

## Part 2: Food fight between SE fishermen and sea otters

By CALEB VIERKANT  
Sentinel writer

Sea otters are protected by the Marine Mammal Protection Act, a federal law that prohibits the harvesting of marine mammals. However, this law does allow for some exceptions. Under section 101 of the act, on page 16, it reads that "... the provisions of this Act shall not apply with respect to the taking of any marine mammal by any Indian, Aleut, or Eskimo who resides in Alaska and who dwells on the coast of the North Pacific Ocean or the Arctic Ocean if such taking—(1) is for subsistence purposes; or (2) is done for purposes of creating and selling authentic native articles of handi-crafts and clothing ... and (3) in each case, is not accomplished in a wasteful manner." The act also allows for the killing of marine mammals in self defense or under a "good Samaritan" exemption.

Richard Oliver is a board member and past president of the Wrangell Cooperative Association, the island's tribal government.

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A pair of sea otters floating amongst some kelp.

## State trooper Freeberg seeking increased local collaboration

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State Wildlife Trooper Kyle Freeberg moved to Wrangell back in April. As a state trooper, Freeberg's job includes patrolling old logging roads during the hunting season, and watching the commercial and sport fishing in Wrangell's waters. Of course, being the only trooper in Wrangell means he has a lot of ground to cover, literally and figuratively. As such, he said that he wants to increase the amount of collaboration between himself and the people of Wrangell. This is not only to help him do a bet-

ter job as a state trooper, he said, but also to give the community some ownership over its local resource management.

"Oftentimes people, I think, are confused in thinking that there's an 'us versus them,' I'm hiding around the corner trying to almost trap people and get them in trouble, kind of a thing," he said. "I am hoping that we can change that perspective and the reality of it."

What people come to places like Wrangell for, Freeberg said, is to get out in nature and away from people. They like the seclusion and the privacy that comes

with hunting and fishing. The job of the state troopers is to make sure that those people are staying within hunting and fishing regulations, to ensure that Alaska's natural resources will be around for everyone to enjoy for many years to come. Having a state trooper hiding behind every rock and tree would defeat the purpose of going out into the woods for some seclusion, he said. That is where the community comes in.

"What if we were all game wardens, and what if it was all of our job to make sure that this resource is protected, and man-



State Trooper  
Kyle Freeberg.

aged, and used properly?" Freeberg asked.

The Wildlife Safeguard Program is a program within the Alaska Department of Public Safety that Freeberg said was first introduced in the 1980s. The program allows people to call a toll-free number and leave anonymous tips of any resource law violations. Giving people the opportunity to call anonymously is important because sometimes in small towns people may be reluctant to point the finger, he said. Freeberg also added that providing information to the safeguard program can lead to monetary rewards, if it leads to prosecution.

He also gave an example of why it is so important for the community to be involved in regulating itself. Sentinel readers may recall an illegal moose that was killed on Nemo Loop Road last September. According to an October 2018 article in the Sentinel, almost \$4,000 in reward money was offered by the Stikine Sportsmen Association. While this occurred before he moved to Wrangell, Freeberg said that it was a good example of a community coming together in defense of their natural re-

sources. However, the investigation of this moose killing has not been resolved yet, as no one has come forward with any information.

"We are actually still looking for information or anybody who knows anything about that," he said. "It's situations like that that dramatically impact this community."

The safeguard program's tip line is 1-800-478-3377. Freeberg also provided a basic template people could follow when calling in a tip. If someone sees a hunting or fishing violation, they could call in to report when and where it occurred, a description of any vehicles involved and the suspect, what game or fish was taken and how, what equipment was used, what direction the suspect was seen traveling in afterwards, and the general weather conditions at the time. To learn more about the safeguard program, visit [www.dps.alaska.gov/awt/safeguard](http://www.dps.alaska.gov/awt/safeguard).

"I'm excited to see what we can do here, together, as a community," Freeberg said.

On a related topic, deer hunting season opens August 1. Freeberg wanted to remind the community of some common violations to avoid. Spotting deer, making them freeze by shining bright lights at them, is illegal. It is also illegal to take any game on man made roads, for reasons of public safety. A Southeast Alaska-specific regulation to keep in mind is that it is illegal to shoot game from a boat, he added. Other common violations include forgetting one's hunting license, not validating one's harvest ticket, and failing to salvage all the required meat from a kill, such as neck and rib meat.

## Strike threatened: Ferry workers vote on Governor Dunleavy's contract proposal

JUNEAU - Hundreds of public ferry workers who operate Alaska's vital Marine Highway conducted a vote this week - and decided by a margin of 86% to reject the package of harsh measures proposed by Governor Dunleavy's administration, that included the following:

1. Cancelling 28 negotiated settlements reached during almost three years of contract bargaining.
  2. No wage increases in over 5 years.
  3. A one year contract instead of the normal and more efficient three year contracts.
  4. The use of expensive and wasteful mandatory overtime instead of hiring more workers.
  5. Poor treatment by management has resulted in most new hires quitting this year.
- "The Governor cut 46 million dollars out of the AMHS's operating budget, slashing ferry service to the communities that depend on us for their lifeline" said Trina Arnold,

elected Director of Alaska's Inlandboatmen's Union of the Pacific, an affiliate of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU). "There's 107,301 Alaskans who live in communities served by the ferry that will lose their regular service," said Arnold

"We've spent almost 3 years bargaining with the State, including federal mediation, in a good-faith effort to negotiate a fair contract," says Marina Secchitano, President of the Inlandboatmen's Union of the Pacific. "The members have made it very clear by their vote that the State's unfair proposal is not acceptable."

"We remain hopeful that the State will accept the Union's last compromise contract offer that will keep the state's ferry system running smoothly for the residents of Alaska."

Barring a settlement, a strike could come as early as Wednesday July 24.



## Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

**Thursday, July 25:** Celly Nelson-Young, Lizzy Romane. **Friday, July 26:** Gus Barlow, Evan Fortunato, Kyle Cooper, Paige Baggen, Darial Burley, Timothy Melzer, David Allen. **Saturday, July 27:** Damon Roher, Daniel Churchill, Randy Robinson, Sr., Kristy Woodbury, Lester Schultz, Jean Kuntz, Karla Fennimore, Ann Johnson. **Sunday, July 28:** Tasha Morse, April Larabee, Gavin DeBoer, Danette Grover, Gunner Smith, Michael Gugenbickler. **Monday, July 29:** Devlyn Campbell, Jeffrey Brown, Alice Rooney, Katie Hagan, Tony Rice. **Anniversary:** Harold & Carol Snoddy, David & LeAnn Bryner. **Tuesday, July 30:** Bruce Jamieson, Scott McConachie. **Anniversary:** Glen & Kelley Decker, William & Laurie Barker. **Wednesday, July 31:** Tyler Crayne, David Durnez, John Morse, Jeffrey Davidson, Dino Brock. **Thursday, August 1:** Jean Brown, Kadin Messmer, Brynlee Young, Douglas Wickman, Charles Moore, Allen Edgley. **Anniversary:** Doug & Pam McCloskey, Adam & Tasha Morse, Haig & Bonnie Demerjian.

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

## Senior Center Menu

### Thursday, July 25

Salmon Burger, Oven Fried Potatoes, Romaine Salad

### Friday, July 26

Turkey/Veggie Soup, 1/2 Cheese Sandwich, Fruit Slaw

### Monday, July 29

Chicken Tahitian, Peas, Carrot/Pineapple Salad

### Tuesday, July 30

A-1 Meatloaf, Steamed Greens, Perfection Salad, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

### Wednesday, July 31

Baked White Fish, Broccoli, Tossed Green Salad, Rice Pilaf

### Thursday, August 1

Beefaroni, Mexicali Vegetables, Apricot Salad

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

Milk, tea and coffee will be served with meals.

## FERRY

### Departures

#### Northbound

**Sunday, July 28**  
Columbia 4:45 p.m.  
**Tuesday, July 30**  
Malaspina 5:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, August 3**  
Malaspina 11:15 a.m.  
**Sunday, August 4**  
Columbia 3:45 p.m.  
**Tuesday, August 6**  
Malaspina 6:30 p.m.

#### Southbound

**Thursday, July 25**  
Malaspina 9:30 p.m.  
**Monday, July 29**  
Malaspina 4:00 a.m.  
**Wednesday, July 31**  
Columbia 6:00 a.m.  
**Thursday, August 1**  
Malaspina 8:30 p.m.  
**Monday, August 5**  
Malaspina 7:30 a.m.

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



## TIDES

July 25 - August 1

	High Tides		Low Tides					
	AM Time	PM Time	AM Time	PM Time	Ft	Ft	Ft	Ft
July 25	7:24	11.3	7:55	13.9	1:06	3.9	1:05	3.8
July 26	8:44	11.2	8:55	14.3	2:12	3.4	2:05	4.4
July 27	9:58	11.6	9:53	15.1	3:21	2.5	3:12	4.7
July 28	11:01	12.5	10:47	16.0	4:26	1.2	4:18	4.5
July 29	11:56	13.5	11:38	17.1	5:23	-0.3	5:19	3.9
July 30	...	...	12:45	14.6	6:13	-1.7	6:12	3.1
July 31	12:27	18.0	1:30	15.5	6:59	-2.9	7:00	2.2
August 1	1:15	18.7	2:14	16.3	7:42	-3.5	7:47	1.5

## Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

### Friday, July 26

**Read with a Ranger:** Irene Ingle Public Library, 10:30 a.m. Bearfest with Smoky Bear.

### Saturday, July 27

**Community Market:** Nolan Center, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

### Thursday, August 1

**Port Commission Meeting:** City Hall, 7:00 p.m.

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

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

## Continuing Events

### Pool:

Arthritis Foundation Exercise Class: M-W-F 8:30-9:30 a.m.  
Water Aerobics: M-W-F 10:00-11:00 a.m.  
Lap Swim: M-W-F 6:00-7:30 a.m. MTWThF 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. TuTh 5:15-6:15 p.m. Sa 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
2 Lane Lap Swim: M-W-F 10:00-11:00 a.m.  
Lap/Tot Swim: MTWThF 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. S 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
Swim Club: M-F 3:15-5:15 p.m.  
Open Swim: M-W 5:30-7:00 p.m. F 6:30-8:00 p.m. S 1:00-2:00 p.m.  
**Weight Room:** M-Thu 6:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 3:30-7:30 p.m. F 6:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 3:30-8:30 p.m. S 10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

### MEETINGS

### AA Meetings:

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

## The Way We Were

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

### July 24, 1919

Since the opening days of the recent World War, customs in a good many lines have undergone marked changes. In no direction has this been more noticeable than in furs. Though custom furs were worn only in the late fall and winter months, and their use in this way made the fur business a seasonable one of relatively short duration.

The heavy consumption of furs so far the present summer has kept manufacturers extremely busy and created such a big demand for goods, that the stocks of raw furs in all parts of the world have shrunken decidedly and visible supplies in the face of the world's enlarged demand are unusually small. The result of such activity has found expression in increased prices for most kinds of fur.

### July 28, 1944

Pointing out that the conditions which often made it necessary to curtail shore leave to passengers are no longer existent. Wrangell Chamber of Commerce at its noon luncheon meeting yesterday directed a letter to the Canadian Pacific line urging that shore leave be given to passengers at this port. All other steamers calling here permit their passengers to go ashore, but some of the Canadian boats have been failing to do so.

Expressing appreciation for the new airmail service here, Chamber directed a letter to the Post Office Department bringing out the advantage to the community. Since the war, Wrangell has had little more than weekly service.

