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## Alaska Crossings preparing for another year of helping youth

By CALEB VIERKANT  
*Sentinel writer*

Alaska Crossings, the behavioral health program, is gearing up for another season of helping kids in need. The program is geared towards teenagers who have struggles in their home life, or at school or in their wider communities. These kids go out on outdoor expeditions with Crossings guides, all over the Tongass National Forest, where they can learn important life skills like teamwork, self confidence, and stress management, among others.

“Alaska Crossings believes in helping youth make better, more disciplined, daily behavioral choices,” the Alaska Crossings website reads. “Our programs help them identify, address and resolve some of the underlying psychological or emotional challenges that may have contributed to poor decision-making and their current

struggles.” Program Manager Jerrie Dee Harvey said that they have about 57 guides in their program this year, who have come from all over the world. They will be spending most of March training for their expeditions, she said. This includes skills like how to paddle a canoe, clinical training, and conflict management. They will be going out on a training expedition from March 12 to 18, she said, and the kids will start arriving near the end of the month. On average, they take between 120 to 125 kids out on expeditions each year.



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Virginia Oliver (right) greets Jerrie Dee Harvey (left) and all of the guides for Alaska Crossings, as part of a welcoming ceremony that took place on Shakes Island on Sunday.



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As part of a welcoming ceremony that took place Sunday, Alaska Crossings guides carried a canoe onto Shakes Island. There, the guides were introduced to leading members of the native community and asked their permission to use the land for their work.

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kids out on expeditions each year.

“It’s always a huge opportunity to be reminded that we are so fortunate to have a community that supports us, because we couldn’t do it without them,” Harvey said. “We’re grateful for just the hospitality. I don’t think half of our employees had any idea the amount of amazing people in this town.”

More information about the Alaska Crossings program can be found online at [www.alaskacrossings.org](http://www.alaskacrossings.org), or by calling (907) 874-2371.

## Assembly holds follow-up on staffing questions, repeals fee schedule

By CALEB VIERKANT  
*Sentinel writer*

The Wrangell Borough Assembly met Tuesday, Feb. 25, to have a follow-up work session on staffing issues at the Irene Ingle Public Library and the Nolan Center. As covered in a Feb. 13 article of the Sentinel, the assembly has been considering how best to resolve staffing questions at both facilities while also keeping everything as affordable as possible. During their last workshop, the assembly considered a number of options for an empty assistant position at the library. The Nolan Center has also been in need of an attendant and a museum collections employee. In their last workshop on Feb. 10, the assembly determined that the three positions should all be offered at 29 hours per week, a 70/30 split for employee-only health insurance, and no PERS be offered. However, during this

work session, Borough Clerk Kim Lane stated that the assembly decided to not move forward with any hiring for these positions for the near future.

After their work session, the assembly held a meeting in which they repealed a section of the municipal code. Section 14.11.0005 covers fees for the harbor department. Borough officials have been considering making changes to the harbor’s fee rates, adding new ones and altering existing ones. The department has a large fee section, however.

“One issue is that we visit different parts of the rates depending on what issue we are dealing with and this results in too many changes to the code and repeat meetings with the Assembly,” the agenda packet reads. “By removing the actual fee table from the WMC [Wrangell Municipal Code], the Assembly will have the ability to amend the fee schedule from time to

time, by Resolution.”

The agenda packet goes on to add that similar actions have been taken for the fee schedules of the parks and recreation department, as well as the public works department. Resolutions to alter fees will still require public hearings and action before the port commission, as well as the assembly. The fee schedule for the harbor, as it currently stands, remains unchanged.

The assembly also adopted a new ordinance. Ordinance No. 969 amends the municipal code, adding a section that addresses sales taxes for remote sellers. This does not impact sales tax for local vendors, according to the meeting’s agenda packet, but will allow the City and Borough of Wrangell to collect sales tax from remote vendors. A “remote vendor,” the packet explains, is a business which operates in Wrangell but does not have a

physical presence in the borough. The collection of these sales taxes will be done through the Alaska Remote Seller Sales Tax Commission, which Wrangell joined back in November of 2019.

During the meeting, the assembly also adopted a resolution naming replacement of the Public Safety Building their top capital priority.





## Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

**Thursday, March 5:** Kevin Roope, Jessica Davidson, Pat Warfel, *Anniversary:* Jim & Elsie Bailey, Lucy Robinson. **Friday, March 6:** Sierra Ely, *Anniversary:* Mike & Gail Ottesen, Michael Lockaby. **Saturday, March 7:** Jack Keller, Delilah Clark. **Sunday, March 8:** Carter Hammer, Rhonda Edgley. **Monday, March 9:** Tanner Thomassen, Jerry Massin, Clayton Howe, Julieann Allen, Ashley Young. **Tuesday, March 10:** *Anniversary:* Charles & Shari Moore, Sumi Angerman, Ian Campbell, Rick Kohrt, Hunter McCloskey. **Wednesday, March 11:** Jim Gillen, Michael Villarma, Ann Ruks, Chloe Smalley. **Thursday, March 12:** Jackie Wenderoth, Mark Edgley.

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

## Senior Center Menu

**Thursday, March 5**  
Pineapple Chicken, Green Beans,  
Salad, Rice.

**Friday, March 6**  
Venison Loaf with Mushroom, Carrot Salad,  
Mashed Potato

**Monday, March 9**  
Honey Glaze Ham, Yams, Spinach Salad, Roll.

**Tuesday, March 10**  
Salmon & Rice Balls, Brussel Sprouts,  
Carrot Salad, Pasta.

**Wednesday, March 11**  
Cheese Sandwich, Split Pea Soup,  
Apricot Salad.

**Thursday, March 12**  
Chicken Tahitian, Steam Zucchini,  
Coleslaw, Rice.

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

## FERRY

## March Sailings CANCELLED

Arrival times may vary.  
Call 874-2021 for verification or call 874-3711  
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## TIDES March 5 - March 12

	High Tides		Low Tides				
	AM Time	PM Time	AM Ft	PM Ft	AM Time	PM Time	Ft
March 05	08:59	10:20	14.2	12.9	02:25	03:37	6.0
March 06	10:02	11:08	15.6	14.4	03:43	04:35	-0.4
March 07	10:56	11:50	17.0	15.9	04:43	05:22	-1.8
March 08	....	12:45	....	18.1	06:32	07:04	-2.8
March 09	01:30	01:32	17.2	18.9	07:17	07:44	-3.2
March 10	02:08	02:17	18.2	19.1	08:00	08:23	-3.0
March 11	02:47	03:02	18.8	18.6	08:44	09:02	-2.2
March 12	03:25	03:48	18.9	17.6	09:29	09:42	-0.9

## Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

**Thursday, March 5**  
Policy Committee Meeting: 3:30 pm

**Saturday, March 7**  
Little League Baseball Registration: 11:00 am, City Market.

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: Monday-Friday 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.

### March 4, 1920

The Sentinel is issued on Thursday this week as usual, but that would not have been possible had it not been for the fact that Wrangell has an up to-date machine shop. Whenever anything goes wrong in our mechanical department the first person we think of is Mr. Gingrass. Wrangell could no more get along without the machine shop than it could without the hotel, bank or drugstore.

### March 2, 1945

Upon approval of the city council, received today, the Red Cross headquarters are now to be situated in the city hall in the room formerly occupied by the Draft board. All activities of the Red Cross will be centered in this office, including the production projects, held each Thursday afternoon. The Draft board has been moved to the residence of Van H. Fisk having been appointed to handle selective service work here.

### March 5, 1970

Things have been busy down at the dock and will continue to be for some time, according to Chet Neill of Wrangell Lumber Co. The Yamatada Maru was in port last week and took on a total of 5 million board feet of spruce and hemlock. 3.5 million of the load was taken on at the AWP dock. This week the Ketchikan Maru is in port at Wrangell Lumber and has taken on 5 million board feet of spruce and 2 million of hemlock. The next ship due is the Juneau Maru. It will be in port next week.

### March 2, 1995

Wrangell Elks Lodge #1595 will hold its annual Purple Bubble Ball March 11

in the Lodge room. All Elk members and guests are invited to attend, said Esteemed Leading Knight Ed Rilatos Jr.. Festivities will begin at 6:30 p.m. with no host cocktails. A ribeye steak dinner will follow at 7:30 p.m. Music provided by Tony Gosnell will begin at 9 p.m. There will be the 11th Hour Toast and a short auction, followed by hors d'oeuvres. Drawing for a door prize offers two round trip tickets to Seattle. All proceeds of this dinner and dance are used to support many Wrangell programs.



