



SUNNY NOME— The town of Nome as seen on Sunday, August 21, from Newton Peak.

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Nome hears potential for small-scale nuclear energy

By Peter Loewi

Just two weeks after the topic of Nome being powered by a micro-nuclear reactor came up during a meeting with the Governor, Associate Vice Chancellor of Research at the University of Alaska Fairbanks's Alaska Center for Energy and Power Gwen Holdmann, was back in town to give a presentation to the public on the potential of such a project. Holdmann is the author of a recent study, and its decade old predecessor, on use cases of nuclear energy in

Alaska. With her was Richelle Johnson, an economist at UAA.

The meeting, hosted by Nome Joint Utilities System and framed as a community discussion on power, attracted only a small audience to City Hall but they engaged in a hearty discussion, lasting two and a half hours. All five members of the NJUS Board, one member of Common Council, and four local residents not affiliated with a public body joined the mayor, city manager, and NJUS assistant manager. There

is currently no plan to use nuclear energy in Nome. Even with a two to three-year licensing process, Holdmann expects reactors to be deployed and operating in the next five to 10 years.

As part of her presentation to the Alaska State Legislature, Holdmann has a road map with four key questions: Does the technology exist? Is it safe? Is it economical? And is it responsible? Her presentation to Nome was largely based around those four questions, as well.

What's the status of the technology?

Nuclear energy has been used for power for almost 70 years and is currently used in over 30 countries. In the USA, it generates 20 percent of all electricity, about the same as all renewables combined. It has also been in use in Alaska before, in the 1960s at Fort Greely. In the mid-2000s, Galena asked the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission to look into approving a small reactor there, but that proposal ended when

their Air Force Base closed.

Conventional nuclear power plants are extremely expensive and slow to build. Instead, research and industry are shifting towards developing "microreactors." The definition isn't solid, but the U.S. Department of Energy website says it generally means a plant producing one to 20 megawatts. A proposed reactor at Eielson Air Force Base outside of Fairbanks is expected to be

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LIBRARY SUMMER READING— Summer Reading program participant Lexi Ogren shows off her shark art, created during the Kegoayah Kozga Library summer reading program. See story on page 8.

Researchers find even higher algal levels in regional waters

By Diana Haecker

After alerting the region to very high levels of harmful algal blooms west of Kotzebue and Gambell two weeks ago, scientist onboard the research vessel *Norseman II* have found even higher numbers of *Alexandrium catenella* algae cells near Wales, Diomedes and Shishmaref.

According to a press release from Norton Sound Health Corporation, the *Norseman II* traveled near Wales on August 18 to collect seawater samples. Closest to Wales, the samples indicated a concentration of the *Alexandrium catenella* alga at over 1,000 cells per liter. About 15 miles away to the south, the vessel detected high levels of concentration of the algae with 55,000 cells per liter.

On Friday, August 19, the same

vessel traveled near the Diomedes islands and collected a water sample with extremely high concentration of the algae, with over 100,000 cells per liter of seawater, while 1.5 miles from the islands.

On Saturday, August 20, the research team sampled about 20 miles outside of Shishmaref, where they found a concentration of over 20,000 cells per liter.

According to Don Anderson, a senior scientist with the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, entire coastlines are closed to shellfish harvesting on the Eastern Seaboard when more than 1,000 *Alexandrium* cells are detected per liter.

The *Alexandrium catenella* alga is a phytoplankton that can produce

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Region has 27 active COVID cases

By Peter Loewi

Following last week's announcement that the United Kingdom had approved Moderna's "bivalent" COVID vaccine which partially targets the wildtype of the virus and partially targets the Omicron variant, Pfizer and BioNTech announced this week that they had asked the Food and Drug Administration for approval of their bivalent vaccine, which partially targets the BA.4/5 Omicron subvariant currently circulating.

The data Pfizer and BioNTech submitted, which was not released to the public, is pre-clinical data, meaning that these trials haven't been conducted on people yet. Many scientists are comparing it to the annual flu vaccine, which requires only minor tweaks, instead of full, new clinical trials. The most recent human clinical trials are from the BA.1 bivalent vaccine, which appear to be more effective than the original vaccines, but according to a press re-

lease from the companies, "A clinical study investigating the safety, tolerability and immunogenicity of the Omicron BA.4/BA.5-adapted bivalent vaccine in individuals 12 years of age and older is expected to start this month." The vaccine could be available to the public in September.

The FDA turned down the idea of BA.1 boosters this spring, because other variants had already taken hold, and asked manufacturers to instead focus on a BA.4/5 booster, as the variant, which remains dominant now, was rising. The original vaccines are still effective at preventing severe illness and death, but protection against infection is waning. For these reasons, the most vulnerable, and those over 50, have had a second booster available to them for some time now, but at this point, the FDA is preferring to wait for a BA.4/5 booster for everyone else.

For this round of COVID-19 vac-

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NOAA administrator visits Nome

By Peter Loewi

"I tell people that our agency is here to save the world, and I mean it," Dr. Rick Spinrad said. The Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration visited Nome last week as part of a 10-day tour of Alaska. On this trip, he visited Juneau, Kenai, Homer, Anchorage, and after Nome was headed

to Fairbanks. He gave a Strait Science presentation about NOAA's Arctic Goals, met with tribes and city officials and toured the Port of Nome.

"The leading edge in terms of impacts on climate change, on fisheries, on ocean conditions, is right here, right here in Alaska," he said.

Spinrad, who was sworn in as the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmospheres and the Administrator of NOAA in June 2021, started by talking about how he came to be where is today, both career-wise and geographically. In 1975, before graduate school in Oregon studying ocean sciences, he made it as far as Beaver Creek in Yukon, Canada. "I couldn't hitchhike any further, and it teased me. I wanted to get to Alaska," he said. Throughout his career he made it many times to the Alaska, but this was his first visit to Nome.

After a career as a researcher with

the Navy, Spinrad ended up running the National Oceans Services, a branch of NOAA. It was there, he said, that he got hooked on "understanding the environment for the benefit of people in terms of lives, livelihoods, and lifestyles."

Last year, when he was interviewed for the position to lead NOAA, he told Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo that there were three things he wanted to do. First, he said, changes in the climate are happening, so let's establish a climate information service, and make the nation climate ready by 2030. Next, because NOAA is housed in the Department of Commerce, how can they build economic opportunities and "environmental intelligence," as he called it. Third, it's important to build equity into everything that NOAA does. NOAA was not representative of the stakeholders

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Opinion: Alaska's economic development strategy needs more robust input

By Lois Epstein

How can the State of Alaska develop an innovative, just and achievable strategy for our collective economic future? Those writing the state's economic development strategy need to incorporate input from people and organizations not wedded to business as usual such as the Alaska oil and gas industry, which still seems in denial about climate change. Robust input on the strategy from diverse stakeholders such as conservation, labor union, government employee and economic justice advocates is essential and that would require extending the public comment period beyond Aug. 26.

A non-publicized 30-day public comment period on the draft Alaska Statewide Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for 2022-2027 opened on July 27, a document needed to obtain certain types of federal funds. While the draft strategy contains some admirable goals, public involvement to date lacked involvement by key organizations. That can be remedied, however, through additional outreach by the authors.

The Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development (DCCED) along with the Alaska Development Team in Governor Dunleavy's office created the draft strategy, available at <https://ua-ced.org/statewide-ceds>. The University of Alaska Center for

Economic Development, under contract with DCCED, performed the background research and the public process, and center staff wrote the document.

The public process included a strategy committee composed of state leaders from business, government and the nonprofit sector that provided "strategic guidance." Unfortunately, the strategy committee had key stakeholder gaps, excluding conservation organizations and labor unions, especially industrial workers, caregivers and teachers. As a result, the draft strategy does not contain emerging climate change-related sectors such as workers who would prevent fugitive methane emissions from oil and gas infrastructure through leak detection and repair (which will be required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the newly enacted federal Inflation Reduction Act). Following research by University of Alaska engineers, direct air capture of carbon for storage underground using the state's abundant renewable energy also could be a growth sector, with potential payments from Outside industrial customers to inject carbon from the atmosphere and from substantial Inflation Reduction Act subsidies. Growth in telemedicine could be a way to reduce health-related travel with its associated greenhouse gas emissions.

The draft strategy also does not

address Alaska's severe shortage of teachers due to the lack of a defined benefit pension nor the nearly one in five state government jobs that are vacant including state troopers, ferry staff and others. Lack of teachers will impact the desire of young families to move to Alaska. And the draft strategy is mum on the idea of phasing in state taxes to replace declining oil revenues in order to fund government jobs that provide needed public services. Government jobs, including school positions, are part of the state's economic foundations and context; the governmental sector should be explicitly addressed in the document's goals.

Last, the draft strategy does not focus on ensuring equal opportunities for all Alaskans and reducing systemic economic and other inequalities based on race. While these are tough things to achieve, they are essential to improve the lives of all Alaskans and should be part of any comprehensive economic development strategy. Notably, the draft strategy's vision does seek to create "an enduring economic structure where all Alaskans adapt, grow, and thrive" so the strategy's goals need to build on this economic justice vision.

