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## Boat parade lines up for return

By DAN RUDY  
*Sentinel writer*

By popular demand, the Chamber of Commerce will be bringing the holiday spirit back to Wrangell's shores next week with its annual boat parade.

Once a tradition every Christmas season, mariners of every stripe would string up lights and decorations on their vessels for a floating parade. The event started with physician Wayne "Doc" Davenport, who arrived to the island to practice medicine during the mid-1970s. Just before the holiday he would decorate his boat, and had afterward encouraged others to do the same.

"He always had it on December the 23rd," recalled resident Don McConachie. He explained the date was easy to remember, being his own birthday. "The first year it had two or three boats in it. But it built up over the years."

Boats of all sizes would gear

up for the display, congregating at the city dock in the business district and working their way southward along the shore. The goal most years was to reach Shoemaker Bay and the mill, though that was not always possible.

"It used to be we would get some pretty serious storms," said Clay Hammer, who will be helping with this year's parade. When the wind picked up and water got its roughest most of the smaller vessels would keep closer to home, though he recalled a few tugs and fishing vessels would still make the trip.

Whether stormy or calm though, the festive display drew onlookers from homes along the highway and in town. "It was a fun thing to do," said McConachie.

Since Davenport's retirement and departure in 2012, the tradition has subsided. Chamber director Cyni Cray explained a

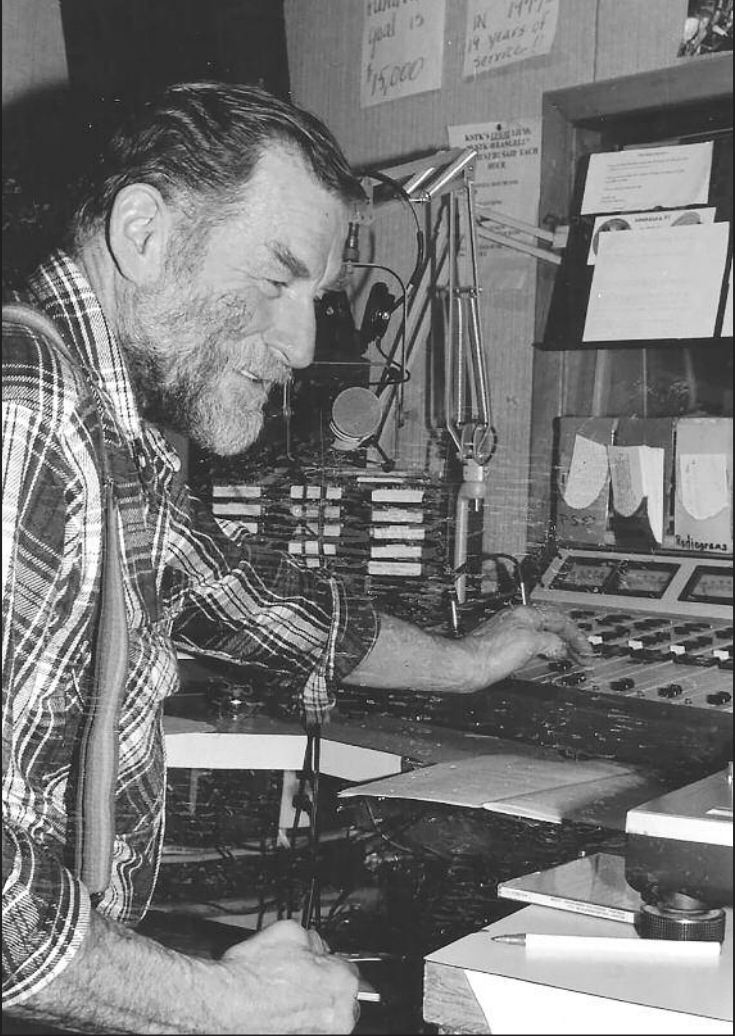
small group had approached her office this year with the idea of putting the parade back on. She and shopkeeper Lucy Robinson have been making arrangements, and a flotilla of some size and festivity is scheduled to make its run Friday the 22nd, with viewing starting at 7 p.m.

"Lucy and I are still working on prizes," said Cray.

Hammer said he will help keep things organized by radio. Organizers are still working out a route, likely headed at least as far as 2-Mile Zimovia, if not Shoemaker Bay.

The parade ties in with the community's nautical nature, similarly to how its annual tree lighting for Midnight Madness at the start of the season harkens to its timber roots. The event is still looking for participants, interested boaters may call the Wrangell Chamber office at 874-3901 for details.

"We really want to make it a tradition," Cray said.



SENTINEL FILE PHOTO

"Doc" Davenport takes to the air waves at KSTK in 1997. Starting a local Christmas tradition, the physician used to bedeck his boat Zimovia with decorations. The Chamber of Commerce will be reviving the floating parade he started.

## CVB building new website to showcase community

By DAN RUDY  
*Sentinel writer*

Board members on the Wrangell Convention and Visitor Bureau last week approved funding site construction for a new web page showcasing the community to potential visitors.

The borough's current page for tourists, WrangellAlaska.org, has proven a pain to maintain. Economic development director Carol Rushmore explained that site had been designed some years ago primarily with conventions in mind. The information it does have to share is limited and mostly links over to the city's formal Wrangell.com site.

"It's an old design. We can't get in there and make changes," she said.

Once on the Wrangell.com website, there is a lot of information for potential vis-

itors to work through, along with notices and municipal announcements likely to be beyond their interest.

"If you go to the Wrangell website as a visitor, you have to wade through the city stuff," commented Brenda Schwartz-Yeaeger, a CVB board member. Given the limited attention of online users, a more engaging and intuitive site might be a better fit. "There's a lot of good content on our site, but you need to kind of ferret it out."

"You could potentially get lost again in the Wrangell.com site," Rushmore added.

Setting up a whole new site would be one option, and during its December 8 meeting CVB members considered a quote provided by Aha Consulting, a web designer which has already done work with the city's website. Under that independent model, users would still head to the

WrangellAlaska.org domain, but would be greeted by a more polished, eye-catching site.

The other option to consider would be setting up that domain as a microsite, actually attached to the Wrangell.com site. Microsites are auxiliary to another website, often with its own links and address but accessed through the other.

Wrangell already maintains two such examples through its Wrangell.com. Going to StikineBirding.org will take a visitor to wrangell.com/birdingfestival, and bears information about the city's annual Stikine River Birding Festival. The other is more industrial in nature, with Wrangell-MarineIndustry.com pointing visitors toward vessel and harbor services offered by local marine contractors.

Though attached to the main city site

these microsites have their own distinct appearance. "You won't really know it's part of Wrangell.com," said Rushmore.

Cost ended up being the deciding factor for the board, as a new site would cost \$4,500 to build and \$1,000 per year to maintain. Setting up a microsite would be slightly more affordable, at \$3,500 initial startup and \$600 a year to maintain. In both scenarios the contractor would be able to set up applications for presenting videos, images and calendaring.

After discussing the site, members voted on taking the microsite approach for a three-year contract. Rushmore said a teleconference to discuss site design was being arranged with the contractor, and a schedule for its expected launch date hammered out.

In other business, CVB also will be contracting an updated "by the numbers" report outlining the local economy and demographic trends. Put together by consultancy Rain Coast Data in Juneau, a previous such report looking over Wrangell had been completed in 2015 as part of development planning for the city's former Institute property. Estimated at just over \$9,450, the report would include an analysis on the economic impacts of air, ferry, yacht and cruise travel; spending by visitors on tours to the Stikine River, Anan Wildlife Observatory and LeConte Glacier; summer spending trends; and a look at jobs and wages in the visitor industry. Having an up-to-date assessment can be useful in decision-making and marketing, and can support applications for project grants.

## Wrangell Island sale announced, fraction of expectation

By DAN RUDY  
*Sentinel writer*

The regional forest supervisor with the United States Forest Service issued a final decision on the Wrangell Island timber sale project on Monday.

Addressing a number of objections to the project as it was proposed last year, the scope of the sale approved by the Tongass National Forest supervisor's office in Ketchikan will be but a fraction of what it had been.

Among five alternatives presented, it was Alternative 2 which the USFS opted for. Of the plans, it had the greatest amounts of acreage and timber deemed to be sustainably harvested, at 55.8 million board feet (mmbf) over 4,767

acres. Following a draft decision to this effect made public in July, five objections were lodged by members of the public, industry and environmental groups, and the City and Borough of Wrangell.

