delayed completion of the paving project.

David Soulak, interim city manager, says the delay will probably save the city \$700,000 in the long run. After waiting three years for a grant to fund the much needed water line project, it came through about the time the paving firm was ready to start bringing in oil for the project. If the line was not installed prior to paving the highway, said Soulak, the city would be faced with two choices— to wait five years or extend the line out 10 feet beyond the paving. Either way would have cost considerably more money. Larry Geise, project engineer, said as it is now, adding the 11,500 feet of water line has been a big factor in raising the cost of the road improvement from \$3.6 million to close to \$6 million. Geise, who said all property owners along the route will be contacted to determine the best location for connection to the main, indicated the actual paving now is expected to begin sometime in the last two weeks of August.

Wrangell Weather

Date	High	Low
June 29	57	48
June 30	61	52
July 01	65	53
July 02	59	51
July 03	61	55
July 04	62	53
July 05	61	52
July 06	62	53

Daylight Hours

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
July 9	4:15a	9:31p	17:16h
July 10	4:16a	9:30p	17:14h
July 11	4:17a	9:29p	17:12h
July 12	4:19a	9:28p	17:09h
July 13	4:20a	9:26p	17:06h
July 14	4:22a	9:25p	17:03h
July 15	4:23a	9:24p	17:01h
July 16	4:25a	9:23p	16:58h

Nolan Center featuring new exhibit on women's suffrage

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

The Nolan Center's newest museum exhibit, "Alaska's Suffrage Star," opened for public viewing on July 1 last week. The exhibit covers the history of the women's suffrage movement in Alaska, how activists worked to be part of a nationwide move-

ment to give women the right to vote. The exhibit shares the stories of several Alaskan activists, some of them Wrangell locals.

One Wrangellite featured in the exhibit is Tillie Paul Tamaree. Tamaree was a Tlingit woman of the Teeyhittaan Raven clan, according to the exhibit about her. She worked as a



PHOTO BY CALEB VIERKANT/ WRANGELL SENTINEL

Photos of Tillie Paul Tamaree and Charlie Jones, featured as a part of a new museum exhibit on the suffrage movement in Alaska.



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Cindy Kilpatrick and Cyni Crary standing at the entrance to Alaska's Suffrage Star, the newest exhibit at the Nolan Center.

tribal historian, teacher, and translator in Wrangell. According to the exhibit, she was one of the founding members of New Covenant Legion, an organization that would later become the Alaska Native Brotherhood, and helped create a Tlingit diction-

ary. Tamaree also helped advance the cause of suffrage in the 1920s, by helping a relative vote.

"Charlie Jones was turned away by election officials when he attempted to vote in 1922," a placard in the Nolan Center reads. "His relative and English interpreter, Tillie Paul Tamaree, heard what happened and convinced him they should make it right. Together they returned, Charlie Jones successfully voted, and both were promptly arrested."

The exhibit goes on to explain that Jones was arrested for illegal voting and perjury, while Tamaree was charged with "inducing an Indian not entitled to vote to vote in an election." Her charges were dismissed, and Jones was found not guilty of

his charges.

In 1924, according to the exhibit, Congress passed the Indian Citizenship Act. This granted American citizenship to all Alaska native men and women born in the United States, thus granting them the right to vote.

Other activists featured in the exhibit include Nellie Cashman, the first woman to vote in an Alaskan territorial election, Cornelia Hatcher, prohibition activist, and Lena Morrow Lewis, the first Alaskan woman to run for federal office. The museum is also featuring special screenings of films on Thursday afternoons, on the topic of the suffrage movement.

Alaska's Suffrage Star exhibit will be featured in Wrangell until August 7.

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-  Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
-  Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

COVID-19 symptoms continue to change. If you are experiencing symptoms such as headache, cold, cough, sneezing, diarrhea, muscle pain, etc., call your local clinic for a testing referral.

Learn more by visiting covid19.searhc.org or call the COVID-19 Hotline at 907.966.8799.

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Police report

Monday, June 29
Trespass/Criminal Mischief.
Agency Assist: Boat Fire.
Corey Henderson, 50, charged with Intoxication, Title 47.

