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Adak's Monthly Newsletter featuring Local News and Events

CITY OF ADAK ACQUIRES HISTORIC BERING HILL CHAPEL

Bering Hill Chapel **The roof replaced in 1995 did not stand up to the Adak winds and weather.**

A deed of conveyance will be given to the City of Adak from the Aleut Corporation, for the historic chapel on Bering Hill. The chapel has fallen into disarray from weather and vandals the past few years. The City Council first announced plans to acquire the church at the November 2012 council meeting. The city also put in a $50,000 capital funding request, via resolution, for preservation of the chapel, to the State of Alaska Legislature.

The chapel was originally built in 1944 by the Army Engineers on a site overlooking the Davis Lake warehouse area. The chapel was moved to its current location on Bering Hill in September of 1953 by the Seabees and civilians of the Navy Public Works Department. Originally the chapel was to be torn down when the Navy built the new Bering Hill Chapel. The old chapel deteriorated over the next several years. Navy legacy funding saved the Old Chapel in 1990 and combined with volunteer labor from local residents the Old Bering Chapel was re-roofed and painted in 1995.

Alaska Airlines Hires new Contract Service Lead for Adak

Welcome to the new family in town. Aaron Conklin, his wife Kiara and son Freedom moved to Adak in February from Juneau where Aaron was employed as a "Ramper" (baggage handler). Aaron is the new contract service lead for Alaska Airlines in Adak. Aaron's primary task is to ensure air facility compliance with Federal and State agency regulations like the FAA and SOA-DOT.

Aaron started his career with Alaska Airlines in Seattle WA., October of 2001. Aaron was not planning on a permanent career with Alaska Airlines when he started. Twelve years later, he is happy with his employer and opportunities for advancement at Alaska Airlines.

The "contract service lead" job here in Adak was originally classified a management position and formerly held by Isaac Helmericks. When Alaska Airlines employees ratified a new contract in September of 2012, the management position was re-classed and opened to "Rampers". Aaron is finding his job challenging as he is learning a whole new skill set. Aaron and his family are looking forward to great adventures camping and hiking on Adak Island. ***WELCOME!***

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SWAMC REQUESTS STATE OF ALASKA TO ACTIVELY SEEK 37.5% IN REVENUE SHARING FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR ARCTIC DRILLING LEASES IN THE CHUKCHI AND BEAUFORT SEAS. "The Bristol Bay Times" reported on March 14, 2013 that SWAMC is requesting federal revenue sharing for Alaska, to alleviate the impact on local services and infrastructure, through resolution 2013-01, signed February 22, 2013. Currently Alaska receives no money from off shore drilling leases; however, the United States Department of Interior shares 37.5% of the offshore drilling revenues from the Gulf of Mexico with Gulf coastal communities. SWAMC is citing extreme impact on local infrastructures and essential services by the large drilling corporations such as Royal Dutch Shell as one of the reasons for the revenue sharing request.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RESTORATION AT ADAK ISLAND:

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is seeking comments on a plan to restore environmental injuries caused by 2010 oil spill on Adak Island, AK. NOAA, along with other State and Federal Trustees, assessed the injuries caused by this spill and developed a Draft Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment (DARP/EA) which proposes specific restoration projects. This DARP/EA is now being made available for public comment at:
http://www.darrp.noaa.gov/northwest/adak/index.html

Copies are also available at the Adak City Hall and the Adak Community Center.

Public comments are being collected through April 30, 2013 and can be sent to ian.j.zelo@noaa.gov.

HAVE YOU RECORDED YOUR PROPERTY OWNERSHIP IN ADAK?

The City of Adak has started the process of developing a master property database, a requirement of planning and zoning departments, recognizing property ownership interests, by obtaining data from the State's Recorder's Office (Department of Natural Resources). The City has found that property sales may have occurred without being properly recorded, creating potential future legal issues for property owners. It is up to property buyers/sellers to notify the State Recorder's Office of a change in property ownership. Most buyers utilize a title company; however, property ownership changes can be recorded by other methods. The City highly encourages property owners to protect their rights by recording property ownership. If you have purchased property on Adak and have not gone through this process please seek legal advice or call the Department of Natural Resources for more information on recording your ownership. You may stop by the City of Adak and view the current recorded title to the property you own or visit the State's website at: http://dnr.alaska.gov/ssd/recoff/searchRO.cfm