Those objections varied in nature, including one which sought greater public access to logging roads during the project. As a nod to that, the final sale package would leave just over a mile of one indicated road open to the public, and includes the construction or reconditioning of 3.7 miles of permanent federal road and 2.6 miles of temporary roads on the island.

Other objections regarded the economic viability of the

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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, Dec. 14:** Bill Messmer. *Anniversary:* Mark and Heidi Armstrong. **Friday, Dec. 15:** *Anniversary:* Richard and Nicole Taylor. **Saturday, Dec. 16:** Matt Robinson, Jeff Jabusch, Angus Booker, Brogan Booker, Jennifer Wieder-spohn, Kynleigh Marcott. **Sunday, Dec. 17:** Pam McGee, Sophia O'Brien, Karin Nesbitt, Amber Mann, Danny Sims. **Monday, Dec. 18:** Boomchain Loucks, Randy Barlow, Jenna Eastaugh, Garren Cooper, Cherie Young, *Anniversary:* Chet and Lois Powell. **Tuesday, Dec. 19:** Bruce Smith III, Chuck Hay, Gemi Wright, Jason Chris, *Anniversary:* Clay and Holly Hammer. **Wednesday, Dec. 20:** Danelle Barlow, Logan Vergilio, Marissa Barker, Caity Shafer, Traci Nikodym, Aliyah Nore Kenfield. *Anniversary:* Ken and Tammy Davidson. **Thursday, Dec. 21:** Aundria Cummings, *Anniversary:* Eric and Staci Dilg.

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

## Senior Center Menu

### Thursday, Dec. 14

Chinese fruited pork, steamed rice, oriental veggies, cucumber/ onion salad.

### Friday, Dec. 15

Halibut Casserole, rice, carrots, sunshine salad.

### Monday, Dec. 18

Chili w/ beans and cheese, cornbread, Texas cole slaw, fruit juice.

### Tuesday, Dec. 19

Macaroni and cheese w/ ham, zucchini & carrots tossed w/ tomato.

### Wednesday, Dec. 20

Baked ham, Harvard beets, pasta salad, citrus cup.

### Thursday, Dec. 21

Roast beef w/ gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, romaine/ radish 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

**Saturday, Dec. 16**  
Kennicott 7:00 a.m.

**Sunday, Dec. 17**  
Columbia 8:15 p.m.

**Tuesday, Dec. 19**  
Kennicott 10:45 p.m.

**Saturday, Dec. 23**  
Malaspina 6:30 a.m.

#### Southbound

**Friday, Dec. 15**  
Kennicott 12:15 p.m.

**Monday, Dec. 18**  
Kennicott 6:45 a.m.

**Wednesday, Dec. 20**  
Columbia 7:00 a.m.

**Friday, Dec. 22**  
Kennicott 2:45 p.m.

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



## TIDES Dec. 14 - Dec. 21

	High Tides		Low Tides		High Tides		Low Tides	
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft
Dec.14	10:09	16.6	10:54	14.0	3:46	3.0	4:43	0.3
Dec.15	10:51	17.0	11:40	14.5	4:35	3.0	5:24	-0.5
Dec.16	11:30	17.2	....	...	5:17	3.0	5:59	-1.1
Dec.17	0:21	14.7	12:06	17.1	5:53	3.1	6:31	-1.4
Dec.18	0:59	14.8	12:40	16.9	6:27	3.2	7:02	-1.4
Dec.19	1:35	14.7	1:13	16.6	6:59	3.4	7:33	-1.2
Dec.20	2:10	14.5	1:44	16.1	7:31	3.7	8:04	-0.9
Dec.21	2:43	14.2	2:16	15.5	8:05	4.0	8:37	-0.5

## Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

### Thursday, Dec. 14

**SAIL Class:** 10:00 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.

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

### Wednesday, Dec. 20

**Wrangell Chess Club:** Library conference room 7-9:00 p.m.

Is the attendance at your meeting or event low? Call Adrienne 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., Smoked Fish F 8 p.m., Step Study Sat. 7 p.m. at the Episcopal gChurch 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, 7 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 20, 1917:

A sale of doll clothes and candy will be held at the city hall Friday (tomorrow) afternoon for the benefit of the Red Cross. Tea and chocolate with the proper accompaniments will be served from 3 to 5 for the sum of 15 cents. And it is hoped that as many of the people of Wrangell as possible will patronize the affair. The idea for this sale originated in the fertile brain some children playing together one day last summer. The regular games had failed to interest and the suggestion "let's have a sale and give the money to the Red Cross" was made and instantly approved by the rest. Gathering up such articles as were available on short notice, a stand was arranged immediately outside of the home of one of the children and a few things sold. The idea grew, and it was decided to hold a regular sale at some later time.

### December 18, 1942:

Elks and the American Legion sponsor the visit of Santa Claus to youngsters of the community Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock with the closing of school for the holiday. Santa's visit will be at the Coliseum theater and manager Fred Cunningham, who is assisting Mr. Claus, is arranging for a special picture program to fit in with the annual pilgrimage of the jolly old fellow from the North Pole. Supt. George Fabricius, cooperating with Santa's annual visit, is arranging the school schedule so that classes and school programs will be over in time for all youngsters to keep that 3 o'clock Wednesday date at the Coliseum.

### December 15, 1967:

There's only one thing that will be in short supply at tomorrow's grand opening of the Totem Bar. That's a chair. Or rather a whole bunch of them. The chairs, for the tables in the

dance area, were held up when a train was derailed in Canada, blocking the road. The truck was forced to return to Vancouver, where the chairs were loaded on a train and sent north again. "And they're supposed to be here by 10 p.m." Fred Angerman said. The grand installation will be of a 66-seat bar and dance area that can accommodate 100 persons. The exterior of the building was remodeled.

### December 17, 1992:

Residents of the Long Term Care Facility at Wrangell General Hospital pieced together a hot air balloon from colored tissue paper. Each of the residents decorated one panel with their name and festive designs. There were almost as many colors as there were names on the balloon, and the many Halloween designs indicated the amount of time spent on the project. Activities coordinator Cinda Stough said she got the idea from a similar project conducted in her daughter's physics class. A makeshift propane heater was used to inflate the balloon. Due to a lack of wind on launch day last Thursday, the balloon made two short trips straight up and down, before landing on the

hospital roof. It later blew off and was returned to Stough who said it would fly again in the future.

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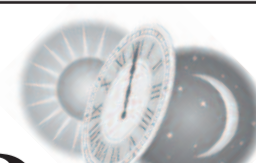
Petersburg Motors: \$3.70

Unleaded gas prices posted  
Tuesday, December 11



## Wrangell Weather

Date	High	Low
Dec. 04	42	39
Dec. 05	44	39
Dec. 06	44	39
Dec. 07	46	39
Dec. 08	55	42
Dec. 09	51	44
Dec. 10	52	42
Dec. 11	57	43



## Daylight Hours

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
Dec. 14	8:11 am	3:13 pm	7:02h
Dec. 15	8:12 am	3:13 pm	7:01h
Dec. 16	8:13 am	3:13 pm	7:00h
Dec. 17	8:14 am	3:13 pm	6:59h
Dec. 18	8:15 am	3:13 pm	6:58h
Dec. 19	8:15 am	3:14 pm	6:59h
Dec. 20	8:16 am	3:14 pm	6:58h
Dec. 21	8:17 am	3:14 pm	6:57h

# Support group to hold public reading for transgender youth

By DAN RUDY  
Sentinel writer

A Wrangell organization will this evening hold a storybook reading along with other communities across the country, to support transgender and non-binary youth.

The book is *I Am Jazz*, a children's book written by transgender teen Jazz Jennings, an online and television personality and youth ambassador for the Human Rights Campaign Foundation. Her book's intent is to introduce the concept of gender identity to young audiences.

"It's a good way to start the conversation, expose people to different walks of life," said Eli Michael, who will be taking part in the Wrangell reading.

In January Michael helped start Community Roots, a local social and support group for the LGBTQ community. "We hold monthly meetings," he explained, and has put on community events most months as well. The group held its first potluck in June, built a float for the July 4 parade and has held other walks, marches and drives.