Welfare Check.
Tuesday, June 30
Contributing to a Minor.
Agency Assist: Hoonah P.D.

Wednesday, July 1
Domestic Violence Assault.
Agency Assist: Hoonah P.D.
Summons Service.
Civil Standby.

Thursday, July 2
Summons Service.

Friday, July 3
Found Property.

Saturday, July 4
Agency Assist: Alarm.
Dead Porcupine.
Agency Assist: Power.

Agency Assist: Coast Guard.
Trespassing.

Agency Assist: Petersburg Police Department.

Arson.
Parking Violation.

Agency Assist: Hoonah Police Department.

Agency Assist: Petersburg Police Department.

Found Property.
Probation Violation.

Sunday, July 5
Trespass.
Theft.

Smoke Alarm: All was good.
Abandoned Vehicle.

Theft.
Agency Assist: Hoonah Police Department.

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Obituary: Catherine (Cathy) Marie Warner, 59

Catherine (Cathy) Marie Warner, 59, lost her fight and passed away June 6, 2020, in Wrangell, Alaska.

She was born November 28, 1960 in Vernonia, Oregon, the daughter of William G. and Lucille (Smejkal) Titus. She went to Vernonia High School.

She married Dennis Bartlett in 1978 and settled in Wrangell, Alaska and had two kids; Christina and Darryl. In 1992 Cathy and Earl Warner met

at City Market and were together until his death in 2000. She and Dan Doak have been together for the last 19 years. Cathy worked at City Market for the last 30+ years. She and her late husband Earl (Red) Warner also owned RC Enterprises in Whale Pass on POW. She loved the outdoors, anything from camping to going out on her 4-wheeler with her dog Tikanni. She always looked forward to the annual hunting trip with her long-time boyfriend Dan and their dog Tikanni. She also enjoyed her holiday camping trips with friends and family up to Middle Ridge cabin.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William Titus and Lucille (Smejkal) Titus, her

late husband Earl (Red) Warner, nephew Jason Titus, nieces Ranie (Byrd) and Stacey Doak, niece Shannon Gillen and her fur baby Daisy Mae.

She is survived by her daughter and son in-law Christina and Jacob Merkel at Ft. Lewis, Washington, son Darryl Bartlett, Wrangell, boyfriend Dan Doak, 5 grandkids Anthony, Logan and Mackenzie of Ft. Lewis,

Zander and Hailey Bartlett Wrangell, daughter in-law Lorna Salchenberg Wrangell, siblings Danial and sister in-law Jana Titus, Richard Titus, Linda (Titus) and brother in-law Shawn Naeve of Vernonia, step-mom Deneen Titus, along with many nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles.

Those who wish to remember her, please donate in her memory to St. Frances animal shelter because she had a love of animals since she was very young and always gave what she could to St. Frances.

A service of remembrance will be held Sun., July 12 at 2pm in Wrangell at the American Legion with a potluck to follow. Another remembrance will be held in



Catherine (Cathy) Marie Warner

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by **RON LOESCH**
Publisher

Just eight years ago the Wrangell Sentinel published 648 pages for the year. By 2019 that number dropped by 100 pages to 548 pages. We certainly didn't have any less news to print. The reason for the drop in page count was from retailers opting to not make use of the Wrangell Sentinel's advertising services.

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Washington for her friends and family that can't travel at this time on Aug 8.

All COVID cases in Wrangell considered recovered

By **CALEB VIERKANT**
Sentinel writer

The City and Borough of Wrangell announced on Tuesday morning, July 7, that all eight COVID-19 cases reported in Wrangell are now considered recovered. Two cases were from local Wrangell residents, while the remainder were confirmed in people from out of town through routine testing programs, or airport testing.

"We were notified this morning, Tuesday, July 7, 2020 from State Public Health that Wrangell has no active COVID-19 cases (including non-residents)," reads a Facebook post from the City and Borough of Wrangell. "All 8 identified COVID-19 cases are considered 'recovered'."