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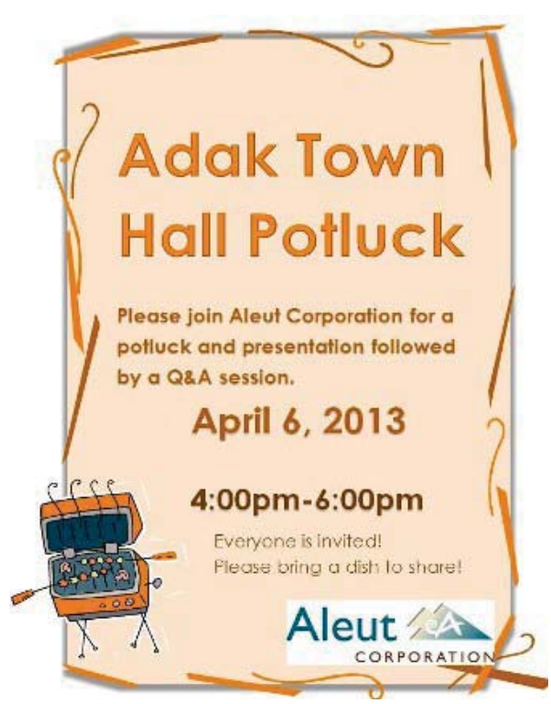
Another successful movie night with the chief of police, Darrell Tannehill! "Rise of the Guardians" played while local residents were treated to popcorn, candy, and punch. Next month you can expect a much sharper image, as the City of Adak has purchased a high resolution projector for future showings.

We're all invited!



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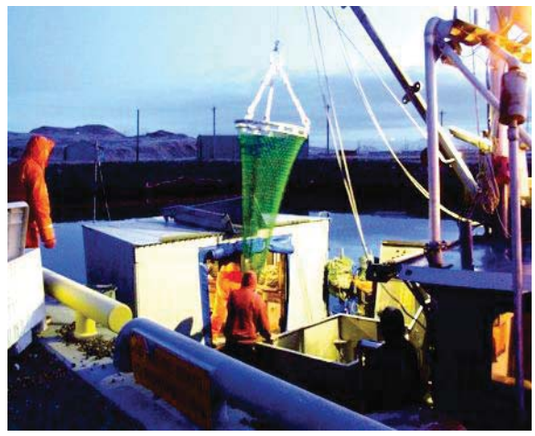
HALIBUT SEASON BEGINS

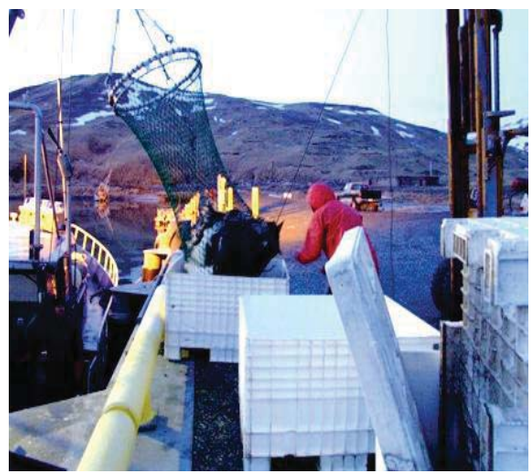
Getting the hoist ready



Lowering the net into the fish hold

The F/V Selah set out opening day of halibut season on March 23, 2013. The Selah and her crew returned the next day before the sun came up, to offload her bounty for fresh shipment via Alaska Airlines. The Selah shipped out approximately 5,000 lbs of fish caught in just a few hours.

The net coming ashore full of halibut



Halibut being released into totes for transport

The Aleutian No 1, crabbing vessel, is delivering king crab to Premier Harvest; premium seafood sellers. The first shipment, 10,000 lbs. of "live crab", left Adak on Sunday, March 24 on Alaska Airlines. The experimental shipment went very well with most of the crab reaching its final destinations, still alive, within 24 hours according to local sources.

Check out Premier Harvest online. Dustin Anderson and associates ship live and processed Alaskan Seafood to the lower 48 and worldwide. Premier Harvest specializes in "sea to table" deliveries with chef testimonials posted on their website: www.premierharvestseafoods.com

BARGE SERVICE: Coastal Transportation has a barge leaving Seattle, April 12. It's not to late to get a shipment on board. Call 1-800-544-2580 for arrangements.

