

Ferry workers' strike brings travel disruptions

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Sentinel writers

With approximately 400 members of the Inlandboatmen's Union going on strike last Wednesday, July 24, the Alaska Marine Highway System came to a halt. Without ferry services, many people across the state, especially in Southeast Alaska, found themselves stranded. In the communities of Wrangell and Petersburg, many people are facing disruptions to their schedules, families, and work.

WRANGELL:

Several of Wrangell's children and adults attending a church camp in Juneau were stranded when the ferry workers' strike kicked off. Kem Haggard, with Harbor Light Assembly of God, said that he heard about the potential for a strike on Tuesday afternoon, July 23. A group of 45 Wrangell children and their chaperones were due to arrive in Wrangell Thursday night, July 25, according to Matt Gerald with Harbor Light, but with the ferries shut down the group was stranded. Scott Habberstad, with Alaska Airlines, said that Flight 77 was rerouted to help the church group make it back home. Flight 77 normally travels the air route between Juneau and Anchorage, he said, but they made a detour to Wrangell to help the stranded passengers. After which, it continued back to its normal destination.

"To my knowledge it will be the first and only non-stop flight to Anchorage from Wrangell," Habberstad said.

The flight landed around 8:20 p.m. Thursday night, July 25. Habberstad said that Station Manager Tim Cook and the Alaska Airlines employees at the Wrangell airport deserved special thanks for their hard work and for staying open late to take in the rerouted flight. Laurie Brown, one of the chaperones with the church group, added that Habberstad deserved thanks, as well.

"At camp we learned that life with God is an adventure," she wrote in a Facebook message. "We had a chance to live that out! We give all the credit to God for working through the amazing Alaska Airlines staff here in Wrangell for staying late and the pilots for making an unexpected stop for us on Flight 77!"

Another group affected by the ferry strike is the Warfel Miller Family. Frank and Pat Warfel, parents of local teacher Jenn Miller, were on a road trip when the strike began. Miller said that they were in Prince Rupert and were preparing to ferry home when their travel plans were disrupted. Miller said that they backtracked to Bellingham, to meet Miller and her daughter, Calleigh, to figure out the new plan. This new plan, she said, is to drive the truck down to Seattle and get it on a barge to Wrangell, then to buy plane tickets home. Things have been inconvenient and expensive figuring out how to get them and their truck home, she said, but the family has taken things in stride. She also added that they are not the only ones facing complicated travel plans because of the strike.

"They handled it all so well," she wrote in a Facebook message. "They are more concerned about the families that are stranded in Alaska and what an awful experience visiting our beautiful state has become for those people."

Fisherman Mike Lockabey pointed out that it was not just travelers who are being affected by the strike. The strike was hurting the entire state's financial situation, he said, with the ferry system having to make so many refunds to people. Locally, however, fishermen are also facing a hit to their profits. The local seafood processors will have to find alternative ways to transport the fishermen's catches, such as on barges or by plane. This increased cost will dig into the fishermen's income, Lockabey said, at a time when a lot of them are already struggling to make a profit.

"What's going to happen to my crab the rest of the season when those vans don't get on the ferry?" He asked. "They're not going to be here to take the vans, either, and Sea Level's got five of them in the lot right now."

PETERSBURG:



COURTESY OF TAMMI MEISSNER

Annika and Solvay Gillen carve their paddles during last week's culture camp, hosted by SEARHC.

SEARHC hosts culture camp during Bearfest

By CALEB VIERKANT
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SEARHC hosted an Alaska Native culture camp during Wrangell's annual Bearfest this past week. Running from July 24 to 28, the camp invited anybody interested to come together to make paddles and headbands, and to learn more about Wrangell's native culture.

"The high school shop was where we were doing the paddle making, then we had the sewing in the middle school commons with our elder, Donna Kuntz," Tammi Meissner said.

The wood for the paddles was donated by the Sealaska Corporation, Meissner said. Participants got to hand-sand their paddles and paint them. As most of the participants were native, she said, a lot of the paddles were decorated with native designs.

"But if they don't, they're welcome to paint whatever they want as long as they choose the design," she said. "And of course we have the traditional colors, which are black, red, white, but we also have a bunch of other colors where you can mix them. We have some halibut, and octopus on them, ravens, salmon."

Kuntz handled the headband sewing portion of the classes. She said that it was a lot of fun, and that she and the other participants gave each other a lot of good-natured hard time during the class. The important part of her classes, she said, was teaching them that sewing can be fun. In teaching them, she said that they all used native designs, mostly flowers. The use of color was another important aspect of the lessons, she said.

"The way I teach is don't be afraid of color," Kuntz said. "I really feel that if my ancestors, my great-great-great-great-great grandmother who beaded, if she had access to all these beautiful beads and different things like buttons, and stuff like that, she would have used them ... I think basically, traditionally, we use black, red, white, kind of a soft turquoise, and yellow. Anything we do other is extra."

Meissner said that the camps ran from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day, and the numbers ranged from 12 to 20 participants a day. While put on by SEARHC, she added that it was paid for by several grants, and that the school district was generous to let them use their space for free. The camp was designed to be part of a suicide-prevention initiative, to get kids in contact with their elders and help teach them more about their culture and history.

Since the start of the IBU strike last week, agents at Viking Travel have been busy rerouting their customers who were traveling with the AMHS and helping them make alternate plans, said Dave Berg, co-founder of Viking Travel. In addition to the inconvenience of having to change plans midway through a trip, passengers have had to make costly accommodations that they weren't expecting to pay. According to Berg, one Petersburg family took a ferry up to Haines for the Southeast Alaska State Fair. They put their truck and a trailer onboard with them, but before they could return, the IBU workers strike began. Berg said the family had to pay an additional \$3,000 to make arrangements that included hotel rooms, airfare and the cost of shipping

their truck and trailer back to Petersburg by barge.

"This is affecting a lot of residents and visitors that are basically having to make other arrangements at their expense," said Berg.

About 50 percent of Viking Travel's customers find themselves on a ferry at one point of their journey, said Berg. Due to the uncertainty of when the strike will end, tourists are cancelling their tours in Southeast Alaska, while others are flying to their destinations. Most customers were caught off guard by the strike and looked to Viking Travel, for answers. Unfortunately, Berg and his travel agents can only do so much. Some customers have been calling to complain, and staff has

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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, August 1: Jean Brown, Kadin Messmer, Brynlee Young, Douglas Wickman, Charles Moore, Allen Edgley. **Anniversary:** Doug & Pam McCloskey, Adam & Tasha Morse, Haig & Bonnie Demerjian. **Friday, August 2:** Debra Werner. **Saturday, August 3:** Torrin Fowler, Jillian Privett, Deed Gillen, Edna Nore. **Sunday, August 4:** Blaine Wilson. **Monday, August 5:** Brandon Ellsworth, Kody Davidson. **Anniversary:** Troy & Leslie Kagee. **Tuesday, August 6:** Kendyl Appleman, Tony Massin, Taffy. **Wednesday, August 7:** Mason Baremore, Rosemary Rooney, Courtney Haggard, Kasey Whitaker, Charlee Seimears, Daren Wichman, Dana Van Slyke, Rosemary Jane Rooney. **Anniversary:** Christian & Stephanie Cartwright. **Thursday, August 8:** Brian McCloskey, Dixie Booker, Lurine McGee, Rick Wiederspohn, Karl Kohrt. **Anniversary:** Jeff Brown & Jen Banks, Harley & Lana Johnson.