The first case of COVID-19 was discovered in Wrangell on June 7, in a local resident. After that, over time, the number of cases grew to a

total of eight. There have been no fatalities from COVID-19 in Wrangell as of this date. The most recent cases, number seven and eight, were discovered through a routine testing program for two out of town workers. These two cases were announced on June 23.

A July 6 press release from SEARHC announced that the health consortium would be rolling out asymptomatic COVID-19 testing for Wrangell and other communities. This means that anyone, regardless of symptoms or work or travel-related testing programs, will be able to take a test. Initial testing will start on July 11 and 12, according to the press release.

"Expanded community testing is being made possible by a grant from Indian Health Services (IHS)," The press release reads. "SEARHC will offer free testing on weekends and utilize alternate testing sites in each service community."

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June Leffler says goodbye to KSTK and Wrangell

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

June Leffler has been a common sight at many meetings and events around Wrangell for almost three years. As a reporter for radio station KSTK, she played a role in keeping the public informed of everything going on around town. Her time in Wrangell has come to an end, however, as she left for the Lower 48 last Monday.

"I just kind of gave myself until this summer, regardless of any jobs that came up, so I'm going," Leffler said.

Leffler came to Wrangell to

continue pursuing her career in public radio, she said. She had some minor roles with a classical station in Chicago, and her hometown NPR station in Kentucky. She really wanted to work in audio, she said, and when she saw a job opportunity with KSTK she took it.

"My stepdad was watching a lot of reality TV around Alaska, so I thought 'Oh, okay, well I could go there,'" she said. "It wouldn't have come to my mind otherwise."

There are several stories that Leffler says she is proud to have covered. Some include coverage

of Wrangell's king salmon derby going away, reporting on high schooler Hank Voltz finally getting out on the basketball court with his team during his senior year and Wrangell resident Jamie Roberts on the topic of homeschooling. Leffler also said she was especially proud of her "Talk on the Rock" show, where Wrangell residents could get on the radio to discuss whatever topics they felt were important. It ran for over 100 episodes, she said.

"I would say any story where I got thrown in that personal element, and actually talk



June Leffler

to people that were like 'Oh, I want to talk to you,'" she said.

Leffler said that KSTK has already found her replacement:

Sage Smiley, of KDLG in Dillingham. She will be coming to Wrangell sometime in August, she said.

Leffler said that she will miss Wrangell, especially everyone who made her job as reporter a little easier with their honesty.

"I'm really thankful to everybody that was open and honest with me while I was reporting," she said. "Every time I stood outside of the post office and just asked people their opinions on anything, you know like the governor coming to town, or anything like that."

4th of July Independence Day



After an extended hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Wrangell enjoyed a community market last Friday. It was an opportunity for community members to share arts, crafts, and baked goods with friends and curious shoppers. Pictured here is Alice Rooney (right) and Brittani Robbins (left) running a pie stand at the community market. Funds raised from selling pies are going to support the Lewis family.



After missing last year, due to drought conditions, Wrangell got to enjoy its third of July fireworks show at the baseball fields this past weekend. The show, put on by the Wrangell Volunteer Fire Department, was moved to the baseball fields from its traditional spot at city dock for safety reasons. Many people came to watch the fireworks, and set off a few of their own.

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Right to left: Clay, Benny, and Milly Howe enjoying the Fourth of July parade last Saturday.



While Wrangell had a smaller Fourth of July celebration than usual, several community members still went all out for the annual parade. Pictured here is a parade float put together by Kay and Jeff Jabusch.

Alaska Fish Factor By LAINE WELCH Fisheries columnist

Pandemic hits to seafood industry demand and pricing will be long lasting

The global seafood industry will experience lasting impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic, including reduced demand and pricing.

That is the conclusion of the State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture report produced every two years by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, the only report that tracks global fisheries and food trends.

This year it included a special focus on the pandemic which has toppled seafood markets and supply chains around the world. The report forecasts that global seafood production will be down 1.7 percent (6.6 billion pounds) and the trade value of seafood will decrease by nearly \$6 billion.

Of that, wild capture fisheries are projected to decrease by 2 percent (nearly 4.2 billion pounds), while aquaculture production is expected to decrease by 1.4 percent (2.6 million pounds).