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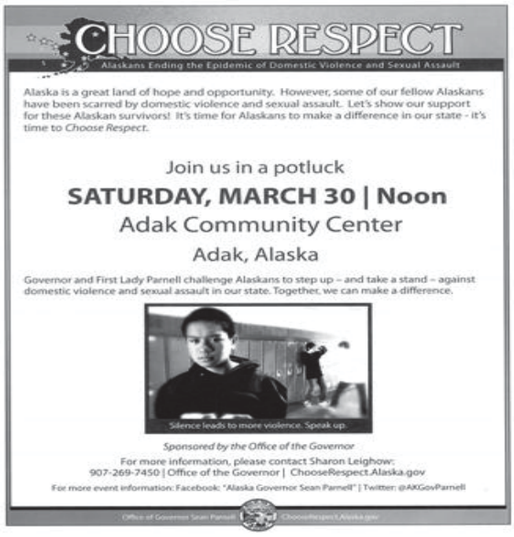
CHOOSE RESPECT

Alaskans Ending the Epidemic of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

Alaska is a great land of hope and opportunity. However, some of our fellow Alaskans have been scarred by domestic violence and sexual assault. Let's show our support for these Alaskan survivors! It's time for Alaskans to make a difference in our state - it's time to *Choose Respect*.

Join us in a potluck

SATURDAY, MARCH 30 | Noon

Adak Community Center

Adak, Alaska

Governor and First Lady Parnell challenge Alaskans to step up – and take a stand – against domestic violence and sexual assault in our state. Together, we can make a difference.

Silence leads to more violence. Speak up.

Sponsored by the Office of the Governor

For more information, please contact Sharon Leighow:
907-269-7450 | Office of the Governor | ChooseRespect.Alaska.gov

For more event information: Facebook: "Alaska Governor Sean Parnell" | Twitter: @AKGovParnell

Alaskan communities all around the state will be joining efforts to "Choose Respect", the campaign slogan for Alaskans uniting together against domestic and sexual violence. This year's program is sponsored by Alaskan Governor and First Lady Parnell. Let's show our support for the Choose Respect program; bring your favorite dish, or whatever is in the cupboard, for a community Pot Luck on Saturday March 30. Drinks, coffee and entertainment will be provided. The event is locally sponsored by EATS, Adak School, Adak Recreation and the City of Adak.

Bald Eagles watch from shore as Samson Tug & Barge unload. The first barge of the year brought in fleets of cars and materials for military contractors and empty containers for Icicle.

OBITUARY

"Charlie Brown" Nelson **Born: April 19, 2003** **Passed Away: March 9, 2013**

Charlie died during surgery at the Diamond Animal Hospital in Anchorage, AK. He was a happy, well behaved and loving son of Ray and Mary Nelson. Charlie had many friends wherever he went. Everyone that knew him will miss him very much. His family, the Nelsons, would like to thank everyone for their help and condolences in their time of sorrow and loss.

April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
March 31 EASTER SUNDAY SUNRISE SERVICE Kuluk Beach Turn out am	1 April Fool's Day	2 Open Gym 6-8 pm	3	4 Open Gym 6-8 pm	5 Easter Egg Hunt 6pm Cmmty Center	6 Aleut Corp Town Hall Pot Luck 4-6pm
7 Community Church 9am	8	9 Open Gym 6 -8 pm	10	11 Open Gym 6-8pm	12 Coastal Trans Barge leaves Seattle	13
14 Community Church 9am	15	16 Movie Night with Chief Tannehill 6:00 PM Movie TBA	17 CITY COUNCIL MEETING 5PM	18 Open Gym 6 -8 pm	19	20
21 Community Church 9am	22	23 Open Gym 6-8 pm	24	25 Open Gym 6 -8 pm	26	27
28 Community Church 9am	29	30 Open Gym 6 -8 pm	May 1	May 2 Open Gym 6-8 pm	May 3	May 4
May 5 Community Church 9am	May 6	May 7 Open Gym 6-8 pm	May 8	May 9 Open Gym 6-8pm	May 10	May 11

*The Adak Community Church invites you to Orthodox Services starting at 9am.
Non-denominational services start at approx. 10 am.