## Sonic the Hedgehog

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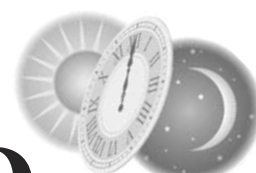
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## Wrangell Weather

Date	High	Low
Feb. 24	36	30
Feb. 25	40	34
Feb. 26	42	39
Feb. 27	43	37
Feb. 28	43	36
Feb. 29	42	36
Mar. 1	42	34
Mar. 2	40	36



## Daylight Hours

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
Mar. 5	6:29a	5:31p	11:02h
Mar. 6	6:27a	5:33p	11:06h
Mar. 7	6:24a	5:35p	11:11h
Mar. 8	6:22a	5:37p	11:15h
Mar. 9	6:19a	5:39p	11:20h
Mar. 10	6:16a	5:41p	11:25h
Mar. 11	6:14a	5:43p	11:29h
Mar. 12	6:11a	5:45p	11:34h



# Court report

**Feb. 18:** Theodosia James was arraigned on a probation/parole violation. A calendar call was scheduled for April 21.

Michael Maleski was arraigned on charges of driving with a cancelled/suspended license and driving without insurance. For the lack of insurance, he was ordered to pay a fine of \$500 and a \$20 police training surcharge. For driving with a cancelled/suspended license, he was ordered to pay a fine of \$150 and a \$20 police training surcharge. The fine will be reduced to \$50 if proof of license is filed by June 30.

Scott Hall was arraigned on a charge of unlawful abandonment of a vehicle. A calendar call was scheduled for April 21.

Nichole Marrero was arraigned on a charge of a probation/parole violation. A calendar call was scheduled for March 17.

A preliminary hearing was held for Casey Seimears, charged with criminal trespass and theft. An arraignment was scheduled for March 3.

**Feb. 25:** Richard Phillips pled guilty to charges of driving under the influence. Additional charges of failure to stop at the direction of an officer,



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## Drill conductor class

The Alaska Marine Safety Education Association came to Wrangell last week, on Feb. 27, to provide a fishing vessel drill conductor class. Chris Angel, with AMSEA (pictured here), went over topics like cold water survival skills, firefighting, dewatering pumps, and other emergency and rescue procedures. The course was designed to help interested mariners meet Coast Guard training requirements for drill conductors on commercial fishing vessels.

criminal mischief, and violating conditions of release were dismissed by prosecution. He

was sentenced to 120 days imprisonment, with 100 suspended. He was also ordered

to pay a fine of \$3,000, a \$50 initial jail surcharge, a \$75 police training surcharge, and \$1,467

for the cost of imprisonment. He will be on probation for one year.

# Police report

**February 24**

Agency Assist: Hoonah PD.  
Dead Deer.  
Civil Standby.  
Agency Assist: Elks Alarm.

**February 25**

Property Damage.  
Parking Complaint.  
Paper Service.

**February 26**

DUI: Unfounded.  
Suspicious Person.  
Illegal Parking.  
Suspicious Noises.

Traffic Stop: Verbal Warning for Faulty Equipment.

**February 27**

Citizen Assist.  
Child in Need.  
Threats/Harassment.  
Domestic Disturbance/Civil.  
Parking Complaint.  
Extra Patrols.  
Civil Issue.  
Agency Assist: Hoonah PD.

**February 28**

Paper Service.  
Dog at Large.

Child in Need: Unfounded.

Found Property: Returned.

**February 29**

Domestic: DUI.

**March 1**

Agency Assist: Fire.  
Charged: Duke Aitken, 27: Assault IV/DV:  
Violation of Condition of Release.  
Agency Assist: Mental Health.

During this reporting period there were 3 EMT calls, 2 traffic stops, 2 subpoena services and 3 summons services.

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## Petersburg resident breaks into post office

By BRIAN VARELA  
*Sentinel writer*

PETERSBURG - Christopher Mankse was arrested on Feb. 26, and is now being held in federal custody in Juneau facing charges of burglary of a post office and mail theft. According to the United States District Court for the District of Alaska, paperwork regarding his indictment has not been submitted as of Tuesday afternoon.

Sometime between the late evening of Feb. 21 and the following morning, an individual broke into the Petersburg Post Office and stole about 16 parcels, according to the complaint. Postal Inspectors Adam Savoie and Kevin Horne responded and investigated the scene on Sunday, Feb. 23.

At approximately 12:20 A.M. on Feb. 24, Officer Andrew Ayriss made contact with Mankse who was seated in the backseat of his vehicle in the post office parking lot, according to the complaint. Mankse told Ayriss that he was on his phone. Ayriss drove off, but continued to observe Mankse.

Petersburg Police Chief Jim Kerr said Ayriss thought Mankse seemed suspicious, which is why he decided to continue to observe Mankse from a distance.

"In this line of work you always listen to the little voice that if something doesn't feel or sound right, it's probably because it's not," said Kerr.

At approximately 12:25 A.M., Ayriss watched as Mankse exited his vehicle and went inside the post office. About 30 minutes later, Ayriss and Officer Eric Wolf saw Mankse exit the building, according to the complaint.

Both officers approached Mankse who rushed

towards his vehicle and threw something in the backseat, according to the complaint. Ayriss went into the post office and saw a bolt on the floor and four partially opened parcel lockers with keys inside. Inside the lockers were multiple parcels addressed to various residents, according to the complaint.

Mankse was detained, but later released to Petersburg Medical Center for mental health treatment. Ayriss was granted a search warrant for Mankse's vehicle later that day and found postal locker keys, a large bag containing prescription pills, torn parcels and letters.

Savoie visited Mankse at PMC and read him his Miranda Rights. According to the complaint, Mankse told investigators that one Dustin Delong left keys in a trash can in the post office so Mankse could use the keys to open up the parcel lockers and take the packages. Mankse told investigators that he and Delong were to split the money made from selling the contents of the packages.

On Feb. 24, authorities gained a search warrant of Mankse's boat. While searching the boat, authorities found a package addressed to a local resident. Miscellaneous pills addressed to another resident were also found on the boat. A federal warrant was eventually issued for Mankse's arrest, and local authorities arrested him at about 4:20 A.M. on Feb. 26, according to Kerr.

Postal Inspector John Wiegand, who is the media contact for the investigation, did not immediately return the Sentinel's phone call inquiring about Delong. Additionally, Delong's name does not appear in any federal court records as of Tuesday afternoon.



# Dan's Dispatch

By Representative  
Dan Ortiz

Thank you to everyone who spoke up during public testimony on the budget in House Finance last week. I need to hear from you in order to do my job, and I was incredibly impressed with the straight-forward, intelligent, and passionate comments that the residents of Wrangell provided. There were more people in Wrangell who testified than all other District 36 communities combined! You all

have been the most effective political advocates for any community. The top three issues brought to our attention were: staffing woes in the Office of Children Services, the threat of closure for the Office of Fish and Game, and protecting the Alaska Marine Highway system. I will continue to work on these issues. I am working with the Department of Health and Social Services, the City of Wrangell, and the legislature to implement an additional OCS

caseworker or social worker in Wrangell. The Fish and Game subcommittee that I chaired did NOT accept the Governor's proposal to cut the Fish and Game office in Wrangell, and I plan to hold fast on that decision. Lastly, the Department of Transportation subcommittee added \$18.7 million to AMHS funding in order to increase service next year, which I support. Once again, thank you Wrangell. I appreciate your overwhelming testimony in support of your

community, and great job making your voices heard. If you want to tell me more, you can al-

ways email me at Rep.Dan.Ortiz@AKLeg.gov or call my office at 907-465-3824.

## Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

On behalf of the 2020 Senior parent group we would like to send out a thank you to AML

for the gracious freight donation on our raffle item. To the BayCo for getting us a 4-wheeler for our raffle. Thanks

also goes to the chamber for printing our tickets and the Legion for the use of their permit number. We would also like to thank the community for their generous and continued support to the youth and our fundraising efforts. Thanks to all of you, we are able to provide a safe drug and alcohol free party for our graduating senior class.

Kathy Jo Blackburn

## Reflections

Our human nature is like flesh. When you fall and scrape your knee, your body will scab it over and eventually, the scab will heal and there will be no record of that fall. This is like forgiveness. You can fall and scrape your knee a hundred more times and at the very worst, there will be a slight scar. Sin is a similar pain in our lives. When we sin, we ask God to forgive us and he makes us new, just like the skin on our knee. Sin is wiped away through the power of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. When we live in the consequences of that sin, for example stealing we must pay the penalty, that is where we see the scar of sin in our mortal lives, not in the eternal life.