The virus impacts also have pushed down prices. The global Fish Price Index showed an 8.3 percent drop in fish prices between January and May of this year compared to the same time in 2019.

The closure of restaurants has drastically curtailed seafood demand, the report said, leading to the “evaporation of foodservice demand in many important markets.”

“Effects on retail sales have been more mixed, however, with demand for packaged and frozen products boosted as households look to stock up on non-perishable foods,” it added.

“Whatever the timeframe, prolonged market downturn can be expected even after current restrictions are lifted or relaxed,” the report said. “Luxury products and species that are primarily marketed fresh and through foodservice will be the most heavily affected. Most seafood trade events will continue to be

postponed or cancelled for some time to come.”

Salmon has been the most valuable traded seafood commodity since 2013 and accounted for 19 percent of the total value of internationally traded fish products in 2018. Production growth is expected to increase, but at a much slower pace.

A worldwide drop in demand for salmon of at least 15 percent is projected and retail sales are not expected to recover for some time, the FAO said, adding that retail sales of fresh salmon will be especially hit hard.

More upbeat highlights: Seafood is one of the world’s most widely traded food commodities and global fish consumption has increased by 3.1 percent on average from 1961 to 2017, higher than all other animal proteins. Estimates peg global per capita fish consumption at over 45 pounds in 2018.

World fisheries produced a record 212 billion tons in 2018, 5.4% more on average from the previous three years. The increase was due mainly to anchoveta catches of 15.4 billion pounds from Peru and Chile. Alaska pollock ranked second at 7.5 billion pounds, followed by skipjack tuna at 7 billion pounds.

Global aquaculture production also reached another all-time record of nearly 252 billion pounds live weight in worth nearly \$264 billion in 2018.

The US ranks 6th overall for marine fish captures following China, Indonesia, Peru, India, and Russia. The Northwest Pacific had the highest production at 25% of global landings.

It’s estimated 59.5 million people were engaged in fishing and aquaculture in 2018; women accounted for just 14%.

The total number of fishing vessels, from small non-motorized boats to large at-sea processors, was 4.56 million, down

2.8% from 2016. Asia still had the largest fleet, estimated at 3.1 million, 66% of the total. Nearly 80% of current landings come from biologically sustainable stocks.

The Mediterranean and Black Sea had the highest percentage of stocks fished at unsustainable levels (62.5%), followed by the Southeast Pacific (54.5%) and Southwest Atlantic (53.3%).

In contrast, the Eastern Central Pacific, Southwest Pacific, Northeast Pacific and Western Central Pacific had the lowest levels (13–22%).

Too much seafood is either lost or wasted around the world—35%, the UN report says. Seafood is recognized as not only some of the healthiest foods on the planet, but also as some of the least impactful on the natural environment.

Fish watch - Alaska’s salmon catch was nearing 8.5 million fish as of July 3; over half were sockeyes, mostly from Bristol Bay where catches continued to build. Anecdotal reports said the average sizes of sockeye are down at Bristol Bay and the same for pinks at the Alaska Peninsula.

Chinook salmon in Southeast also are smaller, according to the Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game. The kings were weighing in at 11.7 pounds on average, down two pounds compared to the past five years.

Trollers can catch over 85,000 Chinook salmon this summer, a 51 percent increase from last year. The summer fishery opened July 1 and was expected to last about one week.

Fishermen in Quinhagak have formed a group of 70 harvesters to revitalize commercial salmon fishing in Kuskokwim Bay. The Independent Fishermen of Quinhagak Cooperative also includes members from Goodnews Bay, Platinum, and Eek who will sell to E&E Foods.

It’s the first fishery since 2016 when the Coastal Villages Region Fund pulled the plug on buying local fish.

Divers in Southeast continue to pull up giant geoduck clams and crabbers are into a two-month summer fishery for Dungeness based on a strong start to the season. Only 117 crabbers are on the grounds, down from 170 last summer; the price has dropped to \$1.72 a pound compared to \$2.97 last season.

Kodiak crabbers also are dropping pots for Dungeness.

A red king crab fishery is open at Norton Sound but because of concerns for the stock, most fishermen were opting to fish for cod.

