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District 8 closures to limit derby to weekends

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

The committee responsible for organizing Wrangell's annual king salmon derby decided last week to alter its usual scheduling, in light of anticipated emergency orders limiting sport opportunity at the Stikine River.

In its 66th year now, the 2018 Wrangell King Salmon Derby is an annual activity put on by the Chamber of Commerce. Its derby committee is a voluntary body filled by community members, currently chaired by Shawn Curley.

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game intends to issue an emergency management order for this spring and summer, closing most of District 8 to sport fishermen angling for king salmon. Escapement forecasts for Chinook returning to the Stikine River are about half their lower regulatory threshold this year, causing the river to join other troubled populations in river systems along the Southeast coast.

At the Board of Fisheries meeting that concluded in Sitka January 23, king salmon populations of the Unuk, Chilkat and King Salmon rivers were designated as stocks of concern, meaning escapement has failed to meet goals for four of the past five years. While the Stikine and Taku rivers neighboring these systems have not yet reached that point, the recent depletion of their stocks mirrors a troubling region-wide trend.

With this in mind, the committee was joined by members of the public January 24 to discuss what should be done about the upcoming derby. The group also had time to speak with ADFG management biologist Patrick Fowler, who participated by phone from Petersburg. He fielded questions and concerns and attempted to explain the department's likely course of action.

"Our forecast for this next year is about half of our escapement goal. So we're basically being very restrictive in our management across fisheries," he said. "The planned management actions for our area, specifically to protect Stikine River king salmon and Andrews Creek fish, is going to be non-retention of king salmon in all of District 8, except for a small couple-hundred yard radius around City Creek on the Petersburg side, where there are a few hundred hatchery fish returning."

Fowler went on to explain this

would apply to sport fishermen between May 1 and July 15. Other fisheries will likely see restrictions as well, but under separate orders. He expected all management actions stemming from the Board of Fisheries' actions would likely be released together as a formal announcement.

"That's the time that we harvest the majority of Stikine River wild stock of king salmon," he said. "It also corresponds with the time period that those adult king salmon that are coming to the river are transiting through the area."

The goal is to reduce the harvest of area king salmon as much as possible, relieving pressures to their number that has been attributed to decreasing survival rates once smolt reach the marine environment. While the area around Wrangell and Petersburg saw some closures during the 1980s stock rebuilding effort, Fowler said the prospective closure would be unprecedented.

To further protect salmon returning to the Stikine River, Fowler said he would likely close off a portion of District 7 in Wrangell's Back Channel.

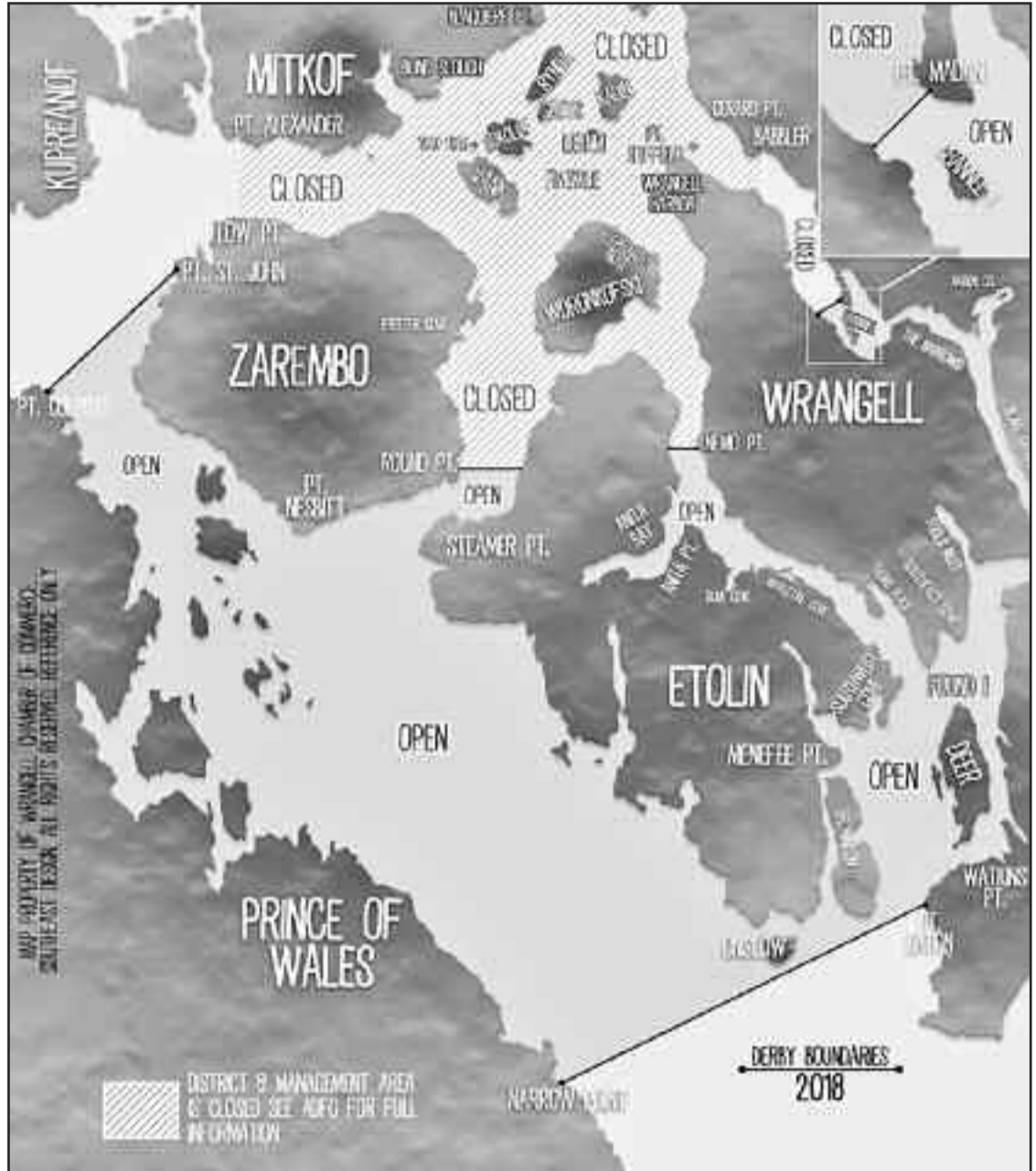
"My biggest concern is that point right there off of the flats," he said. "To provide a little bit of additional protection, we're going to move that boundary line down into District 7."

ADFG has some flexibility in setting such boundaries, and after taking input from those at the meeting a boundary stretching from Point Madan to the Channel Island marker to the mainland seemed likely.