Focusing nearly entirely on organizations that are invested in the state's status quo for the document's strategy committee was a missed opportunity. That oversight can be addressed through outreach by the strategy's authors and by comments submitted by diverse stakeholders. As a neutral facilitator, the University of Alaska could build on a revised version of this strategy and then lead future, statewide discussions on how Alaska could best adapt to climate change while ensuring a flourishing economy.

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engineer who owns an environmental consulting small business in Anchorage. She has lived in Anchorage for over 20 years and currently is the board chair of the Alaska Public In-

terest Research Group.

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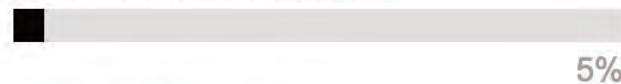
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Date	Day	Time	High Tide	Time	Low Tide	Time	High Tide	Time	Low Tide
08/25	Th	7:13 a.m.	1.56	11:28 p.m.	0.37				
08/26	Fr	7:42 a.m.	1.57	10:56 a.m.	1.43	4:00 p.m.	1.47		
08/27	Sa	12:03 a.m.	0.32 Low	8:05 a.m.	1.56 High	11:47 a.m.	1.37 Low	5:08 p.m.	1.48 High
08/28	Su	12:34 a.m.	0.28 Low	8:17 a.m.	1.55 High	12:29 p.m.	1.29 Low	6:05 p.m.	1.50 High
08/29	Mo	1:02 a.m.	0.27 Low	8:26 a.m.	1.54 High	1:08 p.m.	1.18 Low	6:53 p.m.	1.49 High
08/30	Tu	1:31 a.m.	0.29 Low	8:40 a.m.	1.54 High	1:48 p.m.	1.05 Low	7:41 p.m.	1.46 High
08/31	We	2:01 a.m.	0.36 Low	8:59 a.m.	1.55 High	2:33 p.m.	0.90 Low	8:36 p.m.	1.41 High

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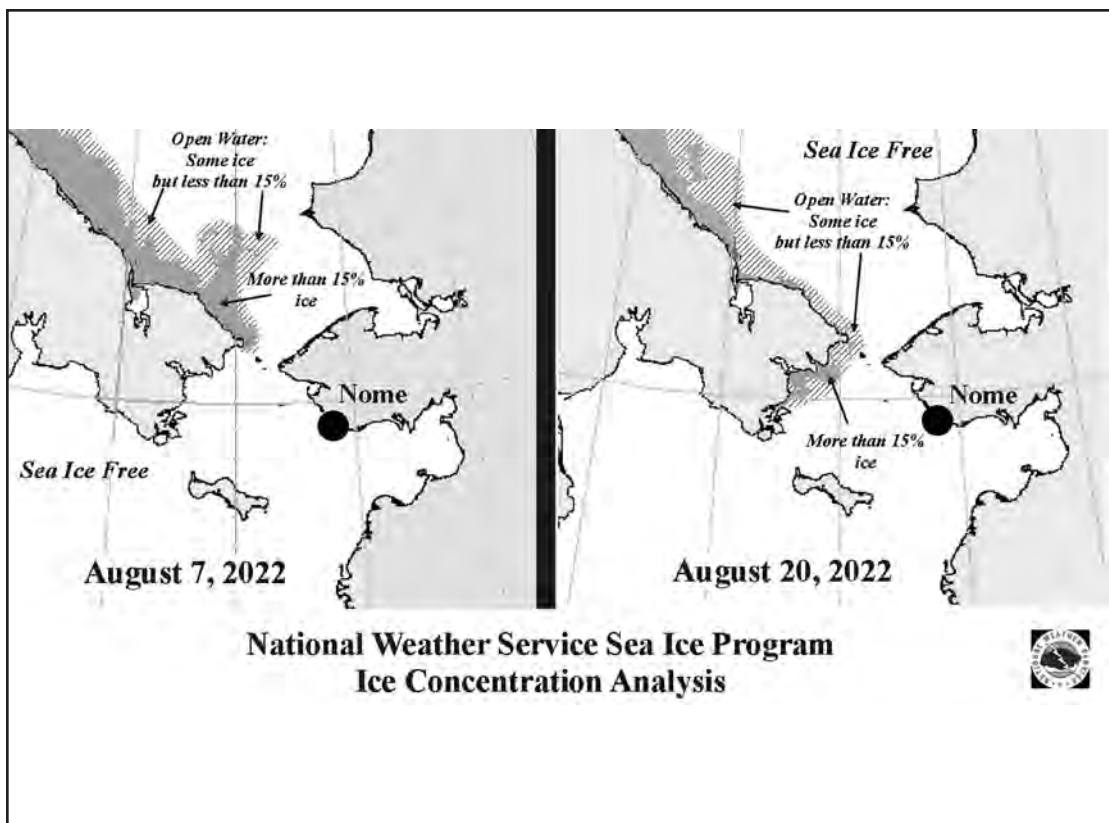
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Climate Watch

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August 2022 brought an environmental event that used to be commonplace but has not occurred in some years: Sea ice from the southwest Chukchi Sea was moved south by winds and currents into the Bering Strait. This was made possible by unusually persistent north winds all summer across Chukotka, and to a lesser extent, the Bering Strait. These north winds kept last winter's ice packed up along the northern Chukotka coast even as ice well offshore melted and moved north.

At the same time, the Siberian Coastal Current, which flows from

west to east along the north shore of Siberia and Chukotka for hundreds of miles before dissipating near East Cape (the easternmost point of Asia about 30 miles northwest of Little Diomedes) transported some ice into the Bering Strait. Typically, the Siberian Coastal Current weakens and merges with the northward flowing water through the Bering Strait, but this summer the same north winds keeping ice near the coast also enhanced the southeast push of the current, and the result was some ice in the Bering Strait.

The ice appears to have moved south of East Cape about August 7 and since then ice has been drifting southwest and slowly melting near the Russian coast. No ice has been reported as far east as the Diomedes Islands. For about ten days ice continued to slide southwest along the northern Chukotka coast

and then into the Strait. However, by August 18 there was very little ice remaining to the northwest of East Cape, cutting off the supply of ice.

What do we know about the frequency of this kind of happening? Elders tell us that at least into the 1960s that sometimes during late summer, large chunks of old, multi-year ice would sometimes come down from the north and move as far south as St. Lawrence Island. Modern western science is not much help here as the satellite-based tools for monitoring sea ice are not able to accurately detect small areas of ice near land.

We know for sure that it's been years since this has happened, but presumably this has not happened since the 1990s.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, August 25

Nome City Hall Public hours will be 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m./Noon and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Nome Visitor Center open 7 days a week, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, closed 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Richard Foster Building - Library + Museum M-F 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Drop-In Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Mad Muscle	Nome Rec Center	5:45 a.m. - 6:30 a.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Friday, August 26

Nome City Hall Public hours will be 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m./Noon and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
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*Former New Gold House Site Clean Up Project	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m. public meeting
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
*Free Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	12:00 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
Main Gym Closed for Cleaning: 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.		
*Drop in Soccer (Age 15+)	Nome Rec Center	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Kido	Nome Rec Center	6:00 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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Nome Rec Center

CLOSED WEEKENDS until after Labor Day

Sunday, August 28

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Nome Rec Center

CLOSED WEEKENDS until after Labor Day

Monday, August 29

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*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	12:15 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Kido	Nome Rec Center	6:00 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Zumba	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 30

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*** Last day to declare candidacy for October 4th municipal election ***

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:45 p.m.
*Drop in Soccer (Age 15+)	Nome Rec Center	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Strong Nation	Nome Rec Center	5:45 a.m. - 6:30 a.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 31

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*Kido	Nome Rec Center	6:00 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
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cines, given the safety profile in previous vaccines and experience with vaccines against other viruses, the FDA is said to be making their decision based on only efficacy data from trials in mice. The new boosters will be made in the same way as the previous round of safe and effective vaccines but will contain coding to target an additional protein.

This move, which has both critics and supporters, is one of several being made by the federal government to increase agility in times of crisis. Dr. Rochelle Walensky, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, also announced last week that the agency would be making a deep review of itself after three difficult pandemic years. Changes include speeding up data releases and improving communications, both of which the agency was criticized for repeatedly in the last several years.

In Nome and the Bering Straits School District, kids are back to school. Nome Public Schools is working with Norton Sound Health

Corporation to plan a back-to-school vaccine clinic to make sure students and staff are protected heading into the new school year. A date has not been decided yet.

NSHC's Medical Director Dr. Mark Peterson wrote in an email to The Nome Nugget: "There's still a significant number of children who have not had their initial COVID vaccines. We have it available for anyone 6 months and older. We strongly recommend that children 6 months and up receive their COVID vaccinations. COVID vaccines can be received in our outpatient clinic. Parents/guardians can call our clinic at 443-3333 to ask for a nurse-only vaccination visit."

That same number can be used for other missed vaccines, as well. "During the pandemic, some children got behind on their routine childhood vaccines. We are working hard to now catch those patients up," Dr. Peterson wrote.

