

**CITY COUNCIL AND ACDC
ELECTIONS
OCTOBER 6, 2015**

City Council

Seat 1A – 2 year term Seat 2A – 3 year term
Seat 1B – 2 year term Seat 2B -- 3 year term

Submit your application for candidacy to the City Clerk, between July 31–September 8, 2015 at 8:30 am. Candidates must have resided in Adak at least 30 days prior to filing candidacy and must be registered to vote in Adak. Local elections will be held on Tuesday October 6, 2015 in conjunction with REAA 8 Aleutian Region School Board Seat 3A.

ACDC Board of Directors

Seat 1A – 3 year term Seat 4A – 3 year term
Seat 4B - 1 year term

For candidacy information for ACDC contact ACDC's office at 592-2335.

**2015 – The Summer of Sailboats
In Adak**

(Pictures and information provided by Carrie Plant and Alain Beuparlant)

During the summer of 2015, several private sailboats and a 16 foot skiff, wandered into the Port of Adak for rest and recreation, stocking up on supplies or shelter from the weather.

At one time during the summer, the port had at least six sailboats tied up at pier three at one time. The boats were registered to countires like New Zealand, Holland, France, Australia, England, Germany, Singapore and Tahiti – the skiff was from British Columbia. Yes, an adveture lust professor from the Univiersity of British Columbia, actually traveled the Aleutian Chain to Adak in a 16 foot skiff.



Six sailboats tied to one another at pier 3

The sailors arriving in Adak had spent as much as nine years at sea, but most of them were on a summer pleasure trip, their last stop having been in Japan. Several of the sailors were in America for their very first visit; being lucky enough to arrive in time for our annual Fourth of July festivities. The New Zealanders were so impressed with our little celebrations – parade, potluck, beach events and fireworks, they donated money to Adak Recreation for future activities.

The sailboats had various methods of powering the items necessary for everyday life on board, like navigation equipment and dvd players for watcing movies. The boats were equipped with wind turbines, solar panels, diesel generators, kerosene systems and mini wood burning stoves. Some of the boats even had



Solar panels provide everyday power to this sail boat

gardens for producing herbs and bulbous vegetables. Many of the sailors came ashore to buy supplies at 100 Knot Stop or sample the best that Adak has to offer in dining at Bay 5 Restaurant and the Blue Bird Café. The visitors were so pleased with their stay in Adak, they vowed to spread the word online, so future sailors would know that Adak was well worth the stop for a break from galley cooking and a look around.



The Astrolabe I

**Mayor Spitler and City Manager Lockett
attend Arctic Summit Conference**

The City of Adak was well represented at the most recent Arctic Summit Conference in Anchorage, August 23-25, at the Captain Cook Hotel. Dignitaries from Arctic Countries around the world attended along with Alaska Governor Walker, venture capital companies, major shipping companies and others with any interest in developing future commerce along the Northern Sea Route and Northwest Shipping Passage.

The oppourtinites for communities along the passage are many. The local Adak airport with jet landing capabilities, the deep water port, and open space for development, make Adak an ideal location for supporting logistical operations for Arctic shipping.

Along with the increased shipping activity, there are concerns of the impact increased shipping activity can have on communities. There are significant concerns about ensuring appropriate infrastructure and response capabilities will be available as development and shipping increases.

By attending the conference, Mayor Spitler and City Manager Lockett were able to promote Adak's potential and answer questions of those interested in Adak as a potential logistical support site.

**ADAK CITY COUNCIL
CONSIDERS APPROPRIATING FUNDS
FOR DUMPSTER TRUCK**

Ordinance 15-2016-096 – FY 2016 Budget Amendment authorizing the appropriation of \$130,000 for the purchase of a new dumpster truck was introduced to the City Council at its August 28 meeting. A public hearing for Ordinance 15-2016-096 will be held at 4:30 pm on September 16 in Council Chambers. According to the City Manager, Layton Lockett, the dumpster truck cannot be repaired. It seems as if the dumpster truck has taken a “dump”.

**BACK TO SCHOOL
BBQ & POT LUCK**

It is that time of year again, when the days get shorter and our children return to school. This year we will be having our annual “Back to School – Meet the Teachers” BBQ and Potluck on Saturday September 5, at 4pm.

We will be Q-ing polish sausages and hamburgers. Please bring a dish to share. We will be meeting our new International student teacher, Ruth Van Sommeren from Leiden Netherlands. The “previous year” in pictures will be playing continuously on the big screen TV and the students will receive some fun school supplies.

**SIGNS ON BAY SHORE ROAD
COMING SOON**

The ballots were cast and the vote is in, the classic “Thank You For Not Littering” sign won the popular vote by just two ballots over the modern “Don’t be a Litterbug” sign. Thank you to the generosity of Bernardo Diaz, the signs will be posted on Bayshore Rd. after delivery to Adak.



SEPTEMBER

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A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO LISA SPITLER AND USFWS FOR THEIR CONTINUED CONTRIBUTION OF “THE WILDSIDE”

News from Eastern Aleutian Tribes

Medical Clinic



Dr. Costa is here for all of your dental needs. Appointments are available through Friday September 11.

Phone: 592-8383 for an apt.



EMS Live at Night

The EMS Live at Night program will be webcast the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 4:45 pm in the clinic. All are invited to attend. Subjects vary, so call Esther at 592-8383 to get a list of topics.