Sometimes the wound will not be able to close and will become infected. It will send the infection further into the body and it will eventually destroy the body. The sin that goes unconfessed to God is the same way in our hearts. 1 John 1:9 says, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." I encourage you that if you have sins that you are holding onto, be free of them and confess them to God. John 3:17 says, "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."

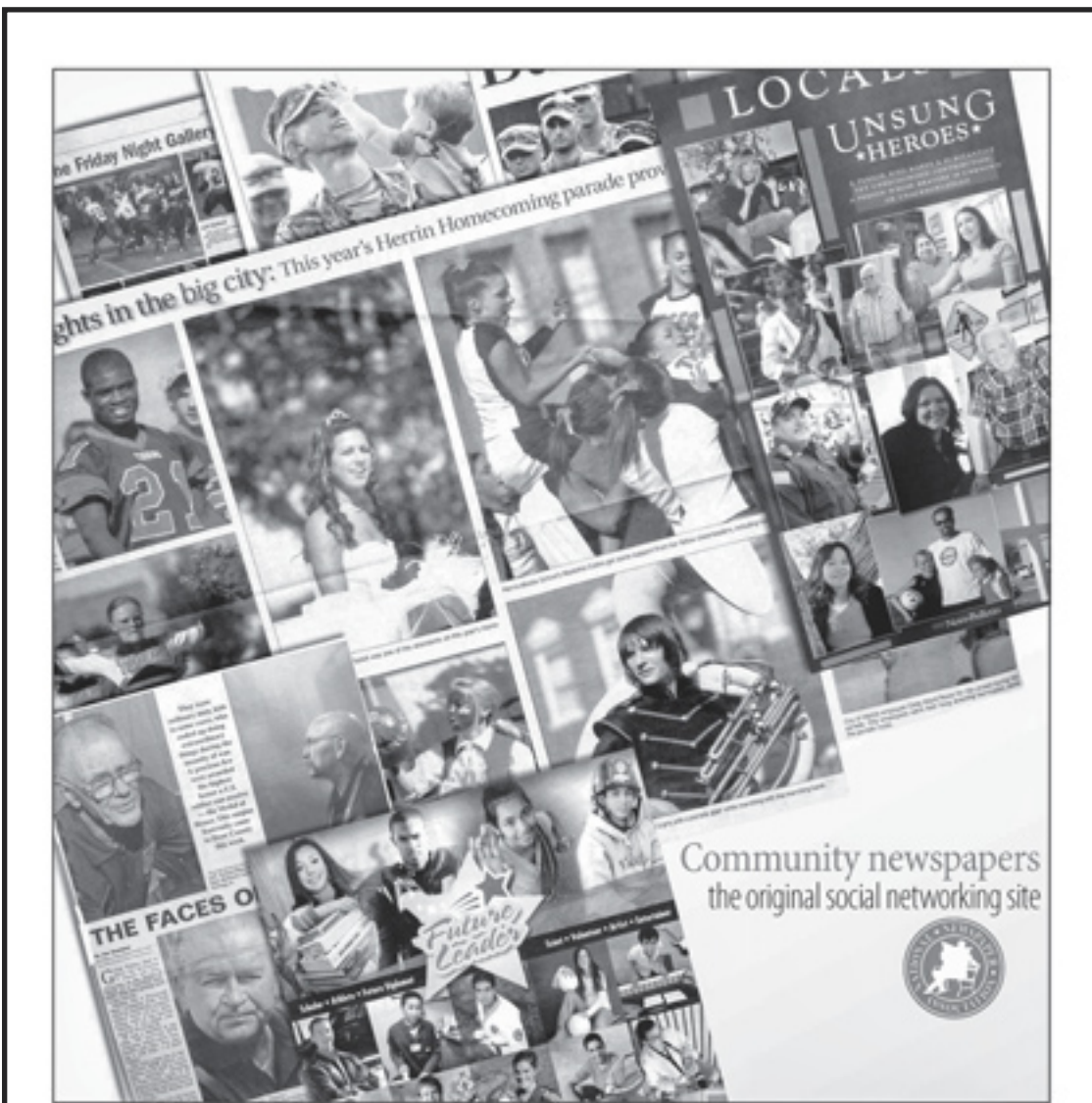
Jon Tollerud, Lieutenant, Corps Officer  
The Salvation Army Wrangell Corps



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### Girls Pearls 2020

Wrangell's Elks Lodge hosted the "Girls Pearls" dinner last Saturday night, February 29. The ladies-only event gave Wrangell women a chance to dress up, enjoy a good meal, and spend a night out with their friends. Pictured here is Isabella Crowley.



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# Census, “Financial Cent\$” and home maintenance covered in THRHA workshop

By CALEB VIERKANT  
Sentinel writer

The Tlingit and Haida Regional Housing Authority held a workshop at the Nolan Center last week, to cover a variety of topics. The group brought together members of Wrangell’s native community, and the wider public, to share information about the census, financial planning, and preventative home maintenance.

Esther Ashton, tribal administrator for the Wrangell Cooperative Association, led the discussion on the census. It is very important for the native community to respond to the census this spring, she said, as it helps determine the amount of financial aid the tribe can receive. Alaska received \$3.5 billion in federal funding based on census data, according to flyers Ashton passed out, by the Alaska Federation of Natives. Since the census takes place once every 10 years, Ashton said everyone needs to keep in mind that the results of the census would have long-term consequences on such local programs as Head Start, SNAP, and WIC.

Additionally, she said that there was important information

specifically for the native community to remember when they fill out the census form. Two questions on the census need to be filled out in a certain way to maintain funding.

“If you turn the sheet to Question Five, this is answering ‘person one’ under the census,” she said. “‘Person one’ is very critical if you’re living in, this relates to a mixed home where there’s a native and a non-native. It’s extremely critical you list ‘person one’ as the native person in the home.”

“Question Nine is related to tribal affiliation,” Ashton continued. “What you’re supposed to do on Question Nine, on tribal affiliation, is list your federally recognized tribe. So a lot of you here are members of Wrangell Cooperative Association, so on Question Nine you put Wrangell Cooperative Association.”

After passing out the census information, Desiree Jackson with THRHA gave a presentation on “Financial Cent\$,” or basic info on financial planning. This information included how to set a budget and finding ways to save money.

“A budget is something that just helps you track your income versus expenses, and how much money you make, your spending habits, and the difference between the two,” Jackson said. “It also lets you know if you’re living within your means.”

When it comes to budgeting, Jackson said that a good rule of thumb to use is the “50/20/30” rule for a monthly budget. Half, or 50 percent, of one’s income should go to cover essentials like housing costs, groceries, student loans, and others. 20 percent of one’s monthly income should be set aside for savings or retirement, so the person budgeting has a windfall in case of emergency, and can start saving for retirement one day. Jackson said that it can be very hard to save 20



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## Hoop Shoot winners going to semi-finals

Two Wrangell kids, participants in the local Elks’ Hoop Shoot tournament back in December, will be traveling to Pasco, Washington this spring to compete in a regional tournament. Aady Gillen (left) and Michael Cook (right) competed in the 10 and 11-year-old category 8 and 9-year-old category of the Hoop Shoot, respectively. They both took first place in their age categories.

“We’ve been practicing a little bit, improving a little bit, so hopefully when they go down there they’ll do well,” said Jeff Jabusch, organizer of the Wrangell Hoop Shoot.

The Northwest Region 1 Hoop Shoot Semi-Final will bring together kids from Alaska, Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. Gillen and Cook will be leaving for the competition on March 10. The winners of these semi-finals, from across the country, will be invited to compete in a National Hoop Shoot in Chicago this April.

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percent, but it is just a general goal to set. The remaining 30 percent of the budget can be spent on lifestyle choices. This is fun money, essentially, for nonessential expenses like a Netflix account, going to sporting events, and other items like that.

“This gets us into flexible versus non-flexible expenses,” Jackson said. “Communication is definitely a ‘need.’ It’s important, I mean we like in Alaska, we all need to be connected. But it’s one of these things where, do you need an iPhone? Or can you get away with maybe something a

little different?”

When budgeting, Jackson also emphasized the importance of reviewing and updating one’s budget. Once a budget is set, it should be tracked for a period of time to see if it accurately covers expenses. Then, the budget should be reviewed and updated to meet realistic needs. It is also important to save money whenever possible, to help prepare for retirement, she added.

Larry Gamez, also with THRHA, gave a presentation after Jackson on preventative home maintenance. It is impor-

tant for people to keep up with maintenance in their homes, he said, for a number of reasons. It makes homes safer, for one, and also keeps expenses down. The running theme of Gamez’s presentation was to always fix problems as soon as they are identified, and not wait.