The planned book reading is part of a broader program sponsored by the HRC Foundation and National Education Associ-



PHOTO BY DAN RUDY

Members and friends of Community Roots hold a vigil in downtown Wrangell on November 20, meant to remember transgendered individuals that had been murdered across the United States over the past year. The memorial was one of the relatively new group's various activities this year.

ation. Establishing December 7 as a target day for the reading, the *I Am Jazz* presentations were inspired by the town of Mount Horeb, Wisconsin, which in 2015 expressed support for a local student during a public reading of the book.

A scheduled reading at the student's school had previously

been canceled after Florida group Liberty Counsel threatened to sue the district. The school board had responded by adopting accommodating measures for its transgender students.

Wrangell's reading will be held at the community center gym multipurpose room this evening at 6 p.m., and Michael said the session will be followed up by a question and answer ses-

sion. Community Roots is in the process of getting non-profit status, and will organize a governing board at that time. At the moment it is more informal, and has support from similar groups in Anchorage and Juneau, like Southeast Alaska Gay and Lesbian Alliance.

Michael explained that being LGBTQ in Alaska can be difficult, as the state lacks formal

protections for jobs and housing. Difficulty for the community varies from place to place, however, and he said the Wrangell group has been seeing encouraging support.

"The support's been phenomenal from all ages," he said, and activities can see between a dozen and 30 participants one month to the next. "So far Wrangell's been incredibly accepting and open."

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## Police report

**Monday, Dec. 4**  
Agency Assist: Report of boat on grid partially underwater: Harbor, owner and officer notified.  
Theft: Caller reported item missing: Later found.  
Suspicious circumstance: Officer responded.  
Citizen Assist: Unlocked vehicle.  
Agency Assist: Report of half submerged boat.  
Agency Assist: Traffic: Info given to driver.  
Suspicious circumstance: Officer responded.  
Criminal Mischief: Casey R

Seimears, 35, was arrested on charges of Domestic Violence.  
**Tuesday, Dec. 5**  
Report of suspicious activity.  
Suspicious smell: Report of burning plastic.  
MVA: Report of vehicle in ditch.  
Suspicious circumstance: Caller reported suspicious call.  
**Wednesday, Dec. 6**  
MVA.  
Agency Assist.  
Catering Permit.  
MVA: Injuries.  
Summons Service.  
**Thursday, Dec. 7**  
Citizen Assist: Vehicle Unlocked.  
MVA.  
Agency Assist: Line Department.  
**Friday, Dec. 8**  
Missing keys: Reported.  
Agency Assist: Officer requested.  
Arrest: Anthony Free Guggenbickler, 21, was arrested on charges of Assault in the 4th Degree and Trespassing.  
Arrest: Joel Franks, 52, was arrested on charges of Assault in

the 4th Degree and interfering with reporting of DV.  
**Saturday, Dec. 9**  
Domestic: Verbal.  
Suspicious circumstance.  
Domestic Violence Protective Order.  
Animal complaint: Bear on porch eating cat food.  
Citizen report DUI: Mark D. Seimears, 61, was arrested on charges of Driving Under the Influence.  
Citizen Assist.  
Agency Assist: Line Crew: Tree across roadway was removed.  
**Sunday, Dec. 10**  
Courtesy Transport.  
Suspicious circumstance: Officer responded.  
Arrest Warrant: Anthony Free Guggenbickler, 21, was arrested on charges of Assault in the 4th Degree, Reckless Injury and Criminal Trespass 1, in a dwelling.  
DVO served.  
There were three ambulance calls and four dog complaints in this reporting week.

**Christmas Boat Parade 2017**

WRANGELL CITY DOCK 7PM FRIDAY, DEC. 22<sup>nd</sup>

Please contact the Wrangell Chamber of Commerce if you are planning on decorating and entering your boat in the parade.  
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# Wrestlers taking all hands to State this weekend

By DAN RUDY  
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Wrangell's wrestlers took third at Region V in Ketchikan over the weekend, and will be sending all seven of its students to state-level competition in Anchorage this weekend.

The team brought six boys and one girl for the tournament, and between them took third place overall. Four wrestlers took championship titles for the region and the other three were runners-up.

"Extremely good tournament for all our wrestlers," Wrangell coach Jeff Rooney said afterward. "They were all standouts. They wrestled hard, and they wrestled smart."

JD Barratt scored 18 points with his first-place win in the 106 weight bracket, bringing his record to 27-4. In the final he faced Dayton Hoblet from Mount Edgecumbe, winning the match by fall in 4:46.

In the 182 weight bracket, Dillon Rooney took the title and scored 20 points for his team. The semifinal round saw him win by 10-4 decision over Craig student Maverick Ballard. Rooney faced Petersburg's Dillon Ware in the final round, winning with a pin in three minutes. His record presently stands at 26-10.

Without competitors, Jonah Comstock automatically placed first for the 98-pound weight

bracket, earning his team 14 points and bringing his season record to 13-10. Still mending from injuries from earlier this season, he is waiting for medical clearance but will likely be able to participate at State.

Hannah Brown took first place in the 1234A girls' 145 weight bracket, earning 20 points. After a quarterfinal bye she faced Haley Lynch from Metlakatla, winning by pin in 3:38. Brown then faced Mount Edgecumbe's Anya Pingayak, winning by 1-0 decision. Headed to State, she bears a 15-13 record.

Chase Kincaid placed second in the 113 bracket, earning 13 points for the Wolves. In the semifinal round he won by major decision over Matthew Colbert of Craig, 9-1. Fighting for first, he was bested by Mount Edgecumbe's Ethan Cook in a tiebreaker, who won 11-8. Kincaid's record stands at 13-15 heading into State.

In the 145, Ian Jenson finished second overall and earned 18 points. In the quarterfinal round he pinned Sitka's Wayne Young in 1:11, then won over Craig wrestler Drew Marker by fall in 4:39 during the semifinal. In the last, he was bested by Klawock's Jonas Heppie by 9-2 decision. Jenson still stands on a strong record heading into State, at 31-9.

For the 152 bracket Hunter

Wiederspohn finished in second place and earned 22 points for his team. One of the more crowded fields, in the opening round he won by fall over Harry Comack from Metlakatla in 1:01. Heading to the quarterfinal, Wiederspohn finished with a pin in 1:44 over Isaiah Kine from Mount Edgecumbe, then won by fall over Sitka's Sid Fleming in 4:25 in the next round.

Competing for first, Klawock's James Heppie was able to win the round by technical fall, in 5:36. Wiederspohn's record stands at 31-10 so far for the season.

The Alaska School Activities Association Championships take place in the Alaska Airlines Center tomorrow and Saturday.

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# Basketball bouncing into action for new season

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After volleyball's silver-place showing at State last month and as the wrestling team wraps its own season, Wrangell High School's basketball program is already practicing for its new year.

After bidding goodbye this spring to its coach of 30 years, the boys team will be headed up

by a new coaching staff this season. Cody Angerman will be replacing retiring Ray Stokes as head coach, and Graham Gablehouse has been hired as assistant coach. Both men grew up in Wrangell, and are familiar faces on its basketball courts.

"Graham and I, we grew up together in the same grade. Played basketball all our lives together, which sort of helps with that rapport," said Angerman.

Gablehouse explained they had played throughout school, and the two have since participated on Wrangell's Gold Medal team when it plays in Juneau.

"We've played different positions and I think that's going to help our look, just seeing different views of it and helping each other's coaching style," he said.

"As far as this goes, I think we're going to have a good connection, make some good things happen," Angerman added.

As players the two have a lifetime's experience, but coaching will be a relatively new ballgame. Angerman said he has a little experience coaching little league baseball and has assisted with the basketball team. "But

**"We've played different positions and I think that's going to help our look, just seeing different views of it and helping each other's coaching style."**

- Graham Gablehouse  
Assistant coach



even more, how good of a guy he is. So to step in here and try to do what he did, I mean, we've relayed to the kids plenty of times we're not Coach Stokes."

"Definitely an irreplaceable coach there," Gablehouse commented. "We've already told the kids this is going to be a learning experience for us, too."

Returning as head coach of the girls' team, Laurie Brown is also looking forward to a new season. Along with assistant coach Katelyn Reeves, a number of players will be reprising their roles from last season.

"We have quite a few returning students," said Brown. Of the roster's two seniors this year, one - Krissy Lockabey - will be a new addition to the team. Filled in with several freshmen, Brown said the team should be ready for the regular season to begin after New Year's.

"It's looking to be a good season," she said.

The girls have already been practicing since November 29, but will be getting some competitive play in before its first away game in Petersburg on January 5. "Our first games will actually be in Ketchikan, the Clarke Cochrane Christmas Classic," said Brown.