OPEN GYM WILL END MAY 9, 2013
When school ends, the gym and weight room are available for use from 8am – 5pm
Monday through Friday.

COMMUNITY RECIPE BOARD

Apple Cranberry Peanut Butter Crisp	Oven 375 Degrees
6 cups peeled sliced apples	1/4 cup dried cranberries
¼ cup firmly packed brown sugar	1 teaspoon cinnamon
Topping:	
6 tablespoons flour	3 Tblsp toasted wheat germ
¼ cup firmly packed brown sugar	½ cup creamy peanut butter
½ cup chopped walnuts	caramel ice cream topping optional

Stir apples, cranberries, cinnamon and ¼ cup brown sugar until apples are coated. Spoon evenly into 9x9 baking pan. Mix flour, wheat germ and ¼ cup brown sugar in medium bowl. Cut in peanut butter with fork until crumbly; add walnuts and crumble mixture over apples and cranberries. Bake approx. 35-40 minutes until apples are fork tender. Cool 10 minutes. Drizzle with caramel ice cream topping if desired. Best served warm. Recipe from GreatLander Kitchen in the Bush Mailer

Classic Crepes	Stove Top
4 Large Eggs	1 Cup Whole Milk
½ Cup Flour	1 Tablespoon sugar
1/8 Teaspoon salt	10 pats butter

Combine all ingredients except butter in blender and blend until mixture forms a smooth batter. Heat a 10" non-stick skillet over medium low heat. Melt one pat of butter in the pan. Add ¼ cup of batter and quickly tilt pan to form an even coating of batter on the bottom of the pan. Cook about 1 minute until batter is set and lightly browned. Using a heat resistant spatula, carefully loosen the sides and gently flip the crepe over. Cook for one minute. Repeat with the remaining batter and butter stacking the crepes atop each other on a plate after cooking. Roll crepes with favorite fillings and serve. Dust with powdered sugar if using a sweet filling. Recipe from "foodnetwork" Magazine, April 2012

Enchilada Casserole	Oven 350 Degrees
2 lbs shredded cooked chicken or pork	1 Cup Green Salsa
1 Can Condensed Cream of Chicken Soup	¾ C Sour Cream
¼ Cup water	1 Cup grated Cheddar Cheese
1 Cup grated Pepper Jack Cheese	1 dozen Corn Tortillas
4 ounces sliced olives	1 15 oz can red Enchilada sauce
Grated cheese for topping	

Using 9x13 baking dish, pour red enchilada sauce in pan until sauce layer is 1/8 deep. Heat skillet on stove top until hot and cook tortillas (place tortilla in pan for a few seconds and turn cooking on both sides). Put 2 layers tortillas on top of red enchilada sauce in bottom of pan. You will have to cut or tear tortillas to cover whole bottom of pan - uses about 6-7 tortillas. Spread cooked pork or chicken on top of tortillas. Spread grated cheese and olives on top of meat. Combine condensed soup, green salsa, water, and sour cream together in a bowl. Whisk thoroughly. Spoon mixture on top of cheese and olives - spread evenly. Top mixture with remaining tortillas, cutting or tearing tortillas to cover completely (will have some overlapping tortillas). Spread remainder of red sauce over top tortilla layer - I use silicone basting brush to get it spread evenly. Top with shredded cheese if you like lots of cheese. Cover casserole with foil and bake 35-40 minutes. Serve with Mexican rice, refried beans, shredded lettuce, chopped tomatoes, chopped onions and guacamole for a complete meal treat. Recipe provided by Debra Sharrah

Mexican Rice	Stove top
2 Cups Jasmine Rice	3 Tablespoons Olive oil
4 Cups water	2 teaspoons Chili powder
1/2 teaspoon Ground Cumin	1 teaspoon Garlic powder
Salt to taste	¼ teaspoon Pepper

Heat olive oil in large skillet on high. When hot, add rice and spices. Fry rice until toasty- rice turns from opaque to a solid white color. Stir in water, cover skillet and turn heat to low. Cook until water is absorbed - about 20 minutes. Recipe provided by Debra Sharrah

TIP: If you buy pre-mixed salad in the stay fresh bag, the bags are re-usable up to 3 times and will keep your veggies nice and crisp. Kat McCune