“Toilet’s leaking, I just noticed that this morning and I got the weekend coming along,” Gamez gave an example. “My best bet is to, this weekend, go pick up a \$10 tube of caulking and a \$10 caulking gun and fix it. The next deal is I wait six or seven months. Now my vinyl’s damaged, now my vinyl’s sopping wet ... So now I’m not paying attention and I’m procrastinating. I want to fix it next year. Been leaking bad. Now it’s in my floor joints, alright? Now it went through my subfloor, my floor joints are rotting out.”

There are a number of areas around the house Gamez said homeowners should regularly inspect. Basements and foundations should regularly be inspected, he said. Gutters need to be cleaned, and water needs to always be flowing away from a house’s foundation, not towards it. Roofs need to be checked for missing tiles, holes, leaks, and cleaned regularly. Wall sidings need to be checked for rot and peeling paint. Vents need to be cleaned regularly, as they can be a fire hazard. Interior items like sinks, toilets, and showers need to be checked for leaks, as well. Support beams and joints also need to be inspected for mold, rot, or any warping. Lastly, Gamez said, electronics and outlets need to be checked for wear and tear.

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## Senior Appreciation

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Wrangell High School's senior class was "kidnapped" on the morning of Tuesday, March 3. They were taken to Harbor Light Assembly of God, where they were treated to a large breakfast put on by their parents, and also kicked off their day with some games. Jenn Miller-Yancey, parent and lead teacher of Evergreen Elementary School, explained that the Kidnap Breakfast has been a long running tradition for the senior class, going back at least to when she was in high school. Pictured here is the class of 2020 being paraded through the streets, courtesy of the Wrangell Volunteer Fire Department.



The graduating seniors of the Wrangell Lady Wolves, Kaylyn Easterly (left) and Maddy Harding (right). They were recognized during Wrangell's last home games of the season, against the Haines Glacier Bears.



The graduating seniors of the Wrangell Wolves (left to right): Austin Reid, Manager Hank Voltz, Skyler Lofftus, Trevor Miller, Sean Gillen, Ryan Soeteb, Makai Allen, and Jonah Comstock. They were recognized during their final home games of the season, on Feb. 26. Coach Cody Angerman called out each player individually and spoke about their contributions to the team, both on and off the court. "This senior class, it just gets harder every year. I've been with them since they were sophomores," Angerman said.



The graduating seniors of the WHS pep band (left to right): Music Teacher Tasha Morse, Laura Helgeson, Jing O'Brien, Adriana Larrabee, Skylar Larrabee, Tasha Massin, Madison Blackburn, and Coby Holder. "These kids have dedicated many, many hours to working on their instruments and making our pep band fun and exciting," said Morse. "They are going to be greatly missed next year. I might cry, because I've had them since they were first graders in elementary school ... Thank you for sharing all of the good days and the bad days with me, and dedicating so much of your time to music at our school."

## Ideas for saving money tossed around in school budget workshop

By CALEB VIERKANT  
Sentinel writer

The Wrangell School Board held a work session Monday night to discuss next year's budget. The district is currently undergoing its budget season, looking at the financial year for 2021. The current draft of the FY 2021 budget has the school district operating at a loss. Total revenues are estimated at a little less than \$5.7 million, while expenses are around \$6.5 million. The largest costs for the district include \$2.7 million for "instruction," about \$831,000 for "operations and maintenance of plant" and about \$597,000 for "district administration support services."

Estimated losses for the district are about \$863,258, according to the budget draft, with an end-of-the-year fund balance deficit of about \$376,000. The current budget for the current year, FY 2020, estimates an end-of-the-year fund balance of \$578,999. With these numbers in mind, the school board spent the workshop considering different ways they could cut costs

and save money.

There were several ideas proposed by members of the school board. Kim Powell, with the school district, said that many of these ideas were purely speculative and unlikely to happen this year, if at all. One idea that was raised was to switch the district to a four-day work week. The board also considered offering resignation bonuses to staff. Another idea was to reduce graduation requirements, holding 50 minute core classes, and longer elective class blocks. They also discussed the potential for a deal with the borough, where they would make bulk purchases together. Another idea proposed was to close Stikine Middle School. This would require restructuring the district to go from Kindergarten to sixth grade, and then seventh to twelfth grade. Another idea the board discussed was researching different food service options for the schools. This could include parent volunteers, a community food service or the culinary arts program providing meals.

Of all the ideas considered, Powell said there was only one that they are going to move forward with in the near future. This will be to remove \$40,000 from the general fund, earmarked for student transportation.

"We have a lot of moving parts to figure out as we look at our budget process," Superintendent Debbe Lancaster wrote in an email to the Sentinel. "We have been talking in small groups, meeting after meeting, and working out what we believe is best for all of our students. This will be a tough few weeks, but we will sort through this keeping our shared vision in the forefront. We will continue to look at ways to decrease our general fund expenditures and seek ways to increase our revenues."

A joint work session with the Wrangell Borough Assembly, to further discuss the budget, is scheduled for March 10. The final draft of the school budget is scheduled to be submitted for state approval by the end of May.



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# SEARHC Taking Proactive Approach with Novel Coronavirus

While Alaska has yet to see any confirmed cases of the 2019 novel coronavirus, now known as COVID-19, the SouthEast Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC) is closely monitoring information being provided by the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (ADHSS), the Centers for Disease Control

(CDC), and other state, federal and global health organizations as they work to monitor, contain, and mitigate the impact of the virus.

"SEARHC's top priority is the safety of our patients and staff," said SEARHC Vice President and Chief Medical Officer Dr. Elliot Bruhl. "We will continue to communicate and

coordinate with various healthcare agencies to ensure we have the most up-to-date, comprehensive response plan. With hundreds of experienced providers and dozens of exceptional facilities across Southeast, SEARHC has the capacity to provide high-quality care should the threat of the virus reach our region."

According to a Feb. 27, 2020, update posted on the ADHSS website, "the Alaska Section of Epidemiology is closely monitoring the rapidly emerging outbreak of COVID-19 first identified in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China. Additional cases have been identified in a growing number of other international locations, including the United States. There are currently no confirmed cases in Alaska."

COVID-19 symptoms are similar to those of the flu - fever, aching, cough, and shortness of breath. The CDC believes that symptoms of the novel coronavirus may appear within two to 14 days after ex-

posure. Recent travel to Wuhan, or close contact with someone who recently traveled to an affected geographic area, is an important risk factor.

The CDC states that the virus is spread mainly from person-to-person, between individuals in close contact, through an infected cough or sneeze. It may be possible that a person can acquire COVID-19 by touching an infected surface, or object, and transferring to one's own mouth, nose, or eyes, but this is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads.

With no viable vaccines or medications identified, the best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus. In addition, the CDC recommends everyday preventive actions, such as washing your hands thoroughly and often; covering of coughs and sneezes; cleaning and disinfecting surfaces and objects; and getting a flu shot to eliminate concerns, as COVID-19

symptoms are similar to those of influenza.

If you are concerned you might have contracted the coronavirus, don't panic, as the flu or another respiratory virus is still the most likely cause. Contact your healthcare provider for advice. If you choose to visit an emergency department, call ahead to alert staff of your coronavirus concerns and request a mask be brought out to you prior to entering to reduce the risk of exposure.

SEARHC implemented COVID-19 screening protocols in early-February at all locations and recently established the Incident Command System (ICS) roles throughout the organization to ensure our ability to rapidly respond to changes which affect our communities.

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# Be prepared for the coronavirus

**Avoid Panic:** Don't let fear and emotion drive the response to this virus.



## Prevention Strategies aren't New



**WASH YOUR HANDS REGULARLY**

Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds after using the bathroom, before eating and after blowing your nose or sneezing.

*Information taken from a report by the Washington Post from interviews with health care professionals.*



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**DRINK LOTS OF FLUIDS**



**STAY HOME FROM WORK OR SCHOOL WHEN YOU ARE SICK**



**AVOID TOUCHING YOUR EYES, NOSE AND MOUTH AND CLEAN SURFACES YOU TOUCH OFTEN**

### OTHER TIPS:

- Surgical masks: If you're not sick, you don't need to wear them.
- Specialized N95 masks filter out 95% of airborne particles, but the masks are difficult to use without training. They must be fitted and tested to work properly.
- The same goes for exam gloves. There is no need for them if you are washing your hands often.
- Avoid people who may be coughing or sneezing.

