



## Port commission revisits lease terms and annual rates

By DAN RUDY  
*Sentinel writer*

Wrangell's Port Commission examined its options for lengthier leases at the Marine Service Center during a special workshop before its Tuesday evening meeting.

The discussion has continued off and on since January, when contractor Don Sorric requested commissioners consider extending lease options for lots at the yard past the current five years. The yard currently has seven lease lots of varying sizes, with the potential for an eighth.

The reasons Sorric gave for lengthening the leases was for stability, giving leaseholders greater assurance of return on capital investments and site improvements, in the event of a sale. Harbormaster Greg Meissner anecdotally explained he has since contacted an acquaintance with Wells Fargo Bank in Ketchikan to discuss conditions for issuing bank notes for such sales.

"He didn't give me anything in writing," he prefaced, but Meissner conveyed that banks traditionally prefer the lease term to be at least as long as the note being issued, which typically can range between 10 and 15 years for a commercial note. Because of the yard's industrial nature, Meissner said a bank would also need an assurance a new tenant would not be held liable for violations from a prior tenant.

In January, Sorric had explained the current five-year lease limits would thus be a hindrance to organizing a sale. The reasoning given for the current five-year limit was to allow the city to retain some amount of control and flexibility over its yard's lease holdings.

As space at the yard for additional lease lots is limited, Meissner explained the lease limitations allowed commissioners to periodically assess ongoing business operations, to help ensure lots were being used as intended. As long as vendors continue to conduct maritime industrial activities at the yard, they could ostensibly renew as often and for as long as they liked.

"You can go on indefinitely as it is," he noted.

A prospective vendor purchasing from a current leaseholder would still need to come before the commission to secure a new lease for themselves, in part to address concerns with subletting.

Commission chair Clay Hammer said he would not be opposed to a 15-year duration for leases, if that was what vendors preferred. However, he brought up another topic to consider which tied into yard leases, that of rates.

Currently vendors pay different monthly rates on their leases, calculated by square footage and tied to how well developed the lot was at the time of leasing. Most lease holders have already renewed their holdings once, on their second five-year leases.

Meissner pointed out that lease rates for lots have not been changed since first issued, and disparities in how the yard was earning were beginning to show. While a lease lot can bring in as little as 8 cents per square foot for some contractors, others may pay in the 20s range, while boat storage now earns 33 cents per square foot. In all, the yard earns between \$45,000 and \$47,000 from leases per year, just over a tenth of total revenues brought in by the Marine Service Center during the 2016 fiscal year.

Commissioners had last year decided against raising lease rates on

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PHOTO BY DAN RUDY

### Standing tall, shining brightly

Wrangell's Christmas tree weathers the town's first substantial snowfall on Saturday, following the lighting Friday evening. Estimated at around 40 feet high after trimming, the tree was put up by the power department ahead of the Midnight Madness events. The Sitka spruce originated from Donna Wellons' driveway at 1.9-Mile Zimovia, and after the crew set and strung it with lights, was decorated by students at Evergreen Elementary School.

## Assembly signs on to Tongass stay, reappoints Prysunka

By DAN RUDY  
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At its regular scheduled meeting last Tuesday, the Borough Assembly signed on to a letter opposed to adoption of an amended timber plan for managing the Tongass National Forest.

The letter, written by Juneau attorney Jim Clark, petitions recently reelected Sen. Lisa Murkowski to support delaying the implementation of the Tongass Transition Plan amendment, which the Department of Agriculture is looking to apply to the 2008

Amended Tongass Land and Management Resource Plan.

The intent of the amendment is to transition over to a young-growth timber harvest model sustainable both for the environment and for the region's timber industry. The amendment process was initiated by the Secretary of Agriculture in July 2013, when the Forest Service was directed to transition timber harvest in the Tongass away from its predominately old-growth model.

In Clark's letter, it is suggested the

plan's implementation ought to be delayed pending review by the new administration of President-elect Donald Trump, which takes office next month. The letter cites a number of complaints it has with the amendment, in the areas of timber, energy and mining, and contends the plan is being "rushed to completion" by the present administration. It is due to be signed by the USFS regional forester on December 28.

Assembly members approved being named as an undersigned party to the letter, which includes former Alaska governors,

other municipalities, businesses and administrators. Wrangell has previously joined another of Clark's timber-related initiatives, signing on as a party in legal proceedings over the Big Thorne timber sale in 2014, in support of Craig-based mill Viking Lumber and USFS.

The Assembly also threw its support behind efforts on the part of the Port Commission to organize a steering committee for an upcoming mariner's memorial at Heritage Harbor. Initial plans for the site's

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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, December 8:** Vienna Powers, Bradley Eklund, Steven Smith, **Friday, December 9:** Tammie Kirschner, Katherine Venables, **Saturday, December 10:** Maddison Ginter, Pam Stover, Tarren Legg-Privett, Kiah Bylow, Jon Keso, **Sunday, December 11:** Jared Allen, Stacy Altepeter, Mark Peterman, **Monday, December 12:** Katie Ann Neyman, Lana Johnson, Keith Nolan, Maria Beers, **Tuesday, December 13:** Tawni Fitzgerald, Adrian Kohrt, Sarah Murphy, Alysse Maxand, *Anniversary:* Steve and Beverly Angerman, **Wednesday, December 14:** Bill Messmer, *Anniversary:* Mark and Heidi Armstrong, **Thursday, December 15:** *Anniversary:* Richard and Nicole Taylor

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

## Senior Center Menu

### Friday, December 9:

Salisbury steak, boiled potatoes, broccoli, cabbage slaw

### Monday, December 12:

Vegetable soup, 1/2 cheese sandwich, citrus cup

### Tuesday, December 13:

Turkey pot pie, pineapple and cottage cheese, salad, pumpkin bread

### Wednesday, December 14:

French dip sandwich, au gratin potatoes, pea and onion salad

### Thursday, December 15:

Chinese fruited pork, rice, oriental veggies, orange slices

### Friday, December 16:

Chef salad with egg, cheese and ham, hot roll

Please call Wrangell Senior Center

at 874-2066 by 10 a.m. for reservations.

Milk, tea and coffee will be served with meals.

## FERRY SCHEDULE

### Departures

#### Northbound

##### Friday, December 9

Matanuska 10:15 p.m.

##### Sunday, December 11

Kennicott 5:45 p.m.

##### Tuesday, December 13

Matanuska 8:00 p.m.

##### Saturday, December 17

Matanuska 1:30 a.m.

##### Sunday, December 18

Kennicott 3:15 p.m.

##### Tuesday, December 20

Matanuska 6:45 p.m.

#### Southbound

##### Friday, December 9

Matanuska 7:45 a.m.

##### Monday, December 12

Matanuska 5:45 a.m.

##### Wednesday, December 14

Kennicott 6:00 a.m.

##### Friday, December 16

Matanuska 8:45 a.m.

##### Monday, December 19

Matanuska 5:45 a.m.

##### Wednesday, December 21

Kennicott 6:45 a.m.

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



## TIDES TABLE

December 8 - December 15

### High Tides

### Low Tides

	AM		PM		AM		PM	
	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft
Dec. 8	7:26	14.6	7:50	12.7	0:30	2.0	1:28	3.2
Dec. 9	8:25	15.8	9:02	13.5	1:37	2.2	2:39	1.7
Dec. 10	9:19	17.1	10:05	14.6	2:42	2.1	3:42	-0.2
Dec. 11	10:10	18.3	11:01	15.6	3:44	1.8	4:38	-2.0
Dec. 12	10:59	19.3	11:53	16.4	4:39	1.4	5:28	-3.5
Dec. 13	11:47	19.9	-----	-----	5:30	1.1	6:15	-4.3
Dec. 14	0:43	16.9	12:34	20.0	6:18	1.1	7:00	-4.6
Dec. 15	1:31	17.0	1:20	19.5	7:04	1.2	7:45	-4.2

## Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

### Thursday, December 8

**SAIL Class:** 10 a.m. Senior Apartments Atrium. Stay Active and Independent for Life (SAIL) free class is a strength, balance and fitness class for adults 65+. For more info call 874-3375.