### July 24, 1969

Radioman Second Class Kirby W. Johnson, USN, the grandson of Winnie Gray of Wrangell, is aboard the aircraft

carrier USS Hornet, primary recovery ship for the Apollo 11 recovery mission.

In a recent letter to his parents, Kirby said the Hornet had arrived in Hawaii on June 2 and was leaving there on July 8<sup>th</sup> to proceed to the splashdown rendezvous with the astronauts.

A news release from the Navy says the crew of the Hornet and the three units (presumably helicopters and frogmen) embarked aboard the carrier and a week of intensive training before proceeding to station themselves in the Pacific for the Apollo splashdown today. The splashdown occurred today approximately 1,038 miles southwest of Hawaii. This was the Hornet's second Apollo recovery.

### July 28, 1994

U.S. Forest Service has awarded the City of Wrangell a \$30,000 grant under its Economic Recovery Program. The City submitted an update of projects identified in the Overall Economic Development Plan to the U.S. Forest Service for funding consideration.

The grant will provide \$25,000 toward the required De-

partment of Natural Resources survey of tidelands to assist in the acquisition of those tidelands in the Shoemaker Bay area.

This is a necessary step in relaying land ownership and land use issues at Shoemaker Bay Marina, which has prevented development at the site for a number of years.

The grant program also awarded \$5,000 for a series of business related seminars for the community. Topics such as marketing strategies, small business development, visual merchandising or other special needs the business community may be interested in will be sponsored.

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## Wrangell Weather

Date	High	Low
July 15	64	55
July 16	61	55
July 17	59	54
July 18	59	55
July 19	62	55
July 20	61	54
July 21	69	51
July 22	73	54



## Daylight Hours

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
July 25	4:38 am	9:10 pm	16:32h
July 26	4:39 am	9:08 pm	16:29h
July 27	4:41 am	9:07 pm	16:26h
July 28	4:43 am	9:05 pm	16:22h
July 29	4:45 am	9:03 pm	16:18h
July 30	4:46 am	9:01 pm	16:15h
July 31	4:48 am	8:59 pm	16:11h
Aug 01	4:50 am	8:57 pm	16:07h



# Tickets available for coho and halibut derbies

By CALEB VIERKANT  
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August is just around the corner, meaning it is almost time for Wrangell's annual fishing derby. Fishing derbies have been a longstanding tradition in Wrangell, and for many years the king salmon derby was a very popular event for locals and tourists. However, the king derby was set aside last year due to struggling stock numbers, and replaced with a coho salmon derby. Last year's coho derby saw 240 tickets sold and 106 salmon weighed in. This year, the chamber of commerce is offering tickets for two derbies: Coho and halibut.

The coho derby will run from Aug. 10 to Sept. 2. While last year's derby was only open for fishing on weekends, this year's derby will allow fishing every day. Another difference between the two derbies is that this year's winners will be judged solely by the largest fish caught, rather than the combined weight of the three biggest fish. The first place prize will be 30 percent of the derby's ticket sales. Second place will be 15 percent of ticket sales, and third place is 10 percent of ticket sales. On top of that, the largest coho entered each week will win a \$250 prize. The largest coho caught on Labor Day weekend will be \$500. The top coho caught by a woman will win a sterling silver bracelet by Ria Designs.

The halibut derby is a bit shorter than the coho derby, from Aug. 30 to Sept. 2, but the prizes are equally tempting. First place for the halibut derby will be a \$700 prize. Second place is \$400, and third place



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is \$200. On top of that, one particular halibut has been caught, tagged, and re-released. Whoever catches this specific tagged halibut will win a \$10,000 prize.

Weigh-in stations will be located at city dock, Monday through Friday, and at the harbor master's office

on weekends. Halibut will only be weighed at Reliance Harbor. There will be a post-derby award party on Sept. 5, at 6 p.m., at the downtown pavilion.

For more information contact the chamber at (907) 874-3901.

## Stikine River Federal subsistence Sockeye Salmon fishery closed

Wrangell District Ranger Clint Kolarich, under authority delegated by the Federal Subsistence Board, is closing the June 21 - July 31, 2019 Federal subsistence Sockeye Salmon fishery in the Stikine River. The closure will be effective Sunday, July 21, 2019 at 11:59 p.m. and will remain in effect through the rest of the 2019 season which ends July 31.

The 2019 preseason forecast for the Stikine River is 90,000 Sockeye Salmon which is below

the average 153,000 fish. The forecast includes 66,000 Tahltan Lake and 24,000 Mainstem Sockeye Salmon. The escapement objective for Tahltan bound Sockeye Salmon is 18,000 and 30,000 for the Mainstem component. Both Canadian and US fisheries are seeing harvests below expectations, indicating a total run size lower than the preseason forecast. This action is necessary for Sockeye Salmon conservation in the Stikine River and to meet obligations of the

Pacific Salmon Treaty. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) has also taken actions in the State managed fisheries to reduce the harvest of Stikine River Sockeye Salmon. The closure of the Sockeye Salmon fishery does not affect the Stikine River Federal subsistence Coho Salmon

fishery beginning August 1, 2019.

For additional information, please contact Clint Kolarich at (907) 874-2323, or Robert Cross at (907) 772-5944. Information on the Federal Subsistence Management Program can be found on the web at [www.doi.gov/subsistence](http://www.doi.gov/subsistence).

## Police report

### July 15, 2019

Illegal parking.  
Suspicious activity.  
Two citizen assists: Unlock vehicle.  
Trespass: People were warned not to come back.  
Citizen report DUI: Unable to locate.

### July 16, 2019

Two citizen assists: Unlock vehicle.  
Summons service.

### July 17, 2019

Traffic complaint: Speeding.  
Citizen report DUI.

### July 18, 2019

Criminal trespass.  
Civil matter.  
Suspicious circumstance.  
Two citizen assists: Vehicle unlock.  
Citation issued: Kim Peterson, 50. Dog at large.  
Agency assist: Probation.  
Theft: Unfounded.