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

Senior Center Menu

Thursday, August 1

Beefaroni, Mexicali Vegetables, Apricot Salad

Friday, August 2

Halibut or Salmon Chowder, Chef's Salad, Whole Grain Crackers

Monday, August 3

Cook's Choice Fish, Broccoli, Spinach Salad, Whole Wheat Bread

Tuesday, August 4

1/2 Egg Salad Sandwich, Potato Soup, Sunshine Salad

Wednesday, August 5

Beef Stroganoff, Mixed Vegetables, Cabbage Slaw, Egg Noodles

Thursday, August 6

Pineapple Lemon Chicken, Green Beans, Sukiyaki Salad, Rice & Vegetable Pilaf

Please call Wrangell Senior Center at 874-2066 by 10 a.m. for reservations. Milk, tea and coffee will be served with meals.

FERRY

On July 24, 2019,

the Inlandboatman's Union of the Pacific initiated a strike. Alaska Marine Highway Vessels will not be sailing until further notice.

They are reaching out to ticketed passengers to work with them to reschedule, or offer refunds for tickets.

There is a heavy volume of calls at this time and they are doing our best to reach everyone as quickly as possible.

Call 874-2021 for verification, 874-3711 for recorded information or call 800-642-0066



TIDES August 1 - August 8

	High Tides		Low Tides		High Tides		Low Tides	
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft
August 1	1:15	18.7	2:14	16.3	7:42	-3.5	7:47	1.5
August 2	2:02	19.0	2:56	16.9	8:25	-3.8	8:34	1.0
August 3	2:49	18.8	3:39	17.2	9:08	-3.4	9:23	0.7
August 4	3:37	18.1	4:22	17.2	9:51	-2.5	10:14	0.7
August 5	4:28	16.9	5:08	17.0	10:37	-1.3	11:09	1.0
August 6	5:23	15.3	5:58	16.5	11:24	0.3
August 7	6:26	13.8	6:56	15.9	12:10	1.4	12:17	1.9
August 8	7:42	12.6	8:02	15.5	1:17	1.7	1:17	3.3

Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

Thursday, August 1

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

Thursday, August 8

Planning and Zoning Meeting: City Hall, 6:00 p.m.

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

Continuing Events

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

Pool:

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

MEETINGS

AA Meetings:

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 31, 1919

Those who have had large caches of liquor which they are selling at enormous profits have no just claim for mercy. They are not in the same position as those saloon men who had on hand, when they were out of business, wet goods the possession of which was originally lawful.

The latter bought their goods to sell according to the law and they would have gladly sold it before the clock marked the ending of legal liquor traffic in Alaska. There is a spirit of fair play that tells us that these men should have had an opportunity to get rid of the stocks they had on hand.

Those who are making liquor for sale, or importing it, or who bought it for the purpose of reselling it at a profit are deliberately violating the law. They are simply sordid lawbreakers and plainly subject to the hazards assumed when the law is knowingly violated.

August 4, 1944

Last week in The Sentinel an item appeared in which a message, sealed in a bottle and dropped into Coyote creek near San Jose, California, was picked up by an Army sergeant on the shores of India. Never to be left behind, Wrangell can tie to the event.

Noting the item in the paper, this week Bert McCay, well known Wrangell fisherman, brought in a card he had picked up on the beach at Snow Pass in 1942. It was an apparently official Japanese message to test currents. A number, 142750, appeared on one line and the date June 14, 1929. Longitude and latitude were undecipherable, due to the water having leaked into the bottle.

If the date of its release was June, 1929 and McCay picked it up in the fall of 1942 it would be 13 years that the bottle had

drifted or lay on the beach. There were several lines of Japanese writing and a Japanese signature.

July 31, 1969

Friday marks the opening of hunting season for a variety of game species for Panhandle hunters.

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game said hunters have a choice of deer, elk, goat, grouse and ptarmigan.

Deer hunters must have deer harvest tickets this year, said Don H. Strode, regional game supervisor for Southeast Alaska. Deer season in Units 1, 2, 5, and 5 is open Aug. 1 to Dec. 31 (provided antlerless deer may be taken only from Oct. 1 to Dec. 31) and there is a bag limit of four deer.

Southeastern hunters desiring to take an elk may take them in portions of Unit 8 (Kodiak-Shelikof). A bag limit of two goats is provided in Unit 1, 4 (except Chichagof Island).


Grouse and ptarmigan hunters in Units 1 through 5 may take five grouse a day with a possession limit of 10 from Aug. 1 through May 15 and 20 ptarmigan a day and 40 in possession Aug. 1 through May 15.

August 4, 1994

One of the changes in Wrangell School District was elimination of the title, "Principal." While this action created many new possibilities, the tasks performed by principals still remain. It is important for all to know these tasks will be covered during this transition period as well as in the future.


In the past, Wrangell schools had three administrators, a high school and middle school principal, an elementary principal and a superintendent.

Today we still have three administrators with the flexibility of doing tasks across the district.




Wrangell Weather

Date	High	Low
July 22	73	54
July 23	69	55
July 24	62	55
July 25	61	54
July 26	64	53
July 27	60	55
July 28	54	52
July 29	56	51




Daylight Hours

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
Aug 01	4:50 am	8:57 pm	16:07h
Aug 02	4:52 am	8:55 pm	16:03h
Aug 03	4:54 am	8:53 pm	15:59h
Aug 04	4:56 am	8:51 pm	15:55h
Aug 05	4:58 am	8:49 pm	15:51h
Aug 06	5:00 am	8:47 pm	15:47h
Aug 07	5:01 am	8:45 pm	15:44h
Aug 08	5:03 am	8:43 pm	15:40h



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Bear observatories and conservation challenges discussed in symposium

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

One of the central parts of the annual Bearfest celebration are the symposiums. Experts on bears and bear-related subjects are invited to come speak in Wrangell each year.

This year saw several such speakers, including Lance Craighead who spoke on federal and state regulations on bear conservation, Harry Reynolds on the endangered subspecies of Gobi Desert brown bears, and John Nary on bear observation challenges at the Mendenhall Glacier. A roundtable discussion was held on Thursday, July 25, where these guests and others were invited to sit and talk about some of Alaska's best locations for bear observation, and some of the shared challenges they face.