A golden king crab fishery opens on August 1 in the Bering Sea with a 6.6 million pound quota.

A ling cod fishery opened in Prince William Sound on July 1, and a herring food and bait herring fishery opened June 29 at Dutch Harbor.

Scallop fishing opened in the Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea on July 1 with a reduced quota of 277,500 pounds of shucked meats. Almost half of that goes to the Yakutat region.

Halibut landings were nearing six million pounds, or 36% of the 16 million pound catch limit. Homer leads for landings, followed by Sitka and Kodiak.

For sablefish, 10.5 million pounds of the nearly 32 million pound quota have been taken. Sitka has seen the most deliveries, followed by Dutch Harbor and Kodiak.

Fishing for pollock, cod, flounders and other species is ongoing in the Gulf and Bering Sea.

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you need to know about fishing in Alaska, whether you’re on the Kenai Peninsula, Kodiak or wherever you’re at, you have all of the resources,” said Britt Lueck, Fishtopia marketing director.

“You can also download the regulation books to your phone and you don’t have to be connected to the Internet to view them. And you can select a region and see every kind of species that you can fish for,” she explained. “And a really big piece of the app is the maps feature which has multiple layers and you can check out tides, currents, marine weather or what is the best time to fish for halibut or whatever.”

Alaska Fishtopia also has a vigorous, interactive social component.

“You can post pictures of the fish that you’re catching. And you can stay connected with local guides who have opportunities for you to jump on a boat if they have an open seat. We’re also promoting events and entertainment,” Lueck said. “So when I’m done fishing for the day and I want to go grab a bite to eat and maybe listen to some local music, where can I go? It brings the entire fishing community together in an app.”

Alaska Fishtopia was created by Jim Voss of Alaska Boat Rental and Guide Service in Kenai.

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How to apply for the Alaska CARES Grant

By **CALEB VIERKANT**
Sentinel writer

City officials organized a Zoom conference on June 30, to walk business owners and other listeners through the process of applying for the Alaska CARES Grant. This grant was created through a partnership of the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority, and Credit Union 1. It aims to provide relief funding for small businesses that have suffered from the COVID-19 pandemic. The application process opened on June 1, according to the DCCED website.

The webinar was led by Kelley Decker and Collin Dando, with C.F. James, who walked people through the application process.

"This came about by the Economic Development Committee realizing there was a lot of confusion in all the documentation that was needed for all these different programs that are out there," said Economic Development Director Carol Rushmore. "Tonight's focus is just on the Alaska CARES Grant."

Small businesses that qualify for the grant can receive anywhere between \$5,000 and \$100,000, Dando said. It's a pretty good deal, Decker said, as long as one can navigate the paperwork. There are several tools people should know about to get the application done. Credit Union 1 will not accept any paper applications, Decker said, so it is important to know how to apply online. Applications can be done with tools like Adobe Fill & Sign, scanners, and tools to sign documents digitally. The specific tools to use depend on which platform is being used.

It is also important to know what kinds of businesses are eligible to apply, Decker and Dando said. A business is eligible for the Alaska CARES Grant if they were a valid business as of March 11 of this year, have less than 50 full-time employees, and did not qualify or did not receive PPP or EIDL funding. However, they also said that it is imminent that businesses who received less than \$5,000 in PPP or EIDL funding will be eligible to apply, as well. Businesses that do not qualify include marijuana businesses, out-of-state businesses, second-

SEARHC announces asymptomatic COVID-19 testing

The SouthEast Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC) will introduce weekly community COVID-19 testing for asymptomatic patients across the region in July. Asymptomatic testing will be available to Tribal beneficiaries in Juneau, and to all community members in other SEARHC communities. The initial testing will start on July 11 and 12 in Juneau, Wrangell and Sitka, and in other communities later in the month.

Expanded community testing is being made possible by a grant from Indian Health Services (IHS). SEARHC will offer free testing on weekends and utilize alternate testing sites in each service community. The testing type will be self-swab nasal collection and staff will be available

at the testing sites to instruct and answer questions.

