



**REAA Region 8 School Board  
Elections  
October 4, 2016**

Section II – Adak      Seat C    3 yr Term  
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If you are interested in serving on the Aleutian Regional School District Board, please file your application online at [www.elections.Alaksa.gov](http://www.elections.Alaksa.gov), or in person with the City Clerk, no later than August 5, 2016.

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**Governor's Office Requests Coast Guard assistance with Tugs**

During a winter storm that hit Adak on December 12, 2015, two large, former Navy tugboats were ripped away from the dock at which they were moored. The dock itself was damaged beyond repair, while the tugs washed up against the breakwater.

The USCG incident control team headed to Adak less than a week later to assess the situation and provide damage control under their authority through the Clean Water Act. During their visit over 30,000 gallons of diesel fuel, among other pollutants were removed from the tugs.

On April 12th, the Redwing sank in Sweeper Cove along the breakwater. When a sheen from petroleum products was observed on the surface, many people were surprised and concerned.

Premier Harvest pumps water from Sweeper Cove into the habitat tanks that keep the crab alive between vessel offloading and air freighting the product to buyers around the world. Any petroleum trace can ruin crab.

The City, which had previously worked with officials from the Governor's Office, ADEC, DNR, reported the spill to the National Response Center as well as reaching out to the state to alert them of the situation.

On behalf of the state and city, Governor Walker sent the Coast Guard a request for assistance using any federal resources available, citing among other reasons negative consequences to State and Local economic interests as well as environmental impacts.



Walk-n-Talk with Carrie and Alain. The last event on April 15 had seven participants who walked a total of 4,254 steps. Participants seen here on terrain behind the runway.

**Adak School to Graduate Alicia Bennett**

It is that time of year again where we graduate a single student from the Adak Public School. This year the student, Alicia Bennett, daughter of Esther Bennett, has resided in Adak most of her life.

Alicia is a very bright popular student seeking education and learning opportunities outside of the Adak Public School. Recently Bennett re- certified her Emergency Trauma Technician designation via instruction with Eastern Aleutian Tribes Health Services.

Last summer, Bennett went on a summer internship program with U.S. Fish and Wildlife's Youth Conservation Corps. She flew from Adak to Homer for orientation and then traveled by boat to several Aleutian Islands working on projects in the National Maritime Wildlife Refuge.

Bennett, who has spent time in the Atka school is considered the island expert on Unangan culture and language; speaking more of her native tongue than the local elders.



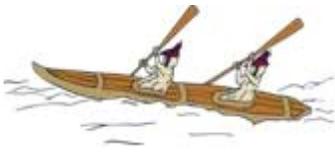
Alicia Bennett, ARSD 2016 Graduate. Alicia is planning on a health services career and will be studying to become a Community Health Aide/Practitioner or Physician's Assistant.

**MAY**

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- 5/4: Recreation Committee, 5pm Community Center
- 5/13: Walk-n-Talk with Carrie and Alain. 8pm at 100 Knot Stop
- 5/17: Council Workshop 12:00pm Council Chambers
- 5/18: Regular City Council Meeting, 5pm Council Chambers
- 5/21: Adak School Graduation, 4pm in Miss Molly's Class. Community pot luck to follow in the community center
- 5/28: Annual Spring Clean-up/ Memorial Weekend BBQ
- 5/30: Memorial Day – City offices closed

**GET YOUR POLES OUT – DOLLY DERBY TIME  
JUNE 25 – JULY 3, 2016!**



# EASTERN ALEUTIAN TRIBES Adak Community Health Center

*Working Together to Promote Healthy Communities*

**Call 592-8383 for info, or to schedule an appointment!**

### Clinic Hours

Monday – Friday

8:00 am – Noon & 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

*In a medical emergency after hours please call*

**907-572-9989**

### Adak - Upcoming Clinical Services:

May 9 – 12<sup>th</sup>

Public Health Nurse, Michael Cassista

May 19<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>

SCF Village Doc, Summer Cuttings

May 22<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>

Dental – Ben Steward, DHAT

*It is critical that community members have all non-emergent health concerns checked during regular clinic hours. Please do not wait until late in the afternoon to call for an appointment.*

**MEDICAL PROVIDERS DO NOT WORK AFTER HOURS FOR  
OR CORRECT UNGAXNONEMERGENCY PLEASE ASK**

*The Medical Provider for the month of May is Terri Douglas, FNP.*



## NOTICE: May 3, 2016

Eastern Aleutian Tribes (EAT) will be transitioning to a new Electronic Health Record (EHR).

*Please be patient as EAT implements the new E.H.R. We apologize for any inconvenience this will make during this transition. If you have questions about the new HER, feel free to ask your provider during your visit.*

## Obama Declares May 2016 National Mental Health Awareness Month

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2016/04/28/presidential-proclamation-national-mental-health-awareness-month-2016>

If you or someone you know has Mental Health Issues and would like to talk to a professional, please contact the Eastern Aleutian Tribes Clinic. Services are provided by Mental Health professionals via video conferencing in a private room. All services and sessions are completely confidential.