"The goal tonight is to introduce all of you, and all of us to different bear viewing areas around Alaska, and to look and see what the similarities are, what the differences are, what we may be able to learn from each other about things that can be improved and things that shouldn't be improved, things that can make a better total experience both for people and for bears, and maybe walk away from this with a better understanding of where we are," said Sylvia Etefagh, who lead the roundtable

Dee Galla, with the Forest Service, spoke about Anan, the closest bear observatory to Wrangell.

The observatory is located south of Wrangell, on the mainland, at Anan Creek. The observatory has undergone several renovations recently, she said, and upgrades to the trail in the area are planned in the future. Access to Anan is limited, with permits for only about 60 people a day during the season.



PHOTO BY CALEB VIERKANT/WRANGELL SENTINEL

A roundtable discussion on bear conservation efforts and some of its challenges was held at the Nolan Center last Thursday, July 25. Pictured here (left to right) are Harry Reynolds, Lance Craighead, Dick Shideler, John Neary, Dee Galla, Michael Saxton, and Sylvia Etefagh.

Besides bears, Galla said that people can also see all kinds of wildlife like eagles, seals, salmon, and the occasional otter or wolf.

Michael Saxton, also with the Forest Service, talked about the Katmai National Park. At 4.1 million acres on the Alaska Peninsula, Katmai is home to numerous bear observatories. The most popular of these, he said, was likely Brooks Camp. Unlike Anan, there are no visitation caps at Brooks Camp. With little infrastructure, limited Forest Service presence, visitors hiring private guides, and everyone undergoing a 20 minute safety briefing before being let loose, this camp gives people a very open-ended way of seeing Alaskan wildlife. Last year, Saxton said, Brooks Camp saw about 415 visitors a day during their peak season.

Neary, very recently retired from the Forest Service, talked about Pack Creek and Mendenhall. Located on Admiralty Island, Pack Creek saw

about 1,200 to 1,500 visitors last year. This location generally keeps people and bears at a distance, he said. Mendenhall, meanwhile, is an extremely popular destination for tourists. Found near Juneau, Neary said that as many as 7,000 people a day visited last season.

Other bear observatories mentioned in the symposium included Hyder, Fish Creek, Herring Cove, and Traitors Cove.

After looking at these various observatories, Etefagh asked the group several questions for them to discuss. One such question was whether they saw climate change affecting these observatories. Galla, Saxton, and Neary all agreed

that they are seeing the climate, as well as other factors, altering the day-to-day activities of these areas. Saxton said that at Brooks Camp, recent hot weather made the salmon stay downriver longer and forced the bears in the area to stick around longer than they normally would. Neary added that these observatories all need strong salmon runs to survive. With fewer salmon coming upriver, he said, the bears will not stick around. Whether that is the climate, increased fishing, or other factors affecting the salmon run, he could not say.

Funding for site renovations was also discussed. Galla, Saxton, and Neary all agreed that it is always a fight

to receive funding for observatory renovations, whether or not there is wide support for the project. Dick Shideler, a wildlife biologist with the Department of Fish and Game, said that there is a bit of a different problem further north. Up north, where polar bears live, he described the observatories as a bit more primitive. The main challenge is getting an increase in visitors, he said.

Another question the group was asked was whether or not they were feeling pressure to increase the amount of visitors to these areas. Again, this was met with some nuanced answers. Galla said that there was some pressure at Anan, but that they were well aware of their limits at that location. Neary said that there was not much pressure to increase tourism at Pack Creek, for example, but that the numbers were rising anyway by themselves. Craighead added that rangers are having to come up with more and more different ways to keep people and bears safe down south in places like Yellowstone.

"From my perspective the most important thing is bear conservation and maintaining populations, at least in the proportions that they are today," added Reynolds. "I think that viewing opportunities is crucial to that. People need to have the opportunity to see it."

Other topics covered included future renovations to sites, the impact of visitors on these sites, and the growing expenses that come with an increase in visitors.

Police report

July 22, 2019

Motor vehicle accident.

Citizen assist: 1000 gallon water tanks in roadway. Owner cleared them out of roadway.

Agency assist: Fire department.

July 23, 2019

Disorderly conduct.

Summons service.

Hit and run.

Suspicious phone calls.

Agency assist: Fire department.

Minor trying to buy alcohol.

Noise complaint.

July 24, 2019

Agency assist: Alaska state trooper.

Trespassing complaint.

Intoxicated person.

Probation violation: Richard Anderson, 55.

July 25, 2019

Assault/Domestic violence.

Animal complaint: Deer.

Violate condition of release: Aaron Young, 23.

Disorderly conduct: Verbal warning given.

July 26, 2019

Two citizen assists: vehicle unlock.

Courtesy transport.

July 27, 2019

Lost property: Property picked up by owner.

Traffic stop: Verbal warning for failure to maintain lane.

Noise complaint: Verbal warning given for shooting off bottle rockets.

Welfare check: Person was fine.

Fireworks: Unable to locate.

July 28, 2019

Agency assist: Troopers.

Citizen assist: Unlock vehicle.

Agency assist: Hoonah police department.

There were two ambulance calls and one dog complaint this week.

Court report

July 2: Dustin Lee Haviland was found guilty of reckless driving. Judge Kevin Miller sentenced him to 30 days imprisonment, with 30 suspended, and he was fined a total of \$1,150, and must complete 24 hours of community service.

July 9: James Linden McCormack was found guilty of driving under the influence. Judge Kevin Miller sentenced him to 18 days imprisonment, with 15 suspended. He has also been fined a total of \$1,766. He must also undergo a substance abuse treatment assessment, had his license revoked for 90 days, and will be on probation for one year.

Elizabeth Ann Golding was found guilty of driving under the influence. Judge Kevin Miller sentenced her to 18 days imprisonment, with 15 suspended. She has also been fined a total of \$1,766. She must also undergo a substance abuse treatment assessment, had her license revoked for 90 days, and will be on probation for one year.

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Reflections

Recently I took a small survey "What do you like best about Wrangell?" The universal response was "the people." Because I personally felt something of the spirit among us weakened, I questioned some steady returnees on the 4th of July. They too, had experienced a change of feeling about town. A new coldness. Yes, lots of new folks have come. Their jobs are of a totally different type than our original loggers and fisherfolk. These jobs are mostly inside type; not challenging one's strength, or so much needing comradery and togetherness to get the work

completed. For me, not being on the internet, thus, no Facebook, I recognize a definite separation from my community activities with difficulty keeping in touch. Most all communication seems to travel by Facebook, internet, or texting. Yes, this is a quick, easy and direct means but I have a concern with this method. In Ephesians 2:2 (KJV) God names Satan "the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience."