- If anything, you should buy typical respiratory virus medicine: decongestants, anti-inflammatory drugs and acetaminophen for fevers.
- In the event of an outbreak, have a plan. The CDC has an emergency care kit checklist for families who may face disruption from school closures or changes to regular routines.
- Misinformation is rampant. Stay informed through trustworthy sources like the CDC, the World Health Organization, local hospitals and health departments.

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# Alaska Fish Factor

By LAINE WELCH Fisheries columnist

## Seafood coming from and going to China piling up in freezer vans and cold storages as coronavirus causes commerce chaos

Seafood coming from and going to China is piling up in freezer vans and cold storages indefinitely as the coronavirus continues to cause commerce chaos around the world.

About 80% of trade of the world's goods by volume is carried by sea and China is home to seven of the world's 10 busiest container ports, according to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

Virus precautions mean that many ships can't get into Chinese ports, others are stuck at docks waiting for workers to return, and still more are idling in "floating quarantined zones," as countries refuse to allow crews of ships that have docked at Chinese ports to leave the boat until they have been declared virus-free.

China is the number one trade partner for the Ports of Seattle and Tacoma where ships are typically stacked with containers arriving full of goods ranging from clothing and toys to electronics. Many would normally return to China laden with Alaska seafood and other U.S. products, but operations have slowed dramatically.

"Factories aren't open and goods aren't being made. We don't know yet what that impact is going to be," Peter McGraw of Northwest Seaport Alliance told KOMO news. "There have been a lot of blank sailings. That means a lot of canceled ships."

Alaska seafood exports to China of nearly \$1 billion include products for their own markets, but the bulk goes there for reprocessing and shipment back to the U.S. and other countries.

"If you have plants that have product coming in and no workers to fill it, you're going to get that overflowing cold storage situation. So it's definitely a problem on the reprocessing side. On the consumption side, if people aren't going out to eat and going out to the market to buy seafood, that's going to take consumption down as well. So there's a couple different ways that it's working against moving seafood through the supply chain," said Andy Wink, director of the Bristol Bay Regional Seafood Development Association and an economist who has tracked world salmon markets for over a decade.

The situation also is diverting more seafood from elsewhere into the U.S.

"The big salmon farming companies are looking elsewhere to direct their products and the U.S. is the obvious choice," he added. "So we've seen salmon prices on average down about 10% since the first of the year at the wholesale level."

As the crisis builds potentially into the spring, many major fisheries with year-round selling seasons but shorter harvests, such as Alaska salmon, begin engaging in price negotiations and set dock prices, said market expert John Sackton of Seafoodnews.com.

"The price setting at the dock

is based on packers' and distributors' expectations of price for the entire year, the supply and availability of what is landed, and the costs and business expectations of the harvesters," Sackton wrote in his Winding Glass blog. "Regardless of what price is paid in May or June, packers are looking at what price they expect to get four, five or six months into the future. In normal years, this is fraught with risk... This year, the risk is off the charts, because we simply don't know how severe, economically or socially, the disruption from this disease may get."

Alaska has worked hard to diversify its seafood markets beyond China since trade tariffs imposed in 2018 by the Trump administration cut into sales with its top customer. But the virus scare is causing disruption throughout new and more established sales regions, said Hannah Lindoff, global marketing director for the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute.

"We have on the ground representatives conducting marketing activities to help raise the value of Alaska seafood products. However, due to travel bans and health concerns, several chef seminars in China designed to boost knowledge of different Alaska species planned for this month have been cancelled. Additionally, events in Singapore and Italy were also cancelled. ASMI continues to prioritize the health of our overseas representatives and partners in these regions and hope for positive news," Lindoff said in an email message.

Air cargo operations have been differently affected, and "the cancellation of flights in and out of China has been so extensive that freight forwarders have had a very hard time finding any space at all on planes for their shipments," according to the New York Times.

U.S. shoppers could see items missing from store shelves as early as mid-April, Edward Kelly of Wells Fargo Securities told the Los Angeles Times. Big-box retailers such as Walmart and Target "could be the first to experience out-of-stock issues," Kelly said. Of note: 80% of the drugs that Americans depend upon come from overseas countries, and China is the largest manufacturer.

**Shrimp still tops!** Salmon remains as America's second favorite seafood, following shrimp. Third among the Top 10 is tuna, according to the list compiled by the National Fisheries Institute based on data in the 2018 Fisheries of the U.S. report.

Americans ate 4.6 pounds of shrimp per capita, a record high. For salmon, 2.55 pounds was eaten along with 2.10 pounds of tuna. That's followed by tilapia at 1.11 pounds, Alaska pollock at 0.77 pounds, pangasius at 0.63 pounds and cod at 0.62 pounds per capita. Rounding out the top 10 list was catfish at 0.56 pounds,

crab at 0.52 pounds and clams at 0.32 pounds.

In 2018 Americans ate slightly more seafood- 16.1 pounds, the highest per capita consumption since 2007 and a 0.1 pound increase from 2017.

**Push against plastics** - The first ever major lawsuit and a proposed new law both aim to hold companies responsible for the endless streams of plastics they continue to produce.

A lawsuit was filed Feb. 23 in California State Superior Court against Coca-Cola, Pepsi, Clorox, Procter and Gamble and several other major companies for polluting waterways, coasts and oceans with millions of tons of plastics.

The lawsuit was filed by the Earth Island Institute and Plastic Pollution Coalition. It claims violations of the state Consumers Legal Remedies Act, public nuisance, breach of express warranty, defective product liability, negligence and failure to warn of the harms caused by plastics to humans and animals.

The complaint also claims the average person ingests nearly 5 grams of plastics each week - the equivalent of a credit card. It also says plastics alter the chemical composition of the ocean when it breaks apart into smaller pieces and releases toxic chemicals into the water.

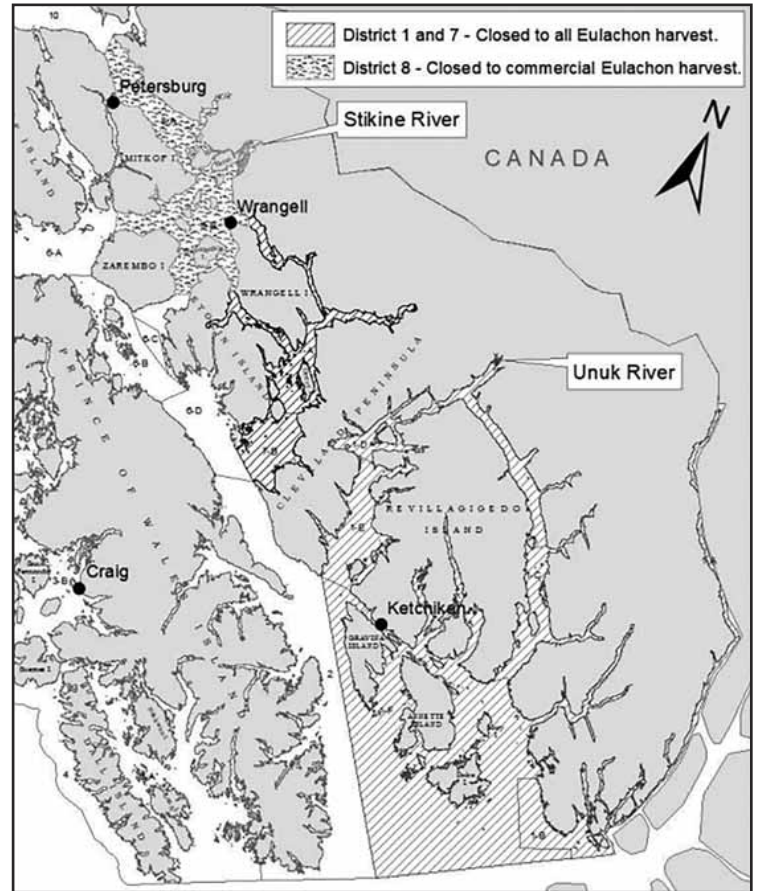
Meanwhile, on February 11 a group of Congressional Democrats from New Mexico, Oregon, California and New Mexico introduced the Break Free from Plastic Pollution Act of 2020.

The law would, among other things, require big corporations to take responsibility for their pollution; incentivize corporations to make reusable products that can be recycled; reduce wasteful packaging; create a nationwide beverage container refund program; reduce and ban certain single-use plastic products that are not recyclable; establish minimum recycled content requirements for beverage containers, packaging and food-service products, while standardizing recycling and composting labeling; and reform the nation's waste and recycling systems.

The Plastics Industry Association calls the bill "misguided" saying it "is more interested in getting headlines than finding solutions."