**"As far as this goes, I think we're going to have a good connection, make some good things happen."**

- Cody Angerman  
Head coach

From December 28 to 30 teams both from around the region and outside the state will take part in the tournament.

"What's nice about that is it's all 3A and 4A teams, so it's all really good competition," said Brown.

The boys team will also be headed to Ketchikan for the tournament, which precedes their regular season.

"It's going to be a real eye-opener for us," said Angerman. "We're going to cram as much as we can within these next few weeks to get ready before then."

"It'll be good to get the kids playing time before our season starts," Gablehouse added.

The teams' first home games are scheduled for the weekend of January 19, hosting Haines.

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## 44 participate in 2017 Elks Hoop Shoot Competition

Forty-four Wrangell kids took part in this year's Hoop Shoot, the Elks Lodge's annual December basketball free-throw competition. Held at the community center court Saturday morning, participants shot their best of 25 and will be competing against other lodges across the state. Best shooters there then compete at the regional and national levels.

### 8 AND 9 YEAR-OLDS

Girls	Boys
1st - Alana Harrison - 8/25	1st - Aadyn Gillen - 14/25
2nd - Sophia Martinsen - 6/25	2nd - Jackson Carney - 7/25
3rd - Jenna Eastaugh - 6/25	3rd - Gavin Hunt - 7/25

### 10 AND 11 YEAR-OLDS

Girls	Boys
1st - Mindy Meissner - 9/25	1st - Daniel Harrison - 10/25
2nd - Mia Weiderspohn - 7/25	2nd - Keaton Gadd - 5/25
3rd - Kayla Meissner - 6/25	3rd - Ben Houser - 4/25

### 12 AND 13 YEAR-OLDS

Girls	Boys
1st - Brodie Gardner - 9/25	1st - Jacen Hay - 15/25
2nd - Kiara Harrison - 9/25	2nd - Leroy Wynne - 14/25
3rd - Zahara Richie - 6/25	3rd - Devlyn Campbell - 14/25

Afterward, players were treated to burgers and fries at the Elks. Trophies for competition winners will be handed out during the high school's first scheduled home game on January 19.

# Chinook outlook not so good for 2018

By DAN RUDY  
Sentinel writer

A preseason forecast for next year's king salmon return to the Stikine River has come up worryingly short, boding ill for local fisheries.

Released last week by Alaska Department of Fish and Game, the preseason terminal run size forecast for the Stikine River was at only 6,900 fish, less than half the lower threshold of the stock's escapement goal range. The Stikine EGR is between 14,000 and 28,000 Chinook salmon, and such a low forecast does not allow for an allowable catch under treaty management.

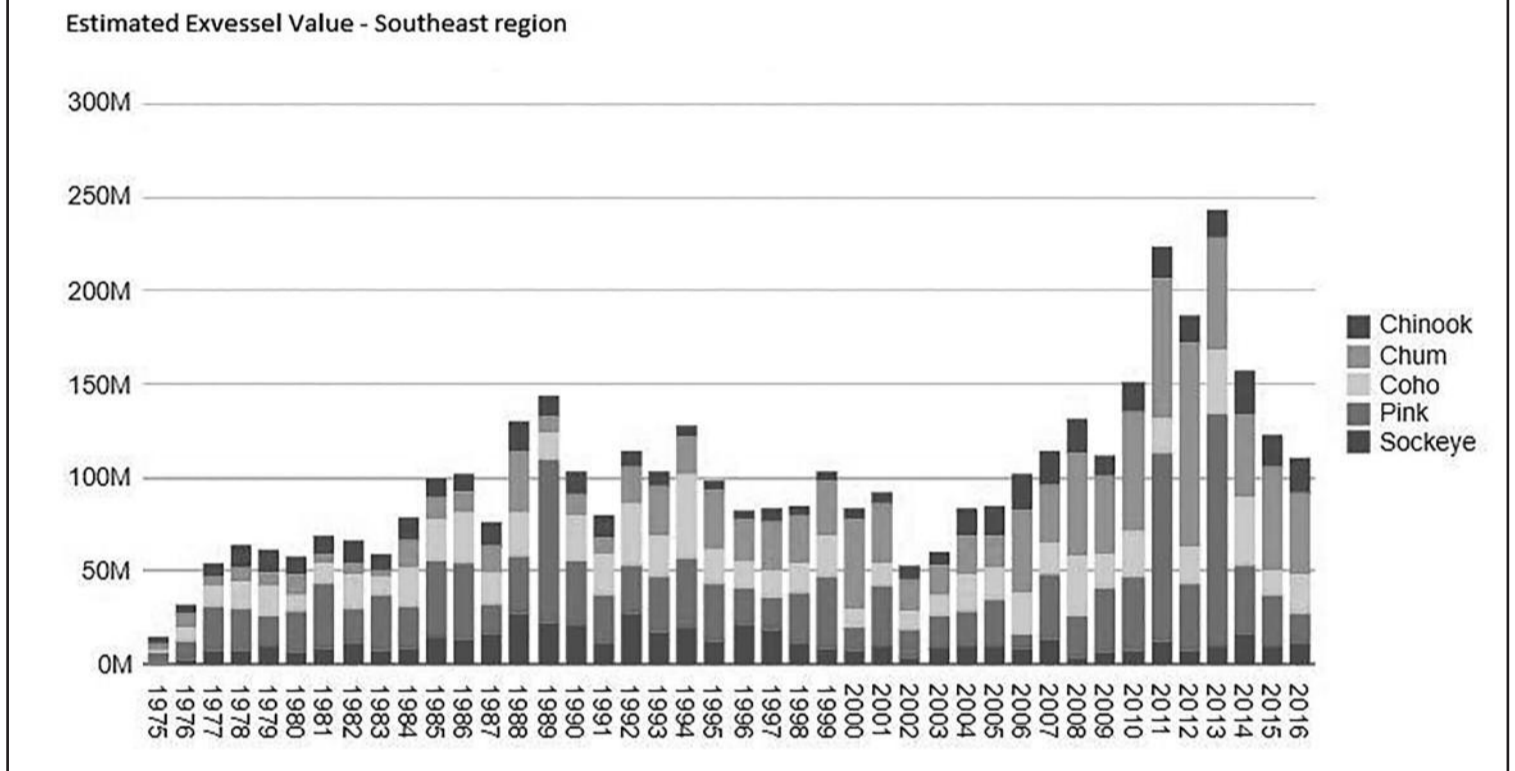
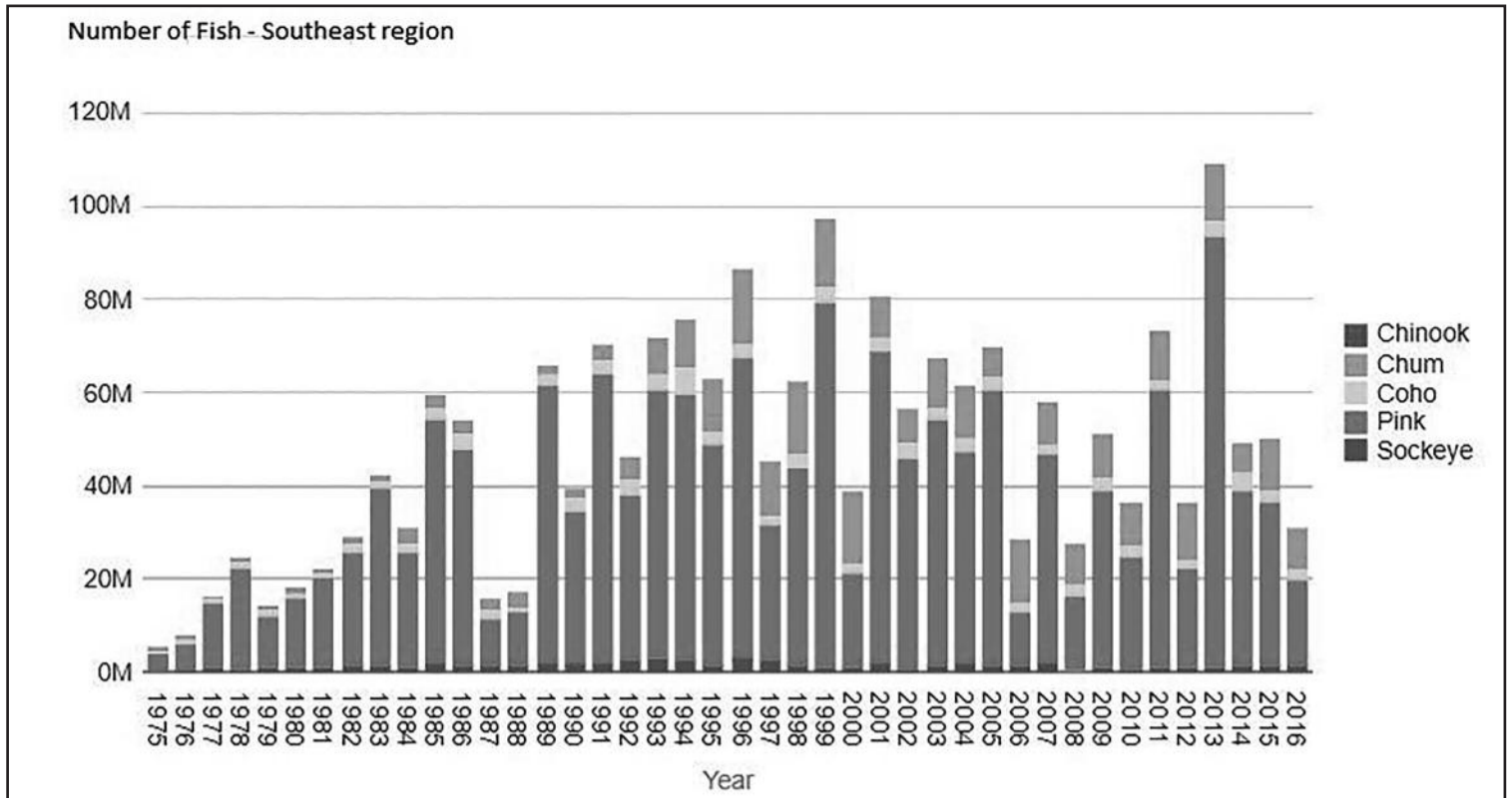
On the Taku River the forecast is more grim, with a projection of 4,700 king salmon in a range of from 19,000 to 36,000 fish. Though inseason terminal run size estimates for both rivers may be produced next year, ADFG noted 2018 will be unlikely to see any directed fisheries for Chinook in either. The forecast is expected to affect directed fisheries upstream in Canada as well.