Thus, the majority of our thoughts and plans travel to each other through Satan's

power and domain. Even on world and national news today there are questions about accuracy of those transmissions. Also, complaints concerning determination of what is allowed to be sent over these pathways.

In the Bible, the story of Daniel's prayer being immediately responded to by God, but the messenger Gabriel being caught and entangled; held up for 21 days until freed by a second angel, Michael. I believe angels are air travelers enforcing my concern of our priority use of the airwaves for our primary communication.

In the beginning God walked and talked with Adam in the garden (Gen 2:15-17). It was the "crafty serpent" Satan that diverted Eve and thus Adam from following God's instructions and they both fell. The fruit providing them knowledge of good and evil,

God placed them from the garden into the world. (Gen 3:11-19).

It was through Jesus' death on the cross and the resurrection that we are now able in prayer and Bible reading to talk directly with God.

Perhaps we can re-establish the beauty of fellowship and community within Wrangell by spending a little less time

and effort on digital communications and more purposeful time, deeper and more balanced, on one to one time with our friends and neighbors bringing beauty back to Wrangell's spirit among her people. Also, remember to include profitable one on one time talking with God.

Jacquie Dozier
Harbor Light Church

Obituary: Michael Patrick Nash, 68

Michael Patrick Nash, 68, of Wrangell, Alaska passed away on July 11, 2019 in a plane crash on Judy Hill near Ketchikan, Alaska.

Michael was born to Albert and Priscilla Nash and grew up in Friday Harbor, Washington along with his six siblings. It was there he fell in love with airplanes and flying, a love that never wavered throughout his lifetime. At age 16 he baled hay for the summer in order to earn enough money to buy his first airplane. As a young man he struggled between wanting to serve God by becoming a priest or becoming a pilot. Eventually he did both, flying to smaller Alaskan communities to preach the gospel, and soon became known as the "Flying Priest."

After 25 years of service Michael stepped down from the priesthood. He realized that many people he spoke with as a priest had more legal problems than spiritual so what better way to continue to help people than by becoming an attorney. He enrolled in the Creighton University School of Law in Omaha, Nebraska in 2003. Because of a job offer in 2007, he applied to and passed the bar in Iowa. In 2008 he was admitted into the Alaska bar and moved his law practice in 2011 to the state that had captivated his heart years before. Michael was very generous with his time and often took clients Pro Bono. Helping people was always his number one priority. It was at the Wrangell court where he met his future wife, Leanna. They were married on August 16, 2014.

He was preceded in death by his parents Albert and Priscilla Nash, and brother-in-law Robert Strasser.

He leaves behind his wife of five years, Leanna (Splinter) Nash of Wrangell; step-daughters Veronica Blunt and Jessica (Chris) Stewart; "adopted son" Zack Nelson; and six siblings, Jack "John" Nash of San Diego, California, Mary Nash, Debbie (Robert) Nash-Strasser, Teresa (Norman) Nash-DeGraaff, Virginia Nash, and Tom (Tracy) Nash all of Friday Harbor; nine nieces and nephews; three grandnieces, along with numerous cousins. Michael's first grandchild will be arriving in October.

A funeral will be held at noon on August 16, 2019 at the St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Wrangell, with a reception to follow.



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Editorial

IBU strike benefits Gov. Dunleavy

by Ron Loesch, Publisher

The strike called for by the Inlandboatmen's Union of the Pacific (IBU) this week defies all logic. Talk about giving the governor exactly what he wants at a most expeditious time — the script couldn't be more perfect.

Instead of shutting down the ferries in October, the IBU now insures the ferries shut down in mid-summer. And in summer, visitors are impacted rather than state residents who are busy working seasonal jobs like construction and fishing.

Of course, this will not endear members of the IBU to Alaskans who rely on visitors to fill their lodges, hotels, B&Bs, tour boats and other venues during the short summer tour season. Those providing tourism opportunities throughout the state are going to be quite irate.

The IBU has created an irrational perfect storm that just plays into the hands of state budget cutters. We don't see how it will help them negotiate better contract terms, when millions of dollars in summer income goes down the drain, making the ferry operations even more tenuous.

For the Dept. of Administration to enter into an agreement that would benefit the IBU in the short term but imperil the well-being and fiscal future of all Alaskans in the long-term is very counterproductive.

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Cooperative Association to pass out backpacks in back-to-school program

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

The Wrangell Cooperative Association, once again, is helping out with the Tlingit and Haida Central Council's back to school backpack event. Tribal Administrator Esther Ashton said that the WCA partners with the central council every year for this event, which aims to provide backpacks and school supplies to native children across Southeast Alaska. Applications to receive a backpack will close on Aug. 2.

"Basically, it's for Alaska Native or American Indian," she

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Story time at the library

Smokey Bear made a special appearance at the Irene Ingle Library last Saturday morning for story time. Pictured here is Smokey (left) and Forest Service Intern Kelsie Alling (right) answering questions from Keian Young.

said. "You have to reside in Wrangell, and it's for pre-k to grade 12."

Ashton said that the central council purchases all the supplies and backpacks, and puts them together in age-appropriate packages for kids. These are then sent to local tribes across Southeast who then distribute the

backpacks. Last year, in Wrangell alone, over 120 backpacks were distributed. This year the WCA will be passing out backpacks on Aug. 22, according to a post on their Facebook page. Snacks will be provided during the event, too.

The WCA's office is located on Zimovia Highway, near the

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Amy Gulick talks salmon at Bearfest presentation of new book

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

Author and photographer Amy Gulick visited Wrangell this past week for Bearfest. Gulick last visited Wrangell about four years ago, she said, while doing research for her latest book. Now that said book is on the market, she returned to promote her work and to talk about some of what she learned.



Amy Gulick

"The Salmon Way: An Alaska State of Mind" gathers together stories and photographs across Alaska, showing a unique way of life where peoples' lifestyles are still closely connected to the natural resources around them. More specifically, the book looks at how people are connected to Alaska's salmon.

"As a writer and photographer, I tell real life stories, but how do I decide which stories to pursue?" Gulick asked. "There's so many interesting topics out there, and at some point I've got to just pick one and go for it because it takes years, many years, to put together a book or project like this."

The book is a collection of stories from across Alaska, from Bristol Bay to Southeast. One such story comes from Wrangell itself, from fisherman John Yeager. Yeager has been a sport fishing guide in Wrangell since 2005, Gulick writes in her book, shortly after retiring from the Coast Guard.

"I'm not so much trying to fill the freezers of my clients; I'm trying to fill their minds with memories," Yeager said in the book. "There are many 'firsts' on this boat - first time in Alaska, first time catching a salmon, or first time fishing with a grandchild. I like that I can provide experiences that will stay with people forever."

