

# MERRY CHRISTMAS



## ANNUAL COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Recreation Department will be hosting the annual Christmas Dinner, Saturday December 20, at 6:00pm, in the Community Center. Please bring a side dish. Ham, turkey, dinner rolls, and pies, will be provided by the Recreation Department. We will need volunteers to cook, please call Debra if you can cook a ham or turkey. Mr. & Mrs. Claus will be visiting from the North Pole.



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### **The Adak Community Development Corporation (ACDC) would like you to know**

ACDC is a community non-profit organization founded to promote economic activity in Adak. The ACDC board is the quota holder entity for the community. ACDC holds Western Aleutian Gold crab quota and other species quota. The Board of Directors for ACDC has adopted the following Economic Development Goals:

1. To facilitate and support effort that grow and retain the region's wealth, including diversifying the economic base, resulting in optimal benefits for the community of Adak.
2. Promote healthy, sustained yield fisheries that provide a sustainable income base to the communities, business, and residents of Adak.
3. Monitor fisheries regulatory, management, and marketing issue that may impact Adak fisheries. Influence policies, management, and environmental initiatives to create a more stable fisheries economy in the region.
4. Facilitate and support industry, state and local to expand marketing efforts and develop new seafood markets.
5. Coordinate an ongoing regional economic planning effort and supplemental research that highlights the economic needs and challenges of Adak.
6. Help in develop small boat harbor and related infrastructure to support the local seafood industry and resident fishing fleet.
7. Increase Adak ownership of IFQ's (halibut, black cod).
8. Help create new job opportunities in the seafood industry through expansion and diversification in the new multi-species products, secondary processing, and byproduct processing.
9. Help the City of Adak in development of alternative electricity system (hydroelectric power) for the community.
10. Establish a CQE program.
11. Create added value seafood products.
12. Access the feasibility of a pink/chum salmon hatchery program.
13. Continue to work with government agencies to produce a Red King Crab program for Adak.
14. Continue to improve the Brown King Crab allocation for Adak.
15. Help in development of support service for the fishery industry for Adak (Mechanics, Hydraulics and other maintenance skills for major marine repairs).
16. Work with UAA to develop a program for Adak resident on refrigeration and other fisheries related courses.

*Anyone interested in receiving meeting notices, ACDC meeting agendas and meeting minutes, please phone Mary Nelson at 907-592-2335 or send a request via e-mail to [acdc@adaktu.net](mailto:acdc@adaktu.net).*

Your ACDC Board of Directors: Rick Koso, President; Layton Lockett, Vice President; Larry Mayes, Secretary/Treasurer; Dave Fraser, Mike Sharrah, Esther Bennett, and Will Tillion; **invite you to attend the special community meeting December 6 at 2:00pm in the Community Center. Refreshments will be served.**

**City council Run-off Election, Seat 1A and other News**

Elliott Schwarz has been elected to seat 1A on the Adak City Council. If you have some great ideas for the City of Adak, your City Council Members are: Phyllis Borts, Mike Eickhoff, Mary Prince, Elliott Schwarz, Elaine Smiloff, Tom Spitler, and Jay Stewart.

The Adak City Council passed Ordinance 14-2015-093, at the City Council meeting on November 26, 2014. The Ordinance amends Title 3, Chapters 3.03 and 3.08 Candidacy filing period for City Council and the Absentee Ballot application process. Next year, candidates must submit their application no sooner than 60 days and no later than 30 days before the local election. Absentee ballot applications may now be received via fax, e-mail and hard copy letter.

**Scenes from Halloween and Thanksgiving**



**Best Adult Costume**  
Oswaldo Rizo



**Best Family Pumpkin: "Sharknado" Rizo Family**



**Best Cake: "Rat"**  
By: Mary Stewart



**Dacia Mitchell, center returned home from UAF to enjoy Thanksgiving with her family and community**

**Adak Public School Annual Christmas Program**

The annual Christmas musical program produced by the Adak Public School will be held Tuesday December 16, at 6:30 pm in the Adak Public School music room. As always, there will be plenty of laughs, stage-frightened performers, and delicious refreshments. Let's show our children how important they are to us. See you there.

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**Insurance Marketplace Open Enrollment Period**

For those of you who have yet to enroll in an insurance program, the Insurance market place, healthcare.gov has a limited period of open enrollment for 2015. If you are already enrolled in an insurance plan, you must also log on to your account and renew for 2015. If you want your insurance effective January 1, 2015, you must enroll, renew or change your plan by December 15, 2014. The enrollment period lasts from December 1, 2014 through February 15, 2015