In Alaska, hospitalizations jumped state-wide after a several week decline, but cases have decreased both in residents and non-

residents. Case rates are still high.

The week in numbers

On Tuesday, August 16, NSHC identified six new cases of COVID-19 in the region. There were two cases in Nome, two in Unalakleet, one in Brevig and one in Shishmaref. This made for a total of 18 active cases in the region, with 12 in Nome, three in Unalakleet, and one in each of Brevig, Gambell, and Shishmaref.

On Thursday, August 18, NSHC identified eight new cases of COVID-19. Three were in Nome, two were in Savoonga, and one each was identified in Elim, Gambell and Shishmaref. This made for 24 active cases in the region. Eleven of the active cases were in Nome, Savoonga

had six, Shishmaref and Unalakleet both had two, and Brevig, Elim, and Gambell each had one. Several cases in Savoonga from the previous day which hadn't been reported were added to the active case count.

Over the weekend, from Friday, August 19 to Sunday, August 21, NSHC identified 13 new cases. In total, 11 of the new cases were in Nome. Unalakleet and Savoonga each had one. Active cases in the region sat at 18. Twelve of them were in Nome, four were in Savoonga, and Shishmaref and Unalakleet each had one.

On Monday, August 22, NSHC identified 15 new cases across the region. Seven of the cases were in Savoonga, five were in Nome, and

Shaktoolik, Unalakleet, and White Mountain each had one.

As of press time, there were 27 active cases in the region, with 13 in Nome, 10 in Savoonga, two in Unalakleet and one case in both Shishmaref and White Mountain.

Since the start of the pandemic, the United States has had 93,393,407 officially reported cases of COVID-19 and 1,035,469 associated deaths.

Alaska has had at least 277,007 cases, 3,843 hospitalizations and 1,296 deaths. There are currently 86 people hospitalized due to COVID-19.

Nome and the Norton Sound and Bering Strait region has had at least 6,349 cases, 48 hospitalizations and six deaths.

• Researchers

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saxitoxins, which, if consumed, can cause paralytic shellfish poisoning. PSP affects the nervous system and blocks nerve function. If high concentrations of saxitoxin are eaten, breathing difficulties and paralysis occurs in humans, marine mammals and seabirds. Alaska Sea Grant also reports that consuming walrus intestine, stomach, and their contents in areas with known biotoxins likely has the same risk as consuming shellfish from those areas. People cannot see, smell, or taste algae toxins. Cooking or freezing these foods will not lessen the toxin's effect.

According to a PSP fact sheet from the Alaska Division of Public Health, early symptoms of PSP include tingling of the lips and tongue, which may begin within minutes of eating toxic shellfish or may take an hour or two to develop. Symptoms may progress to tingling of fingers and toes and then the loss of muscle control in the arms and legs, followed by difficulty in breathing. Some people have experienced a sense of floating or nausea. Muscles of the chest and abdomen may become paralyzed. With high toxin exposures, death can occur in as little

as two hours from paralysis of the breathing muscles. What is the treatment?

According to the fact sheet, there is no antidote for PSP toxins, but supportive medical care can be life-saving. Persons whose breathing muscles become paralyzed can be put on a mechanical respirator and given oxygen to help them breathe, and people who develop abnormal heart rhythms can be given medications to stabilize their heart rhythm. The only way to protect your family and yourself from PSP is by not eating noncommercial shellfish collected from beaches in Alaska, says the factsheet.

NSHC urges that if you feel sick from eating clams or other shellfish, contact your health care provider immediately.

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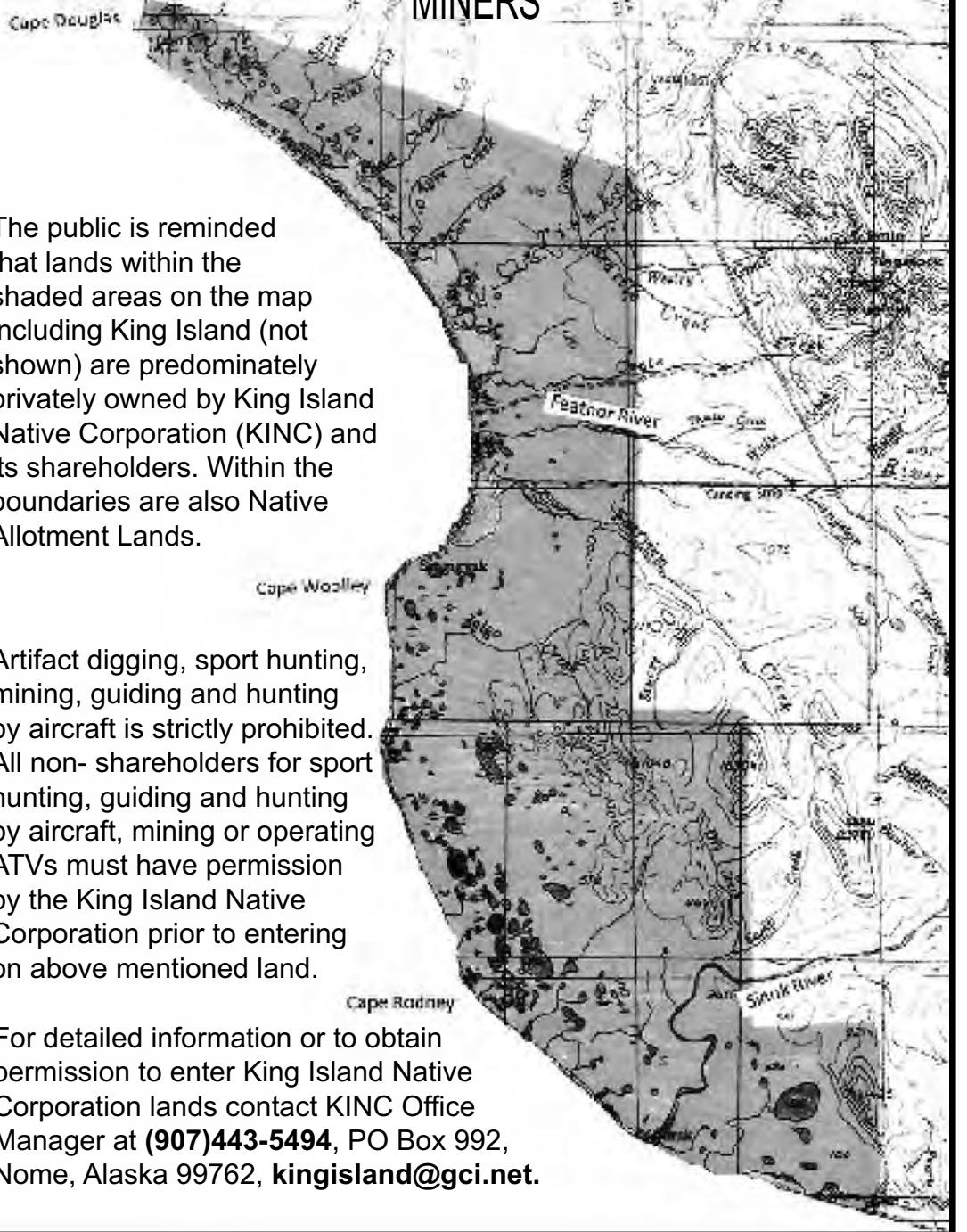
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around five megawatts, or roughly the output of one of the Wartsila diesel generators currently used by NJUS. By comparison, the smallest and largest nuclear power plants currently operational in the U.S. generate roughly 500 megawatts and 4,000 megawatts, respectively.

Holdmann explained that the designs for microreactors are still being tested, but the technology is well-known. They are being designed to be manufactured off-site and then transported; they use passive safety measures, a major difference from previous, larger nuclear power plants; they require minimal staffing and, like the larger reactors, can go long intervals without refueling.

Nuclear energy is fundamentally different from chemical energy because chemical reactions, such as burning diesel, only rearrange electrons in the atoms, whereas nuclear energy comes from the rearrangement of the nucleus of the atom, hence the name "nuclear." In reactors, that energy is used to heat a fluid, which spins a turbine, which is then converted through a generator into usable power.

Are they safe?

Conventional nuclear energy, despite the fears caused by big name disasters like Three Mile Island, Chernobyl and Fukushima, is said to be safe. An infographic from the International Atomic Energy Agency says that a Terawatt hour of energy produced by coal and oil results in 24.6 and 18.4 deaths respectively. Nuclear, however, only results in 0.03 deaths for the same amount of energy produced.

Holdmann was quick to point out and careful to explain that nuclear energy sources are very different from nuclear weapons and are structured so they cannot explode. None of the three major nuclear energy disasters were explosions, but meltdowns. Microreactors do not contain enough fuel to reach a temperature which would result in such an event.

The fuel itself didn't garner much attention during the presentation or discussion but features an interesting safety mechanism. Called TRISO, short for Tristructural Isotropic particle fuel, it is made up of poppy-seed sized pebbles of a mix of uranium, carbon and oxygen encased in several layers of ceramics. The pebble produces heat but cannot spread material which could contaminate outside of the pebble.