What interested Gulick in this book, she said, is that there is still a place in the world where people and salmon are so closely intertwined. The state really is one of the last places in the world with such a rich supply of salmon, and she wanted to know what the lives of people who live "a salmon way of life" are like. Looking at a map of Alaska, she said, one could see an incredible number of rivers and waterways running through the state, many of which are home to one species of salmon or another.

"What I see is a living landscape, a beating heart whose arteries of life are all of those blue waterways," she said. "What you can't see on this map are the salmon, pulsing through those waterways, bringing life to bears, birds, plants, people, and communities. Everywhere I went, Alaskans told me that salmon are their lifeblood."

To learn more about "The Salmon Way" visit www.the-salmonway.org.

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Community Orchestra gives Bearfest performance

The Wrangell Community Orchestra gave a performance for Bearfest on Sunday, July 28. Pictured here is Michael Bania on the cello.



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Robert Johnson demonstrates how to use bear spray during last Wednesday's bear safety training at the gun range.

Bear safety workshop covers the importance of respect for bears

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

A bear safety workshop was held at the gun range on Spur Road last Wednesday, July 24, as one of the first events scheduled for Wrangell's annual Bearfest. Wrangell resident Robert Johnson led the workshop. He has had a lot of experiences with bears over the years, he said, and told everyone early in the workshop that having respect for bears was an important part of staying safe around them.

"You just have to be in awe of these animals and show them the utmost respect," he said. "As long as you treat them with respect, and they've been treated with respect all their lives then they're good. You get a bad apple and it's carrying some chunks of lead from previous encounters, or an arrow shaft as I've seen happen, they get mean and angry."

Alaska is home to three main species of bears: Brown, black, and polar bear. Polar bears typically live much farther north, according to a teachers' guide by

the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, but Southeast Alaska is home to both brown and black bears. According to the guide, there are roughly 100,000 black bears in Alaska as well as 32,000 brown bears. Johnson said that, bears should never be underestimated. In his experience, he said, brown bears are easy to read, but black bears have the best "poker face" he has ever seen. A brown bear will usually make it obvious when they are upset, he said, but black bears are a real challenge to read and predict what they will do. On top of that, he added, bears are surprisingly quiet creatures for their size. It is easy for a bear to walk right up on a person without them noticing. A bear, especially a wounded bear, is a very dangerous animal. That is why he is such a big advocate for bear spray, he said. It helps scare off a bear without shooting it, which is likely to only enrage the creature.

"Since pepper spray has been developed there's been fewer deaths by bears," he said. "I know for certain there's fewer

dead bears, and I'm a big advocate of bears. I'm a big fan of them."

Bear spray works just like a normal can of pepper spray. When the safety is removed and the can's trigger is pulled, a cloud of irritating pepper is shot into the face of an attacker. Johnson said that on top of being an irritant that gets into a bear's eyes and nose, the hissing sound from the can and the sudden appearance of a large cloud in front of them helps scare them off. From a bear's perspective, he said, their potential prey just vanished right in front of them.

Johnson took his audience out onto the gun range with several cans of expired bear spray to let them practice using it. Even when not directly in the cloud of the spray, several people began to cough when the first spray was released. Johnson said that just a quick spray from the can is usually enough to scare off a bear, and that it is important to conserve as much of the can as possible. Bears that have been hit with pepper spray before are

Wrangell dancers preparing to lead the way at Celebration 2020

By CALEB VIERKANT
Sentinel writer

Celebration is a large, biennial cultural event for all Southeast Alaskan tribes across the region. For four days in June, according to the Sealaska Heritage Institute's website, tribal citizens from all over Southeast Alaska and beyond come together in Juneau for traditional songs, dances, and crafts. It is one of the largest gatherings of Southeast Alaskan tribes in the state. Next year's Celebration will be extra special, as members of Wrangell's native community have been named 2020's lead dance group.

"The biennial event is sponsored and organized by Sealaska Heritage Institute and brings together dance groups representing Tlingit, Haida, Tsimshian and other nations or clans together for three days of sharing songs, dance and stories," Dixie Hutchinson wrote in an email to the Sentinel. "Being named the lead dance group for Celebration 2020 is an honor and privilege. Wrangell songs will be used for a grand entrance and grand exit by thousands of dancers from across the region and beyond."

Wrangell is home to two native dance groups, *Shx'at' Kwaan* and JOM. For Celebration 2020, Hutchinson explained, the two groups will come together to lead the way. Most of this month has been used to get organized and review responsibilities of members from both groups. Hutchinson added that they are wanting their group at Celebration to be as representative of Wrangell's native community as possible. It would be nice, she said, if they could get at least one dancer from each of Wrangell's nine clans, and are also working on having custom banners made to represent each Tlingit clan.

"Although traditionally our community was only Tlingit, we want to make sure when we're carrying those banners through the parade or whatever place at Celebration, we want to represent the Haidas that are here as well, or the Tahltans that are here, or Tsimshians, and there's also Aleut folks here," Hutchinson said.

Virginia Oliver, with the JOM dancers, said that she was very excited and apprehensive about leading the way at Celebration 2020. It is a terrific opportunity to pass on their culture to future generations, she said. Lu Knapp, with the JOM dancers, agreed with Oliver. She added that Celebration is an event that means a lot to her, as well as others.

"The coming together, the combination of the people all getting together is very powerful," she said.

Hutchinson said that the plan is to begin really focusing on preparing for Celebration 2020 and getting people excited in December. They are looking for volunteers or any Wrangell clan or native heritage to connect with them to learn how they can participate, even if it is not as a dancer.

To learn more about Celebration, visit www.sealaskaheritage.org.

likely to remember, he said, and will usually wander away from a person they see with a can of spray in their hands. Other bits of advice he offered on bear spray included to always keep it on hand when out hiking, on one's belt or in a pocket, and not buried inside one's backpack. Another important piece of advice was to always keep the safety cap on the can until it was time to use it. Bear spray is a weapon, just a like a gun, and needs to be handled carefully.

Johnson also gave his audience advice on what to do to avoid bear encounters. When walking in the woods, be sure to make noise to keep bears aware of where you are. While a common piece of advice, Johnson said that "bear bells" were not a good idea. Wearing or ringing bells while hiking may keep adult bears away, but the jingling sound could attract small cubs who are curious about the new sound.

If one encounters a bear in their path, Johnson said that it is important to not make eye contact. Bears will see that as a challenge, and everything about encountering a bear comes back

to respect. A person should lower their head a little, look away but keep the bear in their peripheral vision, and take a step back. Speak calmly to the bear and wait for it to move on. Running away is never a good idea, in any circumstance, he said. That will only encourage the bear to give chase.

Lastly, if a bear gets close enough, a good option to drive it off is to hit its nose. The nose is one of the most sensitive and important parts of a bear's anatomy, Johnson said. Bears understand this, too. He has seen fights between two bears that got very gruesome, he said, but they very rarely hurt each others' noses. It is just understood, he said, that if their nose gets damaged they lose one of their most important tools for survival. Giving a bear a smack on the nose is very likely to make it take pause, he said.