**DECEMBER 2014**

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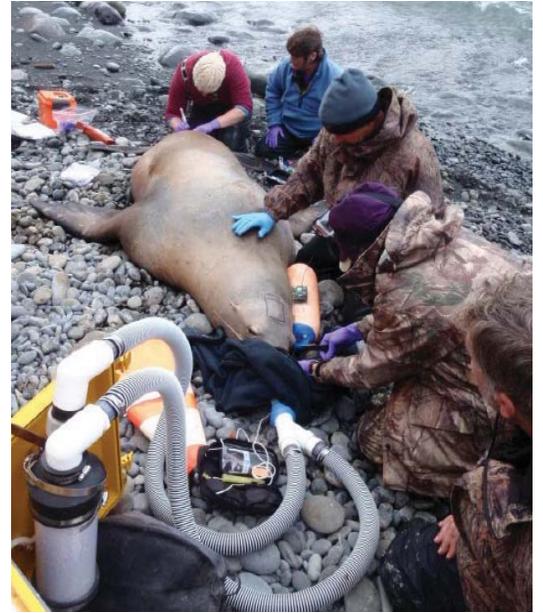
- 12/6 - ACDC Community Meeting 2 pm, then Movie Night with Chief Tannehill at 6pm in the Community Center
- 12/16 – Adak Public School Christmas Show, 6:30pm
- 12/17 – City Council, 5pm Council Chambers
- 12/18 – School break until January 5, 2015
- 12/20 – Community Christmas Dinner, Santa Claus
- 12/21 – Alaska Airlines Christmas Party 4pm, Terminal
- 12/24 – Christmas Eve, Sleigh Rides 3pm, Community Center
- 12/25 – Christmas Day – City Office Closed
- 12/26 – City Offices Closed
- 12/31 – Happy New Years! Fireworks 10:00pm Kuluk Beach

## Tracking Sea Lions

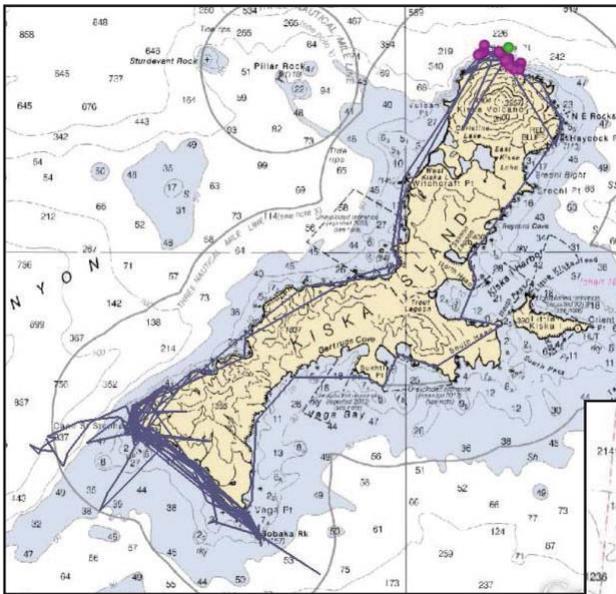
Information and graphics distilled from Aleutian Island Steller sea lion tracking updates 2014 (updates 1-6) by Dr. Brian Fadely of the National Marine Mammal Laboratory

As part of a continuing study to understand adult female Steller sea lion foraging ecology and movements around the western and western-central Aleutian Islands, researchers from the NOAA Alaska Fisheries Science Center National Marine Mammal Laboratory, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, University of Alaska Fairbanks, and the Vancouver Aquarium outfitted three adult female Steller sea lions with satellite-linked location and behavioral data transmitters during October 2014. These sea lions supplement previous instrument deployments in 2012 (5 animals) and 2011 (1 animal).

Sites were accessed via skiffs operating off the R/V *Norseman*. Captures and tag deployments were successful at two rookery sites on Kiska Island, and at the Lake Point rookery on Adak Island. All captures were of adult females with dependent offspring, using dart-delivered sedatives. Sedated sea lions were approached and anesthetized with isoflurane gas delivered through a field-portable anesthesia unit. Sea lions were measured, weighed and sampled to assess their health and condition status. Each sea lion was outfitted with a SPLASH10-AF Argos-transmitting tag that provides location estimates and measures of dive behavior.