What isn't known yet is what safety requirements the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, NRC for short, will ask for. Galena's project paved the way for the NRC to start looking into microreactors in remote settings, but as no project has officially ap-

plied for a permit yet, specifics are still unknown. Tests of the technology are going on at places like the National Reactor Innovation Center, but an upcoming project at Eielson Air Force Base outside of Fairbanks will likely be the first one to go through the NRC process.

Is it economical?

Without one having been built yet, the answer is unknown, but Holdmann explained that companies think they can make it economical. "The truth is, none of these reactor companies would be doing this work if they didn't think they could be competitive," she said. This is especially true if you look at harnessing heat and reducing emissions.

The eVinci, designed by Westinghouse, can be built, maintained and fuel a reactor for 10 years for \$100 million. The eye-watering sum breaks down to \$10 million per year. In comparison, NJUS bought 1.7 million gallons of diesel at a price of \$7.7 million this year. Johnson, the economist, explained that microreactors are looking to produce power in the 10 to 40 cents per kilowatt hour range. According to a NJUS report, the 10-year low was 30 cents per kilowatt hour, and the high was 40.

As was mentioned in the meeting with the Governor, some parts of Alaska which have inexpensive electricity use it for space heating instead of using oil-burning heaters, which is also a significant cost to residents. Reducing the cost of electricity and switching to electric space heating could also reduce individual fuel costs and emissions.

Everyone involved in the design and testing of microreactors is waiting for projects to start to see just how much they cost, and Holdmann explained that there are benefits to being the first. Since the state, federal government and reactor manufacturers also wants to see how the projects are implemented, there are ample opportunities for having costs subsidized.

Holdmann also proposed, should the City ever start speaking with manufacturers and providers of nuclear energy, that Nome proactively tell them what can be afforded, and try to have the provider make it work.

With a number of partners including the NRIC at Idaho National Labs, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the Center for Advanced Energy Studies, and ACEP, Holdmann offered to do a "robust analysis" for Nome on what this could look like. It would be a report prepared by economists looking at the economics, not by engineers looking at actual technology. By request of audience members, the study will also look at comparing the costs to in-

crease wind and solar power, such as Kotzebue is implementing. No vendors would be involved in the study.

Is it responsible?

In many ways, this is most difficult question, and it was also the least discussed question. There are clear social and environmental responsibility questions, but it was talked about in terms of national and local responsibility.

All nuclear fuel is owned by the federal government. It is the responsibility of the federal government to manufacture new fuel and store used fuel. Currently, used nuclear fuel is generally stored on site as the Department of Energy looks at long-term storage options. The best-known candidate for storage of nuclear material, Yucca Mountain in Nevada, has repeatedly been deemed environmentally unsafe and socially irresponsible for its sacred significance to the Western Shoshone and Paiute tribes. Additionally, even if the price of fossil fuel dropped in Nome, the federal government has carbon emissions reduction goals,

potentially another source of funds to switch to a clean energy source like nuclear.

But the biggest responsibility discussion was focused on mining and

impact on the region.

The port expansion project needs can be met by the current NJUS capabilities. However, any sort of load

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and users of the information they put out, especially the most vulnerable.

Using the example of the Weather Channel and other members of the \$10 billion commercial weather economy – all of which rely on NOAA data – Spinrad believes there's an opportunity to build a new \$100 billion Blue Economy for environmental services, and all that needs to be extracted from the oceans are numbers. Holding up the front page of last week's Nugget and pointing to an article on Harmful Algal Blooms, he talked about the importance and value for insurance and reinsurance companies, emergency management, and public health officials, of being able to forecast such events.

Moving on to explaining what he meant about equity in services, he gave another example. How would a sea ice forecast be useful to walrus hunters? "How do we know what the right place to move a village to is?" he asked. Having spent the morning before his presentation at the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, he said that NOAA needs to do a better job of developing robust mechanisms to incorporate Indigenous knowledge into their modeling. This can only be done through better engagement.

NOAA has six branches, and Spinrad ran briefly through all of them. There are the National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service, the National Marine Fisheries Service, the National Oceans Service, the National Weather Service, the Office of Marine and Aviation Operations and the Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research. Together, they have 16 satellites, 15 ships and nine aircraft; there are also 321 officers in the NOAA Corps, a uniformed service, who serve across the federal government. He responded to a question about the budget saying that to accomplish all of what they are legally required to do would take about \$15 billion, but their most recent budget was only \$7 billion.

NOAA produces ocean charts and maps salmon genetics, among many things, but it isn't without challenges. Spinrad used the word "extraordinary" in describing the backlog in ocean surveys and the difficulty in making weather observations across Alaska, and talked about the possible technological solutions, such as fish counts being conducted by underwater drones.

He summed it up before taking questions. "We're about science, service, and stewardship. We're trying to impact lives, livelihoods, and

lifestyles."

There were a lot of questions and comments, both from people in the room and those who participated online. Everyone was appreciative of the presentation, and there were equally as many suggestions.

Many of the questions were about coordination with others. Three different participants asked how NOAA coordinated with three very different entities: tribes, the Department of Defense and Russia. Spinrad explained that they're looking at better connectivity with tribes, including a new pilot project with the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium on climate resiliency, and was open to suggestions on how engagement with Sea Grant, for example, could be expanded.

NOAA also has a responsibility to support the Department of Defense in domestic applications, he said, noting that the National Ice Center, a collaboration between the Navy, the Coast Guard and NOAA, has been around since 1995. He had a "very meaningful" discussion with General David Nahom, the new head of the Alaska Command, while in Anchorage, and talked about how he felt NOAA's capabilities weren't adequately present at the table. A lot of those discussions, he said, hinge on services out of Nome.

He didn't have an answer for how best to address staffing at National Weather Service sites across the region, but said they were looking at potential solutions. "Here in Alaska, there has to be close alignment between what we do and what DoD needs, and that's another part of the discussion," he said, hoping to bring up "environmental domain awareness" with Alaska Command and the new Ted Stevens Center for Arctic Security Studies.

Spinrad said that Russia's invasion of Ukraine put a halt to communication, but there is recognition that dialogue on fisheries management, for example, needs to happen. He has been advocating for a comprehensive National Arctic Strategy which would combine and build upon existing defense and research strategies to include natural resource management and could serve as a basis for engagement with other Arctic countries.

Suggestions from the audience were equally wide ranging, and included expanding the Northern Trawl Survey into the Chukchi Sea to help monitor the impact climate change is having on species migration and adapting the "lives, livelihoods, and lifestyles" mantra to better fit Alaska Natives and other Arctic communities.

Dr. Barb Amarok asked what here to save the world really means, though. Marine mammals are dying, birds are dying, industrial and commercial shipping, mining, and transportation infrastructure development are all increasing. What active steps is NOAA taking to protect the land and water, she asked.

Spinrad explained that NOAA has a strong regulatory role, too, with an office of law enforcement, but acknowledged it wasn't enough. "I'm comfortable we have the foundation and a basis for carrying that out, but it's probably not sufficient in the light of some of the impacts that we're seeing both from pollution and from climate change and from development," he said.

Others doubled down. Bob Metcalf pointed out the Inuit Circumpolar Council uses the phrase "rightsholder" instead of "stakeholder" for the purposes of dialogue, and Nancy Mendenhall asked if there is a contact going forward for subsistence issues.

"Short answer," Spinrad said, "is yes." There is already a start, but again he stated he knew it wasn't sufficient. "You have my commitment to addressing it."



Photo by Peter Loewi

ENERGY—Community members were invited to discuss the potential of nuclear energy in Nome.

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needed if Graphite One were to proceed would need addition capabilities, which puts the community between a rock and hard place. Carl Emmons said that "if you look at Donlin, and Pebble, and all those kind of mines, there's a lot of opposition. Look at what happened to Rock Creek, I'll be real amazed if..."

Another community member jumped in and finished his sentence. "...if it actually happens."

The report that Holdmann and team will produce will focus on the economics, but that's only one piece

of the puzzle. Future energy needs and development must be balanced with a social and environmental responsibility to what is already here. "We need to really have some kind of consensus on what direction we're going as a community," Nome Mayor and NJUS Manager John Handeland said.

Holdmann and Handeland have more discussing on the details of the study, but as of last week they expected it to be completed later this year. When it is, there will be a presentation on the economic side and an opportunity to discuss the bigger picture, as well.

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A track chair offers new mobility to injured Nomeite

By Megan Gannon

In 2014, when he was just 25-years-old, Bryce Warnke-Green lost 90 percent of his mobility in a horrible industrial accident in Nome. The neck of a crane had fallen onto the cab of a truck he was driving at a gravel pit near the Dexter Bypass. He became a quadriplegic and due to his care needs, he relocated to Palmer.

His father Louie Green Jr. recalled that soon after the accident, one of his son's biggest concerns was that he might never be able to participate in subsistence activities again.

"He was really a subsistence hunter and fisherman for the family," Green Jr. said.