That would better take pressure off of the stock in the Stikine River, but in future years Fowler added a closure of District 7 could also happen if stocks continued to suffer. One thing the department would want to avoid, he said, would be a "balloon effect" that would harm other anadromous streams.

"Any time that we close an area, we expect we're going to displace some of that effort to the surrounding areas," Fowler said. "If you squeeze it, it's going to bulge out in other directions."

As well as the geographical limitations, Fowler expected bag limits of one fish for residents, though that is yet to be determined. While opportunity will remain outside of District 8, he expected management this year would likely be more restrictive than in previous years.



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ILLUSTRATION

A draft map arranged by the Derby Committee shows which waters would be open to sport fishermen during this year's annual salmon derby. The hashed-out waters to the north make up District 8. Traditional derby boundaries south of Etolin Island and beyond Zarembo Island would still apply, but most waters in District 7 would remain open to participants. An exception would be in the Back Channel to Wrangell's east, which could see a partial closure extended to the Channel Island area.

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- Patrick Fowler,
ADFG management
biologist in Petersburg

Given these expectations, the Derby Committee discussed its own options for the coming competition. Running for a month from mid-May to mid-June, the Wrangell derby is the longest in the region. Though District 7 would remain open, to help take pressure off of the king salmon stock Curley suggested trimming the competition down to weekends instead of shortening the duration. "What we're just trying to do is



PHOTO BY DAN RUDY

At its January 24 meeting, members of the Wrangell Derby Committee and Chamber of Commerce staff discuss what measures to take following news of a planned closure of District 8 to King Salmon sport fishing. If implemented the waters to the north of Wrangell Island and closest to town would be closed from May through mid-July.

separate our days but still catch both ends of the run," he explained.

Shortening the derby by a couple of weeks was another option considered. Not on the committee, local business owner Jeff Angerman expressed a concern that lim-

iting the competition to only weekends would also limit participation, as some people and visitors are unavailable at those times. With an overall reduction in ticket sales he also raised the question of whether the grand prizes at the end would

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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, February 1: Christy Good, Scott Mason, Erica Smith. **Anniversary:** Gordon and Emily McCloskey. **Friday, February 2:** Kaylahni Weddel, Leslie Cummings, Rhiannon Wenzel, Maria Weeg. **Saturday, February 3:** Aaliyah Messmer, Aaron Angerman, Danika Smith, Lindsey Gross, Bryan Allen. **Sunday, February 4:** Charlotte Neff, Raymond Hayes, Cody Roberts, Collin Dando, Terry Carney. **Monday, February 5:** Shannon Mickle, Nadra Angerman. **Tuesday, February 6:** Walter Moorhead, Binky Maenhout, Tamra Claggett, Leah Taylor, Emmett Mickle, Natalya Jabusch. **Wednesday, February 7:** Krystal Schultz, Lindsay Hannah, Paige Hoyt. **Thursday, February 8:** Chris Blackburn, Ethan Blatchley, **Anniversary:** Joel and Tis Peterman.

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

Senior Center Menu

Thursday, Feb. 1

Creole Pork, brussels sprouts, tossed salad, baking powder biscuits.

The rest of the Senior Center Menu is not available for this week.

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

FERRY

Departures

Northbound

Sunday, Feb. 4
Columbia 3:45 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 11
Columbia 6:15 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 18
Columbia 2:15 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 24
Kennicott 8:45 p.m.

Southbound

Wednesday, Feb. 7
Columbia 6:15 a.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 14
Columbia 5:45 a.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 21
Columbia 5:00 a.m.
Monday, Feb. 26
Kennicott 3:00 p.m.

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



TIDES Feb 1 - Feb. 8

High Tides

Low Tides

	AM		PM		AM		PM	
	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft	Time	Ft
Feb. 1	1:20	17.3	1:14	19.5	6:59	0.7	7:34	-4.0
Feb. 2	2:04	17.6	2:01	18.9	7:46	0.5	8:16	-3.2
Feb. 3	2:46	17.5	2:47	17.8	8:32	0.6	8:57	-2.0
Feb. 4	3:27	17.1	3:33	16.3	9:19	1.1	9:38	-0.5
Feb. 5	4:10	16.4	4:21	14.6	10:09	1.8	10:20	1.1
Feb. 6	4:55	15.6	5:17	13.0	11:02	2.4	11:05	2.7
Feb. 7	5:47	14.7	6:27	11.7	12:03	3.1	11:58	4.1
Feb. 8	6:49	14.1	7:49	11.1	1:14	3.3

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Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

Thursday, Feb. 1

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.

Middle School Wrestling: Mix and Match dual at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Gym.

Friday, Feb. 2

Middle School Wrestling: Round Robin 4:00 p.m. at the High School Gym.

Saturday, Feb. 3

Middle School Wrestling: Tournament at 10 a.m. in the High School Gym.

Monday, Feb. 5

Hatha Yoga: 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Hosted at the AICS Medical Clinic.

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 Church Parish Hall, study materials provided. Wed. M & M 12 p.m. at the Catholic Parish Hall, use back entrance.

NA Meeting: Wed., We Do Recover, 7 p.m. at the Episcopal Church Parish Hall.

Bridge Social: F, 1 p.m. at the 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.

February 7, 1918: Restaurant and Hotel Food Rules, United States Food Administration. Notice: We, the undersigned, at request of Federal Food Administrator for Alaska, have agreed to observe in our places of business the following program of serving food to our customers until further notice. Each Tuesday: no meat (beef, mutton or pork.) Each Saturday: no wheat or food made there from. Each Day: one meatless meal. No bread, crackers, butter or sugar on table until meal is served. Two lumps of sugar to each cup of tea or coffee, or equivalent in dry granulated sugar. We also agree to refrain from baking wheat bread for Wednesdays, and from the use of butter and animal fats in cooking as far as possible. Wrangell Hotel, By J.G. Grant. Wrangell Restaurant, by Mrs. L.E. Barron. Boston Café, By L. Nakamoto. Wrangell, Alaska, January 16, 1918.

February 5, 1943: Two years ago when Robert Shermer was one of the stars on the Wrangell High basketball team he probably little dreamed that 1943 would see him writing letters home from the South Pacific. But, according to a letter received by his grandmother, Mrs. M.A. Cramer. Wrangell relatives and friends learned that Robert has been promoted. The letter follows: January 1, 1943. "Dear Grandmother: I can imagine how you feel not hearing from me for such a long time and I want you to know that I really am sorry if I have caused you any undue worry, because outside of an attack of malaria I am feeling swell. Well maybe you have guessed by now that I am not in

the good old USA anymore and haven't been for six months and I sure miss all the things we had back there, heck I don't know what the popular songs are now. The last one I heard was that screwy "Jingle Jangle" thing. I have been promoted to P.F.C. and have hopes of making Corporal before I return to the states. (I hope.) Right now we are on an island down in the South Pacific (name not to be disclosed) and it is so blooming hot that you have to change your shirts about twice a day and wring them out. Boy you can't walk fifty feet without the sweat breaking out on you, like you just had a shower."