"SEARHC is excited to offer COVID testing to asymptomatic patients in Southeast," said SEARHC Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer Dr. Elliot Bruhl. "Quickly identifying and responding to positive cases in our communities is the most effective way to combat the pandemic. Asymptomatic testing will be a reality in the coming weeks and paint a clear picture of how COVID has penetrated our region."

For more information on SEARHC's pandemic response, including testing guidelines, visit covid19.searhc.org or contact the COVID-19 Hotline at 907.966.8799.

ary income or part-time businesses, sole-proprietor fishermen, or businesses that received over \$5,000 in PPP or EIDL funding.

There are two main documents that Credit Union 1 has for the grant application, Dando said. These can be found online, at Credit Union 1's website. The first document is where applicants write down their requested amount of money.

"You can qualify from between \$5,000 to \$100,000," Decker reiterated. "That amount is going to be dictated by how much of the eligible expenses, and we will go through that information later, that you come up with."

Step one, they said, is simply to download the funding application. The first document is where applicants put down their names, personal information, business information, and the requested grant amount. Some important information for applicants to have on hand, Decker said, include their TIN or EIN that was issued to their business. Certain applicants also need their DUNS number, which Decker said is a number the federal government gives to businesses that contract with them. All owners of the business in question will need to be listed, as well. Applicants will also need to checkmark what the grant money will be used for, Dando said.

The second document applicants will need to look at is a schedule of eligible expenses, Decker said. This can include expenses like payroll, short term debts or loans, rent or mortgage, utility payments, purchase of business equipment or personal protective equipment, costs to replenish inventory, or other necessary reopening expenses. It is important for applicants to remember the timeframe for when these expenses occur.

"Eligible expenses will begin as of March 11, 2020," Decker said. "That is the timeframe they are looking at for these eligible expenses."

"It goes until eight weeks after the day that you apply," Dando added.

Dando also said if a business had a necessary expense to keep operating, but were not sure if it could be covered, they should go ahead and add the expense anyway.

Applicants will also need supporting documentation for their application, Dando said.

The applicant will need documentation for expenses prior to the application date and for expenses eight weeks after the application date. The expenses that the business wants to cover will need to be backed up, Decker said. This documentation can look like bank or credit card statements, invoices, utility bills, or cancelled checks, among other forms of documentation between March 11 and the application date. A daily average or estimate can be used if the business was not operating in 2019, or if expenses are higher in 2020.

More general documentation will include a driver's license or other valid form of ID, business license, or articles of organization/incorporation and a certificate of organization/incorporation.

"You want to try and get as much backup as you can," Decker said.

Reimbursed expenses will be subject to a 25 percent cap, they said. As an example, Dando said that a \$10,000 grant would cap reimbursed expenses at \$2,500. Reimbursed expenses are expenses that will be paid to a vendor, Decker explained, versus sending grant money directly to the business applying for the grant. The only expense that is going to count towards reimbursement between March 11 and the application date are cash payments, with receipts and written explanations. In the eight weeks following the application date, expenses counting towards this 25 percent cap can include equipment purchases that you are unable to get a purchase order for, or payroll expenses.

Dando provided an example of the reimbursed expense cap. A business is approved for a \$100,000 grant, and only has \$100,000 in eligible expenses. Half of the expenses are accrued before the application date, and the other half are projected in the eight weeks after the application date. \$45,000 of eligible expenses prior to the application date were paid with checks or credit cards, which can be backed up with documentation. \$5,000 of expenses prior to the application date were paid in cash, with documentation. That \$5,000 will be subject to the 25 percent cap.

After the application date, \$25,000 in expenses can be paid directly to the vendor, while the other \$25,000 is estimated payroll over the eight week period, which would be subject to the 25 percent cap. The applicant's total

of \$30,000 in reimbursed expenses would be limited to \$23,333, therefore, and the grant funding would be reduced to \$93,333.

Decker admitted that this was complicated, even for them. She and Dando encouraged listeners to revisit the presentation, which was being recorded, and to ask them questions. There are some ways to get around the 25 percent cap, Dando said. He suggested that people speak with Credit Union 1 on ways to avoid the cap, or to talk to them.