**Healthy Eating Demo on Healthy Food Preparation:** 11:30 a.m. Senior Apartments Atrium. Free class. Learn how easy it is to prepare healthy and delicious food. Samples will be available. For more info call 874-3375.

**Caregiver Support Group:** 12 (noon) p.m. Statewide teleconference, call 712-770-4700 access code 231755 (not a toll free number).

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

### Saturday, December 10

**Elks Hoop Shoot:** 10 a.m. Community Gym. Annual Hoop Shoot for ages 8-13, boys and girls will shoot separately, once the competition starts late contestants will not be allowed to compete. Please call Jeff Jabusch at 874-2083 if you have any questions.

### Sunday, December 11

**Wrangell Community Chorale Christmas Concert:** 3 p.m. Nolan Center. The Wrangell Community Chorale's Christmas concert will be held on December 11, everyone is welcome.

### Monday, December 12

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

### Tuesday, December 13

**SAIL Class:** 10 a.m. Senior Apartments Atrium. Stay Active and Independent for Life (SAIL) free class is a strength, balance and fitness class for adults.

### Wednesday, December 14

**Pioneers of Alaska Womens Igloo #15:** 6 p.m. Senior Center. Meeting with gift exchange, bring a snack and LTC gifts.

### Thursday, December 15

**Christmas Tree Lane:** Nolan Center. Come vote for your favorite Christmas tree in the Nolan Center at Christmas Tree Lane during regular museum hours until 2 p.m. on December 15.

Is the attendance at your meeting or event low? Call Rachel at the Sentinel to have it placed here.

## Continuing Events

**PARKS & REC ACTIVITIES:** Lap Swim: M, W, F 6:00-7:30 a.m. & 5:00-6:00 p.m., M-F 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., S 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.; **Arthritis Foundation Exercise Class:** at the Pool: M, W, F, 9:00-10:00 a.m.; **Water Aerobics:** M, W, F 10:00-11:00 a.m.; **Family Swim:** F 6:00-7:00 p.m.; **General Swim:** M & W 6:00-7:00 p.m., F 7:00-8:00 p.m., S 1:00-2:00 p.m.; **Weight Room:** M-TH 6:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 3:30-7:30 p.m., F 6:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 3:30-8:30 p.m., S 10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. **Extra 2 Lane Lap Swim:** M-W-F 10:00-11:00 a.m.

### OTHER MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES/EVENTS:

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

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

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

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

## The Way We Were

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

**December 14, 1916:** All branches of the Alaskan fishing industry would be brought under a license system and its prepared manufactured products taxed by a bill that is before the House today. Representative Hanley of Washington is the chief defender of the measure. It is being opposed by Delegate Wickersham of Alaska. It is improbable that sufficient time will be given to complete the consideration of the measure at this session.

**December 12, 1941:** There will be no more test blackouts in Wrangell. When an alarm is heard from now on it is the real thing. This was the announcement made today by Civil Defense Director J.R. Brown as he complimented everyone for the fine cooperation shown in the blackouts held the first of the week. "Wrangell is ready for whatever emergency may come," he said. "Further detailed plans are being perfected, but on the whole the setup is complete and on the alert, ready for any contingency." American Legion Auxiliary has been put in charge of evacuation should that become necessary.

**December 9, 1966:** Ketchikan High School, last year's state champions, will meet the Wrangell High Wolves on the local court tonight and tomorrow night, December 9 and 10. Ketchikan High School has most of their key men back from last

year's championship team. To date the visitors have split a two-series with Prince Rupert and have won two games from Metlakatla.

**December 12, 1991:** The meaning of a proposed resolution from Thomas Bay Power Authority was "misconstrued" by the City Council and the City Manager, according to Harry Sundberg, TBPA secretary. Sundberg told the Sentinel the point of the resolution was not necessarily reducing the time limit for notification of a special

meeting of TBPA from 24 hours to three hours. The goal, he said, was to have TBPA's municipal ordinances compatible with their Alaska Energy Authority contract. According to Sundberg, TBPA's contract with AEA calls for immediate action in emergency situations, but the manager of TBPA can't start repairs without authorization from the commissioners, so a quorum has to be made. "We (TBPA) have no need for a three hour notification," Sundberg said. "But we assumed we already had it."



## Wrangell Weather

Date	High	Low
November 27	41	35
November 28	39	35
November 29	46	39
November 30	44	37
December 1	44	39
December 2	42	39
December 3	39	33
December 4	33	30



## Daylight Hours

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
Dec. 8	8:05a	3:14p	7:09h
Dec. 9	8:06a	3:14p	7:08h
Dec. 10	8:07a	3:14p	7:07h
Dec. 11	8:09a	3:13p	7:04h
Dec. 12	8:10a	3:13p	7:03h
Dec. 13	8:11a	3:13p	7:02h
Dec. 14	8:12a	3:13p	7:01h
Dec. 15	8:13a	3:13p	7:00h

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# Assembly

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design were received late last year, and finalized over the summer. The proposed committee would be focused on raising and managing funds for the memorial, as well as reviewing requirements

to be included on its wall, and other considerations. The committee would be terminated once construction is completed.

Two letters of interest were received for a vacancy left on the Assembly, following member Stephen Prysunka's resignation in October. Per municipal code, he had felt compelled to cite a conflict of interest when one of his children recently took on a job with the city as a lifeguard. Though he had no part in the hiring, he had explained he wanted to avoid any appearance of impropriety.

The resignation sparked conversation among board members on possibly changing how the borough approaches issues of nepotism where staffing and elected positions were concerned, but decided against it at a meeting November 8.

Assembly members did conclude it would be acceptable for Prysunka to reapply for appointment to the position, as the potential conflict would by then be public knowledge. He submitted a letter late last month, which was

received along with one by Christie Jamieson, current Chamber of Commerce board president and a former city clerk. Noting the experience of both applicants, Assembly members unanimously decided to reappoint Prysunka to the position, which expires October 2017.

Two letters of interest were received for openings on the Parks and Recreation and Wrangell Medical Center boards, by former board chair Bob Lippert and former treasurer Barb Conine, respectively. Mayor David Jack approved both appointments. Vacancies remain, with two open seats on the Economic Development Committee and one on the Planning and Zoning Commission, all set to expire in October 2019.

It also approved at a special meeting on Friday the first read-through of an ordinance allowing the issuance of a \$91,000 revenue bond, in order to help fund improvements to the municipal sewer system. The bond is needed in order to secure a Department of Agriculture (USDA) rural development loan that would fund the upgrade of two pump stations, work for which was completed this summer.

The million-dollar project replaced the 40-year-old system's pumps and control panels, with a \$821,000 contract going to CBC

Construction of Sitka, and another \$186,000 going to Alaska Pump & Supply. Both pumps together facilitate about 80 percent of Wrangell's sewage.

Funding largely came through the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, sourced from a Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) block grant. The city was on the hook for the remaining 25 percent of the project's costs, to which it turned to USDA for a loan to make up the difference. This will come in the form of a \$68,000 grant and a 40-year, \$91,000 loan, the latter to be repaid through the revenue bond.