February 8, 1968: By Bob Weaver of the column Weaver's Loom. Our mailbag continues to belch forth with unbelievable things. Like the note we got from a candidate for Congress, ad-

dressed to the "Wrangell Centennial." Really not a bad name for the oldest paper around Alaska, I guess. But we're not the only people with mail trouble. Like the other day when a garage owner had a shipment of brake fluid sent in by mail. It not only got to him, it got to a lot of other people's letters. Kind of a new type scent for letters.

February 4, 1993: The Wrangell Museum Committee will be sponsoring a Native Regalia display and telling of Native legends as part of the 1993 Tent City Days festival. The event will be held in the Middle School Commons at 4 p.m., Sunday. Anyone wishing to have their regalia displayed can contact Marge Byrd or Janelle Privett. Rides to and from the show will be available.



Wrangell Weather

Date	High	Low
Jan. 22	36	33
Jan. 23	39	30
Jan. 24	37	28
Jan. 25	37	28
Jan. 26	37	30
Jan. 27	33	26
Jan. 28	36	28
Jan. 29	36	30



Daylight Hours

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
Feb. 01	7:45 am	4:19 pm	8:34h
Feb. 02	7:43 am	4:21 pm	8:38h
Feb. 03	7:41 am	4:24 pm	8:43h
Feb. 04	7:39 am	4:26 pm	8:47h
Feb. 05	7:37 am	4:28 pm	8:51h
Feb. 06	7:35 am	4:30 pm	8:55h
Feb. 07	7:33 am	4:32 pm	8:59h
Feb. 08	7:31 am	4:35 pm	9:04h

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Fisheries board agrees to draft letter on otters

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

On its regional meeting's concluding day last week the Board of Fisheries agreed to draft a letter to federal authorities, encouraging them to support efforts to curb seafood predation by marine mammals.

During its 13-day meeting in Sitka, the board reviewed regulatory proposals for both finfish and shellfish for Southeast Alaska and Yakutat. Starting with shellfish on January 11, 155 different items relating to the region's crab, shrimp and dive fisheries saw comment from both Department of Fish and Game managers and user groups, as well as individuals.

Among both Dungeness crab and dive fishery items a common thread in testimony was the threat posed to those fisheries by marine mammals, sea otters in particular. In a report by Kyle Hebert on the opening day, ADFG research supervisor for dive fisheries in Southeast, he characterized the recolonization of the region by sea otters as the primary challenge to species in the dive fisheries, such as sea cucumber, geoduck and red sea urchin.

Eradicated by hunters in the region during the 19th century, around 400 otters were reintroduced from Southwest Alaska during the 1960s. The population has since found a foothold, with the federal Fish and Wildlife Service estimating their number at around 25,700 in 2014, the latest available report, from around 9,000 in 1994. Aerial surveys were used to collect

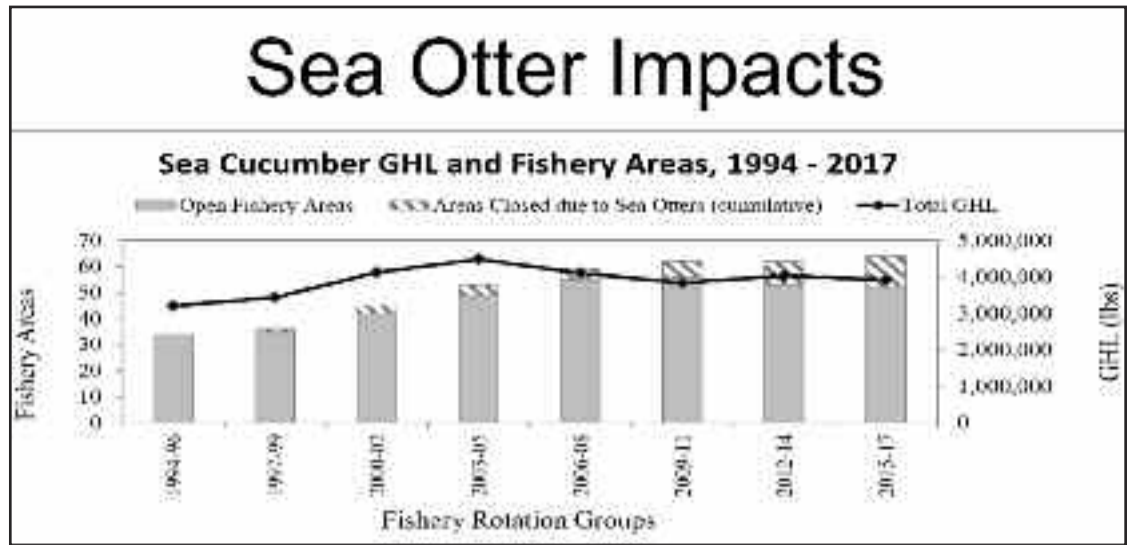
the recent population estimates.

Southeastern sea otters are one of three distinct populations now living in Alaska, and unlike that found in Southwest the region's population is neither listed as depleted under the Marine Mammals Protection Act nor listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act of 1973. However, the MMPA does protect the species from regular harvest. USFWS has jurisdiction over their management, and only Alaska Native subsistence users are legally allowed to harvest and process them.

A joint letter by the Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance, SE Alaska Regional Dive Fisheries Association, Petersburg Vessel Owner's Association and Shellfish Preservation Alliance had been submitted advocating for support from the Board of Fisheries. Wrangell crabber Mike Lockabey had also testified he had submitted letters to the Secretary of the Interior, the Alaskan congressional delegation and Gov. Bill Walker, seeking their support in loosening restrictions on the harvest of otters.

Of the sea otters found in Southeast, the known level of direct human-caused mortality listed in the 2014 report is 447 otters per year, though uncertainties exist regarding mortality from fisheries. USFWS estimates an additional 1,733 more otters per year would need to be killed in order to threaten the stock's sustainability.

As board members concluded the meeting on January 23, among its final items of business was to



ADFG ILLUSTRATION

From a presentation delivered by the Commercial Fisheries Division at last month's Board of Fisheries meeting in Sitka, the growth of three-year rotation groups for sea cucumbers in Southeast Alaska and guideline harvest levels is tracked. Its decline for much of the past decade has been linked to a growing population of sea otters in the region.

deal with concerns about sea otters in Southeast. Chairman John Jensen noted the urgency of the problem as relayed by the days' testimonials.