Today, 14 percent of oil and 8 percent of gas is used to make petrochemicals, the feedstock of plastics. The International Energy Agency predicts that within 30 years, 50 percent of the growth in oil demand will be related to petrochemicals. That means we are extracting fossil fuels, not for energy but for things like plastic soda bottles that we use once.

Letters of support for the legislation can be sent to Sen. Tom Udall's office at plastic@tomudall.senate.gov /



## 2020 Southeast Alaska Eulachon Smelt Fishery Announcement

PETERSBURG - The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced the following closures for eulachon smelt (*Thaleichthys pacificus*) for the 2020 season. These closures will be in effect beginning 12:01 a.m., Thursday, February 27, 2020:

District 1: will be closed to commercial, personal use, and subsistence eulachon smelt fishing in all waters. This includes all Revillagigedo Island and mainland drainages;

District 7: will be closed to commercial, personal use, and subsistence eulachon smelt fishing in all waters;

District 8: will be closed to commercial eulachon fishing. Subsistence and personal use fishing for eulachon smelt will remain open.

Eulachon smelt spawning runs in the southern portions of Southeast Alaska have had large fluctuations in recent years and continue to show poor returns to many areas with traditional runs of eulachon smelt. Stock status information for each of the above areas is limited and a conservative approach is necessary for sustaining and rebuilding the health of these stocks. The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1H0220.



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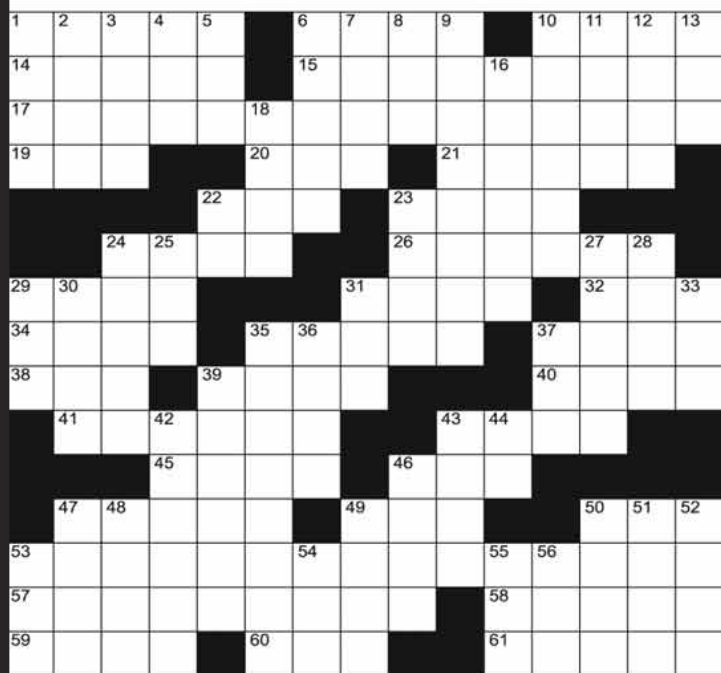
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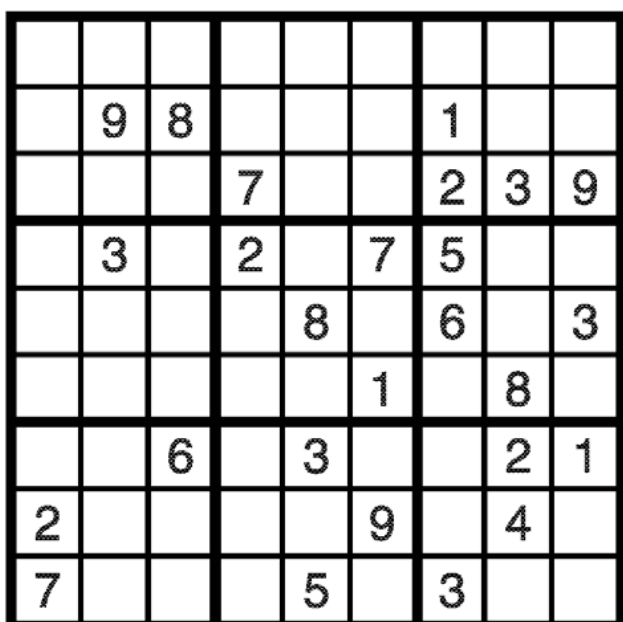
### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Yields Manila hemp
- 6. A type of gin
- 10. Japanese ankle sock
- 14. Swiss city
- 15. Applied to
- 17. Achievements
- 19. Japanese title
- 20. Possesses
- 21. Belgian city
- 22. Child
- 23. Great delight
- 24. Petty quarrel
- 26. Gathered
- 29. Zoroastrian concept of holy fire
- 31. Path
- 32. Legendary hoops coach Riley
- 34. A citizen of Denmark
- 35. Flat
- 37. Upper-class young women
- 38. Payment (abbr.)
- 39. Distort
- 40. Affirmative! (slang)
- 41. One who has a child
- 43. Without
- 45. Workplace safety agency
- 46. Political action committee
- 47. Period of plant and animal life
- 49. Swiss river
- 50. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- 53. State of being kept secret
- 57. Hobbies
- 58. One-time Korean ruler
- 59. Sudden attack
- 60. Born of
- 61. Assists

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Ancient Greek sophist
- 2. Famed composer
- 3. Spore-bearing fungi cells
- 4. Chief executive officer
- 5. Defunct Syrian political party
- 6. Thin wood
- 7. Polynesian garlands
- 8. Fluid replacement (abbr.)
- 9. Flammable hydrocarbon gas
- 10. Multi-leveled
- 11. Influential diarist
- 12. Gambles
- 13. Many subconsciousnesses
- 16. Current unit
- 18. Illumination unit
- 22. Tantalum
- 23. Steps leading down to a river
- 24. Kids love him
- 25. Before
- 27. Fencing swords
- 28. Mountain range in China
- 29. Payroll company
- 30. A way to pack together
- 31. Business designation
- 33. Thyroid-stimulating hormone (abbr.)
- 35. Forage fish
- 36. Greek temple pillars
- 37. Internet mgmt. company
- 39. Rouse oneself
- 42. In a way, covered
- 43. Elaborate silk garment
- 44. Cooling unit
- 46. Riley and O'Brien are two
- 47. \_\_\_ fide: genuine
- 48. Ancient Incan sun god
- 49. Poker stake
- 50. Trigonometric function
- 51. Interesting tidbit
- 52. Adieus
- 53. U.S. Treasury position
- 54. Midway between east and southeast
- 55. Doctors' group
- 56. Women's \_\_\_ movement

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Puzzle answers will be in the March 12 edition

# Legals

## CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL Public Announcement ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE POSITION OF Nolan Center Attendant

The Nolan Center will be accepting applications for a Nolan Center Attendant. Applications will be reviewed as they are received and this position is open until filled. This is a temporary, non-benefited, part-time position working between 15 and 30 hours a week.

This position works in the gift shop, Civic Center, and theater in a relief position and to help handle the influx of visitors that come into Wrangell. Must be knowledgeable about Wrangell, personable, and welcoming to visitors. The position is tasked with keeping the Nolan Center functioning smoothly throughout the variety of different events and uses that take place at the facility. The Nolan Center Attendant must be versatile and ready to assist at many different types of tasks including but not limited to event prep, gardening, cleaning, kitchen work, visitor response, theater box office.

Applicants must be willing to a work flexible schedule and weekends. Applicants must be at least 18 years old and able to pass a pre-employment drug screening and criminal background check.

Applications and job descriptions may be obtained and returned to Wrangell City Hall, 205 Brueger Street (P.O. Box 531), Wrangell, AK 99929 or via email to amollen@wrangell.com.

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Lisa Von Bargaen  
Borough Manager

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## CITY OF WRANGELL In-House and Public Announcement ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE POSITION LIFEGUARD PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The Wrangell Parks and Recreation Department will begin to accept applications for the position of Lifeguard to establish an open pool of applicants for temporary help. The Parks and Recreation Department will be hiring from these applications, as needed, throughout the year. The position includes Lifeguarding, facility custodial and clerical duties.

The lifeguard position assists and supports in providing a safe and recreational swimming pool environment for the community. The position requires the knowledge and ability to encourage compliance with pool policies and facility expectations for users. Lifeguards are expected to perform the necessary rescue techniques in the event of a land and/or water-based emergencies, which requires leadership and knowledge of the national lifeguard standards and best practices, along with facility procedures. This position also supports in the facilitation and instruction of the Learn-to-Swim lessons held throughout the year.