"We've seen here recently a downward trend in Chinook salmon runs for Southeast Alaska. Not just the Stikine and the Taku, but regionwide," explained Steve Heintz, a fisheries biologist with ADFG in Ketchikan.

ADFG's Commercial Fisheries Division in late September issued a letter to the state Board of Fisheries conveying its concern for king salmon stocks on the Chilkat, King Salmon and Unuk rivers. In four of the previous five consecutive years the stocks there have failed to meet escapement goals, and incremental measures to reduce harvest in commercial, sport and subsistence fisheries have failed to reverse the trend of under-performance. The division director recommended designating them stocks of concern as a result.

Executive director for the Alaska Trolling Association Dale Kelley said the problem has impacted trollers across much of the region. Though in numbers king salmon make up a small proportion of total salmon caught in Southeast - about 0.3 percent in number, and about 0.79 percent by weight - the species makes up a good share of the overall salmon harvest's value.

For trollers in particular, the proportion of king salmon makes up at least half their total earnings. Restrictions and closures for king salmon across the region this past



(data from www.adfg.alaska.gov)  
DEPARTMENT OF FISH & GAME GRAPHIC

A breakdown of five salmon species shows how much of an impact each makes to Southeast Alaska's maritime community. Though pinks have traditionally made up the greatest share of the catch, in terms of value chum and coho have made up a significant part of exvessel value due to declining

year have therefore had a devastating impact on the fleet, Kelley explained, and the expectation is that 2018 will be worse.

"When you see a regionwide decline like that it's because they're all experiencing something in the marine environment that's not conducive to high survival rates of Chinook salmon," said Heintz. The effects have not only affected river-spawning king salmon but also those raised in hatcheries.

"We've seen similar signals with other species as well," he added.

Poor marine survival has been thought to be the main culprit, related to abnormally warm ocean temperatures in the Gulf of Alaska persisting for several years into

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# Chinook

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2016. Though temperatures have appeared to have cooled since, continued declines in the stock of king salmon, pinks and sockeye suggest the impacts may be longer

lasting.

“What that tells us is there’s been some sort of a change, a response to the change in temperature,” Heinl said.

Competition could be one factor, with the arrival of sunfish, tuna and other species to the Gulf during the warm period. That may have impacted the prey available to developing salmon. In recent years Chinook have been coming back sooner than usual, which is after four or five years, and smaller. Exactly why that is though is difficult to say with certainty, as is the best way to react.

“We are in the process of drafting action plans for that very reason,” explained Dan Gray, management coordinator for salmon and herring with ADFG in Douglas. The department will submit a plan likely to impact all gear types to the Board of Fisheries before it meets in Sitka next month.

“We’re not quite sure what we’re dealing with here,” said Kelley. However painful though, she said mitigating damage to the species was a top priority.

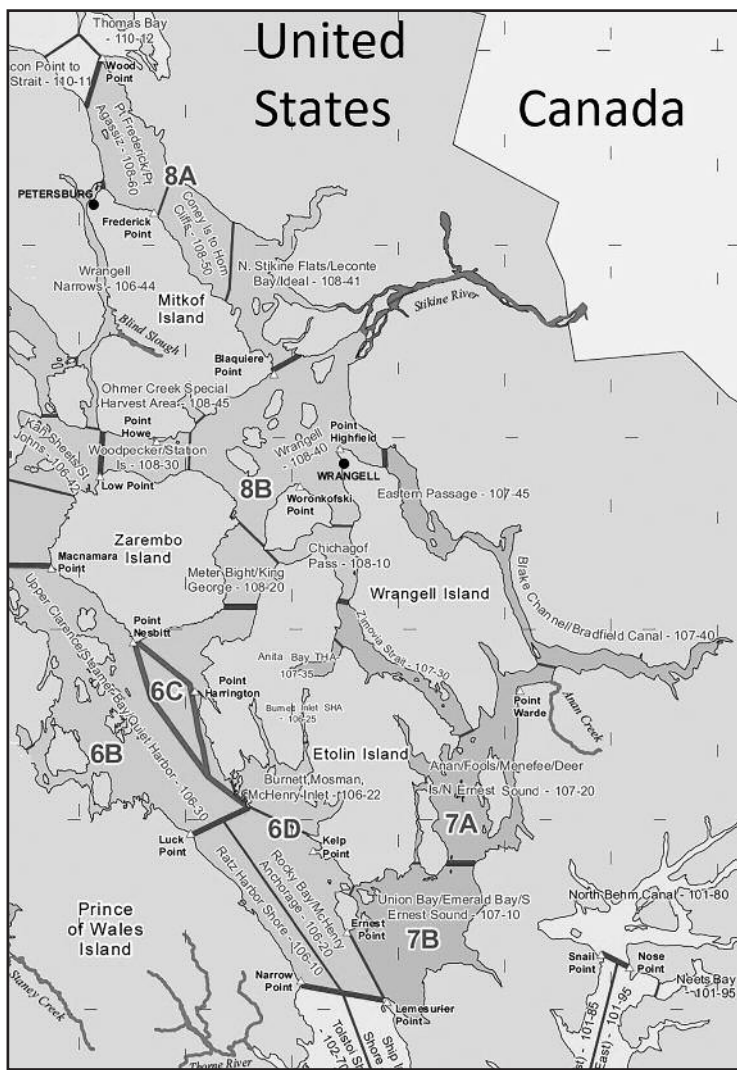
“Everybody is going to have to do their bit,” she said. “And it’s going to hurt across the region.”

The impacts will be felt differently by each gear group, as it will to seafood processing, sport and subsistence users. A wider closure on king salmon would have a negative effect on the local seine and troll fisheries, particularly the latter, which makes up around one in 35 jobs in the region.

Recreation and traditional use would also be impacted. Fishery closures on the Taku this year due to low stocks led organizers of Juneau’s Spring King Salmon Derby to cancel their event for the first time in two decades. Wrangell’s month long derby might face a similar fate this spring for the first time its half-century if the sport fishery here is likewise suspended.

“We have a call in to Fish and Game,” said Cyni Crary, the Wrangell Chamber of Commerce’s executive director. “I’m concerned, but we haven’t decided to cancel our fishing derby as of yet.”