Going back to the schedule of eligible expenses, how the expenses are listed depending on whether or not the expense has been paid yet. For example, if a business intends to cover a utility bill with the city, they will list the city as a creditor and the account number the business has with the city. That money will then be sent to the mailing address of the city. On the other hand, if the business has already paid some utility bills they want to be reimbursed for, the application will write "reimburse business" in the account number column and provide the business's mailing address. All expenses will then be added up, and listed as the total amount requested from the grant and put on the application.

Once the application and schedule of expenses are completed, the application and documents then have to be uploaded and sent to Credit Union 1. After the application is submitted, someone from Credit Union 1 will reach out to the applicant for any information that may be missing. Incomplete applications will be returned and not hold a place in line, Decker said, so applicants need to be careful, but quick, when completing their paperwork. Grants are subject to audits, as well, so keeping receipts and documenting everything is also important.

"What happens with these loans and grants is that money goes pretty fast, so you're going to want to make sure it's complete before you're submitting it," she said. "The grant money has to be spent by the end of December, so whatever they give you has to be spent."

More information on the Alaska CARES Grant can be found online, www.commerce.alaska.gov or www.cui.org/cares/. A recording of the webinar can be found on the city's website, www.wrangell.com.



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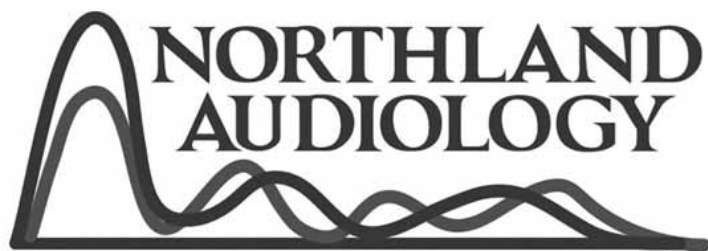
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destination, Young said, and there needs to be some campaigning to start bringing tourists back in.

"I do think that this epidemic will, hopefully, be gone," Young said. "Maybe not as quick as we think it will because a lot of people weren't exposed, so it may hang around a while, but we can't let it paralyze the economy."

Young also talked about some statewide issues he is focusing on, not just in Southeast Alaska. One is the fishing industry. His main concern is trying to avoid federal interference in state fishing, he said. Getting Alaska's sea otter population under control is another priority for him, he said, as they pose a threat to Alaskan fisheries. He said he would also like to see Alaska diversify its interest in the seafood industries.

"The bright side is the kelp industry, which I'm going to try and help them more," Young said. "There may be possibilities of marketing. If we could use that bull kelp for making pickles and relishes and things like that out of the ocean, that's a good diversification."

On the topic of diversification, Young said he would also like to see Alaska's economy become less reliant on the oil industry. The state is too dependent on oil, he said. When oil prices drop, the economy suffers and people suffer. Then the price of oil rises again, and everyone forgets about the bad times and spends the extra oil money. Young said that oil will always be an important part of Alaska's economy, but the state needs to diversify its interests so it is not dependent on oil prices.

"The biggest mistake we've made as a state is we've been totally dependent on a resource where we have no control over the price," he said. "You have to have a better economy based on something else, and that's really what I want ... Right now I don't see that, and you need to develop hydropower. Southeast could be the Saudi Arabia of America, excuse me, Saudi Arabia of the West. We gotta do that, we can't just spend the money as we get it and not build anything."

Young also discussed some nationwide issues during his Wrangell visit. The COVID-19 pandemic has played a big role in hurting state and local economies across the country. Young said that the passage of the CARES Act was a good way to provide some relief to communities in need. There is some talk of expanding it further, and having the federal government pick up debt that was accrued even before the pandemic. However, he said that would be expensive and could have some other economic ramifications, such as increasing inflation. He also said he wants to look towards long-term relief plans. Some other ideas being considered in Congress are too short-term, he said.

"That's a real challenge to the Congress, it's tempo-



Unofficial Tongass ToughMan

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Robert Rooney starting off on the 56-mile bike portion of the Tongass ToughMan triathlon, shortly after completing a 1.2 mile swim. Robert completed two stages of the triathlon, while Jason Rooney handled a 15-mile run.