"I heard a call loud and clear that we need to try to do something and address this predator population. It's not just sea otters, it's marine mammals," he said.

Jensen recommended the board draft a letter to encourage USFWS and other federal agencies to take a more active role in managing the

otter population.

Fisheries board executive director Glenn Haight said one had already been in the drafting stage but had not yet been finalized. Board member Robert Ruffner said he was working on the letter, but advised caution in how the matter would be approached due to the charged nature of the subject.

"This issue can be particularly sensitive," he said. Ruffner said it would be important how the board might characterize its concerns,

considering a broader audience as well as those affected. "We need to be a little methodical on this one so we don't raise some attention that we don't want."

Without any objections from other board members, Jensen suggested that the letter be drafted in time for the Board of Fisheries' statewide meeting, set for March 6 in Anchorage. Once composed, the board will then have time at the meeting to discuss possible action on a letter.

Police report

Monday, January 22

- Civil matter.
- Intoxicated person.

Tuesday, January 23

- NOAA reported Tsunami Warning.
- Agency Assist: OCS.

Wednesday, January 24

- Report of theft.
- Abandoned vehicle: Notice left to be moved.
- Citation issued to Lester Schultz, 56, for speeding.
- Title 47.
- Report of disturbance: Loud music, music turned off.
- Suspicious circumstance.
- Welfare check: Person spoke with officer.

Thursday, January 25

- Unsecured premises: Officer spoke with contact person.
- Traffic stop.
- Disturbance: Officer responded.
- Summons service: Paper served.
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- Welfare check: Person spoke with officer.
- Citations issued to Christopher Smith, 25, for Failure to Provide Proof of Insurance.
- Suspicious person: Officer responded.

Friday, January 26

- Traffic Complaint.
- Found property.
- 86'd letter.
- Noise complaint: Officer responded.

Saturday, January 27

- Suspicious circumstance: Person concerned targets at shooting range were pointed in wrong direction.
- Suspicious circumstance: Three kids playing out spur road.
- Civil Issue.
- Threats: Person reported being threatened at his place of work.
- Traffic stop: Verbal warning for faulty equipment.
- Traffic stop: Verbal warning for faulty equipment.
- Arrested on charges of Drunk on License Premise/Disorderly conduct: Robert Dixon, 35.

Sunday, January 28


- Suspicious circumstance.
- Parking citation issued to Jenifer Gerald, 44, for vehicle parked within 300 feet of terminal.
- Parking citation issued to Brian Schwartz, 18, for vehicle parked within 300 feet of terminal.
- Welfare check requested.

There was one dog complaint in this week.



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WCA housing program to use \$600,000 locally

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

A community development grant obtained by Wrangell Cooperative Association last fall will be putting \$600,000 back into local homes.

The funds come from Housing and Urban Development, through its Community Development Block Grant program. The federal program provides resources to communities for addressing a wide range of unique development needs. The goal of the Wrangell project will be to increase energy efficiency for around 20 residences, specifically for Native homeowners.

"The Tribe was very excited to receive this grant," WCA administrator Esther Ashton explained. The application process began under previous administrator Aaron Angerman, she said, to address issues highlighted by a housing needs assessment WCA conducted in 2016.

Implementation of the project will be through a partnership between WCA and Tlingit-Haida Regional Housing Authority. THRHA will help with the funds' administration, as well as take the lead on conducting housing inspections and coordinating work.

THRHA Development & Construction Management manager Lorraine DeAsis came down from Juneau with special projects director Melanie Rodriguez last week for a public presentation outlining the project.

DeAsis explained they will be taking applications from homeowners that meet targeted criteria. Qualified homeowners need to be a Tribal citizen and resident of Wrangell, with priority given to households with elders over the age of 62 or with children under six years old. Inclusion in the program will also be income-based.

"Other things that we consider are condition of the home, and if the condition of the home is leading to any health concerns. We consider those kinds of issues as well," DeAsis added.

The Wrangell housing program is similar to those THRHA has been undertaking in Angoon, Kake and Yakutat for the past year and a half. Efforts there to rehabilitate homes are just about nearing completion.

"A big focus of this grant is energy savings," said DeAsis. This can be anything from replacing poor insulation and drafty windows to updating inefficient appliances. The DCM-led project also tries to address electrical and plumbing problems, as well as

ventilation and moisture concerns. Cleaning chimneys and updating wood-burning stoves to cleaner models are also part of the program's repertoire.

Residences selected for rehabilitation would undergo an initial inspection, giving project leads a better idea of what problems will need to be addressed. The inspecting team will work with homeowners to identify issues, going through the house from top to bottom.

"Probably the most important maintenance issue that we're running into is water leaks. Those lead to probably the most damage in the house," DeAsis explained. "It could be the water heater, it could be the boiler, and it could be something in the bathroom. It's almost always one of those things."

"What we've been finding in other communities is a lot of homes have boilers that are really old, and water heaters that are really inefficient and often failing," she continued. "In a lot of the houses the boiler room and the bathroom go back to back, and that can rot out a whole half of the house."

Once issues are identified, the full scope and cost of rehabilitating the selected houses are then assessed. Working with WCA and homeowners, DCM would devise a strategy to do as many of the repairs as are possible, as well as how best to go about them.

"Sometimes we hire contractors, and sometimes we do the work ourselves," said DeAsis.

Projects are taken in stages as resources and labor become available, often concurrently between houses. So when an electrician is available for those selected projects, homes needing electrical work will be worked on in the same sweep. Residents receiving housing aid will be expected to

make accommodations during the process, moving furniture out of the way of targeted projects and being available to scheduling work.

"We consider this whole process a partnership between the Tribe, the Housing Authority and the homeowner. We all are working together," DeAsis said.

Such projects are likely to take up to two years in all, but the improvements will result in healthier homes in the longer term. The program also will work with homeowners on how to use and properly maintain any newly installed items to ensure success.

"Once the work is done, then we do the same as what we had done in the beginning. We come back and do a close-out," said DeAsis. Before and after pictures of the sites are taken and homeowners spoken with about the work that was done, as well as how DCM might improve the process in the future.

For those interested in learning more about the program and its requirements, residents can stop by the WCA office during weekday hours. Applications should be completed and submitted by February 28.

Carol Lynn Snoddy

November 17, 1950 - December 18, 2017

Carol Lynn Snoddy (Aa k'wát'i of the Kaach.ádi clan) passed away after a long illness on December 18, 2017.