Susan Shoemaker, Community Health Aide Practitioner from Anchorage, Alaska, is in town providing medical care until Senta Williams returns later in September. Susan was the instructor for the ETT courses in 2014. Several of our residents became certified Emergency Trauma Technicians. Susan will be providing training while she is here in Adak so our current Emergency Trauma Technicians can get re-certified.

Susan Shoemaker, center, with Adak ETT graduates



- September 5 – Back to School BBQ and Potluck 4pm
- September 7 – Labor Day, City Office Closed
- September 8 – First day of school
- September 16 – City Council 5pm, Council Chambers



Sayonara, Seabirds and Seasonals

The auklets have gone back to sea, ledgenester cliffs are emptying quickly, and the last of the puffins and storm-petrels will be heading out soon. The *Tiglax* is currently picking up our seabird monitoring crews and bound for Homer, but the end of the Refuge's field season is only the beginning for others. *Tiglax* will have just a couple of days in Homer before they head out on charters to recover whale recording buoys in the Gulf of Alaska and engage in another round of oceanographic work along the Seward Line. R/V *Maritime Maid* will be in and out of Adak as they ply the Aleutians this fall with a medly of researchers aboard for the GeoPRISMS (Geodynamic Processes at Rifting and Subducting Margins) Program. R/V *Norseman* will be stopping here in late September for a marine mammal research crew change. Last but not least, the Kittlitz's murrelet monitoring team will be back in Adak in late September/early October to recover trail cameras and collect nest site data. A busy fall ahead!



Tiglax heading home
Travis S

Rock ptarmigan
Steve Ebbert



Adak Activities in 2015

Most of the work the Refuge supports from its Adak office happens further afield, but each year a smattering of activities occur in our own back yard. Here is a quick summary of this summer's Adak projects:

Rock Ptarmigan.--Steve Ebbert (AMNWR), Clait Braun (Grouse Inc.) and Bill Taylor (Wildlife Vet Consulting) established survey routes on Adak, Amchitka and Attu. We hope to repeat these surveys annually to learn about population changes across the western Aleutians.

Kagalaska Caribou.--USDA Wildlife Specialists worked off *Tiglax* to cull nine caribou that had swum to Kagalaska from Adak, and the meat (over 1,200 lbs) was distributed to Adak residents. The Refuge does not want a population of non-native ungulates to become established on Kagalaska, because the resulting changes to the island's ecosystem would be incompatible with the Refuge's responsibility to maintain natural diversity.

Kittlitz's Murrelets.--Every summer Robb Kaler (USFWS Migratory Bird Management) and Leah Kenney (USFWS Ecological Services) return to Adak to search for the nests of this elusive and mysterious seabird. You can read about their work in more detail in last month's issue of *The Eagle's Call* (available on the City of Adak's website).

Subtidal Ecology.--Doug Rasher (Univ. of Maine post-doc), Ben Weitzman (USGS) and Kristy Kroeker (UC Santa Cruz) collected coralline algae and sea urchins in nearshore waters. These were kept alive and shipped to labs where they'll be exposed to various environmental conditions, in order to reconstruct the ecological history of coastal marine systems in the Aleutians, including the deeper time ecology of sea otters and kelp forests and some of the influences of ocean acidification in cold, high-latitude oceans.



Doug collecting coralline algae
Alexandra Ravelo

Takakia sp.
Derek Sikes



Botanical Collections.--Steve and Sandy Talbot (USFWS Regional Botanist and USGS Research Geneticist, respectively) came out to continue vegetation ecology and colonization genetics studies as part of their post-eruption Kasatochi work, but also collected, in addition to other plants on Adak, hard-to-find and almost-as-hard-to-classify *Takakia* sporophytes for genomic analysis. This tiny velvety moss was long thought to be a liverwort, and is so unusual the Japanese name for it, nanjamonja-goke, means "impossible moss". These collections are part of an international collaborative effort to update the knowledge of the bryoflora of the Aleutian Islands.

A weevil (Entiminae) on Kuluk Beach
Derek Sikes



Insect Collections.--Derek Sikes (Curator of Insects at the Univ. of Alaska Museum) and Logan Mullen (UAF grad student) went in search of rove beetles in the remnant snow patches on Mt. Moffett. Logan's thesis project is a taxonomic revision of the rove beetle genus *Phlaeopterus*, using morphological and molecular data. Derek came out to continue his post-eruption work at Kasatochi, documenting the recovery of terrestrial invertebrates, but seas were too rough to get ashore, so he made the most of his time fossicking for fascinating bugs at Atka, Little Tanaga and Adak.

Wednesday Walkabouters greet a harbor seal in Shagak Bay



Soil Microbes.--Lydia Zeglin (Assistant Professor of Microbial Ecology at KSU) continued her time series of soil sampling transects on Adak. Lydia is another member of Kasatochi's post-eruption research team, but is also interested in larger scale microbial diversity and processes, and has collected samples from islands throughout the Aleutians; this was her third year working on Adak. She graciously invited the Wednesday Walkabout group to join her and help with sampling, and told us some jaw-dropping stories about the amazing mob of microbes that live upon, within, and all around us.



Lydia pointing out one of 80 ash layers representing 10,000 years of deposition in a 3-m bank on the way to sample soil microbes

Wednesday Walkabout.--All summer, the Refuge provided a weekly opportunity for Adak's kids to explore their island's wild side, having fun and learning heaps at the same time.