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service - Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge - Aleutian Islands Unit

FROM THE WILDSIDE

April 2013

St. Matthew Islands Expedition 2012

Science at Sea.--On July 29, 2012, 13 researchers climbed aboard the M/V *Tiglax* and journeyed to the most remote place in Alaska to uncover the natural and cultural mysteries hidden on the St. Matthew Islands. The St. Matthew Islands (St. Matthew, Hall, and Pinnacle) are part of the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) and are located in the Bering Sea, over 200 miles from the nearest human settlement. Because it is so remote, St. Matthew is only visited by Refuge biologists about every five years. This journey was designed to provide a comprehensive, integrated snapshot of biodiversity in an area that may be particularly vulnerable to climate change. The research team spent nine days documenting the birds, mammals, insects, fish, plants, and cultural resources of the islands.

The Alaska Maritime NWR is unique among Refuges because it was created in part to support an international science program. The 2012 St. Matthew Expedition is an example of how collaborative, integrated research is achieved using the research vessel the M/V *Tiglax* as a platform. Although extremely difficult to reach, the St. Matthew Islands have long been recognized as an area of ecological significance by indigenous people and scientists. Similar to the earliest scientific expeditions to St. Matthew, including the Harriman Expedition of 1899, our team was a diverse group, including ornithologists, botanists, entomologists, ecologists and a writer, representing six different organizations.

Seabird Monitoring.--Alaska Maritime NWR monitors seabirds at eight annual (permanent, full-season) camps, as well as dozens of sites visited every 5-8 years. Data collected at these sites provide information about seabird demography and food habits. This information helps detect changes in bird populations and prey availability and also provides important information about the overall health of the oceanic ecosystem on which the seabirds depend. Hall Island, in the St. Matthew Island group, is a long-term seabird monitoring site. This island has specific marked cliff segments within seabird nesting colonies which have been counted approximately every five years since they were first established in 1983.

Hundreds of thousands of seabirds, including kittiwakes, murres, fulmars, and cormorants, nest on the St. Matthew Islands. Data from our monitoring plots have shown that nearly all of these species have experienced population declines since 1983. It is unclear what has caused these declines. While there have been declines of these species at some seabird colonies in Alaska, their populations are holding steady or increasing at most other colonies in the state. Our data from this recent trip to St. Matthew suggest that both thick-billed and common murre (pictured at left) numbers have stabilized after declining between 1983 and 2005.

Biodiversity Studies.--

<u>Birds</u>—40 species of birds were documented, and the first sound recording was made of a singing McKay's bunting, a species that breeds only on the St Matthew Islands.

<u>Mammals</u>—Singing voles are endemic to the islands and were collected on this trip to provide valuable genetic information and become part of the University of Alaska Museum collection. The team also looked at fox ecology. Arctic foxes are native to both Hall and St. Matthew islands, but red foxes have bred on St. Matthew only since the late 1990s and have seemingly eliminated all arctic foxes from the island. In contrast, on nearby Hall Island, only arctic foxes were observed during this trip. Data gathered during this and previous trips may help explain the relationship between these two species and the potential impact of each of these species on seabird and singing vole populations.

Fish and Aquatic Invertebrates—Freshwater fish were captured for contaminant studies, and aquatic invertebrates were collected for inventory purposes. Arthropods—Entomologists collected terrestrial arthropods to catalog what species live on the islands. Plants—With the collection, identification, and cataloging of 227 botanical specimens a definitive plant species list for St. Matthew is soon to be available. One species of plant, a blue iris, was immediately recognized as one never before documented on the island. The crew also made collections of rare plants for the University of Alaska Museum, Royal British Columbia Museum, and the National Museum of Nature and Science in Japan.

Cultural Resources.--Archeological investigations focused on a 400 year old Thule (ancestors of Inuit) occupation site and an 1810 Russian fur trapping expedition house. Artifacts found included pottery, bone tools, animal remains, a milled wooden floor, and a glass bead. An additional structure, believed to be from the same Russian expedition, was also found. This information will help tell the story of the brief human habitation that has occurred on St Matthew over the last several hundred years. Interestingly, one of the historic sites was found immediately adjacent to where the team had set up its own camp site during this trip. Apparently, a good camp site centuries ago is still a good camp site today.