### July 19, 2019

Random test.  
Traffic complaint.  
Theft.  
Found property.  
Traffic: Child endangerment.  
Citizen assist: Unlock vehicle.  
Suspicious circumstance.  
Traffic stop: DUI.  
Agency assist: Fire alarm.

### July 20, 2019

Agency assist: Fire alarm.  
Traffic complaint: Vehicle blocking traffic.  
Report of harassment.  
Property check: All was okay.

### July 21, 2019

Traffic stop: Verbal for faulty equipment.  
Agency assist: Electric.  
Traffic stop: Verbal warning for driving habits.  
Parking complaint: Person parked on sidewalk.  
Citizen report of DUI: Unfounded.

There were four ambulance calls and no dog complaints this week.

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# SafeTALK training gives people tips for helping those contemplating suicide

By **CALEB VIERKANT**  
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Suicide is an important topic in Alaska, as the state has one of the highest suicide rates per capita in the country. According to the Statewide Suicide Prevention Council, in 2014 there were 22.3 suicides per 100,000 people across Alaska. As such, several community members have wanted to know how they can help those around them who are struggling with suicidal thoughts.

Along with some cafe-style discussions on the topic of suicide prevention put together by SEARHC, "safeTALK" training was held at the Nolan Center last Thursday and Friday. SafeTALK is a workshop designed by LivingWorks, an organization that works to teach people about how they can help prevent suicides and support others in their community who might be struggling. According to their website, safeTALK is designed to teach people how to recognize warn-

ing signs that someone might be considering suicide, engaging them, and connecting them with further support.

The training at the Nolan Center was lead by Cathleen Pook and Monica Chase, with SEARHC. The workshop also featured video instructions for people to watch. The "TALK" in safeTALK is an acronym for what people should do if they, or someone they know is having suicidal thoughts: Tell, Ask, Listen, and Keep safe.

"Tell" is meant for the per-

son considering suicide. It may seem counterintuitive, Pook said, but in general a person thinking about suicide does not mean that person wants to die. It is very likely that they will be asking for help, even if it is in a vague or not obvious way.

"They don't want to die, or at least some part of them wants to live," Pook said. "This is almost always the case, right up to and including the time of dying, doubt will remain. Usually doubt is stronger."

If someone is considering suicide, they should tell somebody as clearly as possible. Of course, this is not always an easy thing to do. That is where "Ask" comes into play. If someone believes that someone they know is thinking about killing themselves, they need to ask about it. There are some warning signs or invitations, as they were called, to keep an eye out for. These include becoming moody or withdrawing from others, abusing drugs or alcohol, or just in general caring less about everything. Other invitations can be found in their speech, too. If someone talks a lot about being a burden, or feeling hopeless, or vaguely talking about having an "escape" or "solution," they may be thinking about suicide. It is also a good idea to closely watch someone who has gone through a tough time, such as a major rejection or loss.

"So if you ask someone about suicide, you don't want to do it non-directly, where you kind of condescend," Chase said. "That can very much give them a sense that

they're being disregarded and what they're feeling is disregarded, or that you may be uncomfortable dealing with the thoughts of suicide that they may or may not be having, so ask directly."

An example the workshop gave on how to directly ask if someone is thinking about suicide is to mention the invitations one has seen in the person they are asking, and then to just simply ask, "Are you thinking about suicide?"

After "Ask" comes "Listen," which is fairly straightforward. It is not the job of the person asking to have a magic cure for their problems, they just need to be an ear to hear and a shoulder to cry on for a while. It is important, while listening, to reassure them that what they are talking about is important, and that you are empathizing and paying attention to them.

The final step is "Keep safe," which involves getting the person considering suicide to someone better equipped to help them. The person who just opened up may ask that their thoughts be kept secret, which is something the asker should never do. The person shouldn't be left alone until they are passed off to someone who can help. This can be a crisis center, a hospital, a counselor, or a religious leader, to name a few examples. The training provided in the workshop said it is a good idea to have contact information for some of these people or organizations easily accessible, if they are ever needed.



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## Preparing for Bearfest performance

The Wrangell Community Orchestra met at Evergreen Elementary School last Saturday morning to practice for an upcoming performance during Bearfest. The orchestra will be playing at the Nolan Center on Sunday, July 28, at 3 p.m. for the last day of the festival. Pictured here is Jack Roberts and other violinists practicing "March of the Dwarfs."

## Obituary: Norman L. Ream, 96

Norman L. Ream, 96, passed away on June 24, 2019.

He was born in Ketchikan, Territory of Alaska, on November 23, 1922, the second of four children of Anna and Joel S. Ream.

Norm graduated from the University of Washington with a master's in structural engineering, and served in WWII and Korea in the Army Corps of Engineers. He worked in the field of construction, eventually co-founding AIC Construction. AIC had work in the Pacific from Midway Island to Guam and remote areas in Alaska. Norm never retired; after he sold AIC, he worked for the 13<sup>th</sup> Regional Alaska Native Corp as its president and pursued work related to the Alaska Native Corporations. He was a strong believer in education and funds educational scholarships in Ketchikan and Wrangell.



Norman L. Ream

He was an avid scuba diver, skier on snow and water, aviator, certified flight instructor, enthusiastic hydroplane fan, pet owner, fan of Seattle Storm women's basketball, and travelled all his life to just about every corner of the world.

He was preceded in death by his parents, siblings, sons Mike and Don, and granddaughter Julie Davis.

He is survived by: his wife, Jacquie; children Brandy Ream (Michael), N. Richard Ream (Cath), Lisa Chamberlin (Clark); two grandchildren, Micki Alpati (Jay), and Andy Davis, (Mary Ellen); and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial will be August 9, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at Yarrington's/White Center Funeral Home at 10708 16<sup>th</sup> Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98146. Visit the website for more information: [www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/seattle-wa/norman-ream-8761570](http://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/seattle-wa/norman-ream-8761570)

## Death Notice

Nadine Ione Phillips, 88, passed away on July 15, 2019 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Service arrangements to be announced. An obituary will follow.