Carol Lynn Snoddy

She was born at Wrangell General Hospital on November 17, 1950 and was the 4th of eight children of Marcus and Mae Dailey.

She met and married the love of her life, Harold Snoddy, on July 29, 1969. She was the great-granddaughter of the last Chief Shakes, Charles Jones and his wife Susie.

One of the many great accomplishments of her life was working with her sister Tis and Todd White on the Chief Shakes clan house renovation and Carving facility. She was always involved in events that benefited the community. Even though Carol had accomplished so much over the years, she never was one to brag or beat her own drum unless it was in the 4th of July band. She could be as cool as a cucumber juggling events but when it came to drumming, she was very nervous, but loved playing.

She retired from the National Bank of Alaska, training managers over her 30 years of employment. She also served as a Commissioner of the Regional Tlingit & Haida Housing Authority and as a member of the local Tlingit & Haida Community Council.

Preceding her in death were; her parents; sister Paige Simmons; niece Leslie Simmons; and nephew Marcus Tyler Winchester.

The couple had no children together, however, they were the doting Auntie and Unc to Dacia, Nicole, Cameron, Kendri, MacKenzie, Larisa, Tara, Tammy, Michele, Ron, Marcus Tyler, Leslie, Fred, Kyle, Celly, Mark, Marshall, and Tasha. They were also great Auntie and Unc to numerous great nieces and nephews.

She is survived by; her husband Harold; siblings Dave Dailey, Jackie Dailey (Ken Cesar), Rob Dailey (Kathy Andresen), Tis Peterman (Joel), Christie Jamieson (Bruce) and Rick Dailey (Jane Rinehart).



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Fundraiser set to benefit new mariners' memorial

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

The organizing committee for a planned mariners' memorial

will be holding a winter fundraiser this weekend.

A monument dedicated to Wrangell's lost mariners has been

in the making for over a decade. The Port Commission took off with it in 2009, and helped shepherd the concept through the drafting stages, which were completed in 2015. An independent steering committee was subsequently organized, and after receiving tax-exempt status last fall has begun raising money from individuals and businesses to construct the memorial.

Committee member Brennan Eagle said the group has so far raised around \$22,000 for the memorial. At its last estimate, its stone plaza, steel memorial wall and planned pavilion could cost \$300,000. That would be if it were built by the municipality under a bid framework, Eagle explained.

"We're working with a contractor right now on what the cost might be, getting another cost estimate on it," he said.

"There's going to be a lot of asking for in-kind donations," Eagle added. These would include building materials and labor, as well as specialized project work like the electrical

wiring. The hope is that such contributions will bring down the overall cost. "If you can get some of that stuff donated, it's as good as the money."

The committee's goal is to have enough to begin work in the spring of 2019. The memorial would be constructed on city land near the boat ramp at Heritage Harbor. Eagle said the city is currently working on a use agreement for the memorial, which he anticipates should reach the Port Commission's agenda when it meets this month. If recommended by commissioners, it would go to the Borough Assembly for its potential approval by late February or early March.

To raise money the memorial committee has been selling support memberships to individuals. It had initially set a goal of 200 memberships last year, a number it has now surpassed.

Support has come from varied sources, committee member Gig Decker noted, with a number of backgrounds.

"I think it's really been a broad group here in Wrangell," he said.

Even if they don't necessarily share a maritime background, Eagle said members are at least united in purpose.

"They feel it would be worth putting a little bit of money into and would make this community a better place," he said of the memorial. From the start the committee has steered the memorial toward having a more inclusive meaning. "That's what we're trying to do here, is something for everybody. So everybody has a connection to it."

While its members are now seeking out more corporate sponsorships, the committee is still looking to raise new memberships, and so decided to arrange a gathering this weekend.

"We're doing an auction and appetizer function at the Stikine (Inn) this coming Saturday," Eagle said.

Starting at 7 p.m. a cash bar and appetizers will be open to

members, and volunteers will be selling memberships at the door for those who have not yet lent support.

The group will also have 10 items to auction off, including round-trip tickets from Alaska Airlines, vacation and travel packages, and even a boat haul-out with the Marine Service Center's 150-ton machine. Proceeds will go toward the construction fund and the memorial's upkeep.

Eagle added the event will be an opportunity for members to share what their interest is in constructing a new memorial.

"Each board member is going to be there to give our little personal spiel as to why we're involved. And we want to hear from other people too," he said.

One of the concepts for the memorial will be the eventual recording of such stories, which will be preserved and made available in a digital format.

"The biggest thing is going to get them recorded right now," he said. "There's still a lot of parts and pieces to work through."

"I look forward to the stories. That's the part of it I really like," said Decker. "We're going to have a chance to get up and talk about the reasons that this is important to them, and maybe even some of the stories that they're going to bring forward."

THANK YOU

The Salvation Army Wrangell sends our sincere appreciation to the following Angels for helping making Christmas 2017 a very special time for so many.

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The Wrangell Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that we will be honoring the *WVFD (Wrangell Volunteer Fire Department)* during the 2018 Chamber Dinner to be held on **Saturday, February 10th at 6pm - Nolan Center**

We are seeking your best stories and testimonials about what the Fire Dept. has done for you!

Some of these may be read aloud during the dinner and others will be displayed (let us know if you have a preference).

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of the Southeast Alaska Power Agency (SEAPA) will hold a Regular Board Meeting on February 8, 2018 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm AKST at the Sunny Point Ballroom at The Landing Hotel in Ketchikan, Alaska. During the meeting, the Board may enter into an executive session for discussions relating to an update on the Agency's hydrosite investigations and annual evaluation materials for the Agency's CEO. For additional information, please call (907) 228-2281.

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The Southeast Alaska Power Agency (SEAPA) is recruiting for an Operations Manager in Wrangell, AK. This is a key management position managing daily operations and maintenance of SEAPA's generation and transmission system. Successful candidate will possess a broad range of knowledge, skills and experience encompassing typical power generation and transmission equipment. This position plays an integral role in long-range planning, budget development and has a strong ability to directly affect change. Candidate must exhibit an appropriately high level of knowledge and skills consistent with a well-rounded senior level electric utility person. Minimum 15 years of broad electric utility experience. For a complete job description and the application process, please visit:

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The salary range is \$83,308 – \$97,867. The position is open until filled with job responsibilities commencing on July 1, 2018.

An Alaska Type B Administrative Certificate or the ability to obtain one is required.

Secure additional information including material that will more thoroughly introduce you to the district and our community.