Eight years later, a new track chair specially built for Warnke-Green holds a bit of a promise. The device could allow him to once more travel over challenging terrain like rugged tundra, sandy beaches and construction sites.

Warnke-Green made a homecoming trip back to Nome last weekend for the debut of the mobility vehicle built by the non-profit organization Second Chance Modifications. At a public event at the former Nome Youth Facility on Saturday, Aug. 17, he showed how he could ride in the unique chair that's fitted with treads instead of wheels.

"Having that limitation lifted a little bit is a really big deal," his father said.

Second Chance Modifications was established in Nome last year, said Jake Kenick, vice chairman of the organization. Phil Price has been leading the creation of their debut device, securing a track and chair and modifying it in a fabrication shop. "It is basically a little ma-

chine," said Price. "It has definitely a lot more mobility than his chair will." Price showed off the vehicle during the Fourth of July Parade on Front Street.

Price is still working on further modifications and customizations for the chair so that Warnke-Green could operate it without any assistance. But once it's complete, he envisions that it would allow Warnke-Green to go to the beach, traverse over somewhat of a rocky terrain, cruise through muddy water up to six inches deep and even push snow out of the way. Price added dozer blades to the edge of the chair because Warnke-Green wanted to be a dozer operator before the accident.

Though Warnke-Green is essentially the company's first "poster child," the Second Chances team thinks that, with the right funding, they could build more chairs for other people with mobility issues in Nome and the Bering Strait region. Price said the chair will be in Nome for the next month for anyone interested in the vehicle to see, before it will be shipped to Palmer.

The Nome Community Center donated a bus for Warnke-Green to get around and go sightseeing while he was in town for a few days.

For the family, the homecoming trip was a reminder of the support they've received from Nome.

"When Bryce got hurt, the community stepped up," Green Jr. said. "They went over the top with fundraising. To come back here with Bryce, almost eight years later, and then to see this community step back up again, it was it was overwhelming to me, and Bryce felt it, too. I want to say thank you to the people on this town."



Photo courtesy Second Chance Modifications
HOMECOMING — Eight years after an accident in Nome left his paralyzed, Bryce Warnke-Green returned to the community, for the debut of the mobility vehicle built for him by the non-profit organization Second Chance Modifications.

Peltola emerges as front-runner, but Palin could still win in ranked-choice election

By Megan Gannon

Last Tuesday, Aug. 16, Alaskans went to the polls to vote in a special general election and the regular primary. Democrat Mary Peltola, a Yup'ik fisheries advocate and former state legislator from Bethel, emerged as the frontrunner in the race to fill the late Don Young's seat in the U.S. House of Representatives. But under the state's new ranked choice voting system, she's not guaranteed to win.

Peltola received 38 percent of the first-choice votes according to the latest available update from the state's Division of Elections. She was followed by former Alaska governor and former Republican vice-presidential candidate Sarah Palin, who received 32 percent of the vote. Nick Begich III, a Republican from a family of prominent Alaska Democrats who was Young's campaign chairman in 2020, came in third with nearly 29 percent.

Because of Alaska's new ranked choice voting system, a candidate must receive more than 50 percent of the vote to win an election. If there is no clear majority winner after first-choice picks are counted, then the candidate with the least votes is eliminated and those voters' second choices are counted. If Palin receives

enough second-choice votes, she could emerge ahead of Peltola.



The Division of Elections will determine the ranked choice results on Aug. 31. Alaskans will then know which candidate will be sworn in to serve the remainder of Young's term in Congress until January.

Primary results

The Aug. 16 ballot also included a regular primary for the next full House term which will start in January. The newly adopted voting system uses open primaries, which in this case meant each voter, regardless of political affiliation, got to pick one from a field of 22 candidates. The top four will advance to the November general election ballot.

The order of the candidates was the same as the special election: Peltola had 35 percent of the vote, Palin had 31 percent, Nick Begich had nearly 27 percent. With 3.7 percent of the vote, the fourth-place candidate was Republican Tara Sweeney, who withdrew from the race on Tuesday, August 23, saying she doesn't see a path to election victory.

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Council hears concerns over lagging ambulance response

By Diana Haecker

The Nome Common Council in their regular meeting on Monday spent most of the meeting discussing ways to address mounting public pressure on the lag time of response to emergencies on Front Street by the volunteer ambulance department. A letter by Tom Vaden was included in the packet, and two public members, Kirsten Timbers and Tracey Buie addressed the Council in person with

the plea to do something. Timbers recounted an incident where she personally had to take a person with seizures to the ER after an ambulance was called to Front Street and no response came. Buie also voiced concerns of non-responses. Both stressed that they think the world of Nome ambulance volunteers, but requested that something is done to improve the situation and that the 911 caller is advised that nobody will re-

spond so that they can make alternate arrangements.

After approving a slew of resolutions and one ordinance, the council took up discussion under an added agenda item to address the ambulance issue.

The Nome ambulance is run by the City of Nome with two paid employees and 26 or 27 volunteers on the roster, said NVAD Chief Jim West. But sometimes, he added, it

comes down to only him and Mayor John Handeland responding. Councilmember Scot Henderson proposed the resurrection of a supervisory EMS director position, but after lengthy discussion, the Council agreed to bring all players together—the ambulance cadre and Norton Sound Health Corporation—to hold a work session on ways to go forward.

City Manager Glenn Steckman rejected accusations that the City is not doing enough. He said that the problem lies in volunteer burnout to calls on Front Street to respond to intoxicated patients. He said since 2019, the Council has approved a second full time EMS position, has set aside funds for a new ambulance and has raised the stipend for volunteers. But, he said pointing towards Front Street, unless the core issue is addressed, a solution will be hard to come by. He added that solving the problem of chronic alcohol and substance abuse is out of the City's wheelhouse.

The Norton Sound Health Corporation has a standing offer to take over the ambulance service from the City. The

Council agreed to first hear from the NVAD what they think is needed before going forward with creating a

new administrative position. As of Monday, the Council committed to a work session to be held within the next ten days.

In other business, the Council approved in second reading an ordinance that would level a penalty on persons who abuse the 911 system by calling it without actually having an emergency. Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department Chief Jim West Jr. stepped to the podium to support the ordinance.

In other business, the Council voted unanimously on a resolution to use the entire \$200,000 NSEDC Community Benefit Share for much needed pool repairs. The Council approved a resolution to increase the bounty on junk vehicles to \$100.

In new business, the Council approved a resolution to designate September as Suicide Prevention Awareness month; to issue a utility revenue anticipation note to finance the \$7.7 million diesel purchase of 1.7 million gallons of diesel for NJUS and ok'd the city manager to go forward with contractual obligations to PND to further the port expansion.

The Council adjourned to enter into two separate executive meetings.



Photo by Lizzy Hahn

AN AVID READER— Presley Reader was one of 117 participants in this summer's reading program at the Kegoayah Kozga Library in Nome.

Nome's kids kept their noses in books this summer

By Megan Gannon

There's a long list of reasons parents and educators encourage kids to pick up books during the summer break. Reading can be entertaining, comforting and informative. It can also help prevent the dreaded "summer slide."

"Research shows that children who don't read during the summer can lose up to two months of learning by the time they return to school in the fall," said Marguerite LaRiviere, director of Nome's Kegoayah Kozga Public Library.

This year, LaRiviere said 117 youth registered for Nome's summer reading challenge, setting their own individual reading goals. The overall aim of the challenge was to get kids reading at least 50 times between the end of May and the end of July.

LaRiviere drew from two themes for this year's summer reading program. The Alaska State Library's 2022 theme, "Read Beyond the Beaten Path," encouraged kids to incorporate reading into their outdoor activities. LaRiviere thought the Collaborative Summer Library Program's 2022 theme "Oceans of Possibilities" was also fitting for kids who live with the Bering Sea in their backyard, so she used their programming as well.

This summer marked a return to in-person programming that was more typical before the pandemic started. The library counted 676 patron visits to its summer programming, including class visits in May and regular story hours.

"The last time we had summer reading class visits and in-person

summer reading programs was the summer of 2019," LaRiviere said. "We have had a wonderful summer full of rebuilding our programs and library services. We are very grateful to promote summer reading again in person."

Kids who turned in their summer reading forms received certificates of completion and other prizes, including a book of their choice. LaRiviere said the funding for the books was donated by the Bering Sea Lions Club this year.

As of July 1, the library has returned to its full pre-pandemic hours, open Monday through Thursday, 12 p.m.-7 p.m., and Fridays and Saturdays, 12 p.m.-6 p.m.

The library continues to offer story hour for young kids on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. year-round.



Photo by Diana Haecker

VOTING— Nome voters cast their votes at Old St. Joe's, August 16.

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Governor

In the primary for Alaska governor, the Republican incumbent Mike Dunleavy had a clear lead with nearly 42 percent of the vote. He was followed by Independent former governor Bill Walker and Democrat former Alaska House representative Les Gara, who each had around 22 percent. The fourth candidate to advance to the November election could be Republican and Kenai Peninsula Borough Mayor Charlie Pierce, who received nearly 7 percent of the vote.