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# Southeast Alaska of the 19th century revealed in new Nolan Center exhibit

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The Nolan Center hosted a grand opening presentation for its most recent exhibit last Tuesday, July 16: "Muybridge in Alaska: 1868." The exhibit has been traveling around the state this year, first being shown in the Alaska Native Heritage Museum in Anchorage, then in the Sheldon Museum, in Haines. The Nolan Center will house this exhibit until the end of August.

"Muybridge in Alaska" is, among other items, a collection of photographs taken by Eadweard Muybridge of Southeast Alaska in the late 1800s. These are some of the first photographs of the region ever taken, according to curator Marc Shaffer, and show what life in Wrangell and other places in Southeast used to be like.

"When I first talked to Marc he told me that he had been working on a photo exhibit of old Wrangell, and it was the year of 1868, and I was really little in 1868 so I don't really remember," Virginia Oliver joked, introducing Shaffer. "He expressed his passion for the work of Eadweard Muybridge, a proclaimed Englishman who, I would say, was one of the fathers of cinema."

Shaffer's presentation went in-depth on the life and times of Muybridge. He said that not very much was known about Muybridge's time in Alaska, which was why he wanted to put together this exhibit, as well as a documentary about the man.

Muybridge had garnered some acclaim before his excursion to Southeast Alaska in 1868, and is also remembered today for his photographs capturing people and animals in motion and taking early steps into creating motion pictures. With this year being the 151st anniversary of the Alaskan photographs being taken, Shaffer felt it was time they received more recognition.

"I began planning this exhibition, as Virginia mentioned, because I'm working on a documentary about Eadweard Muybridge, the man you'll hear about this evening," he said. "I've been working on this for some time, and in 2017 I began digging into his Alaska work. There's lots of books written about Eadweard Muybridge, there's lots of articles written about Eadweard Muybridge, and his work is picked over by scholars and others. There's very little about his time in here in Alaska, a couple pages here and there."

Muybridge was born in England in 1830. Shaffer said that from a young age he was determined to make a name for himself, and in the 19th century there was only one destination for those with ambition and wanting to make a new place for themselves: The United States. He originally sold books and art in New York, and then moved west to San Francisco. Then, in 1860, he was involved in a stage coach accident that left him comatose for several days. After he woke up, Shaffer said, people



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Amber Al-Haddad looking at some of the photos in the Nolan Center's new Muybridge exhibit.

who knew him said that he was never the same. Muybridge then showed a fascination with photography, and that would become his passion for the remainder of his life.

"He reemerges in San Francisco in 1867 as a photographer," Shaffer said. "Nobody knows quite how he became one. As

you'll see, back in the day, photography was a very cumbersome, a very clumsy, and a very high-skilled craft."

The trip to Alaska occurred in the summer of 1868. Muybridge was brought along on an expedition led by Major General Henry Halleck. He was commissioned to photograph forts and harbors around Southeast Alaska for the military but as was common amongst photographers back then, Shaffer said, he also took his own pictures to sell when he went back south. Alaska was very recently purchased by the United States, and Halleck was leading an expedition to explore parts of this new territory.

The expedition stopped at Tongass Island, Wrangell, and Sitka. Among photographs of forts and harbors for the military, Muybridge took many photographs of the people, homes, and geography of the region. These are some of the first known photographs of Southeast Alaska ever taken. Shaffer said that Muybridge was not supposed to take photographs of the native peoples of these islands, but he did anyway. He added that it can be hard to really see the tensions between the natives and white settlers in these photos, since everyone had to hold very still and look stoic for the old-fashioned photographs, but he said that tension was undoubtedly there.

Besides the subject matter, something else that makes these photographs unique is the fact that they are "stereographs." Shaffer explained that stereographs were taken with a special camera with two lenses. Each lens takes essentially the same photo, and they are put together side-by-side. When these two photos are looked at through a special viewer, however, they create a single 3D image.

Shaffer also added that these photographs are unique because they were only really possible because of how quickly times were changing when Muybridge

was alive. The steamship, the camera, trains, and the telegraph were all invented and developed in Muybridge's lifetime, and each of these inventions was related to travel or communication. The world was shrinking, and previously distant parts of the world were much easier to get to.

"That's relevant to Alaska, you know," Shaffer said. "How did he get to Alaska? On a steamship, right? What was he here to do? Take pictures of Alaska, right? It was a new piece of technology. Why did the United States want Alaska? Well, partly because they didn't want the British to have it, but it was accessible. If these technologies didn't exist maybe, well I mean, the technologies didn't exist and we never ventured up this way, stuck our flag in the ground and said this is ours."

Muybridge would go on to have a long and fascinating life after Alaska, taking pictures from California to Central America.

As for the Alaskan photos, several members of Wrangell's native community spoke at the end of the presentation to say how much they appreciated seeing these pictures. They brought back memories of their family history, some said, and the pictures helped solidify their connection to their past.

"This photo, I believe, is Lu Knapp and Sue Stevens' great-great-grandfather's house, Chief Kadashaan, of the Kiks.adi," Oliver said, pointing at a particular photo in the presentation's slideshow. "I'm still standing here and I still feel a little tingly from that. From being able to look at that and to bring the connection of our house and this 1868 clan house in old Wrangell."

More about Muybridge's Alaskan expedition, as well as his life in general, can be found at [www.muybridgethemovie.com](http://www.muybridgethemovie.com). Shaffer said that his documentary on Muybridge is still in production.



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# Nonresident King Salmon Retention Prohibited August 1 Through September 15

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced July 22, nonresident anglers may not retain king salmon from August 1 through September 15 in Southeast Alaska and Yakutat marine waters, except in designated sport fish terminal hatchery areas in the vicinity of Juneau and Ketchikan. Resident king salmon regulations remain unchanged. This period of nonresident king salmon nonretention will be effective 12:01 a.m. Thursday, August 1, through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, September 15, 2019.