The organizing committee will be meeting soon as booklets for the 2018 derby prepare to hit the presses, but the Chamber will likely wait on an action until ADFG issues its announcement for sport fishing early next year.



DEPARTMENT OF FISH & GAME GRAPHIC

A district management map subdivides the waters around Wrangell. In the event of a closure to king salmon next year in District 8, Wrangell’s annual King Salmon Derby may still take place if fishing is open in districts 6 and 7. Region-wide restrictions would likely mean having to cancel or else alter the competition.



Doyle and Delores Sarff will celebrate their 65th anniversary on December 20th. They were married at the Hitching post in Coeur d'Alene Idaho, in 1952.



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	Alaska Poverty Level	Size of Family Unit	
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2	\$21,924	2	\$27,392
3	\$27,567	3	\$34,452
4	\$33,210	4	\$41,513
5	\$38,853	5	\$48,573
6	\$44,496	6	\$55,634
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8	\$55,782	8	\$69,755
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# Alaska Fish Factor

By LAINE WELCH  
Fisheries columnist

## Alaska pollock is the nation's largest food fishery

Alaska pollock is the nation's largest food fishery, usually producing more than three billion pounds each year. The flaky whitefish dominates in fish sticks, fast food sandwiches and surimi "seafood salad" blends - but most Americans don't even know what a pollock is.

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"We wanted a mechanism to go from sea to street and let us talk with people about the blessings of wild Alaskan seafood, and particularly, Alaska pollock," he added.

The small menu, priced at \$9 to \$10, includes fish and chips with Alaskan amber beer batter, pollock burgers, crispy fish tacos, grilled Alaska pollock salad and one offbeat offering - peanut butter and jelly fish sticks.

"It has fish sticks laid atop crispy fries, drizzled with a raspberry chipotle sauce and topped with crushed peanuts and a peanut sauce," Reichert explained.

The ultimate goal, he added, is to show people that they can easily whip up popular pollock meals at home. Reichert said the response has been wonderfully consistent.

"They say wow, I just tried this fish and it tastes very similar to cod. It's delicious and it's something I can make for my family," he said.

All of the pollock entrees are big enough to be shareable, something that is done by design.

"That becomes a part of getting the word out - literally word of mouth," Reichert said with a laugh.

The Fork and Fin food truck provides an "unexpected experience," and helps educate people about an overlooked fish that is high in protein, low in fat and packed with heart-healthy omega 3s.

For now, the Fork and Fin also is stopping at business parks and schools along Washington's I5 corridor, and used at charity events and fundraisers.

Based on the good response, more trucks could soon be on the road in other regions.

"My laser focus is to get more people eating more wild Alaska pollock in more ways more often, globally," has been a mantra of Trident CEO Joe Bundrant for several years.

See the food truck's schedule of stops at [www.forkandfin.com](http://www.forkandfin.com).

**Fish forum for all** - A forum next week in Kenai will highlight

diverse perspectives on the push to modernize Alaska's fish habitat protection and permitting laws, which have not been updated since statehood 60 years ago. Many believe changes are necessary to reflect challenges posed by large resource development projects; others believe the laws are adequate as they are.

While there is strong common ground among all Alaskans that salmon are a critical resource and their habitat should be protected, the devil is in the details as to what that protection is, said Lindsey Bloom, director of United Fishermen of Alaska's Salmon Habitat Information Project (SHIP), a forum co-sponsor with the University of Alaska/Fairbanks.

"Our objective is to provide a venue for the public to get educated about the habitat protections, how they are now and how they might be changed," Bloom said. "We want people to discuss problems that exist and some of the changes being proposed, including state legislation and the ballot initiative."

The forum will include viewpoints from Alaska natives, conservationists, oil and gas, mining and fishing sectors, legislators and more.

"The purpose is to have a good conversation," Bloom stressed. "It's not about getting people to agree with each other, or come to conclusions about a specific policy. It is a real opportunity for Alaskans to participate in their natural resource management and to have a voice in the process."

Last January at the urging of citizens, the state Board of Fisheries requested that the legislature update Alaska's Fish Habitat Permit Law (Title 16). It was introduced by Rep. Louise Stutes (R-Kodiak) as House Bill 199 and is set for first hearings in the upcoming session.

"The goal of SHIP is to ensure that commercial fishermen around the state have access to information and knowledge about what is happening, and also that they are at the forefront of weighing in on the legislative process," Bloom said. "We want to ensure that we get to an end result that is in the best interest of all Alaskans, including commercial fishermen who are concerned about protecting their jobs and livelihoods."

The Kenai Salmon Habitat Forum is set Thursday, Dec. 14 starting at 5pm at the Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association Building. It will be live streamed on Facebook at UFA/SHIP.

**Salmon ballot push** - Meanwhile, a statewide petition is gathering up to 45,000 signatures to put the salmon habitat protection issue before the voters next November.

"We have volunteers collecting signatures from Nome to Sitka," said Ryan Schryzer, director of Stand for Salmon, a grassroots group that is the primary backer of

the initiative.

"I've been blown away by the response from volunteers who are fired up about collecting signatures. We had hundreds of books go out almost immediately," he added.

Schryzer said getting signatures from Alaskans is an easy sell.

"When our volunteers talk about this initiative helping to put the standards in place that will encourage responsible resource development and protect salmon for future generations, people are all in and sign very quickly," he said.

The deadline to submit the petitions to the Division of Elections is January 15 at the start of the legislative session.

"I'm extremely confident we are going to hit our goal and that voters will have this option in front of them in 2018."

Find more on the ballot initiative at [info@standforsalmon.org](mailto:info@standforsalmon.org)

**Fish in court** - A California man has filed a class action lawsuit in San Diego against Bumble Bee Foods claiming its canned smoked red salmon is falsely labeled as wild-caught from Alaska and not smoked at all.

Undercurrent News reports that the suit says the fish is actually farm raised coho from Chile with red color added along with

smoked flavoring. It alleges that Bumble Bee is violating state marketing laws on false advertising and consumer protections.

Bumble Bee recently pleaded guilty to criminal price-fixing charges after a US Department of Justice investigation.

**In the red flag from afar arena** - the Center for Biological Diversity has filed a formal notice of intent to sue the Trump Administration for allowing oil companies to dump unlimited amounts of wastes from fracking and drilling into the Gulf of Mexico.

In September, Trump's Environmental Protection Agency Ok'd new and existing permits to dump unlimited amounts of chemical-laden waste fluids into the Gulf. That adds up to more than 75 billion gallons a year.

The filing claims the EPA has failed to conduct any meaningful review of the environmental impacts to marine species of dumping fracking waste into the water, a violation of the federal Endangered Species Act. Common fracking chemicals are proven to be among the most toxic in the world to marine animals.

In October Trump announced plans to auction off more than 76 million acres of Gulf of Mexico waters to oil companies. That

lease sale, scheduled for March 2018, will be the largest oil sale in U.S. history and includes federal waters off the coasts of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida.

**Fish correction** - The Recreational Quota Entity program, should it get final approval by federal managers, will provide an opportunity for halibut charter operators to purchase catch shares, but it will not automatically increase charter catches. The charter limits would go down by the same percentage as commercial fishing limits. Should the RQE program be implemented, it would begin in 2019 and not 2018.



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# Wrangell swimmers make December meet in Ketchikan

By DAN RUDY  
Sentinel writer

A dozen members of Wrangell Swim Club joined swimmers from six other clubs around the region in Ketchikan earlier this month.

Entering its second year of competitive swimming, the Wrangell group saw some first and second place finishes from its kids during this year's Mike Smithers Southeast Championship. There were 144 swimmers in all, coming from Juneau, Sitka, Craig, Haines, Petersburg and Ketchikan.

Wrangell coach Bruce McQueen explained the meet is equivalent to the league's regionals, with opportunities to qualify for state-level competition later next year.

Among the Wrangell group, Nikolai Siekawitch was its high scorer with a total of 47 points. Among his events, he took first place in both the boys' 19-and-under 200-yard individual medley and 100-yard breaststroke.

Renee Roberts finished with 38 overall points. She had four second-place finishes in the girls' 19-and-under category, for the 100- and 200-yard backstroke, 100-yard freestyle and 100-yard butterfly.