The lifeguard position will appeal to a candidate who thrives in a mission driven, team-centered environment while interacting with members of public including young children. The successful candidates must be sixteen and are required to possess a nationally recognized Lifeguard and CPR/AED certification or an ability to gain one upon hire. Wrangell Parks and Recreation offers lifeguard certification courses that are open to the community and employees of the department. The department offers opportunities for pay advancement through the part time employee progressive pay policy.

Applications will be accepted beginning February 26 , through December 31 , 2020, at 5:00 p.m. At the end of this open enrollment period applicants would need to file a new application.

This is a temporary part time (20 hour) position, paid hourly at a Grade 1 ranging from \$10.19 to \$13.79 per hour. The full job description and employment application can be found online at www.wrangell.com/jobs. Applicants will have to pass a pre-employment drug screening and a criminal background check.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of the Southeast Alaska Power Agency (SEAPA) will hold a telephonic Special Board Meeting on March 10, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. AKDT in the SEAPA Office, 1900 1st Avenue, Suite 312, Ketchikan, Alaska. During the meeting, the Board will enter into an executive session to discuss the SEAPA CEO's compensation and contract. For additional information, please call 907.228.2281.  
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The Borough Assembly, School Board, and Administration will be holding a Joint Work Session on **Tuesday, March 10, 2020, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** in the Borough Assembly Chambers at City Hall, for the purpose of discussing the School Budget.

The Regular Borough Assembly meeting will follow the Work Session at 7:00 p.m.

Although there will be a quorum of the Borough Assembly and the School Board present, there will be no action taken.

The public is welcome to attend.

Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk  
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The Southeast Alaska Power Agency (SEAPA) is seeking proposals from qualified air operators to provide fixed wing aircraft (floatplane) transportation services for a minimum useful load of 1200 lbs. that may include passengers and/or cargo, with a seating capacity of six (6) passengers, for flights between Ketchikan, Alaska and SEAPA's Swan Lake Hydroelectric Facility. The initial contract term will be for a two-year period with renewal of additional terms at SEAPA's discretion. The Swan Lake Hydroelectric Project is located approximately 22 air miles northeast of Ketchikan, Alaska on Revillagigedo Island. Proposals are due March 20, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. AKDT. For a complete set of the bid documents with additional details, please navigate to: [www.seapahydro.org/rfp.php](http://www.seapahydro.org/rfp.php) or interested respondents may call the SEAPA office at (907) 228-2281 for a copy.  
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 Senior Sales Assistant**

The Nolan Center will be accepting applications for a Senior Sales Assistant. Applications will be reviewed as they are received and this position is open until filled. This is a temporary, non-benefited, part-time position working between 15 and 30 hours a week.

The Senior Sales Assistant is the Nolan Center Director's chief assistant in the gift shop and is the biggest day-to-day influence on the gift shop. The Senior Sales Assistant is responsible for the security of the museum and gift shop, and so bears a high degree of responsibility. This position opens and closes the museum and gift shop, operates and balances the cash register daily, assists with inventory, and answers visitor questions. Must be knowledgeable about Wrangell, personable, and welcoming to visitors. This person must be versatile and ready to assist at many different types of tasks.

Applicants must be willing to a work flexible schedule and weekends. Applicants must be at least 18 years old and able to pass a pre-employment drug screening and criminal background check.

Applications and job descriptions may be obtained and returned to Wrangell City Hall, 205 Brueger Street (P.O. Box 531), Wrangell, AK 99929 or via email to [amollen@wrangell.com](mailto:amollen@wrangell.com).

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Lisa Von Bargaen  
 Borough Manager

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

In the Matter of the Yvonne N. Stough Trust  
 Ruth Ann Stough, Trustee

Pursuant to AS 13.36.368, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Ruth Ann Stough (previously Ruth Ann Hagen) is the trustee of the Yvonne N. Stough Trust dated January 30, 2003. All persons having claims against Yvonne N. Stough or the Yvonne N. Stough Trust dated January 30, 2003 and any amendments thereto are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to Ruth Ann Stough, Trustee, c/o Faulkner Banfield, P.C., 8420 Airport Boulevard, Suite 101, Juneau, Alaska 99801-6924.

Dated: 09/27/2020  
 Ruth Ann Stough, Trustee

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**CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL  
 WRANGELL PARKS AND RECREATION  
 DEPARTMENT SEASONAL JOB POSTING**

The Wrangell Parks and Recreation Department will accept applications for the positions of **Summer Recreation Staff** until the position has been filled. First review of applications will take place on April 15, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Successful applicants will assist with planning and implementing comprehensive recreation enrichment programs for children, ages 6 to 11. Program activities include, both indoor and outdoor, well-rounded recreational and educational activities. Pay range is from \$10.00-\$13.00/Hr., DOE.

There are currently five seasonal positions open with a limited term of employment. These positions require candidates to be available to work 30-35 hours per week with shifts that are scheduled between the hours of 09:00 a.m. and 04:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Applicants must be at least 16 years old and hold a valid Alaska Driver's License.

Applications may be obtained at and returned to Wrangell City Hall, 205 Brueger Street (P.O. Box 531), Wrangell, AK 99929.

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**CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL  
 WRANGELL PARKS AND RECREATION  
 DEPARTMENT SEASONAL JOB POSTING**

The Wrangell Parks and Recreation Department will accept applications for the positions of **Park Maintenance I** until the position has been filled. First review of applications will take place on March 25, 2020. Applicants must be at least 18 years old, hold a valid Alaska Driver's License and have knowledge of power tools and be familiar with grounds maintenance and repairs. Applicants must be able to work through September. Position is full time, temporary.

Duties include both skilled and semi-skilled work in landscape, mowing, weed-eating, grounds maintenance, repairs and construction of parks, playgrounds, ball fields and cemeteries. Pay range \$16.00-18.00/hr. DOE. Applicants will have to pass a pre-employment drug screening and a criminal background check.

Applications and full job description may be obtained at and returned to Wrangell City Hall, 205 Brueger Street (P.O. Box 531), Wrangell, AK 99929.

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Elizabeth Armstrong, No. 12.

# Lady Wolves victorious in last home games of the season

By CALEB VIERKANT  
Sentinel writer

The Wrangell Lady Wolves hosted their final home games of the season last Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 25 and 26, against the Haines Glacier Bears. It was the final set of home games for two seniors on the team, Kaylyn Easterly and Maddy Harding.

“Those two have been crucial in our success as a team,” Coach Laurie Brown said.

In both games, Wrangell blew Haines out of the water and walked away with two big wins. The first game opened with Wrangell taking a commanding lead in the first quarter, 27-7. They maintained

this lead for the rest of the game. The Lady Wolves pulled ahead further in the second quarter, 44-15. The final score in the third quarter was 53-17. The final score for the game was

68-24, a win for Wrangell.

Wednesday’s game also went in favor of Wrangell. The game opened with a score of 14-11. The second quarter saw the Lady Wolves push their lead to 35-20, and then 49-25 in the third quarter. Finally, the game ended with a score of 61-27, another win for Wrangell.

“The girls played well and were able to work on some things we wanted to perfect before Regionals,” Brown said.

The Lady Wolves will be heading to Regionals next. Brown said they will be leaving for Juneau on March 10, and will be going up against the Petersburg Lady Vikings

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- Laurie Brown  
Coach

first. Brown said that all of the teams are very competitive this year, and that Regionals will go to whichever team shows up and plays the hardest.

# Stedman speaks on AMHS at Petersburg chamber banquet

By BRIAN VARELA  
Sentinel writer

PETERSBURG - Sen. Bert Stedman told the community while attending the Petersburg Chamber of Commerce banquet on Saturday that the future of the Alaska Marine Highway System depends on how negotiations go with Gov. Mike Dunleavy.

Stedman said that legislators will discuss the AMHS and present possible scenarios to the gov-

ernor when Dunleavy releases his operating budget; however, without enough votes to override the governor’s anticipated vetoes, negotiations won’t be too aggressive.

“If you don’t have the ability to override his vetoes, you better negotiate or else he’s just going to go back to the number he put on your desk initially,” said Stedman.

About a year ago, Dunleavy

released his proposed 2020 fiscal year operating budget that planned on tying-up the entire ferry fleet, while putting all AMHS capital money into the general fund as a way to balance the state’s budget through budget cuts. Negotiations left only one ferry operating through the winter, while more than half of the state’s ferries were taken out of service due to a lack of funding to repair the vessels.

The sole ferry operating through Southeast Alaska, the M/V Matanuska, was taken out of service earlier this month due to complications with its reduction gear system.