The Assembly has already approved issuing the revenue bond, but the latest ordinance makes some changes to the wording needed before the loan can be processed. It repeals an ordinance adopted on September 27, which required some changes to conform to Department of Agriculture requirements.

Two additional items relating to the city dock lighting project bidding were tabled for review by the city's attorney, to be taken back up at another special meeting scheduled for today at noon. The contract entails a quarter-million dollar project using DCCED commercial passenger vessel grant funding, with bids received by Tongass Electric and Bunes

Electric. Tongass submitted the lowest bid for construction, at \$246,577; local contractor Bunes submitted one for \$254,440. Engineering estimates for the work were higher than those received, at between \$280,000 and \$300,000.

City Hall will be closed on Monday to allow staff time to upgrade and train for new accounting software. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday. The work will be the first phase of the rollout, which encompasses all accounting tasks except for payroll. That will be covered in the second phase, tentatively slated to begin in January.

In his monthly city manager's report, Jeff Jabusch noted options are still being looked into for offloading the city's excess scrap metal. Southeast Alaska Solid Waste Authority is currently working out a draft proposal with contractor Waste Management to address disposal issues for each member community.

Jabusch also indicated city staff favored siting additional cemetery space at the community garden area. Currently Wrangell's cemeteries are running low on open plots, which could pose a problem in the near future. He will further review the concept with staff and draw up an estimate for the conversion, to be included in next year's budget draft.

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# Port

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renewing lot holders, figuring it would give them ample time to establish themselves in the industry. But looking ahead, they hope to hammer out a more standardized rate system which would apply to all holders more equally.

"I felt it was a good faith measure on our part," said Hammer.

One proposed scenario could have lease rates fixed to a proportion of assessed value for the individual lot itself, taking out of consideration improvements to the property made by the lease holder.

"His improvements should never increase the value of his property," Meissner explained hypothetically.

This was differentiated from assessments on a house or owned property, where improvements and additions increase value and therefore tax liabilities. However, Meissner noted improvements to the yard itself could affect assessed value, which would ultimately be gauged by a third party.

For next steps, commissioners would like to sit down with an assessor and get a better idea what the lots might be valued at before comparing it to current rates, or suggesting a fair percentage to peg rates to. Commissioners also recommended finding harder quotes from lenders on what they require or otherwise prefer for issuing commercial notes. They decided to hold one more workshop after the holidays.

In other business, commissioners considered a request by Ruth Stough to purchase city tidelands near the northern inside end of the state ferry terminal.

"I would like an easement that protects both of us," she explained.

As the item would also have to pass through the purview of Planning and Zoning and the Assembly, Hammer pointed out the commission's only question to answer was whether the request would adversely impact port interests.

"Near as I can tell, it does not," he said. Commissioners agreed, unanimously giving approval to the motion. The item is on the P&Z docket for this evening for further review.

A similar request by neighbor Brett Woodbury to purchase the tidelands also appeared, as new business. Meissner and harbor staff inspected the property in question earlier in the day and found the sale would likely not hinder access to that corner. The main consideration would be what the intended use of the area would be, to which Woodbury was not present to respond. Commissioners decided to table the request for a future hearing, deciding in the meanwhile to have a look at the site themselves during the interim.

Woodbury has previously entered a request to purchase the tidelands, which Planning and Zoning did not support in August 2015. The Port Commission had abstained from making a ruling at that time.

# Police report

## Monday, November 28

Citizen Assist: Unlock vehicle.

Citizen Assist.

## Tuesday, November 29

Report of Theft.

## Wednesday, November 30

Found Property – Bike.

Driving Complaint.

Agency Assist – DOT.

Criminal Mischief.

## Thursday, December 1

Agency Assist – Chimney Fire.

Driving Complaint.

Citizen Assist – Caller reported dumpster blocking stairs to residence due to high winds.

## Friday, December 2

Report of Criminal Mischief.

Traffic Stop: Verbal warning

for faulty equipment.

## Saturday, December 3

Citizen Assist: Vehicle unlock.

Report of Theft.

## Sunday, December 4

Report of Abandoned Vehicle.

There were three ambulance calls during this week.



PHOTO BY DAN RUDY

Tasha Morse introduces the next set during Stikine Middle and Wrangell High schools' joint Christmas Concert on Monday. Performances included solo and duet sets, a selection of songs by the choir, and larger orchestral numbers.

Setting the tone for the holidays

## Obituary:

### Norma J. Rath (Smith) Goodman, 76

Norma J. Rath (Smith) Goodman, 76, passed from this



Norma J. Rath (Smith) Goodman

life with family at her side after a long battle with breast cancer on November 21, 2016.

She was born in Carrol, Iowa on August 11, 1940. She graduated from Liberty Center High School in Liberty Center, Iowa then furthered her education at Capital City Commercial College in Des Moines, Iowa.

After working for the state of Iowa for several years Norma and her family moved to North Pole, Alaska in 1976. There she worked and retired as a Medical Transcriptionist/Editor for Banner Health.

Seeking a warmer climate, she and her husband Robert moved to Wrangell, Alaska in September of 2013.

Norma is survived by sons; Norman Smith of Snohomish, Washington, Larry Smith of North Pole, Alaska, Kevin Smith of North Pole; daughter Sheila Smith of Spokane, Washington and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren, many of whom she was pleased to visit in June of 2016.

A celebration of her life was held on November 23 at the Baptist Church.

### Alaska minimum wage to rise to \$9.80 starting Jan. 1

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) – Alaska's minimum wage will rise by a nickel, to \$9.80 an hour, beginning Jan. 1.

Voters in 2014 approved increasing the minimum wage from \$7.75 an hour. Under the measure, the minimum wage rose to \$8.75 an hour in 2015 and to \$9.75 an hour at the start of 2016. Going forward, the wage is to be adjusted annually for inflation.

In a release, state labor commissioner Heidi Drygas called the bump to \$9.80 an hour a modest increase that will protect low-wage workers and their

families against inflation.

Heather Beaty, executive director of the Alaska Workforce Investment Board, says an estimated 18,000 workers earn minimum wage or less in Alaska. She notes that some jobs are exempt from the minimum wage.

#### Correction

Diana Kay Gadd passed away on Nov. 11, 2016. (A full obituary was published Dec. 1, 2016 with her name spelled as Dianna.)

#### POSTED FUEL PRICES

##### WRANGELL

L N M: \$3.46

Alpine Mini Mart: \$3.46

##### PETERSBURG

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*Unleaded gas prices posted Tuesday, December 6th*

Wrangell Chamber of Commerce

## Jolly Shopping

Dec. 9-11

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# Wrangell wrestlers take four firsts in home tourney

By DAN RUDY  
Sentinel writer

The Wolves wrestling team finished with four first placements Saturday, during the Wrangell-hosted Tom Sims Invitational.