The Southeast Alaska king salmon sport fishery is managed under the directives of the *Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan* (5 AAC 47.055). This plan prescribes management measures based upon the Southeast Alaska Winter Troll catch per unit effort (CPUE). The Southeast Alaska Winter Troll CPUE for the 2019 season is 3.38 which equates to 25,844 king salmon allocated to the sport fishery. To address the implementation of the new treaty agreement which includes provisions to reduce the Alaska harvest ceiling the following year if the Alaska harvest ceiling is exceeded, the sport fishery is being managed conservatively with a

harvest target of 25,300 treaty king salmon in 2019. As directed by the *Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan*, if restrictions are necessary to keep the sport fishery within its harvest allocation, nonresident an-

glers will be restricted first, and the department shall only restrict resident anglers if nonresident angler restrictions are insufficient to remain within the sport harvest allocation. Based on king salmon harvest esti-

mates to date and the projected harvest for the remainder of the season, a period of king salmon nonretention for nonresident anglers is necessary to ensure that the sport fishery remains within its harvest allocation.

For further information regarding sport fisheries in Southeast Alaska, contact the nearest ADF&G office or visit: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fishingSportFishingInfo.eonr>



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## Meet and Greet with Heath Scott

There was a meet and greet with Heath Scott, the current candidate for Wrangell Chief of Police last Friday evening. Scott has been the police chief in Haines for the past three years, and before that worked as an officer in Washington D.C. Pictured here is Scott talking with Assembly Member Mya DeLong.

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The City & Borough of Wrangell is seeking a dynamic leader for the Police Department with a proven record of Community Policing. Wrangell is one of the safest communities in Alaska however, it still faces many challenges. The new Chief will play a critical role in spearheading joint agency efforts to strengthen the social fabric of Wrangell. Working with regional law enforcement to address issues common across Southeast Alaska will be a priority. Wrangell faces the statewide issue of officer turn-over. Bringing fresh solutions to the dilemma of officer recruitment and retention will be key. In addition to the City of Wrangell, the Borough encompasses more remote enclaves of residents – some only accessible by boat. Broader outreach to these areas while maintaining coverage in town will also be important.

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The candidate must meet the minimum standards for Police Chief per the Alaska Police Standards Council as well as all of the requirements of the City & Borough of Wrangell's job description. A management certification under Alaska Police Standards or equivalent is required. Applicants must successfully complete a background investigation, medical and psychological examination, and drug screening.

This is a full-time, salaried position with full benefits, paid at Grade 30 ranging from \$6607 to \$8346 per month. The full job description and employment application can be found online at [www.wrangell.com/jobs](http://www.wrangell.com/jobs).

To be considered, submit APSC form 3 (Personal History Statement), Authorization for Release of Information, resume and cover letter to Aleisha Mollen, PO Box 531, Wrangell, AK 99929 or via email to [amollen@wrangell.com](mailto:amollen@wrangell.com). **Applications will be accepted beginning June 22, 2019 until the position is filled. Review of applications will begin immediately.**

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The list of surplus items is available at City Hall and on the Borough Website under the Resource Center tab (Bids, RFP's & Auctions).

All surplus property is available As-Is, Where-Is.

Kim Lane, MMC  
Borough Clerk

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## Puzzle answers from July 18 Edition



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The sign outside the Wrangell Senior Center, located at 105 Church Street.

## Community members coming together in support of the senior center

By CALEB VIERKANT  
*Sentinel writer*

As the debates over the state budget and Governor Mike Dunleavy's vetoes continue, many Alaskans are left to worry about how they will be affected. In a Facebook post on July 22, Mayor Steve Prysunka said that the state is looking at a total of \$749 million in cuts from the state budget, the largest portion being about \$444 million in line item vetoes. Among the 182 line items reduced or eliminated by the Governor, according to an article in the Anchorage Daily News, was the elimination of the state's senior benefits program and a \$7.5 million cut to public assistance payments to elderly and disabled Alaskans, as well as cuts to Medicaid.

Leeann Martin, with the Wrangell Senior Center, said that the cuts definitely have a local impact. She could not give specific numbers during the interview, but she said that the cuts definitely hurt the center's ability to feed people. The senior center helps feed Wrangell's elderly residents, but they will offer a meal to just about anyone regardless of age. Several people around town have recognized the strain that the budget cuts put on senior citizens, and have begun to put together a new food voucher program to help the senior center.

"Definitely we got cut in the food department, so the voucher program is going to help make up for the loss there, and it's going to help the seniors who got their personal income that they were getting from the state, it'll help make up that also," Martin said.

Josh and Clarissa Young, of J&W's Fast Food, are two of the people working to organize support for the

senior center. They both stated, repeatedly, that this is not something they are doing to promote their restaurant. They are trying to help simply because they are in a position where they can. They added that supporting the senior center is also something that is on the minds of many Wrangellites. Josh said that a Facebook post he made on the subject of helping local seniors affected by the budget cuts received 1,600 views in about 24 hours, on top of 29 comments and 11 shares.

"Frankly, I think it's better for the town to know we're taking care of our own," Josh said. "We're all going to be there one day."

The voucher program the Youngs are trying to create, which will begin on August 1, will provide Wrangell residents the opportunity to support the senior center while out buying a meal. Customers can purchase something off of a \$5 "senior menu" they are putting together when they purchase a meal. Making this \$5 purchase will get the customer a 10 percent discount on their purchase, and will create a food voucher. When enough vouchers are collected, the Youngs will then prepare a large meal and take it to the senior center.

"I honestly think that the community can fill that void far better than any state agency or appropriated fund can do, because we're more connected," Josh said.