"Although this year was unofficial and mostly self-supported, we learned a lot and are excited to make improvements for next year," reads a July 4 Facebook post on the Tongass ToughMan page. "We hope to have a full-blown event in 2021 and look forward to creating a platform and atmosphere where all are welcome and encouraged to challenge themselves."



The second annual Tongass ToughMan triathlon took place last Friday. This was an unofficial event, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, so the only participants were taking part just for the fun of it. There were five participants in all: Nicholas Howell, Patrick Howell, Jimmy Nelson, Robbie Rooney, and Jason Rooney. Pictured here is Nicholas Howell near the completion of a 1.2 mile swim near City Dock.

rary relief but does it help out in the long run?" Young said. "That's something we have to look at."

Another nationwide concern of Young's is the attitude of the country. The United States seems to be filled with hate and divisiveness. Young said, if he was allowed to be cynical, that this is because the country has had things good for a long time. Good times lead to discontent, he said, as people are achieving big goals. When people are challenged they can respond better, he said, when people are not challenged they have time to hate one another.

"It's easy to hate, it's easy to divide a population or society through hate," Young said. "Love is hard, but it solves problems."

It is a campaign year for Young, the longest-serving member of the U.S. House of Representatives. Accord-

ing to his biography online, at www.donyoung.house.gov, Young was first elected to represent Alaska in a special election in 1973, and has been re-elected ever since. This does not mean that Young has gotten complacent, he said. He wants Alaskans to vote for whoever they think will best represent them in Washington. So far that has been him, he said, but if people feel someone else could do a better job they should vote for them.

"I promise you one thing, I will serve you, and I will try to solve problems," Young said. "I've always been a problem solver, I've been very good at that, and I will continue to do that. The public is the one that makes that decision. It's not about Don Young, it's who can do that best job for Alaska."

CVB discusses priorities for marketing plan

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

The Wrangell Convention and Visitor Bureau met last Wednesday, July 1, to discuss their recently approved marketing plan and what their top priorities should be. The CVB has spent several meetings, recently, to put together a marketing plan for Wrangell, which could be funded through the CARES Act. This plan, requesting a total of \$146,516, was approved by the borough assembly in their June 23 meeting. With their plans approved, the CVB needed to decide what to work on first, as there was a time limit on when their funding could be used.

"The money has to be spent by the end of December," said Economic Development Director Carol Rushmore. "So, it's a question of trying to prioritize what you guys, what order of things you want to jump right into."

One idea in the CVB's marketing plan, that they felt should be given a high priority, was to spend money on Wrangell's branding to draw in visitors. This project is estimated at \$25,000, according to the plan approved by the assembly. This is considered "critical" by the

CVB, according to the June 23 agenda packet, as the COVID-19 pandemic has hurt Wrangell's tourism industry.

Rushmore said that they would need to send out requests for proposals and contract with some branding firm. There was some discussion about hiring someone local to do that, but Rushmore said there was no local company that managed branding. Rushmore said this should be a priority because the process of contracting with someone and improving Wrangell's branding could take

several months, and the clock was running on getting their funding spent.

"I think for the timeline and the scope, we need to just target visitors and what they think of us, or what we want them, to think we are," said Brenda Schwartz-Yeager.

Another topic that the CVB decided should be a high priority is recruiting personnel to assist the CVB with social media. The cost for hiring a social media person, on a temporary basis, was estimated at \$12,000. This person would assist the bureau

in getting some online marketing programs up and running, the packet reads. This new hire would be important, too, because bureau staff are already being pulled in several directions with other jobs, as well as responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. Having a social media person to focus solely on tourism marketing would be very helpful.

The CVB largely agreed that this should also be a priority for them to pursue. They also agreed, after some discussion, that it would be preferable to

hire a local than somebody from out of town. A Wrangell resident would largely already know the Wrangell community, their reasoning went, and would be able to represent the community through social media better.

Other marketing ideas approved in the CVB's packet include creating a new visitor's guide, spending money for online advertising, purchasing new signage for ports of entries around town with relevant COVID-19 information, and targeting yacht travelers, among other plans.



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