U.S. Senate

With 44 percent of the vote, Republican Lisa Murkowski had a narrow lead in the primary for her seat the U.S. Senate. Kelly Tshibaka, a Trump-backed former commissioner

of the Alaska Department of Administration, was behind Murkowski, with nearly 40 percent of the vote. There was a wide gap between those two frontrunners and 17 other candidates on the primary ballot. Democrat Patricia Chesbro received 6 percent of the vote.

Alaska House District 39

House District 39's seat has been held by Neal Foster, a Democrat from Nome, since 2009. He was ahead in the primary, with 56.5 percent of the vote. Foster's challenger Tyler Ivanoff from Shishmaref, who is registered with the Alaskan Independence Party, received 43.5 percent. At the time of the latest available update from the Division of Elections, votes had been counted from 27 of 28 precincts of House District 39.

How to run for public office



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RUNNING FOR PUBLIC OFFICE— Sigvanna Tapqaq, far left, presents an informational session on how to run for public office and what is actually involved in holding a public position, at Northwest Campus on Tuesday, August 23. Panelists included, from left to right, Bryant Hammond, city clerk; Glenn Steckman, city manager; Jerald Brown, Common Council member; and Scot Henderson, Common Council member. School board members Darlene Trigg and Barb Amarok joined online. Seven interested people attended the workshop online. The deadline to run for this October's municipal election is August 30.



Former Gold House remediation planned



Photo by Diana Haecker

REMEDIATION— Plans progress to cap the contaminated site of the former Alaska Gold gold house — in the fenced in area— at Dry Creek. Land owner NovaGold is hosting a meeting on Friday to inform the public on their plans to remediate the site. The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation is the regulatory agency to approve NovaGold’s plans to go forward and will be present for questions at the meeting.



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BACK TO SCHOOL — Nome Elementary School Principal Elizabeth Korenek-Johnson, known as Mrs. KJ, greets students outside of Nome Elementary School on Aug. 18.

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Obituaries



Percy Koppezuruk Nayokpuk
August 29, 1952 ~ August 2, 2022

Percy Koppezuruk Nayokpuk was born August 29, 1952 in Shishmaref to his parents Walter Keok and Sophie Aanauraq Nayokpuk. Even in his earliest years, it was obvious Percy was very talented and smart. He attended Shishmaref Elementary followed by Nome-Beltz High School in Nome and Lathrop High School in Fairbanks. Percy went on to study Business Administration at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks which set the stage for his lifelong career as a successful business operator and owner.

Percy married Inez Nayokpuk (Ningeulook) in 1973 and together they welcomed their son Thomas, and three daughters Gwendolyn, Sheila and Sophie. Inez tragically passed away in 1996.

Percy and his current companion, Josie Weyiouanna, lived together for 25 years and had two sons, the late Jay Jacob, whom Percy played a fatherly role to, and their youngest son Walter Douglas Esau Nayokpuk. He taught his son Walter the fundamentals of hunting and survival

skills through his stories what he told, including Walter's friends.

In 1980 Percy followed the footsteps of his father and began working as the assistant manager of the Nayokpuk General Store, also known locally as "Walter's Store". His amazing work ethic and savvy business skills led him to take on the reins as the store's general manager and later, as owner-operator. Early in his professional life, Percy was very involved in the formation of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA), a role that brought him to Japan, Russia, Canada and Greenland. As a young professional, Percy also spent time as a math teacher at Nome-Beltz and as a hotshot firefighter.

Percy was a lifelong advocate and leader for the village of Shishmaref and the whole Bering Strait region. Percy began his official regional leadership in 1985 when he was elected to the Bering Straits Native Corporation Board of Directors. He dutifully served on the board for 30 years. Percy also served as city clerk

for the City of Shishmaref and spent several years as the mayor of Shishmaref. He will always be remembered for his leadership and professionalism.

One of Percy's greatest abilities was to charm people with stories and history. His deep knowledge of the local history and culture, his lifelong experiences as an avid hunter and dog musher, combined with his sharp wit and clever humor, made his stories unforgettable. Percy's charm drew crowds of people to his vendor booths at the Alaska Federation of Natives and could make a quick visit to the store in Shishmaref a memorable experience. You knew you were in for a great story or joke when Percy would peek at you over his glasses and flash his classic grin. Percy began capturing stories and Shishmaref history in a book he was writing.

Percy's uncanny ability to recall Shishmaref history and stories was rooted in his deep respect for Inupiat history. He listened very closely to his parents and the Elders of his community and took note of important things shared with him. Like so many in Shishmaref, Percy was also a talented artist and ivory carver. Percy helped establish the market to sell locally produced carvings, artwork, jewelry and other handicrafts at venues such as the AFN, Fur Rondy, and other gatherings.

He was an avid dog musher, him and his late wife Inez entered dog races during the Shishmaref Spring Carnival and also other villages.

Percy was most proud of his children and grandchildren, and all their amazing accomplishments. He taught his children and grandchildren how to navigate life, figuratively, through life's ups and downs, but also literally how to navigate the land while living the subsistence way of life. He truly lived for his family, his children and grandchildren.

Outside of managing the store and fuel station, Percy spent his free time boating, fishing, gathering, and hunting for oograk, moose, caribou, reindeer, geese, ducks and other resources. Percy was also able to play piano, guitar and accordion.

He will be remembered as an active community leader, dedicated brother, spouse, partner, father, uncle, cousin, grandfather, and friend. One who deeply valued politics, business, and leadership. One who saw value in teaching and mentoring youth. One who was fulfilled living a subsistence lifestyle. Percy lived to serve his community and to love his family. We will forever be grateful for the blessing of his life.

Percy is survived by his companion Josie Weyiouanna, his sons Thomas and Walter Nayokpuk, his daughters Gwendolyn (and Dennis) Davis, Sheila (and Percy) Avugiak, Sophia Dixon (and Preston Dixon);

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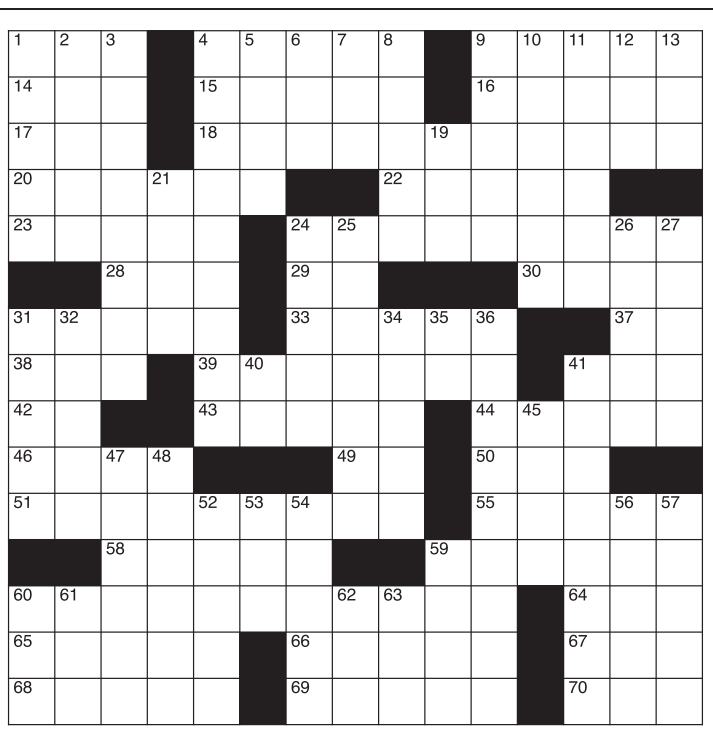
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- CLUES ACROSS**
- One point north of due west
 - Indigenous peoples of northern Scandinavia
 - Popular California/Nevada lake
 - Go quickly
 - Fatty acid in soaps
 - Brand of fuel stations
 - State of fuss
 - Romance novelist
 - Members of a household
 - Asserts to be the case
 - Type of infection
 - With metal inlays
 - Chinese philosophic principle
 - Early multimedia
 - Employee stock ownership plan
 - He investigated Clinton administration
 - Shells
 - Six
 - Snakelike fish
 - Capital of Kenya
 - Influential group (abbr.)
 - Used to chop
 - It comes as a case
 - Challenges
 - Small amounts
 - The Golden State
 - Peyton's little brother
 - For walking in Alaska
 - Buddhist honorific titles
 - Lively ballroom dance
 - Capital of Albania
 - Late night host
 - Draw from
 - A way to utilize
 - One who is not native Hawaiian
 - A power to perceive

- CLUES DOWN**
- Hits
 - Bathroom accessory
 - Young
 - Beef cattles
 - It's often in soap
 - For each
 - Innermost membrane enveloping the brain
 - A way to leave
 - Emaciation
 - Punish with a fine
 - Steeds
 - Having eight
 - Greek goddess of the dawn
 - Mature reproductive cells
 - Armadillo species
 - Ancient country in what is now Romania
 - Extreme greed
 - Stars
 - Poems
 - Places to sit
 - One from the Lone Star State
 - Small rails
 - One quintillion bytes (abbr.)
 - Where coaches work
 - Indicates position
 - Mammals
 - Resembling a wing
 - Beliefs
 - Hindu male religious teachers
 - Mischievously
 - Where athletes want to end up (abbr.)
 - Large, deep-bodied fish
 - Horned squash bug genus
 - Excessively sentimental
 - Shared verbally
 - You can put it on toast
 - Data mining methodology (abbr.)
 - Resinlike substance secreted by certain insects
 - Mauna ____, Hawaiian volcano