Daniel Harrison came away



PHOTO BY DAN RUDY

Dozens of swimmers involved in Wrangell Swim Club gather for a mostly-complete group photo before chowing down at an awards ceremony on December 7. Now in its second year of competitive swimming, the club has proven to be a popular activity among local youth.

with 29 points and a first-place finish in the boys' 12-and-under 50-yard breaststroke. Jimmy Baggen scored 28 points overall, including a first-place finish in the boy's 19-and-under 100-yard breaststroke. Jack Roberts rounded out the team's top five

scorers with 27 points, taking a second-place finish in the boys' 12-and-under 100-yard individual medley.

Other notable contributions to Wrangell's overall score included Paige Baggen, placing fifth in the under-12 girls' 50-yard breast-

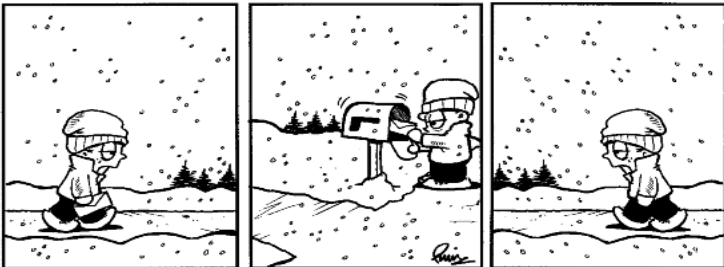
stroke; Ben Houser with third in the boys' under-10 50-yard breaststroke; Sophie O'Brien, taking fifth in the girls' under-19 50-yard freestyle; Andrei Siekawitch, with third in the under-12 50-yard backstroke; and Rhiannon Wenzel, taking seventh in the under-12

girls' 50-yard breaststroke.

Giving out ribbons after the meet, the full team got together at the community center last Thursday for appetizers and awards. This year the team has over 40 swimmers, ranging from elementary age on up to high schoolers.

## Comics

### Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps



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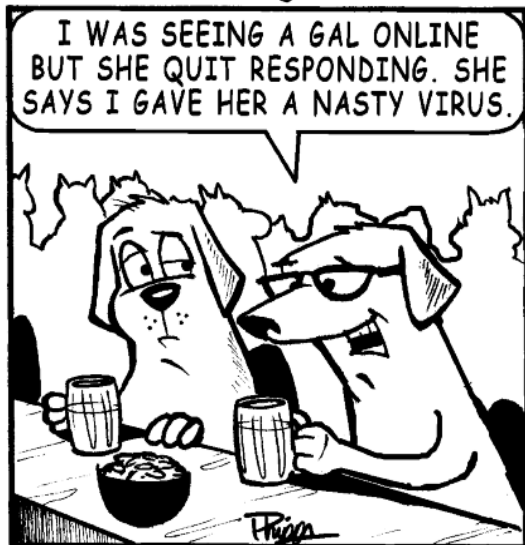


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- 16 Golf target
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- 18 Big drip?
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- 23 In the twinkling — eye
- 24 Chopped
- 25 One with an exciting social life
- 28 "Absolutely" (out)
- 29 Sand formations
- 30 Homer's interjection
- 32 Wasp's weapon
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- 36 Odds' opposites
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- 40 "Hail!"
- 41 Mischievous tykes
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- 8 Sore
- 9 United Nations
- 10 Lounge about
- 11 Dueler's sword
- 13 Eat away at stack
- 19 Supermarket light
- 21 Former mates
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Puzzle answers on page 10

# City still scrapping for fight over yard debris

By DAN RUDY  
Sentinel writer

In an effort to curb roadside eyesores around town, Wrangell Public Works announced at last week's meeting of the Borough Assembly its intention to allow people to dispose of their excess scrap metal for free through the end of December.

The twice-extended arrangement was initially meant to last through mid-November, when a construction firm was expected to bring a barge to retrieve the city's scrap. Channel Construction of Juneau had previously removed tons of the stuff earlier this April, in an arrangement where it charged no fees for the removal in exchange for the city foregoing reimbursement for salvageable material.

Another such exchange was informally agreed to between the two parties, but getting the barge up to Wrangell has taken longer than expected.

"We've actually had a little bit of a change," said Public Works director Amber Al-Haddad during the December 5 meeting. "They were originally coming in December but they've had another project delay."

through in January, so the department will be extending its deadline for free disposal of metallic materials at the waste transfer yard through the year's end.

Since at least September the Assembly has set its attentions on tightening enforcement of the ban on public nuisances. In municipal code this includes the open storage of scrap, abandoned vehicles and other eyesores in public. At the time, the focus had been on removing unwanted vehicles abandoned at public park places, but the code extends also to private property.

Borough manager Lisa Von Bargen has since been directed to make removal of these nuisances a higher priority. While she met with the heads of the harbor and police department about enforcement efforts earlier in the fall, Von Bargen reported she would need to revisit with them on the issue.

"I need to check with the police chief on where we are," she said.

Beginning in May 2018 Assembly members want to see fines issued for continued clutter, but also want to see sufficient notice and opportunity given for residents to comply.

"What we have not done yet is send

personal invitations," Von Bargen said. Letters informing those that are out of compliance are in the process of being drafted, she said.

"I think we have to do that. People do not know we are talking about them," commented Assembly member Stephen Prysunka. This means disused vehicles like cars and boats, rusting piles of scrap or broken equipment, and other items. The policy will apply to harbors too, not just with abandoned cars but with lease properties as well.

"We have bushes growing out of machinery out at Shoemaker Bay," Prysunka noted.

Since the springtime removal of scrap from the yard, Al-Haddad said there had seemed to be fewer new disposals than she expected. Before that point the transfer facility had been at its capacity and unable to accept much more.

The department will continue trying to get the word out through notices and public media. For free disposal, any scrap metal that is brought must be from a household source and free of all attached contaminants like wood, rubber, plastic and fabrics. To qualify as "scrap metal," the item for recycling must contain a min-

imum of 85 percent metal.

Large household appliances will be accepted, but must be cleaned out and free of garbage. Washers and dryers, stoves and ranges, hot water tanks, microwaves, dishwashers and other white goods with metal housing apply. Fuel and propane tanks must be empty of all materials and a hole must be cut in the bottom to ensure they are empty.

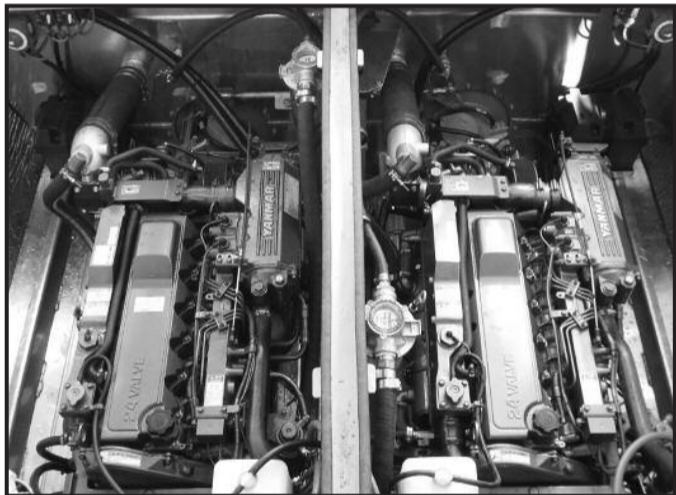
Old automobiles are also wanted, though vehicles and small engines must be drained of all fluids by the customer beforehand, including all fuel, engine oil, antifreeze, transmission fluid and so forth. The waste transfer station has drums available for customers to dispose of vehicular fluids at regular disposal fees.

Batteries must be removed and will also be accepted for free. Tires must be removed too, and will be accepted at the regular disposal fee of \$3 apiece. Ownership title for each vehicle must be presented at the time of disposal.