Prepare an application packet that includes the following:

- a completed application form for the position of principal
- a complete professional resume
- your written response discussing why you would like to be the Elementary Principal of Wrangell Public Schools and the special talents you would bring to the position.
- 3 current letters of reference that can speak to your educational experience and abilities.

Contact Wrangell Public Schools for more information:

350 Bennett Street
 P.O. Box 2319
 Wrangell, AK 99929-2319
 Phone: 907-874-2347 ext. 221
 Fax: 907-874-3137
 Email: kpowell@wpsd.us

**Applications must be received by 4:00 PM,
 Thursday, February 15, 2018.**

It is Wrangell Public School District's policy to not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, national origin, sex or disability.

City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska

Rescheduled - Public Hearing

PUBLIC NOTICE

Due to a lack of a quorum for the January 23, 2018, the **PUBLIC HEARING** has been rescheduled for on **Tuesday, February 6, 2018**, in the Borough Assembly Chambers on the following item:

a. PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 938: AN ORDINANCE OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING SECTION 5.04.040 OF THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE, SENIOR CITIZEN AND DISABLED VETERAN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION QUALIFICATIONS

The Public Hearing process has changed by Assembly Action, (Ordinance 937) so that the hearing will take place during the Assembly Meeting under "PUBLIC HEARING" (item 11), on the Assembly's Agenda.

The Public is encouraged to attend.

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that the regular board meeting of the Wrangell Medical Center Board of Directors shall be held on the third Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the Nolan Center Classroom, Wrangell, Alaska. Separate notice for the regular Board of Directors meeting shall not be required.

Kris Reed
 Board Secretary
 Wrangell Medical Center
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CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL

Pursuant to the City & Borough of Wrangell Code, Sec. 3.04.808, notice is hereby given that the regular assembly meetings of the assembly shall be held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. The meetings shall be held at 7:00 p.m., in the Assembly Chambers, City Hall, Wrangell. If any such Tuesday shall fall on a legal holiday as defined by the laws of the State of Alaska, the meetings scheduled for that day shall be held at the same hour on the next succeeding day which is not a holiday. Separate notice for the regular council meetings shall not be required. There will be no regular meetings the second Tuesday in July and August and fourth Tuesday in December.

Kim Lane, Borough Clerk
 City of Wrangell, Alaska
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Federal Subsistence Meeting

The public is invited to attend and participate.

February 13 - 15, 2018

in Juneau

at the Central Council Tlingit & Haida Vocational Training and Resource Center, 3239 Hospital Drive, starting daily at 8:30 a.m.

The **Southeast Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council** will meet to discuss proposals to change Federal subsistence fish and shellfish regulations and nonrural determinations, and other issues related to subsistence in the Southeast Region. Participate in person or by teleconference. 1-866-560-5984 (passcode 12960066).

For meeting materials and other information on the Federal Subsistence Management Program, visit:

<https://www.doi.gov/subsistence> or call the Office of Subsistence Management at (907) 786-3888 or (800) 478-1456.

If you need special accommodations for disabilities, such as sign language interpretation, please contact the Office of Subsistence Management at least seven business days prior to the meeting.



The Southeast Alaska Power Agency (SEAPA) is recruiting for an Administrative Assistant in Ketchikan. Exciting and challenging full-time regular position with excellent benefits. Position offers a wide variety of duties and is well-suited for an energetic professional administrative person. The successful candidate will be expected to quickly learn and support new business processes. Performance standards are high and dedication to the Agency and its team of professionals is essential. Exceptional interpersonal skills, etiquette and professional appearance are required. A complete job description and the application process are available online at:

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Salary range is \$15.83 - \$22.83/Hour (DOE) + Benefits. SEAPA is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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City and Borough of Wrangell, Alaska PUBLIC OUTCRY AUCTION

For the Disposal of Eleven (11) Float Sections
 Located at the SHOEMAKER BAY HARBOR, Wrangell, AK

Auction Date: Friday, February 16, 2018

Auction Location: Wrangell City Hall, 205 Brueger Street, Wrangell, Alaska

Bidder Registration Required Prior to Auction Start

Auction Time: 2:00 PM

Subject to WMC 5.10.060 the City and Borough of Wrangell will offer for sale, by public outcry auction, to the highest qualified bidder, the following surplus property located in the City and Borough of Wrangell:

Float Section	Size/Dimensions	Minimum Bid
1	12' (w) x 152' (l)	\$25
2	12' (w) x 152' (l)	\$25
3	12' (w) x 152' (l)	\$25
4	12' (w) x 160' (l)	\$25
5	12' (w) x 160' (l)	\$25
6	12' (w) x 152' (l)	\$25
7	12' (w) x 152' (l)	\$25
8	12' (w) x 152' (l)	\$25
9	12' (w) x 152' (l)	\$25
10	12' (w) x 144' (l)	\$25
11	12' (w) x 144' (l)	\$25

Bid documents may be found at www.wrangell.com under the Bids, RFP's & Auctions section in the Resource Center Tab, or by contacting the Borough Clerk at clerk@wrangell.com.

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Alaska Fish Factor

By LAINE WELCH
Fisheries columnist

Catches of Pacific halibut to decrease this year, likely into the foreseeable future

As expected, catches of Pacific halibut will decrease for this year, and likely into the foreseeable future.

Following an increase in catches last year for the first time in several decades, the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) on Friday set a "suggested" coastwide catch for 2018 at 28.03 million pounds, a 10.7 percent reduction. Alaska's share could be 20.52 million pounds, a drop of 2.1 million pounds from 2017.

The numbers could decline further, as for the first time in memory since the IPHC began its oversight of the stocks in 1923, the six commissioners were not able to agree on catch allocations for the eight halibut fishing regions.

Halibut catch limits are determined by summer surveys at more than 1,200 stations from Oregon to the Aleutians.

"There was agreement that the general halibut stock is in decline, but no consensus on what the catches should be. Due to this impasse, the commissioners made

suggestions for 2018 for their own countries," said Tom Gemmell, executive director of the Juneau-based Halibut Coalition.

"The Canadian's main issue on harvest reduction is that they do not agree with the U.S. on the distribution of the stocks. However, all agreed that stocks are down and that reductions are needed," Gemmell added in email posts from the Oregon meeting.

"The bottom line is both parties agreed on what we needed to do in terms of reductions, but couldn't agree on how to get it done," said IPHC chairman Jim Balsiger. "That's an awkward place to be, but I don't believe for a second that any of the commissioners did anything other than what they thought was best and what they were required to do by their own ideals as we try to get to a solution."

The impasse means that each country will set its own catch guidelines within recommended limits.

"The need to adopt quotas outside the IPHC process may result in a delay to the March 24 opening date," cautioned Gemmell. The U.S. halibut fishery will close on November 7.