Previous Puzzle Answers

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HOROSCOPES

August 25 to August 31

- ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20**
Aries, take a step back and allow people some room to figure things out. Your offers to help are appreciated and will be accepted in due time.
- TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21**
Taurus, others appreciate your authenticity. Stay true to yourself and you will have no regrets. Encourage others to do the same when they seek your input.
- GEMINI - May 22/June 21**
Gemini, this week is a good opportunity for some serious introspection. Put yourself in other people's shoes before you render an opinion.
- CANCER - June 22/July 22**
An important decision is looming, Cancer. Take some time to look inward as you try to decide the best path to take. Don't hesitate to seek input from people you trust.
- LEO - July 23/Aug 23**
It is alright to have some doubts when you are trying something new, Leo. Just don't let those doubts get the better of you and derail your plans.
- VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22**
Virgo, a public gathering in the near future may attract several people, including some you are interested in meeting. Take the first step and introduce yourself.

- LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23**
Libra, this week you are likely to feel refreshed and energized. This may pave the way to some new ideas, including a change of scenery or even a new job.
- SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22**
Scorpio, at this point in your life, it is important to go with the flow and learn from others with an easygoing approach. Take time to exhale and unwind.
- SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21**
Sagittarius, you have long been practical and sensible with your finances. But this week you may be lured by a flashy purchase. If it is in the budget, then let loose.
- CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20**
Clear your mind of cobwebs and any other errant thoughts, Capricorn. Right now you need to relax and unwind for a bit, and you'll feel better after a few days of recharging.
- AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18**
Aquarius, after many months of asking yourself where you want your life to go, this week you finally have a plan of action to put in motion. Enjoy the ride.
- PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20**
Be extra patient and affectionate towards all of your loved ones this week, Pisces. Someone close to you will need your help.

• **Obituaries**



Pauline Paneatuk Sharpe
March 16, 1958 ~ July 19, 2022

Pauline Paneatuk Sharpe was born on March 16, 1958 to Ralph Sr. and Margaret Olanna in Nome, Alaska. Pauline Sharpe passed away peacefully at her home in Anchorage on July 19, 2022.

She grew up in Nome with her siblings Queenie, Chubby and Jeannie where they spent their time berry picking, fishing and going to camp among many other activities. Some of her fondest memories

that she shared were dog sledding with her dad, and ice fishing with her family. She also enjoyed taking care of her grandpa Phillip Nunorruk.

Soon after meeting her first husband Dale Crandall, they started a family where she became a homemaker and ministering in Wainwright and Point Hope as a Pastor's wife. She loved becoming a grandma. All of 16 of her grandchildren and two great grandchildren held a special place in her heart.

Pauline had a fun sense of humor, loved doing puzzles and playing scrabble with her closest friends. She also enjoyed cooking, hosting get-togethers, people-watching and ministering the Love of Jesus. Throughout her life, her faith remained anchored in the Lord.

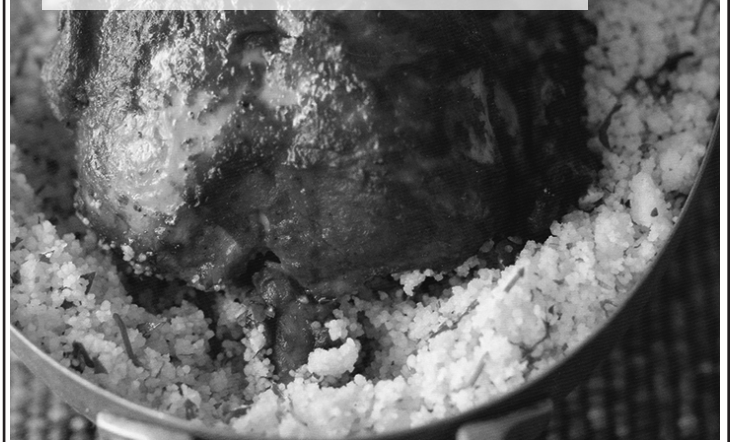
Pauline is preceded in death by her parents Ralph "Tulluck" Sr. and Margaret "Paka" Olanna as well as her sister Jeannie Waltz.

She is survived by her second husband Brian Sharpe, sister Madeline "Queenie" Engebretsen and brother Ralph "Chubby" Olanna Jr. She is survived by her children Kevin Crandall, Tina Roberson, Ryan and Leslie Crandall, Vanessa and Lowen Guzman, David Crandall and Janelle Crandall.

She is also survived by her grandchildren Gwendolyn, Tyler, Travis, Brandon and Layla Roberson, Demetrius Zimmerman, Kyler and Jesslyn Sene, Anthony and Aaron Gonzalez, Micah Crandall, Elise and Dillon Guzman, Samara Bryant, and great grandchildren Raegan O'Connor and Alofa Sene.

Pollo Harissa

(Roasted Harissa Chicken with Couscous)



Serves 4

- 1 whole roasting chicken, rinsed
- 1 lemon, cut into 4 pieces
- 6 cloves garlic
- Harissa (see below)
- 2 cups couscous
- 3 cups chicken stock

- 1 teaspoon cumin seed
- 4 large cloves garlic, unpeeled
- 4 large red bell peppers
- 1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 2 tablespoons crushed New Mexico red chiles
- Salt and pepper to taste

Heat the oven to 375 F. Fill chicken cavity with lemon pieces and garlic. Rub the chicken generously with harissa. Sprinkle with salt. Put the couscous and chicken stock in an oven-safe baking dish. Place the dressed chicken on top. Bake covered for 45 minutes. Remove the cover and bake for another 15 minutes, until chicken is cooked through. Serve with a tossed mix of cucumber, cilantro, lemon juice, and oil.

Stir coriander, caraway and cumin in a small skillet over medium-high heat until aromatic, about 30 seconds. Transfer to a food processor. Cook garlic in the same skillet, covered, over medium-low heat until tender, about 10 minutes, turning occasionally. Let garlic cool, then peel it and add to processor. Char bell peppers over a gas flame or in a broiler until blackened on all sides. Enclose in a paper bag; let stand 10 minutes. Peel, seed, and coarsely chop peppers. Add peppers, oil, sugar, and crushed red pepper to processor. Puree. Season with salt and pepper.

Harissa

- 1 tablespoon coriander seed
- 1 tablespoon caraway seed

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by his siblings: sisters Joan (and late Corey) Hjalseth and Bonnie Nayokpuk (Vincent Tocktoo, Jr.); and brothers Russell Nayokpuk and Curtis (and late Sheryl) Nayokpuk, and Johnson (and Luci) Eningowuk; and his beloved grandkids: Nathaniel, Isaac, Bridgette, Kyle, Davey, Nicole, Kirstyn, Shane Walter, Dallas, Seth, Makayla, Preston, Isaiah, Arianna, Trenten, Noah, Abigail, Brendan, Kathrynne, Alicia, Connor,

Brennen, and Alayniya "Ine". Percy is also survived by numerous cousins, nephews, nieces, family and friends.

Percy is preceded in death by his parents Sophie and Walter Nayokpuk, wife Inez Nayokpuk, brother Johnny Nayokpuk, grandparents Mary and Joseph Eningowuk, Annie Koonuk and Elmer Nayokpuk, in-laws Frieda and Davey Ningeulook, brother-in-law Dana Ningeulook, sister-in-law Helen Garnand, aunts Flora Weyiouanna, Katherine Barr,

Eleanor Eningowuk, Dorothy Bell, Alma Mullins, Geraldine Kiyutelluk, Virginia Nayokpuk, and Holly Sockpick, uncles Phillip Eningowuk, Perry Eningowuk, Herbert, Lawrence, Warren and Roderick Nayokpuk, Delbert and Reuben Eningowuk and numerous nephews, nieces, cousins, and extended family.

Rest in heavenly peace, Percy K. Nayokpuk, we will always hold you high in our memories and hearts. You made a huge positive difference on this earth.

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443-2144

Bible Baptist Church is holding worship services on Sundays at 11 a.m.

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Nome Covenant Church

101 Bering Street • 443-2565

Sunday: Sunday School on break for summer.
Worship 11 a.m.

Checkpoint Youth: James Ventress • 841-4333

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5th Avenue & Bering • 443-5295

Sunday:

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Holy Mass schedule

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Sunday: 10:30am Mass (Broadcast on KNOM)

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Pastor Chad Angasan

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Saturday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.