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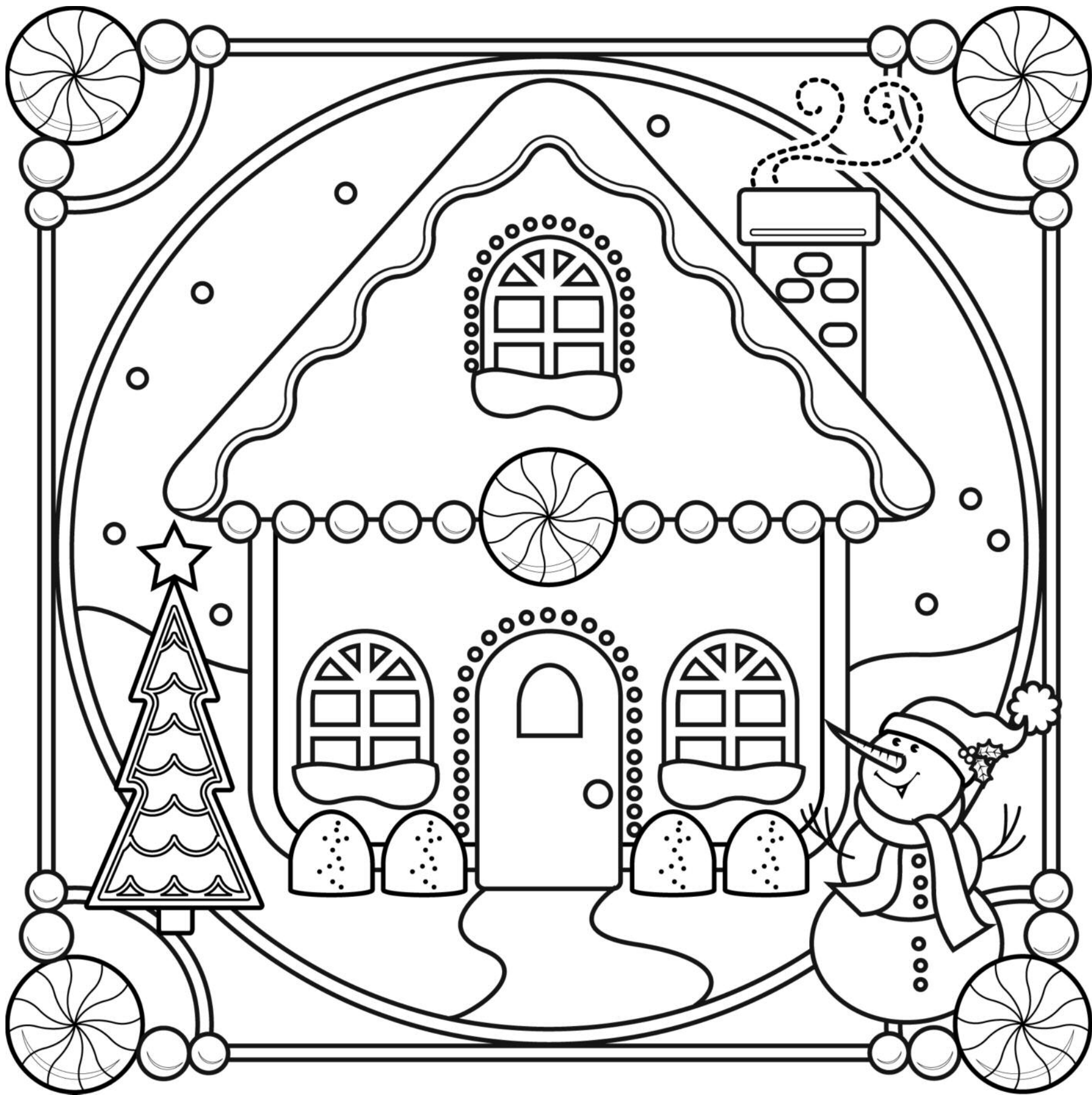
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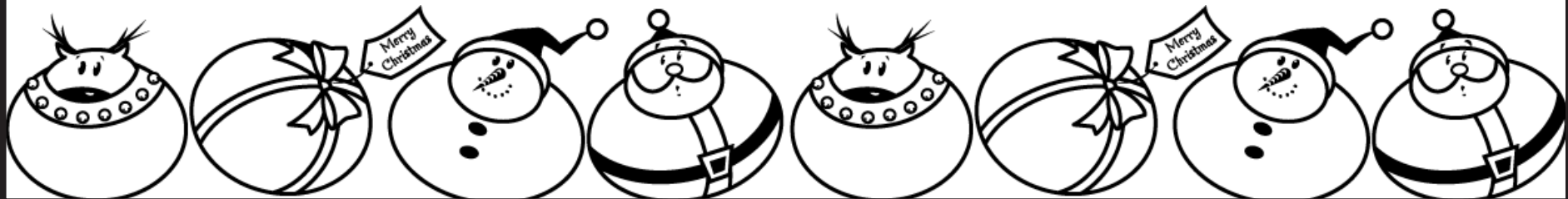
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# US petroleum reserve lease sale in Alaska draws just 7 bids

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) – President Donald Trump’s efforts to make the United States “energy dominant” with help from Alaska got off to modest results Wednesday.

The Interior Department made its largest-ever lease offering within the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska: 900 tracts covering 16,100 square miles (41,700 sq. kilometers), roughly the size of New Hampshire and Massachusetts combined.

But oil companies submitted bids on just seven tracts covering 125 square miles (324 sq. kilometers).

The bids totaled \$1.16 million, to be split between the federal government and the state of Alaska. All seven bids were submitted jointly by subsidiaries of ConocoPhillips and Anadarko.

Environmental groups oppose expanded drilling in the reserve, located west of Prudhoe Bay, or any drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska’s northeast corner.

Trump in June, announcing a new American energy policy, said he was focusing not just on energy independence but also “energy dominance.”

The petroleum reserve bids Wednesday pulled in \$14.99 per acre, an amount that

shows “fuzzy math” by the Trump administration and congressional Republicans who hope to collect \$1 billion from Arctic refuge lease sales to help pay for Trump’s proposed tax cut, said Kristen Miller, conservation director of the Alaska Wilderness League.

“At that price, leasing the entirety of the Arctic Refuge coastal plain’s 1.5 million acres would raise slightly more than \$11 million in revenue for the federal government, a far cry from the billion dollar lie that Trump and Republicans are feeding the American public,” she said in a statement.

Kara Moriarty, director of the Alaska Oil and Gas Association, said there likely were a variety of factors for just seven bids. A state lease sale drew 143 bids Wednesday. Alaska’s tax policies, changed seven times in 12 years, may have discouraged bidding.

But drawing conclusions about bidding in the Arctic refuge based on Wednesday’s results is not a fair comparison, Moriarty said. Potential on the refuge’s coastal plain is thought to be tenfold to what’s in the NPR-A, she said.

“It’s two different basins. It’s two different potential areas,” Moriarty said. “They

may both be in Alaska, but the reserve estimates are night and day.”

The petroleum reserve was created in 1923 by President Warren Harding as the Naval Petroleum Reserve and set aside as an emergency oil supply for the Navy. It covers 35,625 square miles (92,269 sq. kilometers), about the size of Indiana.

Congress in 1976 renamed the reserve and transferred administration to the Interior Department.

The reserve contains important habitat for migratory waterfowl, polar bears and two caribou herds.

Former Interior Secretary Ken Salazar in 2013 announced a management plan that split the reserve’s acreage roughly in half between conservation areas and land available for petroleum development. He said oil companies would have access to nearly three-fourths of the estimated economically recoverable oil in the reserve.

The 2013 plan increased special conservation areas in the reserve from 12,968 square miles (33,587 sq. kilometers) to 20,860 square miles (54,027 sq. kilometers).

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke in May signed an order to review the Obama administration management plan.

There are 189 authorized leases in the NPR-A. The latest lease sale offered all other NPR-A land designated by Salazar as available for drilling.

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project, which when coupled with ecological considerations led to the reduced scope of the project. In his announcement Monday, Tongass Supervisor Earl Stewart decided only 428 acres from the Alternative 2 model would be included in the sale, yielding between 5 and 7 mmbf of timber over a 10-year timeframe. The selected parcels would include the 25 “most economical timber harvest units” from the alternative.

“I am deferring the remaining harvest units in Alternative 2 pending additional analysis in the future to determine if any options exist to improve timber sale economics and/or address other concerns identified in the objections,” he wrote.

The decision was not a surprise, being indi-

cated in a response to those objections issued by the USFS late last month. However, the city had been disappointed with the decision. Early on in the process, Wrangell had been hopeful for a larger sale to be devised, in the hundreds of millions of board feet rather than a single-digit percentage of that.

“It will have a very minimal impact on anything,” explained Wrangell’s economic development director, Carol Rushmore. The scope of the project as it now stands would be enough to sustain what remains of the local timber industry, but not allow it to grow.

The sale itself is still some time from occurring. The USFS will need to inventory the identified acreage and assess its value before it can go out to a bid process, and only then if values come out in a net positive.



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