A total of 14 teams from around the region were invited to attend, but high winds and a rough sea before the weekend prevented half a dozen from coming. Sitka, Petersburg, Juneau-Douglas/Thunder Mountain, Hoonah, Haines and Mt. Edgumbe participated, but Klawock, Craig, Thorne Bay, Metlakatla, Ketchikan and

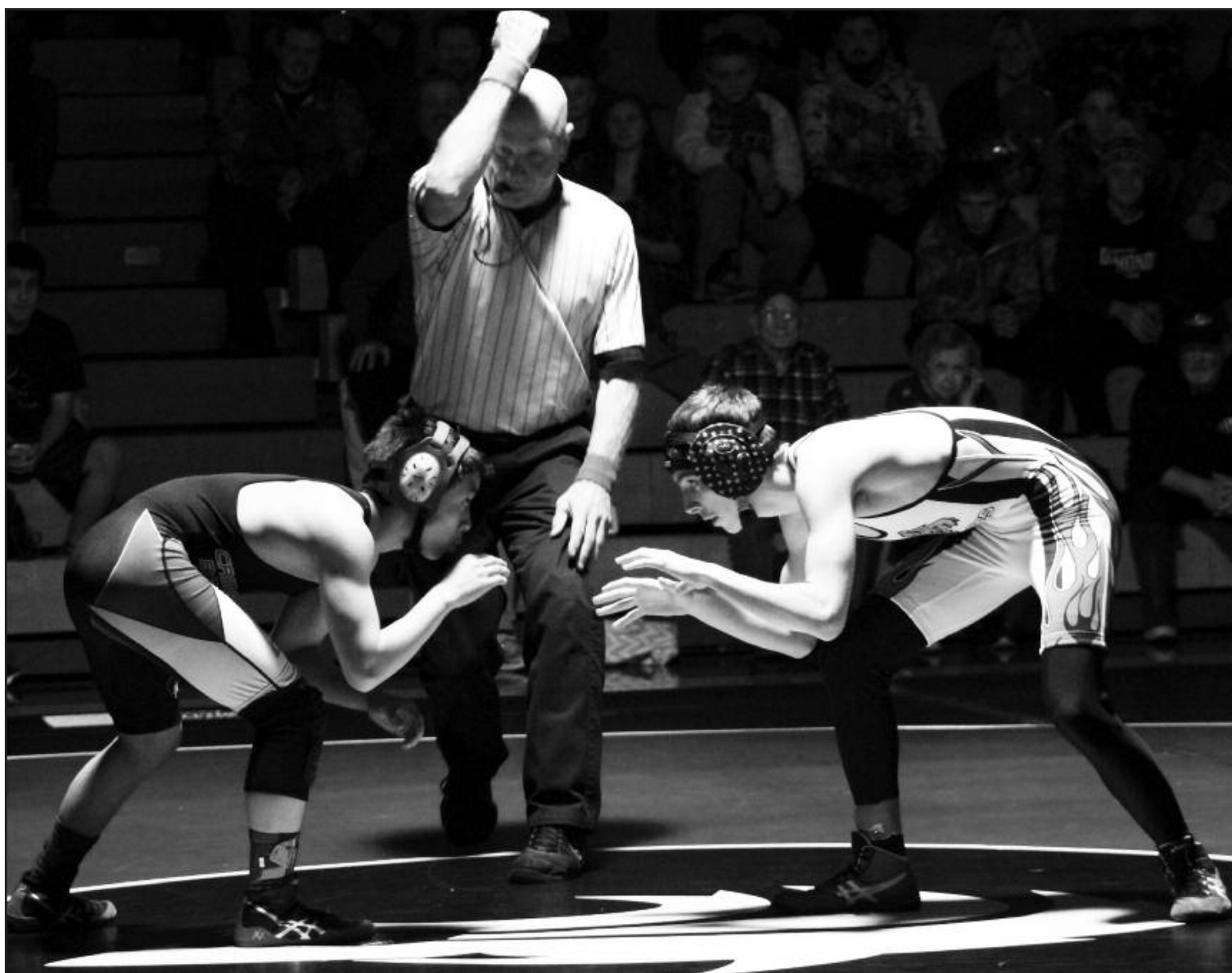


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Thunder Mountain High School freshman Ricky Ramirez squares off with Wrangell junior JD Barratt during the Tom Sims Invitational final round. Barratt won the round by fall in 1:23, clinching first place for the 106 weight bracket.

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Skagway had to nix their travel plans.

"There's only a few teams here, but we're making the best of it," said Wrangell coach Jeff Rooney.

What was intended to be a packed competition ended up making for a more streamlined tournament, with regular matches taking only a few hours to get through. Rooney said the addi-

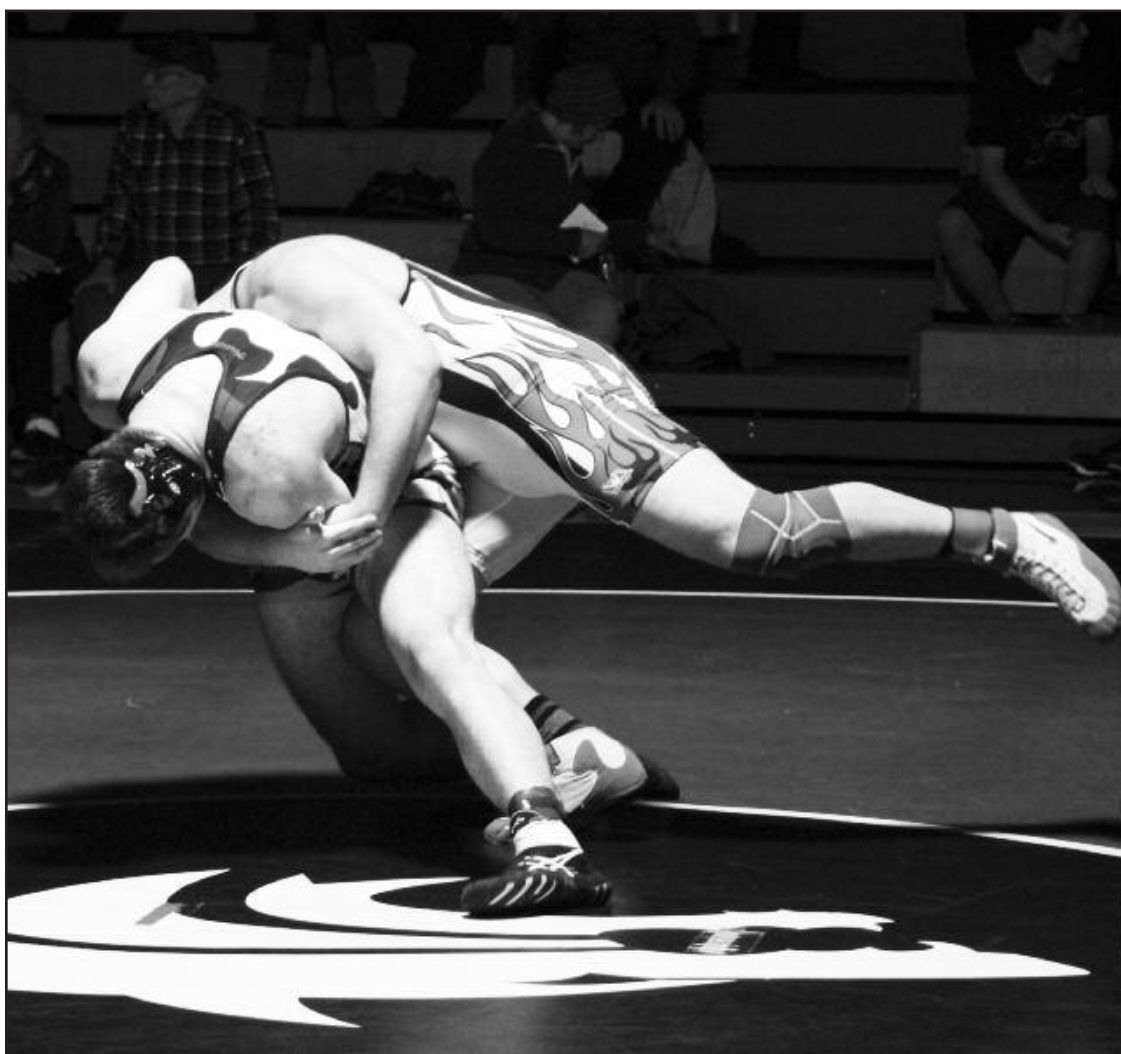


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Caleb Groshong collides with Thunder Mountain senior Cody Weldon during the final round of the 220 weight bracket during Saturday's tournament in Wrangell. Weldon finally finished the extended match in a pin.