"We're talking about bears that are a problem to you, not bears that are just out wandering around," Johnson said. "I mean, don't use your pepper spray as license to go up to a bear to take a close-up photograph ... Show respect to bears."

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Alaska Fish Factor

By LAINE WELCH
Fisheries columnist

Alaska commercial fisheries dodged bullet that would have removed millions of dollars from its budget

As Alaska lawmakers continue their struggle to keep the state afloat, commercial fisheries dodged a bullet that would have removed millions of dollars from its budget.

An obscure procedural action within the capital budget called a 'reverse sweep' prevents dozens of program-specific pots of money from being automatically drained into the budget reserve, as Governor Dunleavy aimed to do.

"The sweep is money that is not spent in a single year. In this case, it comes from certain sources, such as test fish receipts, commercial crew licenses and sale of Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission permits and licenses," explained Doug Vincent-Lang Alaska, Commissioner of the Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game. "There is usually unexpended funds within the budget that typically carry over by the reverse sweep into next year's budget, and they are integrated into the department's operational budget as there is an expectation those moneys will be available."

There was a lot of confusion about what the sweeps swept up, he added. "From the ADF&G perspective, there was an initial document that showed all of those different pots of money are sweepable. However, we have since learned that the actual budget that was signed by the governor and passed by the legislature included language that makes the test fish receipts, crew member licenses and the CFEC licenses non sweepable."

Money from test fish receipts comes from sampling salmon or other species that are caught by the state to gauge run strength and collect other biological data and then are sold.

Crew license sales and CFEC dollars from permits, vessel licenses and other fees go into separate savings accounts; more comes from General Fund Program Receipts, primarily from crew license sales.

"The test fishing receipts are on the order of \$2.5 million, crew licenses bring in \$2.5 to \$3 million and those are built into our management program for the next year," Vincent-Lang said. "We use them for doing things like crab and shellfish management to herring management, conducting aerial surveys and running weirs and sonar operations."

Vincent-Lang said the commfish division is working out the details of a nearly one million dollar budget cut, which he calls "not life threat-

ening."

"There's going to be impacts on some weir operations and sonar operations, but we we'll be able to manage around them," he said, adding that things would have been far worse if the test fishing and license receipts were swept away.

"Not all of that would've been spent in a single year, but it would have meant somewhere on the order of \$2.5 to \$4 million worth of unexpected budget impacts to the division of commercial fisheries," Vincent-Lang said.

The approved FY20 budget for the commercial fisheries division is about \$71 million of which \$52 million is from general funds.

Catch 49 grows fish sales -
The Catch 49 program that delivers locally caught seafood to Alaskans across the state has expanded its 900 customers to include a growing wholesale base and a retail store.

Princess Holland America lodges in Denali is now one of its biggest buyers for jig caught rockfish and Tanner crab from Kodiak. The Bridge Restaurant in Anchorage and the Muse Restaurant at the Anchorage Museum are clients as is North Star Quality Meats, the protein supplier for all of the AC stores in rural Alaska.

"We are really proud to be one of the first people to supply Alaska caught seafood to those rural communities. It's kind of shocking they weren't getting that before, but we're happy to be filling that gap," said, Katy Rexford, director of Catch 49 which is an arm of the non-profit Alaska Marine Conservation Council.

It's the eighth year for the "boat to table" program described as a community supported fishery.

Customers pre-order their seafood favorites in advance and pick it up at distribution hubs across the state a few weeks later.

Up to 15 boats fish for Catch 49 products now, Rexford said, and they are always on the lookout for more fishermen across the state. The group offers sockeye salmon from Bristol Bay and Copper River, halibut, Tanner crab, king crab from Norton Sound, Kodiak rockfish, shrimp from Prince William Sound, octopus, sablefish, smoked products and "just about anything you can pull out of the water."

Rexford said when the seafood arrives at the various distribution centers, it's like "fishmas!"

"I get to hand customers these big beautiful bags of gorgeous fillets or shrimp and people are so happy to be able to buy the best seafood in the world and to know they are supporting fishing families and the fishing way of life in our small Alaska coastal communities," she said. "One hundred percent of our proceeds is supporting policy work and conservation programs that buoy our fisheries and keep them sustainable and productive for generations to come."

Catch 49 summer orders are being taken through August 5 at www.catch49.org; drop offs will take place a few days later in Fairbanks, Seward, Homer and the Mat-Su Valley. Anchorage customers can now pick up seafood every Thursday from 12-6pm at a new retail location at 636 E. 15th Avenue.

"Instead of four or five times a year, people in the Anchorage area can now order seafood year round. We're trying to position ourselves as a more regular source of sustainable seafood," Rexford said, adding that Catch-49 hopes to expand the opportunity to other regions.

Fraser salmon stuck -
There could be fewer wild salmon from British Columbia competing with Alaska this year due to a rockslide 250 miles up the Fraser River that is keeping the fish from their spawning grounds.

"All that rock on top of that face has fallen into the river which is confining passage for fish. I've never seen anything to this degree on this side of the river," Dale Mickey, a manager with Fisheries and Oceans Canada, told CTV News Vancouver.

Nearly 80 percent of the sockeye runs from eight tributaries head up the Fraser River which this year is expected to be 3.5 million fish. A run of 180,000 reds a day is starting to arrive and a sense of urgency has rescuers resorting to a temporary solution - flying the fish upriver by helicopter.

Crews have begun air-lifting the fish from a holding pond below the rockslide where the sockeyes are netted, tagged and put in oxygenated aluminum tanks for transport and release upriver. They also are working nearly round the clock to secure the canyon and create a "natural fishway" using artificial salmon ladders inserted into the river.

Another assist could come from pressurized tubes called fish cannons created by Seattle-based Whooshh Innovations. The cannons literally shoot the fish up and over

dams or other obstructions blocking their migrations. Company CEO Vince Bryan said results have shown that the cannons provide far less stress on the fish than other transports, like trucks and helicopters.

"People have asked us how we know it's okay for the fish, and we tell them because when they come out of the tube, they turn their heads and look back at us waving their tail and saying thanks," he

said in a phone interview. "In all seriousness, studies we did on the fish cortisol (stress) levels as they were going into the tube were not raised."

Cohos will arrive later and the Fraser produces more Chinook salmon than all the rivers of Puget Sound combined. Canada's provincial and federal governments say they will do everything possible to make sure the salmon are able to reach their spawning grounds.

Golf roundup

Muskeg Meadows Golf Course hosted the annual Bearfest golf tournament last Saturday, July 27 with 22 participants.