Climate and paleoenvironment.--Major focuses of study in 2012 were geology, climate, and paleoenvironment and their influence on the wildlife community. We collected soil cores and rock samples to provide a reliable archive of the vegetative changes, associated climates, and related geological events of the last 20,000 years. Additionally, these samples will help determine changes in rates of coastal erosion due to climate change and what effect this might have on seabird colonies.

Read more about the St. Matthew Islands online: Ned Rozell, a member of the 2012 research team, has written about the 2012 expedition for the University of Alaska Fairbanks' Geophysical Institute's *Alaska Science Forum*, *Anchorage Daily News*, and *Alaska Dispatch*--if you Google "Ned Rozell St. Matthew" you'll find links to various articles and photographs.

Stay tuned for more M/V *Tiglax* adventures! The ship will be departing Homer and heading west in mid-May. First stop in Adak for the season will be on about May 24th.

photo by Isaac Helmericks

Ptarmigan Season Closes Soon

You've probably already started to notice ptarmigan calling in the hills and even right in town. This is the season the males declare their breeding territories with distinctive croaking sounds (the word ptarmigan comes from the Scottish Gaelic *tàrmachan*, literally "croaker"). It is also your last chance to harvest ptarmigan: the hunting season is closed from 1 May to 9 August. It's important to respect the closure dates, as they're designed to allow the birds to nest without harassment, hopefully ensuring Adak's flocks remain healthy and plentiful.

Congratulations, kids of Adak !

The Regional winners have been announced for the Alaska Migratory Bird Calendar Contest, and Adak's children did wonderfully! At right is a list of the kids going on to the State competition, which will determine the contents of the 2014 calendar, with a circulation of more than 18,000! You can see the Regional winners' entries on the Alaska Maritime NWR Facebook page, and State winners should be announced by late March.

POSTERS

K-2 (26 total entries):
Brooke Dushkin, Adak
Tarrence Penitani, Adak
Sienna Hines, Adak

3-5 (47 total entries):
Ramzes Penitani, Adak
Alexis Magalong, Unalaska
Marinolle Acoba, Unalaska

6-8 (51 total entries):
Mary Good, Unalaska
Ryan Usi, Unalaska
Gianna Villafuerte, Unalaska

9-12 (27 total entries):
Amber Vernon, Unalaska
Maren Sunderland, Unalaska
Rosie Pound, Unalaska

LITERATURE

K-2 (8 total entries):
Brooke Dushkin, Adak
Cyrus Dushkin, Adak
Sienna Hines, Adak

3-5 (6 total entries):
Geselle Nieves, Adak
Luis Nieves, Adak
Vuna Pentitani Jr, Adak

6-8 (4 total entries):
Harold Raga, Adak
Nathaniel Williams, Atka
Augie Bennett, Adak

9-12 (2 total entries):
Dustin Tannehill, Adak
Alicia Bennett, Adak

Thank you for your continued support of Adak Recreation.

It is time to report to our community the accomplishments, goals and review of the past year. Of course, none of these things can happen without you, and the vibrant business community of Adak. Thanks, Again.

- *Mother's Day Craft Sale and Get – Together. Adak Rec bought a rose for every Mom in town*
- *Pancake Breakfast Fund Raiser – thanks to Alaska Wireless/GCI*
- *Memorial Day Picnic at Lake Andrew*
- *For Sale throughout the year: T-shirts and coffee cups*
- *4th of July in Adak! -Parade-Fireworks-Beach Activities-Dolly Derby- Carnival*
- *Alaska Airlines Thank you Event - A Successful EAS Contract Celebration!*
- *Labor Day Picnic & BBQ*
- *Back to School Welcome to new teachers*
- *Shell Oil Representatives Gala/Welcoming*
- *Halloween Party and Contests and Potluck*
- *Annual Fund Raiser*
- *Thanksgiving Pies provided by Adak Rec and Mailbox Groceries*
- *Black Friday Craft and Community Sale*
- *Christmas Week!*
    - *Gifts for each Adak Child*
    - *Christmas Raffle– thanks Alaska Wireless, Adak Petroleum and Adak Rec*
    - *Community Potluck Meats, potatoes, supplies and clean up provided by AREC*

Fishing Boat

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