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tional time was made the most of, with wrestlers taking part in a number of round-robin matches Friday, with mix and match exhibition play through Saturday afternoon.

The final round in the spotlight was still held at 7 p.m. as scheduled, and Wrangell students shone with eight top-three placements out of their 10 wrestlers.

"We had some really good matches," said assistant coach

Jack Carney.

In the 220 weight bracket, junior Caleb Groshong started out with a rematch against Carl Tupou, a junior from Thunder Mountain. Tupou had bested the Wrangell student twice over the season, but the third time was the charm for Groshong, who won the match with a pin in 4:59. Groshong went on to take second in the tournament, after being

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# Wrestling

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pinned by Thunder Mountain senior Cody Weldon in 3:03.

Sam Armstrong finished in third for the crowded 152 weight bracket. He was sent to the secondary early on by bracket winner Kyler Sumauang from Sitka. He went on to win against freshman teammate Hunter Wiederspohn by technical foul before facing Thunder Mountain senior Deven Mason. Armstrong finished the bout with a last-minute throw and a pin in 5:12.

"It was really beautiful," Carney commented.

Freshman Jonah Comstock finished first in the 98 weight bracket, after pinning Thunder Mountain sophomore Connor Norman in 1:08 during the final. Junior Jonathan Barratt likewise placed first for his 106 bracket, after concluding two matches against Thunder Mountain competitors in quick pins, at 1:19 and 1:23. Outgoing senior Dawson Miller placed first for his 160 weight bracket, ending his match with Thunder Mountain senior Alex Ocana by fall in 3:25.

Ian Jenson placed first in the 132 weight bracket after a pair of wins. He ended a semifinal match against Kailer Lindley of Thunder Mountain by fall in 3:08 and then ended the final in a 3:39 pin with Metlakatla senior Leon Evon.

Freshman wrestler Hannah Brown finished in third place for the girls 145 weight bracket. After winning her opening match with a pin in 2:18 she was relegated to

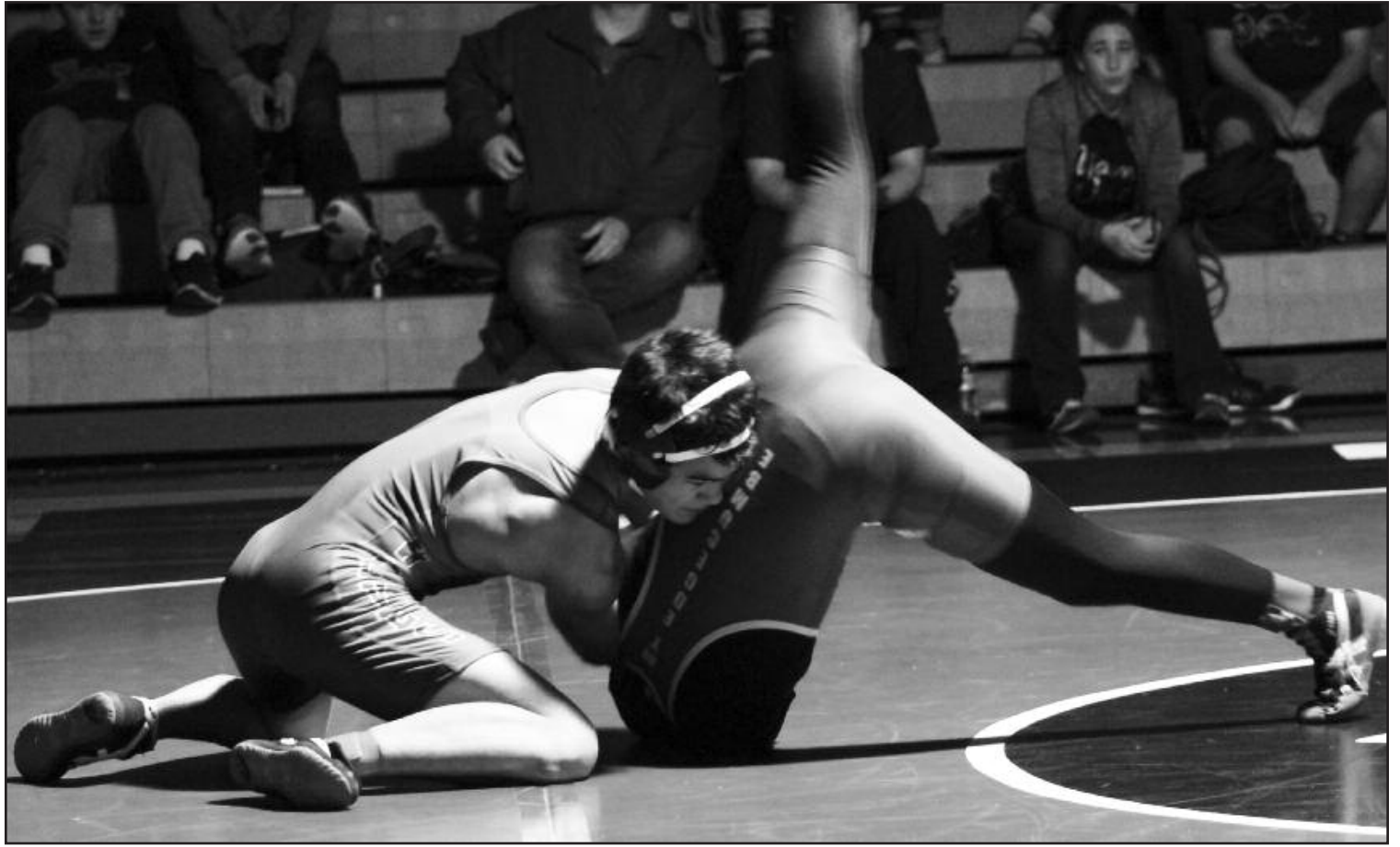


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Sitka sophomore Kyle England brings down Mt. Edgecumbe junior Royale Lowe in the final round for Saturday's Varsity 113 bracket in Wrangell.

the consolation bracket after a 9-3 decision. Brown went on to face teammate Elizabeth Johnson in the final round, winning by fall in 1:45. Johnson placed fourth for the bracket.

Senior-year wrestler Sig Decker took second for the boys 145 weight bracket, ending his first two matches in pins, at 46 seconds and 2:56. The final,

against Thunder Mountain senior Sam Nolan, was closely-matched, with Nolan coming out on top by 9-7 decision.

Overall the Wrangell team looks strong heading into Region V this weekend at Mt. Edgecumbe High School.

"I think we're going to have a lot of top placers," Carney predicted. From there, regional win-

ners will be headed to State in Anchorage on December 16 and 17.

During the Tom Sims Invitational, time was taken to highlight the efforts of outgoing senior classmen. The home bout was a final one for Decker, Armstrong, Miller and Darren Shilts, each of whom had been long-standing members of

Wrangell's wrestling program.

"I love these guys like my own kids," Rooney commented, wishing them the best. He also took time to thank fellow coaches and staff, parents and volunteers for their efforts in making the program possible. "I've got so much respect for you parents and your kids. It's been a great honor."



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CharLee Seimears comes up with an answer for Santa Claus during his seasonal interviews with Wrangell youths on Friday, for Midnight Madness.

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## A Christmassy celebration on Front Street

Dayne Pritchett explains to Santa Claus why he should be getting gifts this year, during Midnight Madness last Friday.