First place went to a team consisting of Kitty Evers, Tammy Davison, Jaci Spry, and Terrie Cerny, with a net score of 16 and a team handicap of 22. Second place went to Rocky Littleton, Marva Reid, Loren Enright, and There Klein with a net score of 19 and a team handicap of 18. Third place went to a team consisting of Frank Roppel, Jerry Bakeburg, Rosie Roppel, and Cindy Beird with a net score of 20 and team handicap of 17. Robert Johnson had the straightest drive of the day at 33 inches. The next tournament at the golf course will be the Rally for Cancer Care on Aug. 10 and 11.



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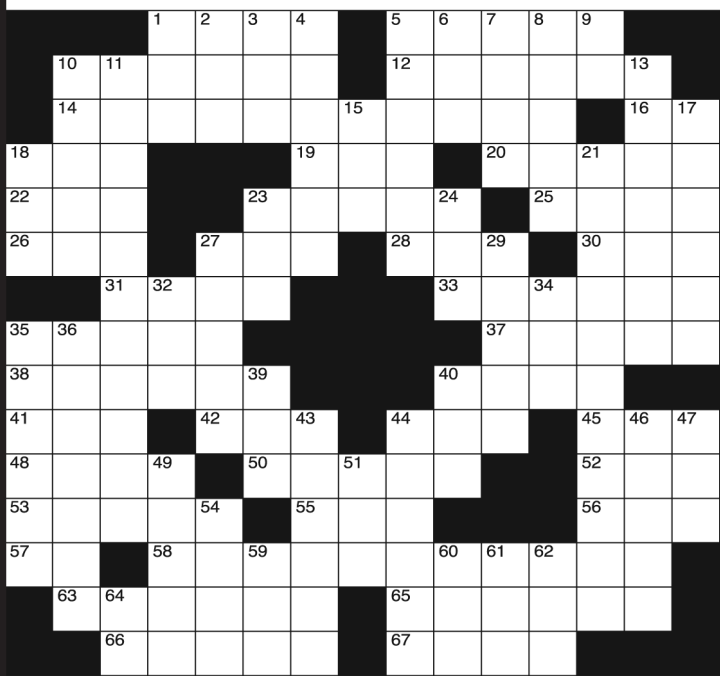
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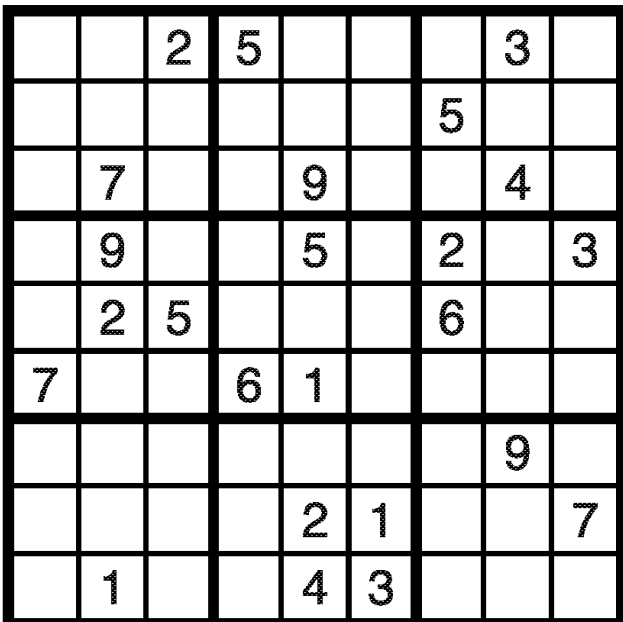
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- 1. Crackle & Pop's friend
- 5. Having wings
- 10. Small, rounded fruit
- 12. Cobb and tossed are two
- 14. Not sensible
- 16. One of the six noble gases
- 18. Helps little firms
- 19. A way to approve
- 20. Triangular bones
- 22. Plead
- 23. Longs
- 25. Covers with turf
- 26. Peyton's little brother
- 27. Partner to cheese
- 28. Famed patriot Adams
- 30. Tear
- 31. One-billionth of a second (abbr.)
- 33. Dog
- 35. Electronic communication
- 37. Marked
- 38. Informed upon (slang)
- 40. Actor Damon
- 41. Black, long-tailed cuckoo
- 42. A type of corrosion (abbr.)
- 44. Sportscaster Patrick
- 45. Witch
- 48. Neatly, carefully store
- 50. Indicates silence
- 52. Computer giant
- 53. Sea eagles
- 55. Moved quickly
- 56. Small island (British)
- 57. Prosecutor
- 58. A type of monk
- 63. Pictures or sculptures of the Virgin Mary
- 65. Area of muddy ground
- 66. Saddle horses
- 67. Fasting in Islam

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Engine additive
- 2. ATM company
- 3. Satisfaction
- 4. Park lunch
- 5. Remarks to the audience
- 6. Resinous substance
- 7. Expression of sorrow or pity
- 8. Rhythmic patterns
- 9. "Westworld" actress Harris
- 10. Published false statement
- 11. Ability to be resourceful
- 13. Small, herringlike fish
- 15. 2,000 lbs.
- 17. Scraped
- 18. One point east of due south
- 21. Books of the New Testament
- 23. Political action committee
- 24. Resembles a pouch
- 27. Genus of badgers
- 29. Daniel Francois ___, South African P.M.
- 32. Pull up a chair
- 34. Egg of a louse
- 35. Removed
- 36. Catches poachers
- 39. Fall back
- 40. Sports equipment
- 43. Stroke gently
- 44. Jeans and jackets
- 46. Firs genus
- 47. Greenwich Time
- 49. "Wings" actor
- 51. Dishonorable man
- 54. Stiff, hairlike structure
- 59. Snag
- 60. Portuguese river
- 61. Defunct aerospace company
- 62. 007's creator
- 64. Farm state

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Forest Service Intern Kelsie Alling running a game of twister at the Bearfest Community Market.



Chef Dana Tough gave a cooking demonstration at last weekend's community market. Tough was in Wrangell to cook for the seafood dinner and auction at the Stikine Inn last Friday.

Bearfest Community Market

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Maleah Wenzel selling homemade jewelry at last Saturday's community market.

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Kim Lane, Borough Clerk
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Preliminary Written Finding under AS 38.05.035(e) and AS 38.05.945

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, gives formal notice under AS 38.05.945 that the Division has made a preliminary decision under AS 38.05.035(e) regarding the sale of the following commercial timber sale: Bay View Timber Sale (SSE-1369-K).

Before this sale may be held, the Director of the Division of Forestry will make a written final decision that the sale is in the best interest of the State. This decision will set out the facts and applicable policies upon which the Director bases his determination that the proposed timber sale will or will not best serve the interest of the State. The final decision is expected to be available to the public after **August 29, 2019.**

This timber sale is located on Prince of Wales Island, approximately 1/4 mile east of the public floatplane and harbor in the City of Thorne Bay. The legal description of the sale area is within Sections 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 34, and 35, Township 71 South, Range 84 East, Copper River Meridian. The sale area is located on the Craig C-2 USGS quadrangle. The main access for this sale area is from the existing Prince of Wales Road System, specifically off the Sandy Beach Road.