The ferry was expected to go back online at the beginning of March, but in a prepared statement released last Friday, the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities announced the M/V Matanuska wouldn’t be sailing until after April 14. On April 14, the M/V Columbia is anticipated to assume sailings originally scheduled for the M/V Matanuska.

Stedman said getting AMHS up and running again isn’t a matter of money, but political power, because the ferry system receives most of its funding from the federal government. Each

year, Alaska receives \$500 million for DOT, which is split between airports, road maintenance and the ferry system, said Stedman. AMHS has a lack of support from some legislators who would rather spend most of the federal money on the road system.

Additionally, Dunleavy has created a working group that will oversee the future of AMHS, but Stedman said he is worried that the group is being put together to ultimately dismantle the ferry system.

“We’re giving them a fight, and we’ll see what happens,” said Stedman.

Lila Trask said she heard a comment made by someone living in the Interior about Alaskans who live in villages and coastal areas. Trask said that the individual felt communities separated from the road system aren’t being supportive of the state and are creating extra expenses, and they should just move back to the road system. Those present at the banquet were audibly surprised to find out that not only has Stedman heard those types of comments before, but that some legislators felt the same way.

One resident asked Stedman what communities could do to support the ferry system. He said their message has already been received, but the best thing residents can do is to call-in to Juneau during public hearings on the operating budget to request that enough funding be made available to keep the ferries running.

## LEGAL

Pursuant to the City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska, Borough Charter, Sec. 4, public notice is hereby given that the following ordinance listed by title only has been adopted by the Borough Assembly. Such ordinances are currently on file in the office of the Borough Clerk and may be inspected upon request.

**ORDINANCE No 969 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, ESTABLISHING SECTION 05.11, REMOTE SELLER SALES TAX OF THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE**

**ORDINANCE No 975 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, REPEALING SECTION 14.11.005, FEE SCHEDULE, IN ITS ENTIRETY AND ESTABLISHING A NEW PROCESS FOR FEES IN CHAPTER 14.11 HARBOR AND PORT FACILITIES OF THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE**

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

Publish: March 5, 2020

## 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 6:00 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.

If a work session is scheduled preceding the regular assembly meeting, publication shall be made on the website and posted at city hall and the post office that the regular assembly meeting shall begin at 7:00 p.m.

Kim Lane, Borough Clerk  
City of Wrangell, Alaska

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## CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL

### WRANGELL PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT SEASONAL JOB POSTING

The Wrangell Parks and Recreation Department will begin to accept applications for the position of **Recreation Assistant** to establish an open pool of applicants for temporary help. Applications will be accepted beginning February 26th through December 31st at 5:00 p.m.

Applicants selected for this position will serve as a *Recreation Assistant* at Parks & Recreation and will be involved in recreational activities including department recreation programs, community events, facility rentals and other similar recreational services.

Duties include providing oversight of facilities and activities, ensuring adherence to regulations and procedures, monitoring the security of premises, maintaining routine reports, clerical duties and general custodial duties.

The Parks and Recreation Department will be hiring from these applications, as needed, throughout the year. At the end of this open enrollment period applicants would need to file a new application.

This position requires candidates to be available to work a minimum of 6 hours per week with shifts scheduled throughout the week, including weekends. Applicants must be at least 16 years old. This position is paid hourly at a Grade 1 ranging from \$10.19 to \$13.79 per hour. The full job description and employment application can be found online at [www.wrangell.com/jobs](http://www.wrangell.com/jobs). Applicants will have to pass a pre-employment drug screening and a criminal background check.

Applications may be returned to Wrangell City Hall, 205 Brueger Street (P.O. Box 531), Wrangell, AK 99929. For more information contact Kate Thomas at 907-874-2444.

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# Wolves host Haines for last home games of the season

By CALEB VIERKANT  
Sentinel writer

The Wrangell Wolves played in their final home games of the season last week, Feb. 25 and 26, against the Haines Glacier Bears. For several seniors on the team, this was the last set of home games of their high school careers. While Wrangell did not walk away from the games victorious, the games were hard-fought. The team also came together to recognize one senior in particular.

The first game on Tuesday, Feb. 25, opened with Wrangell and Haines going at it neck-and-neck. The first quarter ended with the Glacier Bears holding a narrow lead at 12-14. In the second quarter, the Wolves fought hard to keep up once again, with a score of 27-30. The third quarter saw Wrangell pull ahead of Haines slightly, with a score of 41-39. However, they could not maintain this lead in the fourth quarter. The Glacier Bears managed to reclaim their lead and win the game, with a score of 48-59.

Wednesday's game, on Feb. 26, opened with a bang. Before the game even started, the crowd was cheering loudly. This was because senior player Hank Voltz had stepped out onto the court. Voltz explained that he was born with a heart condition, making participation in sports a potential risk to him. He can keep up with the team in the short term, he said, but playing a full game would be a challenge. He has spent his high school career on the team serving as manager. For his last home game, however, the team decided to let him play in the opening. Voltz went on to score the first points of the game, a three-pointer within the first 30 seconds of the



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**Hank Voltz, No. 0, is cheered onto the court by his team. Voltz, a senior, acts as manager to the team, but was sent out to play in Wrangell's final home game of the season.**

first quarter.

Coach Cody Angerman said it was the highlight of the game, if not the entire year.

"The gym was just mayhem," he said. "It was just a crazy thing to be around."

"It was pretty cool," Voltz added. "It was awesome to get out there and play for a minute."

Voltz was brought back into the game near the end as well.

While the Wolves had a strong opening, thanks to Voltz, the game did not go in Wrangell's favor. The first

quarter ended with a score of 9-17. The second quarter also went to Haines with a score of 18-30. The third quarter ended with a score of 23-40. The fourth quarter saw the game end with another loss for Wrangell, 31-53.

Despite the losses, Angerman said he was proud of his team and how hard they worked. He was proud of all of his seniors, and he felt the games were good practice for Regionals.

"It feels good," he said. "It's bittersweet once the home games are done."



Swan Lake Hydroelectric Project



Tyee Lake Hydroelectric Project

**The Southeast Alaska Power Agency (SEAPA) is a Joint Action Agency of the State of Alaska that owns the Swan Lake and Tyee Lake hydroelectric plants, submarine cables, and approximately 175 miles of transmission lines connecting the municipalities of Ketchikan, Wrangell, and Petersburg, Alaska. SEAPA is the wholesale power provider to Ketchikan, Wrangell, and Petersburg.**

SEAPA held a strategic planning work session on February 21-22, 2020. The purpose of the work session was to provide an opportunity for Member Utility Representatives from Ketchikan, Petersburg, and Wrangell to review and discuss how well the Agency has served the communities over the years and establish priorities for the future.

Load forecasting and the potential impact of demand side management were discussed as they pertain to expanding generation capacity. These two items were identified for further follow-up. Due to the lack of available grant funding, debt service associated with construction of a new renewable energy generation asset is expected to be significant. SEAPA's regional hydrosite investigation final report will be issued by year-end, including findings and recommendations. Wind potential is also being studied at different locations near SEAPA's transmission line corridor and Solar may become a consideration as development costs continue to decline.

Reservoir operations and supplemental diesel generation were discussed in detail. SEAPA's Operations Plan has already been modified to address concerns associated with previous drought conditions. Opportunities for enhancing communication, collaboration, and transparency among the parties, including the public, were considered. A communications plan will be developed.

Legislative and regulatory activities were discussed, with recognition of the Agency's successful role as a unified voice representing the region. Continuing this important proactive advocacy is a priority going forward as it has lowered risk for the Agency and its Member Utilities.

Highlights of the Agency's governing documents were presented by legal advisors in attendance. The composition of the Board and individual Director term lengths were identified as topics for further consideration. SEAPA's mission/vision/value statements were also reviewed and may be updated in the future.

SEAPA owns assets exceeding \$.5 Billion in replacement value, and core infrastructure is over 35 years old. Timing of major replacements will be very important to minimize impact to the Member Utilities and Ratepayers. Replacement of a failed submarine cable serving Petersburg is an immediate priority and is estimated to cost \$5-8 Million. Updates to SEAPA's comprehensive capital improvement plan are scheduled for 2020/21.

The Swan Lake and Tyee Lake hydroelectric projects will begin a lengthy relicensing process in approximately 3 years. Relicensing is anticipated to take 7 years at an estimated cost of \$2-3 Million per project. New licenses are not guaranteed and may include additional expensive mitigation requirements.

Information derived from this work session will be used in the development of a formal strategic plan for the Agency. The plan will include specific objectives and timelines to maximize value for the collective group of Member Utilities and the Ratepayers. Significant Agency resources will be dedicated to this focused effort over the next several years.