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**State of Alaska  
Department of Natural Resources  
Division of Forestry  
Southeast Area Office  
Draft Forest Land Use Plan**

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry (DOF), gives formal notice per AS 38.05.945 that the Division proposes to adopt a site specific Forest Land Use Plan (FLUP) under AS 38.05.112 and the administrative standards of AS 41.17.060 for the commercial timber sale: Coffman Cove Timber Sale (SSE-1336 K).

This Forest Land Use Plan (FLUP) covers the access for proposed forest operations on approximately 430 acres of land in the Coffman Cove Planning Unit of the Southeast State Forest and adjacent State land all located on Prince of Wales Island approximately one-mile south of the City of Coffman Cove. The timber sale areas are located within Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, and 11 of T68S, R81E and in Section 7 of T68S, R82E, Copper River Meridian. The sale area is found within the Petersburg A-3 and Craig D-3 USGS quadrangles.

The FLUP is intended to provide the best available information regarding the proposed timber harvest and management of other non-timber uses in compliance with AS 38.05.112 and AS 41.17.060, and must be adopted by the DOF before the proposed activity can occur. This FLUP does not determine whether or not to access and sell timber within the timber sale area, nor the method of sale. Those decisions have been made previously in the August 31, 2016 Best Interest Finding and are not appealable under this FLUP. The DOF expects to adopt the Forest Land Use Plan for the road access sometime after **January 9, 2017**.

The DOF also gives formal notice per AS 38.05.945 as required by 38.05.118(b) that it intends to negotiate with a purchaser using a request for proposal process for the purchase of the timber. The volume to be offered totals approximately 8,600 thousand board feet (MBF). The timber will be marketed to a list of local mills and interested parties maintained by the DOF Southeast Area Office.

The public is invited to comment on the FLUP. Comments should be mailed to the Alaska Division of Forestry, 2417 Tongass Avenue, Suite 213, Ketchikan, AK 99901. Comments must be received at the Division of Forestry office no later than **January 9, 2017**, in order to be considered in the adopted FLUP. To be eligible to appeal the adopted FLUP a person must have provided written comment by **January 9, 2017**.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SUBMIT COMMENTS CONTACT:**

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

Contact: Greg Staunton  
Phone: (907) 225-3070  
Fax: (907) 247-3070  
Email: Greg.Staunton@alaska.gov

Copies of the FLUP are available for review at the division's Area Office, the division's web site and at

<https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/View.aspx?id=183787>  
along with the community libraries in Ketchikan and Craig.

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

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## State education department chooses new test vendor

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) – The Alaska education department has chosen a new vendor for its statewide student tests after glitches earlier this year prompted cancellation of the tests.

The department announced Thursday that tests from Minnesota-based Data Recognition Corp. will be given to students in 2017.

In April, the department cited technical disruptions and concerns with the validity of tests results in cancelling computer-based testing administered by the Kansas-based Achievement and Assessment Institute.

Districts will be able to decide whether to give the new tests by paper or computer.

The estimated testing budget for the current school year is about \$4.5 million. The contract is being negotiated. The department says the federal government contributes about \$3.5 million annually toward the cost of Alaska's statewide testing.

The department said it considered comments from teachers, superintendents, educational groups and others in choosing Data Recognition Corp. from among six applicants.



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# Fish Factor

by Laine Welch

Bering Sea fish stocks are booming but it's a mixed bag for groundfish in the Gulf of Alaska.

Fishery managers will set 2017 catches this week for pollock, cod and other fisheries that comprise Alaska's largest fish hauls that are taken from three to 200 miles from shore. More than 80 percent of Alaska's seafood poundage come from those federally-managed waters, and by all accounts the Bering Sea fish stocks are in great shape.

"For the Bering Sea, just about every catch is up," said Diana Stram, Bering Sea groundfish plan coordinator for the North Pacific Fishery Management Council.

There are 22 different species under the Council's purview, along with non-targeted species like sharks, octopus and squid. For the nation's largest food fishery - Bering Sea pollock - the stock is so robust, catches could safely double to nearly three million metric tons, or more than six billion pounds. But the catch will remain nearer to this year's harvest of half that, Stram said, due to a strict cap applied to all fish removals across the board.

"That means the sum of all the catches in the Bering Sea cannot exceed two million metric tons," she explained.

With all stocks so healthy, catch setting becomes a tradeoff among the varying species, Stram said. The Council also sets bycatch levels for the fisheries, which makes catch setting even more constraining.

"For the Bering Sea, it is really going to be a tradeoff between halibut bycatch in the flatfish fisheries with the increases in pollock and other species," Stram said.

The halibut bycatch limit for Bering Sea groundfish fisheries for 2016 and 2017 is nearly 7.75 million pounds.

Looking ahead, Stram said fish scientists are concerned

about impacts from warming ocean conditions for the third straight year, with both Bering Sea surface and bottom temperatures registering the highest temperatures in 35 years

Federal data show a 2016 mean surface temperature of 49.1 degrees compared to an average of 43.5 degrees over the time-series. The mean bottom temperature in the Bering Sea was just below 40 degrees, compared to an average of 36.3 degrees.

Warming oceans are being blamed for a big decline in Gulf of Alaska pollock catches for next year.

"Overall, it will be about a 20 percent Gulf-wide decrease," said Jim Armstrong, Plan Coordinator for Gulf groundfish. "If you add up all the catches, the whole thing is down by about 60,000 tons, with 50,000 tons coming from pollock and a 10,000 ton decrease from cod."

The downturn in pollock is particularly troublesome because recent harvests have been sustained by a single strong year class from 2012.

"We have zooplankton that in cold years have a lot more lipids (fats) and are more nutritionally valuable to pollock, and we need those cold years to create big year classes," Armstrong said. "Based on this year's survey, it doesn't appear it is being followed by even an average year class." The 2017 pollock catch will likely be around 200,000 metric tons and cod in the 150,000 ton range.

Alaska managers oversee 25 fish stocks in the Gulf, which add up to nearly 130 different fish types when various complexes, such as rockfish, are broken out.

One bright spot next year is black cod, or sablefish - catches will increase in all four Gulf fishing regions and in the Bering Sea.

The North Pacific Council meets December 6 through 14 at

the Anchorage Hilton. All sessions are streamed live on the web.

**Halibut falls flat** - The Pacific halibut stock appears to have stabilized, but that isn't likely to equate to higher catches in 2017.

That was a take home message last week when International Pacific Halibut Commission staff unveiled summer survey results showing that the overall stock abundance declined a bit, and the bulk of the fish remain small for their ages.

But the fact that halibut removals have remained relatively stable over three years is encouraging news for a stock that was on a downward trend for nearly two decades.

IPHC biologist Ian Stewart described the Pacific halibut fishery as being "fully subscribed" among diverse users.

"Today across the entire coast, 60 percent of the removals from the halibut stock are coming from directed fishery landings, about 17 percent are coming from both recreation and from mortality due to bycatch in non-halibut fisheries, and about three percent each are coming from wastage and personal use and subsistence," Stewart said.

Another survey finding - notable drops in halibut bycatch across all regions.

"We've seen a substantial reduction in bycatch from almost nine million pounds in 2014 to about seven million pounds in 2016," he said.

That is little comfort to halibut fishermen who could see a 12.6 percent coastwide (US/Canada) drop in catches next year, from 29.89 million pounds to 26.13 million pounds.

For Southeast Alaska, the catch could decrease by 17.4 percent to 3.24 million pounds. For the Central Gulf, a 0.8 percent drop to 7.28 million pounds is projected.