The harvest unit is approximately 640 acres and contains approximately 14,600 MBF of timber. This volume will be negotiated and sold under provisions of AS 38.05.115, AS 38.05.118 and/or AS 38.05.123, in the form of one or multiple sales. The sale(s) will require in-state manufacture and will be a negotiated contract.

The public is invited to comment on any aspect of the preliminary decision. Comments should be mailed to the Alaska Division of Forestry, 2417 Tongass Avenue, Suite 213, Ketchikan, AK 99901. Comments must be received at the Division of Forestry office no later than **August 28, 2019**, in order to be considered in the final best interest finding decision of whether or not this sale will be held in whole or in part. To be eligible to appeal the final decision a person must have provided written comment by **August 28, 2019.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SUBMIT COMMENTS CONTACT:

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

<https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/default.aspx?id=194943>

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Greg Staunton
Southeast Area Forester
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Legislature funds capital budget, restores university scholarships and other programs

The Alaska House of Representatives passed Senate Bill 2002 on Monday, July 29.

S.B. 2002 funds the capital budget, which allows Alaska's private sector to access \$1 billion in federal funds for highway and construction projects.

The legislation also contains important "reverse sweep" language, which reverses the governor's unprecedented action to zero out university scholarships for 12,000 students, increase rural energy rates by eliminating Power Cost Equalization, and take away grants from organizations that serve domestic violence victims and the homeless.

Because the Senate previously passed S.B. 2002 with a three-quarter supermajority, as the House did today on a 31-to-7 vote, the "reverse sweep" process is final and binding. The governor could, however, veto line items contained within the capital budget.

"Today's vote provides certainty that our private sector will have the resources



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A night out at the Stikine Inn

The Chameleon Brotherhood was in Wrangell last week. Pictured here is the band performing at the Stikine Inn during the Bearfest dinner and fundraiser auction.

needed to build Alaska. It also restores confidence for Alaskans that the Legislature is willing to set aside disagreements

and vote for good legislation," House Speaker Bryce Edgmon (I-Dillingham) said. "I personally thank every member

who voted for this bill, and I remain committed to finding compromise on the many other important issues ahead."

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Ferry workers meet with federal mediator: “a very positive and constructive meeting”

Elected union leaders representing 400 public ferry workers who operate Alaska’s Marine Highway System are describing their meeting over the weekend with federal mediator Beth Schindler as “very positive and constructive.”

“There were positive steps in our meeting that should allow both sides to reach a solution,” said Trina Arnold, Director of the Alaska Region Inlandboatmen’s Union of the Pacific, an affiliate of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union.

“The process was productive and positive,” she said. “We want the ferries to get running and communities to be connected as soon as possible.”

Ferry workers explain failure by governor’s negotiators that led to strike

Four hundred public ferry workers who operate Alaska’s Marine Highway System are providing a “behind-the-scenes” look at the events which led up to a strike that began Wednesday afternoon, July 24. The strike is ongoing, although union officials have made it clear they are ready to talk when a settlement is within reach.

“We didn’t want to take this action and urge the Governor’s negotiators to work with us on a contract,” said Trina Arnold, Director of the Alaska Region Inlandboatmen’s Union of the Pacific, an affiliate of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union. “Nobody in management has called about resolving this with a contract,” she said.

Workers say the problem started two years and nine months ago, when they first sat down with the Governor’s negotiators who showed little interest in reaching a contract. After tedious negotiations, tentative agreements were reached on 30 contract items, but terms could not be reached on pay and benefits. In the hours leading up to the strike, the Governor’s negotiators abruptly withdrew their approval for the 30 items that had already been approved by both sides.

The Governor’s negotiators were also demanding that workers pay significantly more for their health insurance, while refusing to provide any cost-of-living adjustments for either the past three years or upcoming years, to help keep pay in line with inflation. Negotiators also refused to provide ferry workers with the same kind of step pay system that covers most other Alaska public employees.

Ferry workers asked for 1.8 percent raises over 5 years, which still left them with no real-dollar increases, with inflation running at almost 3 percent. The refusal to provide, inflation protection, pay raises, the step- system higher health care costs, amounted to a net pay cut for most workers. The Governor’s proposal for a one-time payment of \$1,500 also fell short, because it still left families underwater.

The other remaining concern is drastic cuts to public ferry service that the administration wants to impose on residents after the busy summer tourist season. “That’s when residents will suffer if these proposed cuts are imposed on residents and businesses in dozens of communities,” said Arnold. We stand with community leaders all over Alaska who see this as unwise and unfair.”



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Among the many travelers who found their plans disrupted by the ferry workers’ strike was a group of over 40 Wrangell kids and adults, who were in Juneau for a church camp. They were able to make their way back home on Thursday, July 25, thanks to a rerouted Alaska Airlines flight.

Strike

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had to hold the phone away from their ears to let them blow off some steam.

“People are irate,” said Berg. “A lot of them don’t understand, and they want to get mad at somebody.”

Ernie Vanderwalt and his wife were in Petersburg last week after visiting the state from North Carolina. He was on the second half of his trip when he got to Petersburg from Juneau via the ferry system. He said it was an amazing trip up until he left Petersburg onboard the M/V Columbia last Wednesday, July 24, for Washington. What was supposed to be a three-hour stop in Ketchikan turned into a more permanent stay.

When the ferry docked in Ketchikan, Vanderwalt said that the IBU workers walked off the vessel. The captain called a meeting with all the passengers and filled them in on the situation. The IBU workers were going on strike and the M/V Columbia would not be continuing its voyage. The passengers were allowed to stay onboard overnight, but they had to depart from the ship the following day.

Vanderwalt stepped off the ship, spotted the purser and let him know in no uncertain terms how he felt about the situation.

“You take charge as a professional seaman of a certain number of passengers,” said Vanderwalt to the purser. “You start off a voyage and halfway through you don’t complete that and start to seek your own interests? It is the opposite of noble.”

Vanderwalt said the purser seemed to be unconcerned with what he had to say.

He was able to book a plane and leave Ketchikan, but Vanderwalt was concerned about those who were in more remote areas of Alaska or were traveling with a car. One of his friends was traveling with an RV and had to pay \$2,000 to have it shipped to Seattle.

“They were inconsiderate towards passengers across Alaska to say the least,” said Vanderwalt of the IBU workers. “They wanted to use all of the passengers as leverage. They turned the passengers into pawns for their game. I abhor that in the strongest possible way. I think it’s unprofessional conduct and unseaman like. You don’t do that.”



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