By all accounts, the five day meeting was "spirited but agreeable."

"The U.S. and Canada are good

Area	2017 (m lb)	2018 (m lb)	% change
2A WA/ORYGA	1.38	1.19	-10.5%
2B Canada	7.45	6.32	-15.2%
2C Southeast AK	6.25	4.48	-28.2%
3A Central Gulf	10	8.45	-15.5%
3B Western Gulf	3.14	2.22	-29.3%
4A Aleutians/Bering Sea	1.38	1.37	-0.7%
4B Aleutians/Bering Sea	1.14	1.05	-7.9%
4CDE Bering Sea	1.7	1.58	-7.1%
TOTAL	31.4	28.03	-10.7%

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Total halibut removals in 2017 were 42.8 million pounds, up slightly from 2016. Of that, an estimated 26.6 million pounds were landed from commercial fisheries, 7.9 million pounds from recreational fisheries, 6 million pounds from bycatch, and 1.2 million pounds from subsistence.

friends and neighbors and we do not consider the result a failure," said attendee Bruce Gabrys in closing remarks that met with sustained applause. "Principled people sometimes disagree. I do not see our relations changing irrespective of what path the IPHC takes as we move forward. We thank the commissioners for their efforts."

Gold mine comments due - Few Alaskans even know of it, but the world's biggest "pure" gold mine is being planned by two Canadian companies near Crooked Creek, a tributary ten miles from the Kuskokwim River.

The state plans to issue two draft permits for waste water discharges and waste management for the project and is taking comments now. According to KYUK in Bethel, one permit would allow 4,500 gallons per minute of treated wastewater to be dumped into Crooked Creek for the life of the mine. It also lays out the levels of contamination that would be allowed in the water. The other permit would regulate where other wastes from the mine would be stored. The draft permits also

specify how that waste would be monitored.

An environmental impact statement says that Crooked Creek and connecting tributaries are classified as essential fish habitat for five species of salmon and 12 other fish species.

The Donlin mine, expected to operate for 27 years and yield nearly 40 million ounces of pure gold, would have a footprint of about 25 square miles. The open pit would be over two miles long, one mile wide and nearly 2-thousand feet deep. A 30 mile road would be built to the site and include housing and offices, an airstrip, a barge terminal at Bethel, a water treatment plant and a port on the Kuskokwim for offloading.

To power the mine, a 40 million gallon tank farm would be built on site for diesel fuel to be delivered via a 315 mile pipeline from Cook Inlet, including along the Iditarod trail from Skwentna to Finger Lake. The pipeline would cross streams for anadromous and resident fish species at 77 locations.

Waste materials from the mine, called tailings, would be stored in

a manmade pond held back by a 475 foot main dam and a 345 foot high upper dam. The pond will cover 1,356 acres and hold 110 million tons of waste materials forever.

Donlin expects to receive a final impact statement from the Army Corps of Engineers in March. State and federal agencies will then decide on more permitting.

Comments on the water discharges can be made to the Department of Environmental Conservation through February 13.

Crab shells protect meat - An all-natural, crab shell-based spray keeps game meat free from bugs, bacteria and contaminants.

Game Meat Protector is the latest product from Tidal Vision LLC of Juneau that uses chitosan, a wonder ingredient extracted from the exoskeleton of crab shells.

"It protects game meat out in the field from spoiling, and it also prevents bugs and insects from landing and burrowing into it," said Craig Kasberg, Tidal Vision president. "It's a way for hunters to preserve the quality of the meat as it is being harvested."

The spray contains only water, chitosan and citric acid.

"It leaves a thin film on the game meat, and because of chitosan's natural, anti-microbial properties and low pH citric acid, it preserves the quality," Kasberg added.

One eight-ounce bottle is enough to cover an entire large game animal, Kasberg said, and it also can be sprayed on game bags for extra protection.

The game meat protector is sold on Amazon and will be carried later this year by major outdoor outlets. Learn more about chitosan and Tidal Vision's other products at tidalvisionusa.com.

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City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska PUBLIC NOTICE

On **Monday, February 5, 2018**, the Borough Assembly will hold a **Work Session at 5:30 p.m. and a Special Assembly meeting at 7:00 p.m.**, at City Hall, regarding the following items:

Work Session (5:30 p.m.): Discussion – Water Treatment Plant Solutions

Special Assembly Mtg. (7:00 p.m.): Executive Session: Borough Manager's 6 Month Evaluation

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

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FS project being planned for Petersburg-Wrangell districts

By DAN RUDY
Sentinel writer

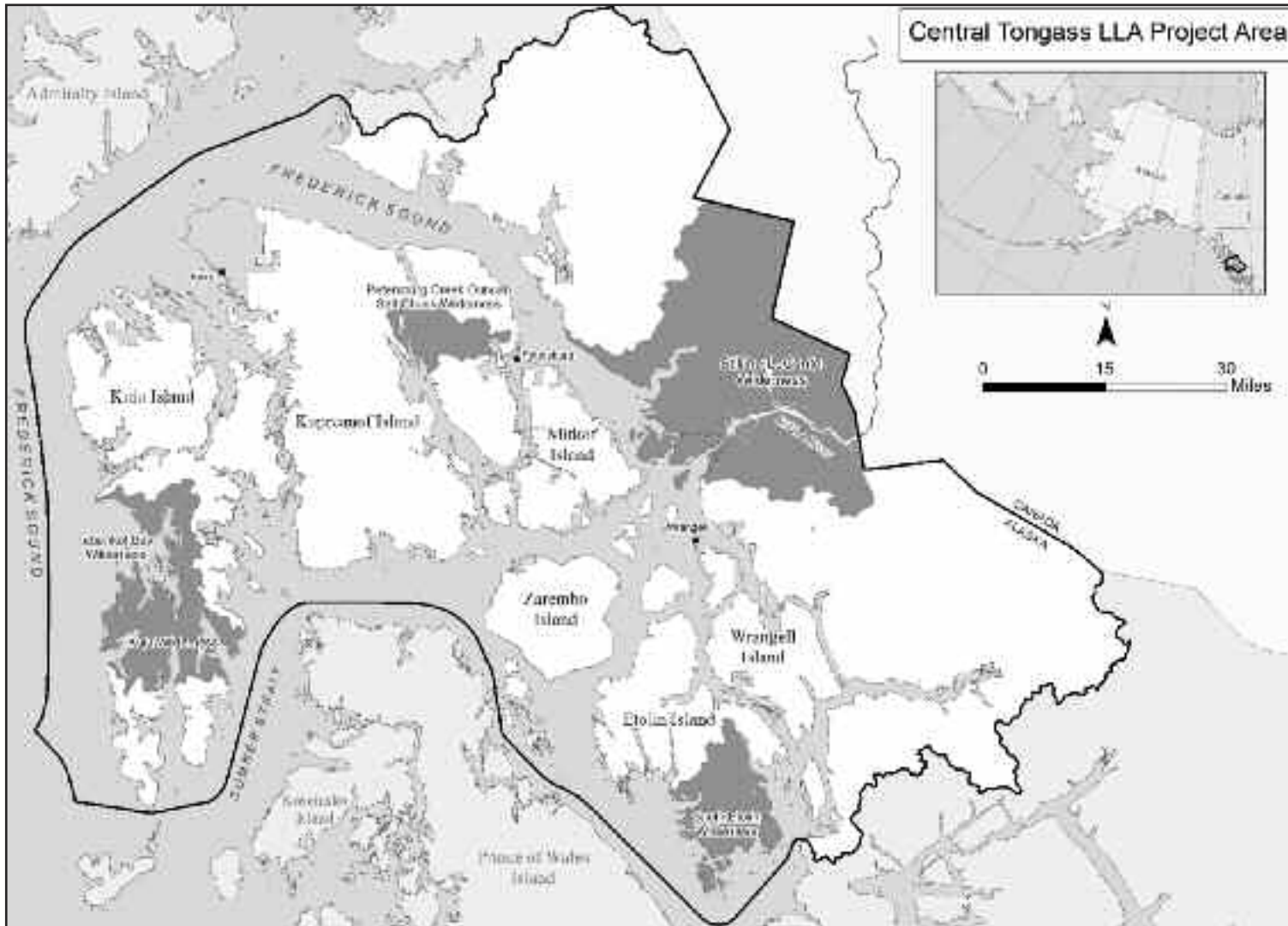
The United States Forest Service is developing a new initiative for the Wrangell and Petersburg districts, encompassing state and private lands in addition to those managed federally.