The Western Gulf could see a 17.4 percent increase just over three million pounds. Catch estimates for Bering Sea halibut fishing regions show a 1.8% increase, according to data from the Juneau-based Halibut Coalition.

Stewart stressed that the preliminary catch estimates are not recommendations, but show outcomes based on scientific rolls of the dice.

"We produce the entire decision table which is a risk analysis, and it's up to the commissioners to do risk management and make the appropriate decisions," Stewart said.

The IPHC will make final decisions at its annual meeting January 23-27 in Vancouver. Comments and proposals on 2017 catch limits will be accepted through December 31. The halibut fishery will reopen in March.

**Mariculture momentum** - Alaska advocates are wasting no time forming guidelines to expand homegrown shellfish and seaweeds into a multi-billion dollar mariculture industry.

"We're not talking about fish farming when we talk about mariculture. We're talking about shellfish and aquatic plants - also wild fishery enhancement and aquatic farming restoration," said Julie Decker, co-chair of Governor Walker's Mariculture Task Force Initiative created by Administrative Order in February. Walker said he believes the industry is a viable means to diversify the state's economy in a field where Alaska already dominates: seafood.

Decker, who also is director of the Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation, believes mariculture could jump from its current \$1 million value to growers to \$1 billion within 30 years. Currently, there are 56 shellfish farmers in Alaska producing primarily oysters.

Based on AFDF and Oceans Alaska/Ketchikan data, if just three-tenths of one percent of Alaska's 35,000 miles of coastline was developed for oysters, it could produce 1.3 billion oysters at 50 cents each, adding up to \$650 million a year.

Alaska also aims to cash in on the \$12 billion global seaweed market by growing seaweeds, especially kelp. Sea Grant already has six pilot projects in the water in parts of the Gulf. Another effort is helping existing farmers become more efficient and profitable by planting kelp crops, which can provide a steady cash flow while they are waiting up to three years for their shellfish crops to ripen.

"You can stagger your planting and lengthen your season from three to six months or more - they only take about 90 days to grow," Decker said.

Seaweeds also act as a climate cleaner, absorbing excess carbon, nitrogen and phosphates from the ocean.

And one day seaweed might replace oil as Alaska's top energy resource engine. The U.S. Dept. of Energy is looking at seaweed as a source for biofuels and has its eyes on Alaska.

Applications for aquatic farms are accepted by the Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game each year from Jan. 1-April 30.

All of Alaska's mariculture happenings will be open to the public at the Alaska Shellfish Growers Association annual meeting Dec. 9-10 in Anchorage. [www.alaskashellfish.org](http://www.alaskashellfish.org), and sign up to receive updates from Alaska's Mariculture Task Force at the ADF&G home page.

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# Researchers examining climate change effects on AK hunters

BETHEL, Alaska (AP) – A University of Alaska Fairbanks study says climate change is having significant impacts on subsistence hunting and travel in communities

across Alaska. Assistant professor Todd Brinkman led a team of researchers who collected data and gathered information from residents in four Alaska

villages: Fort Yukon, Venetie, Wainwright and Kaktovik. Brinkman said the residents reported challenges in accessing subsistence resources brought on by changing weather patterns starting in 2010, KYUK-AM reported.

According to the study, 60 percent of the 47 relationships identified between the availability of subsistence resources and climate change focused on hunter access.

“We often make the assumption that if there’s

plenty of fish and game in the area, that hunting opportunities are going to be good. But our research demonstrated that even if local populations are healthy and plentiful, if people can’t get out there to them then the resource isn’t available to them,” said Brinkman.

Brinkman said many families have struggled to adapt to the challenges, which include eroding riverbanks, less snow and river ice breaking up early. Many people are now using all-terrain vehicles instead of snow machines to get around due to the lack of snow.

“What was striking was that all the communities were in agreement that these changes are having a significant impact on their ability to travel across the land. So it wasn’t isolated to any one community, it wasn’t isolated to any one type of subsistence resource, it was affecting all of them,” Brinkman said.

Mark Leary, who lives in Napaimute along the northern bank of the Kuskokwim River, said the warmer weather in recent winters has made it diffi-

cult for hunters to catch goose and duck.

“The best hunting, in my experience, for birds has been when they first come and you could still go by snow machine. But it’s been so thawed out all over, that the birds are more spread out and we can’t go by snow machine,” Leary said. “Like last year the ice went out and the birds weren’t even here. You know, it’s like ‘What do we do now?’”

Leary said he had to use a truck, snow machine and boat all “in one month” because of the rapid warming last spring.

The UAF researchers heard from residents in the four communities who shared some of the same hunting and travel concerns.

Brinkman’s team is now working with NASA to get more insight into how hunters’ are being affected by limited access to resources. They are using GPS-equipped cameras to collect data and match it with imagery taken from space to better understand climate change.

**City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**CITY HALL CLOSURE**

Due to an upgrade to our accounting system and training of the City Hall Staff, City Hall will be closed on **Monday, December 12, 2016.**

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

**Publish: December 8, 2016**

**CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA**  
**PORT COMMISSION**

**PUBLIC NOTICE - MARINER'S MEMORIAL SPECIAL COMMITTEE**

The Borough Assembly approved Resolution No. 11-16-1354 which authorized the creation of a Mariner's Memorial Special Committee as follows:

**Two (2) Port Commissioners and Three (3) At-Large members of the Community** with at least one having a connection to the Mariner Community to the Special Committee.

The Special Committee will meet at least monthly and will report and take direction from the **Port Commission**. For a copy of Resolution No. 11-16-1354, please contact the Borough Clerk at [clerk@wrangell.com](mailto:clerk@wrangell.com).

Please turn your Letter of Interest into City Hall to the attention of Sherri Cowan, Port Recording Secretary, 205 Brueger Street, City & Borough of Wrangell, P.O. Box 531, Wrangell, AK 99929, **on or before 5:00 p.m., Friday, December 30, 2016.**

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the Borough Clerk's Office at 907-874-2381, or email: [clerk@wrangell.com](mailto:clerk@wrangell.com).

Appointments will be made at the regular Port Commission Meeting on January 5, 2016.

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## Comics

### Amber Waves



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**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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# “Letters To Santa”

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**City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska**  
**REVISED - PUBLIC NOTICE - City Board and Committee Vacancies**

Persons interested in serving on the following City Boards and Committees, please submit your **Letter of Interest** to the Office of the Borough Clerk, City & Borough of Wrangell, P.O. Box 531, Wrangell, AK 99929.

Deadline for Letters of Interest is **5:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 13, 2016**, for the following vacancies:

Planning & Zoning Commission	one - (three year term)
Economic Development Committee	two - (three year terms)

If you have any questions on the duties and responsibilities for each board and committee, please contact the Borough Clerk's Office at either calling 874-2381 or emailing [clerk@wrangell.com](mailto:clerk@wrangell.com) or stop by City Hall at 205 Brueger Street.

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

**Publish: December 8, 2016**

**State of Alaska**  
**Department of Natural Resources**  
**Division of Forestry**  
**Southern Southeast Area Office**  
**Preliminary Written Finding under AS 38.05.035(e) and AS 38.05.945**

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, gives formal notice under AS 38.05.945 that the Division has made a preliminary decision under AS 38.05.035(e) regarding the sale of the following commercial timber sale: North Hollis Timber Sale (SSE-1346-K).

Before this sale may be held, the Director of the Division of Forestry will make a written final decision that the sale is in the best interest of the State. This decision will set out the facts and applicable policies upon which the Director bases his determination that the proposed timber sale will or will not best serve the interest of the State. The final decision is expected to be available to the public after **January 3, 2017**.