J&W's is not the only business involved in this new support program for the senior center. Sierra Reil-Berry, with Twisted Root Market, said that they will also make a "senior box" where customers can put items for the senior center, which they can purchase at

## Golf roundup

First Bank hosted two best ball tournaments last weekend at Muskeg Meadows. There were 29 participants in the tournament on Sat., July 20. First place went to a team consisting of Brian Slick, Kathy Slick, Matt Hagen, and Christa Hagen with a net score of 17 and team handicap of 19. Second place went to a team consisting of Rocky Littleton, Marva Reid, Rodney Littleton, and Ken Madsen with a net score of 19 and team handicap of 15. Third place went to a team consisting of Brett Woodbury, Jerry Bakeburg, Wayne Harding, and Kathleen Harding with a net score of 20 and team handicap of 14. Kathleen Harding had the straightest drive of the day at eight feet, eight inches. Randy Littleton was closest to the pin at 38 feet.

There were 34 participants on Sun., July 21. First place went to a team consisting of Brett Woodbury, Jerry Bakeburg, and Steve Elliot with a net score of 20 and a team handicap of 12. Second place went to a team consisting of Hugh Washburn, Jake Washburn, Toot Harding, and Wayne Harding with a net score of 21 and a team handicap of 15. Third place went to a team consisting of Ed Rilotos, Rebbecca Smith, Nate Johnson, and Joe Delibrue with a net score of 21 and a team handicap of 17. Fourth place went to a team consisting of Rocky Littleton, Marva Reid, Rodney Littleton, and Ken Madsen with a net score of 22 and team handicap of 15. Toot Harding had the straightest drive of the day at one foot, four inches, and was also closest to the pin at 35 feet.

Muskeg Meadows will host the annual Bearfest Golf Tournament on Sat., July 27. The Al Kaer memorial tournament will be on Sun., July 28.

a discounted rate. She also added that people can also just make a straight monetary donation. This senior box will also be ready for donations on August 1, she said.

Martin said that other local businesses have expressed interest in putting together support programs, but added that individual community members can help as well. Volunteers are always needed, and so is money. She also said that seniors are in need of everyday items, too. This includes items like clothes, shampoo, soap, and canned food.

"Christmas time's a good time to donate, so that we can give out little gifts and stuff to the ones that don't have family," Martin said. "So any kind of donation or volunteering is very helpful."

The Wrangell Senior Center can be reached at (907) 874-2066.

## Assembly considers rate stabilization fund, rejects pursuing further SEAPA reimbursement

By CALEB VIERKANT  
*Sentinel writer*

The borough assembly held a second reading of a proposed amendment to Wrangell's municipal code during their meeting Tuesday. The amendment would be to chapter 15.12, Electricity, and would add a section that covers rate stabilization. This amendment was first brought up during the city's recent budget workshops, according to the meeting's agenda packet, where the assembly re-

quested a "rate stabilization fund" be created to help offset increased power costs to residents in case the city had to switch to diesel power. According to the agenda packet, this fund in the amount of \$250,000, would be used to establish the fund. There would also be a small rate increase acting as a surcharge to grow this fund, which the assembly would establish via resolution. The proposed amendment would establish this stabilization fund

in the code.

This amendment went through a first reading on June 25, with several recommended changes by the assembly. The proposed changes include minor grammatical changes and additions of language allowing the assembly to make more than one revision per fiscal year if necessary.

During the second reading of the ordinance in this meeting, community member Joan Sargent voiced a few concerns she has. She supported the idea of a rate stabilization fund, she said, but wanted to know what constituted a "sufficient level" the assembly would try to grow the fund to. She also wanted some clarification on language in the amendment allowing the assembly to make more than one rate change in a year. There was some debate about putting a cap on the fund, or leaving it open to grow as much as possible. The assembly decided, after discussion, that they would come to a decision in the next assembly meeting after more information is gathered. As to Sargent's second concern, Borough Manager Lisa Von Barga said

that this language simply gave the assembly the ability to adapt the rate as needed and respond to emergency situations. She also added that the assembly changing the rate more than once a year would be very unlikely, and not recommended by accountants.

There were concerns amongst the assembly, as well. Assembly Member David Powell wondered why a rate change would be needed at all, and also argued that a cap on the fund was needed. Assembly Member Jim DeBord said that while he liked the idea of a rate stabilization fund, he was worried it was not being implemented in the best way. After some discussion on these and other topics, the assembly voted to hold a third reading of the proposal at their next meeting in August.

Another topic covered in the meeting was the possibility of requesting additional reimbursement from SEAPA. The power agency recently paid out over \$800,000 to Wrangell and Petersburg to compensate them for a six-week run of diesel power, due to a water

shortage at the hydropower plant in Tyee Lake. Von Barga said that while the money Wrangell received covered much of the cost, there was still approximately \$46,500 in cost that was yet to be covered. She wanted direction from the assembly before approaching the SEAPA board with a request for additional reimbursement. However, this was rejected. Vice-Mayor Patty Gilbert was the only assembly member who voted in favor of the idea, and Mayor Steve Prysunka was absent from the meeting that night. Assembly Member Powell said that it did not feel right to go to them asking for more money after they had already paid out a large amount. Plus, he said, as members of SEAPA it was only fair that they take the bad with the good, like the other communities the power agency serves.

Other items covered in the meeting include approval of a limited access agreement with Dan and Twyla Nore for a portion of Lot 6A of the Dan Nore Subdivision, and authorization of a negotiated sale of borough owned property.



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# Sea otters

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He said that he has harvested some otters himself, but that he does not make a living on it. He's used their hides to make a hat and scarf, and said that he has another hide ready for use. The growing otter population is going to be bad for Wrangell, he said. In his opinion, the only option they have is to encourage increased hunting and crafting amongst the native population.

"More people hunting and making crafts out of them, and it's all we can really do," Oliver said. "I mean, it's our only option for control of the population."

According to Oliver, the Tlingit and Haida Central Council, a tribal governing body based out of Juneau, has encouraged local councils to offer more incentives for otter harvesting. One suggestion, he said, was to build a cleaning station. Oliver added that the WCA discussed the possibility, but it is not on their priority list at this time.