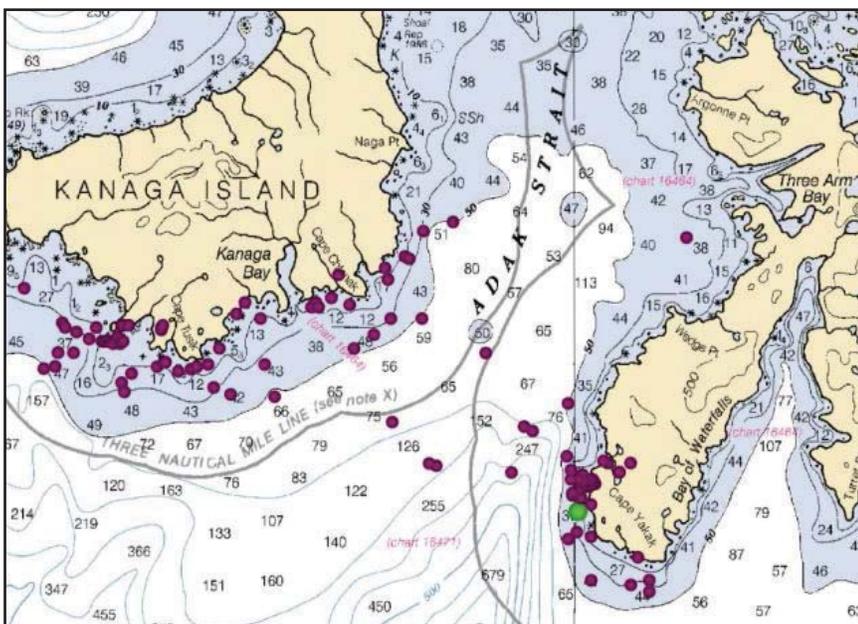
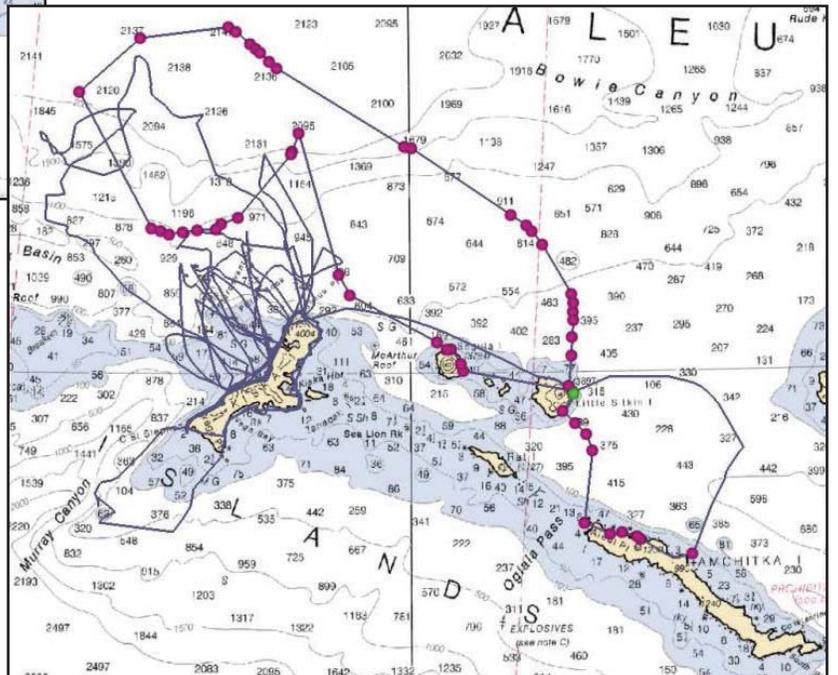


Sample collection from an anesthetized sea lion while preparing to attach the satellite-linked transmitter on top of her head.



The first capture was near the Cape Saint Stephen rookery site on the westernmost point of Kiska Island on October 3rd. The map at left shows simple interpolated track lines for the 48-day deployment period (3 Oct-20 Nov), with locations from the final week in purple (last recorded location in green). Apart from a couple of short (<10 nm) trips offshore to the west and southwest, this sea lion never left the island. She spent her first three weeks confined to the south side of Kiska, then travelled along the west coast to the northeast side of the island during the fourth week. As the remnants of Typhoon Nuri moved through the area on 7 November, she moved down the west side to Cape St. Stephens in the morning and all the way back up the west side by just after midnight on the 8th. She stayed at the north end through the last week.

The second capture was at the Lief Cove rookery site on the west side of Kiska on October 4th. This sea lion was highly mobile compared to the first, making numerous trips about 20 nm offshore during the first four weeks. She then spent a couple of days 30-40 nm northwest of Kiska, followed by an eastward trip to the north side of Amchiktka Island. During the last week of tracking she retraced her journey, back to Little Sitkin and continuing on to the area northwest of Kiska, then returning via Segula, Little Sitkin, and the islands between them. The map at right shows her simple interpolated track lines for the 47-day period, with locations from 14-20 November shown in purple, and latest position in green.



The final capture was at the Lake Point rookery on the southwest side of Adak Island on October 8th. This female's head tag was not programmed to begin transmitting until December; in the meantime she carries a newly developed tag that measures fluorescence to estimate primary productivity. The first week of tracking, shown in the map at left, indicated she spent several days along the south side of Kanaga Island. During the following two weeks she remained on the southwest corner of Yakak Peninsula, with a couple of short (~5 nm) trips into Adak Strait. As of October 30th no new positions have been received; the sea lion's head-mounted transmitter should activate on December 11th.

Questions? Please contact Dr. Brian Fadely of the National Marine Mammal Laboratory at [brian.fadely@noaa.gov](mailto:brian.fadely@noaa.gov) or 206-526-6173.