This timber sale is located on Prince of Wales Island, approximately one-mile north of the Inter-Island Ferry terminal, in Hollis Alaska. The legal description of the sale area within Sections 25, 26 and 35 of Township (T) 73 South, Range 84 East, Copper River Meridian. The sale area is found within the Craig C-2 Southwest and Craig B-2 Northwest USGS quadrangles. The main access for this sale area is through Alaska Highway System Klawock-Hollis Highway, Alaska Route 924 and the adjoining Aurora Drive Road.

The harvest unit is a total of 230 acres and contains approximately 4,500 MBF of timber. This volume will be negotiated and sold under provisions of AS 38.05.118 and/or AS 38.05.123, in the form of one or multiple sales. The sale(s) will require in-state manufacture and will be a negotiated contract.

The public is invited to comment on any aspect of the preliminary decision. Comments should be mailed to the Alaska Division of Forestry, 2417 Tongass Avenue, Suite 213, Ketchikan, AK 99901. Comments must be received at the Division of Forestry office no later than **January 3, 2017**, in order to be considered in the final best interest finding decision of whether or not this sale will be held in whole or in part. To be eligible to appeal the final decision a person must have provided written comment by **January 3, 2017**.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SUBMIT COMMENTS CONTACT:**

Alaska Division of Forestry	Contact:	Greg Staunton
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Ketchikan, AK 99901	Fax:	247-3070
	Email:	greg.staunton@alaska.gov

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

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

**Greg Staunton**  
Southeast Area Forester

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**City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska**  
**Public Hearing**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Borough Assembly will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING at 6:30 p.m.**, in the Borough Assembly Chambers on **Tuesday, December 13, 2016**, on the following items:

**a. PROPOSED ORDINANCE No. 928:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING CHAPTER 11.76, JUNK VEHICLES, OF THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE, RELATING TO THE PROCEDURES FOR THE DISPOSITION AND DISPOSAL OF JUNK VEHICLES (*second reading*)

**b. PROPOSED ORDINANCE No. 929:** AN ORDINANCE of the City and Borough of Wrangell, Alaska, authorizing the issuance of a sewer revenue bond in the principal amount of \$91,000 to finance a portion of the cost of acquiring, constructing and installing certain additions and betterments to and extensions of the Borough's sewer system; fixing the date, form, terms, maturities and covenants of the bond; reserving the right of the Borough to issue future revenue bonds with a lien on revenues on a parity with the bond upon compliance with certain conditions; and providing for the sale of the bond to the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development (*second reading*)

c. Approval to sell the Belt Freezer and land to Trident Seafoods

Action on this item will be taken at the Regular Assembly Meeting that follows the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m.

**The Public is encouraged to attend.**

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

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**POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT:** Wrangell Public Schools is accepting applications for the following positions for the 2016-2017 school year: Paraprofessionals - these are part

time positions working one-or-one with students or in small groups. Temporary Office Aide - this is a part-time office/clerical position. Extracurricular Positions: High School Softball Head and Assistant Coach, Middle School Volleyball Assistant Coach, Middle School Wrestling Assistant Coach, Middle School Yearbook Advisor. For a complete job description and application, please contact the district office at 874-2347. Applications must be received by 4:00 P.M., Monday, December 12, 2016. It is Wrangell Public School District's policy to not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, national origin, sex or disability.....1x12-8b109

**THANK YOU**  
 THANK YOU Coach Johnson, Messmer and Super Senior Trent Stokes for the time and effort you put into this year's basketball program. Wrangell youth benefit greatly from people like you. SMS Boys Basketball Team.....1x12-8b19

A GRACIOUS THANK YOU to the local Wrangell Southeast Beast's for their continued thoughtful kindness in their recent "run" dedicated to the benefit of our Wrangell American Legion Post #6. We appreciate all the wonderful runners who participated.....1x12-8p23

THANK YOU to the community of Wrangell for purchasing raffle tickets for the quilt give away. The proceeds are being donated to Hospice and Cancer Care. The winners were Lisa Messmer and Renee Owenson. Stikine Stitchers.....1x12-8p21

THANK YOU Bunes Brothers for displaying our raffle quilts. Stikine Stitchers.....1x12-8p



**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Board of Directors of the Southeast Alaska Power Agency (SEAPA) will hold a Regular Board Meeting on December 14, 2016 from 9:00am to 5:00pm AKST at the Best Western Plus Landing Hotel in Ketchikan, Alaska. During the meeting, the Board may enter into Executive Session for discussions on employment related matters. For additional information, please call (907)228-2281.  
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— **Weekly SUDOKU** —  
 Answer

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— **King Crossword** —  
 Answers

**Solution time: 21 mins.**

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# Volleyball season ends with Lady Wolves in third

By DAN RUDY  
Sentinel writer

The 2016 season ended on a positive note for the Lady Wolves, after finishing up in third place during Region V in Craig.

“We went into the tournament seeded fourth,” explained volleyball coach Jessica Whitaker.

The starting position for the tournament had been settled during the 2A North Seeding weekend in Skagway last month. Region V is a double elimination, best-of-five series, giving teams plenty of opportunity to make it count. The top two teams then head to state-wide competition at Dimond High School in Anchorage this weekend.

Play started November 30, shortly after arrival. Wrangell’s girls had been working on their serving and passing through the season, and the extra work helped translate into better scoring by its end.

“The girls were able to sweep Metlakatla in three games,” Whitaker recounted.

The next day Wrangell played their undefeated hosts, the Lady Panthers. Craig remained unscathed heading into the next round, but not without some close competition.

“The girls still had some pretty tough games,” the

Wrangell coach said.

In the secondary bracket, the Lady Wolves had a busy day ahead of them Friday. It began with a tough win over Haines in the morning, another set of wins over Klawock – seeded third at the Skagway tournament – before coming up against the region’s two-seed, Petersburg.

The Lady Vikings had been bested by Craig in a close series of sets earlier in the semifinals, and continued to play tough coming up against Wrangell. The Wolves were able to draw out the game to four sets, winning one early on.

“We had a really tough match against them,” Whitaker noted.

After its win, Petersburg moved on to rematch Craig in the final that evening, finally winning one against the team to beat. In the subsequent “if” game, the two played one additional set of 30 points to decide which would take the topmost place in the region. In a close 30-28 game, the Lady Panthers won and will represent Southeast’s 2A schools in Anchorage as the region leader, accompanied by Petersburg.

“It was great volleyball,” commented Troy Thain, Craig High School activities director. Play had been really competitive throughout the

tournament, and travel arrangements to the meet were unhindered by otherwise uncooperative weather.

Players got on well together, too. Wrangell parent Clay Hammer noticed that erstwhile rivals Wrangell and Petersburg cheered each other on during the week’s matches.

“At this tournament, the Wrangell and the Petersburg girls totally had each others’ backs. It was an awesome thing to see,” he said. Of course, when playing each other directly, he pointed out “it was on then.” But the same camaraderie proved true for all the teams at the tournament, which ended up being a fun experience.

Whitaker pointed out several players picked up awards for the season. Helen Decker and Makena Hammer were both selected for the All-Conference Team, and Hammer, Grace Cano and Alex Angerman made the All-Academic Team for their grade point average, maintained over the past four years. Hammer also was named to the Sportsmanship Team along with Kayla Hay.

Whitaker said the girls will be hosting their annual alumni game on December 21, with the junior varsity versus varsity game to start at 6 p.m. in the high school gym. The varsity v. alumni game will follow after that.



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Helen Decker and Makena Hammer both were named to the All-Conference Team for their play throughout the tournament. Decker was the team’s defensive linchpin while Hammer led for points and kills.

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