According to the 2014 stock assessment by the Fish and Wildlife Service, between 2006 and 2010, the average subsistence take was 447 otters. The report goes on to say that it would take the death of 1,733 more otters per year via "direct human-caused mortality" to exceed the Potential Biological Removal for the Southeast Alaska stock. The MMPA defines Potential Biological Removal as the maximum number of animals that can be removed from a stock, aside from natural deaths, without affecting the stock's ability to maintain its optimal sustainable population. Fisherman Mike Lockabey said that this is nowhere near enough to level out the otters' rate of population growth, saying that it was less than one percent of their total population. The fishermen interviewed for this article all agreed that the way things are currently going can only spell trouble, and not just for the fishing industry.

"This management isn't any good for those animals either," fisherman Ron Johnson said. "They're going to eat themselves out of house and home. It's really going to make me angry that when somebody comes out when there ain't any more sea otters, and they've ate themselves out of house and home and they've starved to death, I don't want to be the person blamed for why there ain't any."

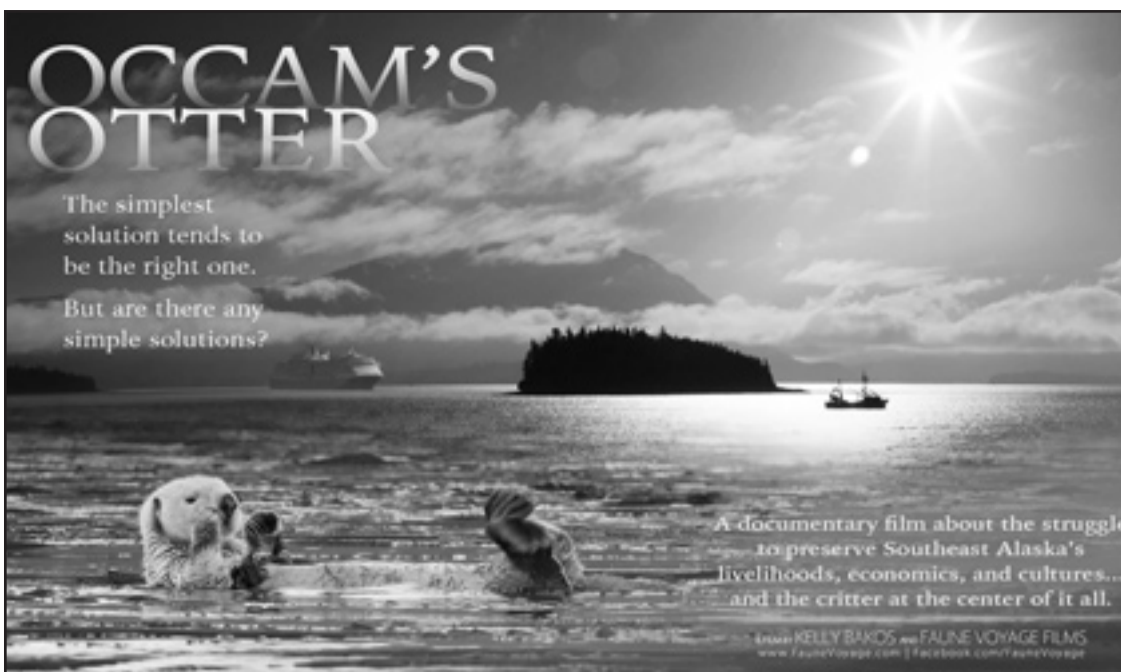
Julie Decker, executive director of the Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation, said that better population control was key. Like the other fishermen, she said she did not want all of the otters driven out of Southeast Alaska, just better controlled. One of the ways to better control the otter population, she said, was by treating them the same way Alaskans treat other sustainable resources around the state.

"They need to be managed as a sustainable resource just like everything else," she said. "So you use a piece of it that you think will allow usage but still allow sustainable population levels. Alaska has, in our constitution, this sort of maximum

sustained yield concept. In other words, allowing people to use things to the maximum they can get while still maintaining a sustainable level of the population. So there's use, but there's still long term sustainability for that critter. State law is, right now, in conflict with federal law because federal law says 'all marine mammals are protected, period.'"

Decker said that one of her ideas to better manage the otter population is to better promote and support the native harvest. The allowed harvest of otters by Alaska Natives is so low because it is such a long and difficult process. Whoever harvests an otter has to go through the entire process of turning the animal into usable products. Decker said it would be a better idea to have the rules altered to allow for more collaboration. One person can hunt them, another tans the hides, another makes the pelts into clothing, and so on. She also said that the state of Alaska could consider petitioning the federal government to manage the species at their own level, or even try suing where state and federal laws conflict on sustainable management.

Lockabey also has an idea for better management. He said that he does not want to see the Marine Mammal Protection Act amended or done away with at all. The act already has everything Alaskans need to control the otter population, he said. According to certain provisions of the MMPA, he said, the otter harvest may not be limited to just Alaska Natives, but could be opened to all rural residents of Southeast Alaska. Letting more people have the opportunity to hunt otters would go a



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A poster for "Occam's Otter," a documentary by Petersburg filmmaker Kelly Bakos, plans to be released sometime in 2020

long way in creating a sustainable population, he said.

"Anybody that qualified for subsistence under that auspices would be able to harvest," he said. "The interesting thing about the harvest is they have to have a reason to harvest, you can't just say they're overpopulated, they have to be having an adverse affect on their habitat or prey, and that's in there, too. It defines our argument."

As the days go on, fishermen continue to fish and otters continue to eat. Whatever happens, the growing fight for resources in Southeastern waters is sure to continue for the foreseeable future.

"When people learn that this issue is not about a charismatic animal, but the issue is really about the differing economic challenges people are facing, they are generally sympathetic regardless of their initial opinion about sea otters," filmmaker Kelly Bakos said.



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