Tongass National Forest supervisor Earl Stewart last month issued a call for participation to the general public, seeking input on the Central Tongass Landscape Level Analysis.

The announcement explains the purpose of the CTTLA will be to in a single analysis and decision plan a spatially large project for both districts, at the same time increasing the number of authorized activities there. It would identify and analyze the environmental effects of different activities that can be implemented over the next 10 to 15 years.

Six areas of need to address were cited in the announcement: developing diverse natural resource employment opportunities; maintaining existing recreation infrastructure and providing new opportunities in areas relevant to the public or tourism industry; improving watershed health through restoration activities; preserving or enhancing subsistence resources and access, to continue residents' traditional and cultural use of them; providing a variety of wood products in an economically efficient manner; and to implement young-growth stand treatments that promote future timber production while improving habitat for both terrestrial and aquatic species.

The CTTLA will follow the National Environmental Policy Act process, and its proposals must meet the requirements of



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The proposed project area for the Central Tongass Landscape Level Analysis would apply to federal, state and private lands within the Petersburg and Wrangell Ranger districts, including its three designated wilderness areas and municipalities. The Forest Service is looking for project ideas and comments for the area in the coming months.

the Tongass National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan of 2016. The resultant activities would likewise need to comply with applicable laws and regulations.

To that end, USFS is soliciting feedback from the public through a questionnaire, available online at

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/tongass/landmanagement/projects/?cid=fseprd568085>. Participants are asked to keep comments concise and clear, stating which forest practices, projects, infrastructure and activities

they either do or do not support.

Input from tribal governments and residents will help determine the location and types of activities to be pursued, as well as how extensively they will occur. The project area includes all island

and mainland areas within the Petersburg and Wrangell Ranger districts.

Public meetings for the project are being planned for early March, with presentations set for Kake, Petersburg and Wrangell.

Derby

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be manageable.

Also sitting in on the meeting, school teacher Brian Merritt suggested going for a proportional prize for the top four fish caught by the derby's end, based on the total number of tickets sold. That would allow the competition to react to participation while still allowing for prizes, which he considered secondary to the derby in any case.

"I don't think anybody that comes to fish the derby cares about the prize money. We love it because we love to catch the fish," he explained. Merritt also echoed others at the meeting in his support for a weekend schedule.

"I think it's a reasonable compromise to go to the weekends because a lot of working folks can't participate in the derby through the week, but on the weekends it allows for participation on a community-wide basis," he said. "And I think we need to look like other communities in Southeast, like we are recognizing the fact that the king salmon population is in trouble."

Curley said a more limited derby could still be necessary in the future, such as Petersburg's over the Memorial Day weekend. "It might come to that eventually, if they still allow us to. It might come to a point where they won't even allow us to fish," he added.

Curley suggested that after this year the committee can crunch the numbers and evaluate whether the weekend formula is cost-effective, potentially trying a different format next year should the salmon population still be in peril.

The committee was for the moment in agreement on this course, though it will still need to hammer out how to organize prizes. Special derby days and youth prizes would remain the same as in previous years, as would the weekly awards. But apportioning out final awards will still need to be worked on. A follow-up meeting with the public was planned to occur yesterday, and the Chamber is still looking for feedback on this year's event.

"This is the first year we've had to do anything like this, or even think about it," Curley said. Any changes that come will take some adjusting to.

"I'm just glad we're going to have a derby," commented Angerman. "This is going to be painful. So we're going to have to just watch and learn."

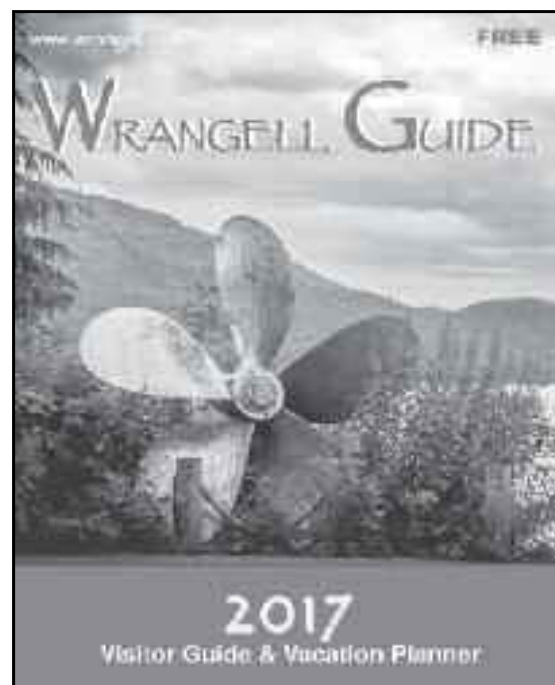
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