# FROM THE WILDSIDE

May 2016

## Comings and Goings

The field season is upon us, and the Aleutians are suddenly abuzz with projects. Here is a summary of a few of the groups pausing in Adak on their way west this spring, just like Aleutian cackling geese...



### *Attu Island Remediation (late April through early June)*

The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and their Contractor, Bristol Environmental Services, will be conducting a cleanup of spilled petroleum and site investigations on Attu Island. Crews will stage in Adak and fly a chartered aircraft between Adak and Attu as the weather allows; the aircraft will remain on Attu for the duration of the project. The initial camp crew will arrive in Adak on 28 April and travel to Attu aboard the landing craft, *Sam Taalak*, while others in the work crew will be in and out of Adak throughout the month of May and into early June. Besides the USACE and their contractors, representatives from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, the US Army, and media will also be onsite, and a USFWS representative will likely be present for the duration of the cleanup project.



*The start of the Attu project may be delayed due to snow coverage; this satellite image from mid-April shows drifts almost up the roof of the old USCG warehouse. Crews will evaluate the conditions upon arrival and do what they can to prepare the camp and clear the runway.*

### *Marine Sampling (May and June)*

The Department of Energy (DOE) will have staff, along with the University of Alaska Fairbanks and the Aleutian Pribilof Island Association, passing through Adak. They will be conducting radionuclide sampling of the marine environment (fish, kelp, sea water, etc.) around Amchitka and Adak via the R/V *Qualifier 105*. Note the sampling around Adak is strictly for reference and there is no concern over an impact to Adak resources from radionuclides. This is part of the DOE's five-year plan for monitoring radionuclides related to the underground nuclear detonations that occurred on Amchitka in the 1970s.



*Did you know Greenpeace was formed in 1971, when activists set sail for Amchitka to protest the nuclear tests? Their boat was intercepted by the USCG, and the tests proceeded.*

### *Amchitka Island (12-23 June)*

The DOE will also be conducting surveys of the Amchitka drilling mud pit caps and road system, while the Alaska Volcano Observatory conducts maintenance on their geophysical monitoring equipment located on the island. Transportation will be provided by R/V *Tiglux*, and Alaska Maritime NWR staff will be present for the duration of the project. (Another Amchitka project will occur in August, when the US Navy will be conduct contaminant investigations and sampling of multiple contaminated sites across the island. Transportation will be provided by R/V *Tiglux* and Alaska Maritime NWR staff will present for the duration of the project.)

### *R/V Tiglux (first port call in Adak: 29 May)*

Alaska Maritime NWR's research vessel will depart Homer on 17 May and head west, deploying field camps in the Semidis and eastern Aleutians on the way to Adak, where they'll pick up a dozen people bound for Buldir, Attu, and Kiska. The Refuge's new Aleutian Islands Unit Biologist, Nora Rojek, will fly to Adak on 26 May and be in town for a few days before boarding the ship. We hope to have an informal gathering at the bunkhouse during her stay--be sure to come and welcome her to her new realm! She is replacing Jeff Williams, but don't worry--you'll still see him around; he has transmogrified from his biologist role into an Assistant Manager position, and plans to spend time on Adak in June.

### *M/V Pukuk: Tours for Birders and WWII Buffs (May and June)*

Captain Billy Choate will be around again this year with his trusty little ship. First he'll take birders to Attu (15-29 May) and on pelagic tours around Adak (through 2 June). On 5 June he'll depart Adak with Valor Tours to visit various islands of importance during WWII.

### *Nearshore Ecology (June)*

Researchers will continue work on sea otter/kelp forest ecosystem dynamics in the Aleutians with a multi-year project supported by the National Science Foundation. The UNOLS vessel R/V *Oceanus* will begin its cruise in Adak this June and head east. Personnel will use the opportunity to replicate otter surveys around Adak before the NSF cruise.

## Kagalaska Caribou

The USFWS is halting work on two invasive species projects on Alaska Maritime NWR due to restrictive language in the federal budget act which funds refuge activities. One of these projects is the control of invasive caribou on Kagalaska Island. The federal budget act, which provides fiscal year 2016 funding for the USFWS, includes language prohibiting the Service from spending any funds to remove non-native caribou from Kagalaska Island. The specific language in the Senate Appropriations Committee Report is: "The Committee directs that no funds are provided for the Service to conduct a caribou hunt on Kagalaska Island in the State of Alaska." For more information please contact Refuge Manager Steve Delehanty at (907) 235-6546.



*The old Jeff (left) and the new Jeff (right). He began working for the Refuge as a field tech on Agattu Island in 1990, spent many years as the Aleutian Islands Unit Biologist, and is now an Assistant Refuge Manager.*



*New Aleutian Islands Unit Biologist Nora Rojek (above). Nora's first job with the Refuge was doing Navy Legacy work on Adak in 1995. She spent several summers working seasonally in various field camps before taking a permanent job with USFWS in Fairbanks. She rejoined the Refuge in 2010 as the Alaska Peninsula Unit Biologist, and has now come full circle, returning to the Aleutians, where her Alaskan career began.*