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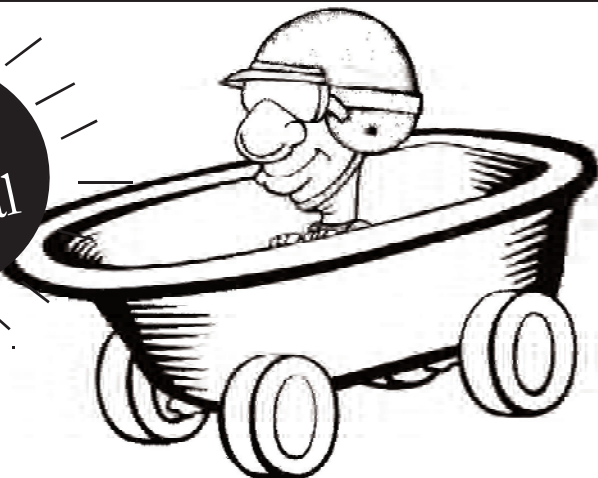
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA, SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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August 19, 2022

The August 20, 2022, Annual Meeting for Koyuk Native Corporation is rescheduled for January 7, 2023 due to no quorum.

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Shaktoolik Native Corporation

Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders

Shaktoolik Native Corporation will hold its Annual Meeting on **Monday, November 07, 2022 at 10 a.m.** or upon establishment of a quorum. Place to be determined at a later date. This year the shareholders will be electing **three (3) directors**. Any shareholder 18 years of age or older, and in good standing, may file for nomination to the SNC Board of Directors. All candidacy forms must be filed and received, **on or before September 23, 2022** at the close of business day. All interested shareholders of the Shaktoolik Native Corporation may obtain forms from the Shaktoolik Native Corporation at the address listed above.



PUBLIC NOTICE

2022 MUNICIPAL ELECTION CANDIDATE FILING DEADLINE

The candidate filing deadline is **Tuesday, August 30, 2022 at 5:00 PM** for the Annual City of Nome Municipal Election (which will be held on Tuesday, October 4, 2022).

The following seats will be up for election:

- **2 City Council (two 3-year terms)**
- **2 Utility Board (one 2-year term and one 3-year term)**
- **2 School Board (two 3-year terms)**

Contact City Hall at 443-6663 to obtain the forms necessary to file.

8.11-18-25

Trooper Beat

Norton Sound Region
Deceased Person: On 8/11/2022 at approximately 10:44 a.m., Alaska State Troopers received a report of a deceased person. Next of kin has not been notified.

Shaktoolik
Assault - DV: On 8/12/2022 at approximately 9 a.m. AST received a report of a DV Assault. Investigation revealed Henry Katchatag, 21, of Shaktoolik, had assaulted his family member. Katchatag was charged with Assault 3 and Assault 4.

Norton Sound Region
Assault: On 8/13/2022 at approximately 6:51 p.m., AST received a report of an Assault. Investigation is ongoing.

Norton Sound Region
Assault: On 8/13/2022 at approximately 8:15 p.m., AST received a report of an Assault. Investigation is ongoing.

Norton Sound Region
Assault: On 8/14/2022 at approximately 9:36 p.m., AST received a report of an Assault. Investigation is ongoing.

Norton Sound Region
Assault: On 8/14/2022 at approximately 11:13 p.m., AST received a report of an Assault. Investigation is ongoing.

Brevig Mission
Search and Rescue: On 8/16/2022 at approximately 9:02 a.m., AST received a report of an overdue individual from scouting for berry patches. Searchers had been sent out at 1 a.m. and 7:30 a.m.. The individual was located at 9:50 a.m.. No SAR resources were used and no funds were spent.

Norton Sound Region
Sexual Assault: On 8/18/2022 at approximately 3:19 p.m., AST received a report of a Sexual Assault. Investigation is ongoing.

Stebbins
Assault - DV: On 8/18/2022 at approximately 3:59 p.m., AST received a report of a DV Assault. Investigation revealed that Martin Steve, 43, of Stebbins had assaulted an individual. Steve was charged with Assault 4.


Crown Point
Drunk on Licensed Premises: On 08/21/2022 at 6:30 p.m., Seward AST received a report of a disturbance on an Alaska Railroad passenger carriage. It was reported that Edna D. Reynolds, 47, of Nome, was screaming, assaulted a staff member, stole alcohol, and threw things. The train stopped at a railroad crossing in Crown Point where Seward and Soldotna AST were waiting. Staff of the Alaska Railroad did not wish to press charges and only wanted Reynolds removed from the train. Reynolds appeared to be highly intoxicated and admitted to drinking a large amount of alcohol. Reynolds provided a breath sample which yielded a result of .316 BrAC. Reynolds was placed under arrest for being drunk on a licensed premises. Reynolds was transported to the Seward City Jail where she was remanded on the aforementioned charge.

Notice to All Guides, Transporters, Hunters and Other Persons

Notice is hereby given that the Shishmaref Native Corporation ("SNC") has put in-place a **complete ban on all guiding for either caribou or moose** on all SNC lands.

This ban is effective immediately. SNC lands include, but are not limited to, those lands within Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Game Management Units 22E. All guides and other individuals are responsible for determining the boundaries of SNC lands and for ensuring compliance with this ban. SNC will take all legal actions necessary to enforce and ensure strict compliance with this ban.

If you are aware of any violations of this ban, you are encouraged to report the violations directly to the SNC corporate office at **(907) 649-3751/2030**.



Seawall

Nome Police Department
Weekly press releases
Activities reported between
8/15/2022 – 8/21/2022

During this period there were 192 calls for service received at the Nome Police Communications Center; 74 (40%) of these calls involved alcohol. The Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department responded to 15 ambulance calls. The Nome Volunteer Fire Department responded to 2 fire calls during this period. NPD responded to 9 calls reporting intoxicated persons needing assistance. Nobody was remanded to AMCC as protective hold; and 3 persons remained at the hospital for medical evaluation/treatment.

Arrests
A total of 18 arrests made with 18 (100%) alcohol related. Charges below are referred to the District Attorney.

Monday, Aug. 15, 2022
Charges: Warrant Arrest; two counts of Violating Conditions of Release; Criminal Mischief in the third degree. Name: Deborah Okbaok. Location: Nome.
Charge: Violating Conditions of Release. Name: Robert Kirk. Location: Greg Kruschek Ave.
Charge: Criminal mischief in the fifth degree. Name: Woodrow Kitchen. Location: E. Tobuk Alley.

Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2022
Charge: Warrant Arrest. Name: Victoria Campbell. Location: Nome

Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2022
Charge: Warrant arrest. Name: Sophie Iyapana. Location: Front St.

Thursday, Aug. 18, 2022
Charge: Warrant Arrest. Name: Daniel Apok. Location: Nome
Charge: Warrant Arrest. Name: Tami Horton. Location: E. N St.
Charges: Probation violation; five counts of Assault in the third degree; Criminal trespass in the second degree. Name: Zachary Bourdon. Location: W. 4th AV.

Friday, Aug. 19, 2022
Charge: Disorderly conduct; false information or report; two counts Violating Conditions of Release. Name: Dannita Malewotkuk. Location: Front St.
Charge: Two counts VCOR. Name: Thomas Tocktoo. Location: E. 4th Ave.

Saturday, Aug. 20, 2022
Charge: Criminal trespass in the second degree. Name: Brendan Pete. Location: W. 3rd Ave.
Charge: Assault in the fourth degree. Name: Gabriel Komakhuk. Location: W. 5th Ave.

Sunday, Aug. 21, 2022
Charges: VCOR, Resisting or interfering with arrest. Name: Kenneth Smith. Location: E. 6th Ave.
Charges: Escape in the second degree, resisting or interfering with arrest. Name: Chelsea Olson. Location: E. 6th Ave.
Charges: VCOR, Resisting or interfering with arrest. Name: Denny Martin. Location: E. H St.

Charge: Two counts of Assault in the fourth degree. Name: P.B. Location: W. 3rd Ave.
Charges: Probation violation; Failure to register as a sex offender in the second degree. Name: Justin Ahkinga. Location: Front St.

A total of 1 traffic stops was conducted during this reporting period; with 0 citations issued, one warning issued. NPD responded to one report of a Motor Vehicle Accident during this reporting period.

Disclaimer: This is a record of activity. The issuance of citations or the act of arrest does not assign guilt to any identified party. Officers refer all cases to the DA for action.

Court

**Week ending 8/19
Civil**

No civil cases posted on CourtView Website; start 2NO-22-00115C1

Small Claims

No small claims posted on CourtView Website; start 2NO-22-000085C

Criminal

State of Alaska v Grady Ryan Rexford (7/21/97); 2NO-19-694CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 116601399; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Violation found, probation extended for 1 year; All the terms and conditions of probation in the original order remain in effect.

State of Alaska v Grady Ryan Rexford (7/21/97); 2NO-21-393CR Judgment and Order of Commitment/Probation; ATN: 116097291; CTN 001: Assault 3- Cause Injury w/Weap; C Felony, DV; Offense Date: 8/5/21; Sentencing Date: 8/9/22 with counsel, Public Defender Agency (2NO) and the DA present; 24 months, 21 months suspended; Unsuspended 3 months shall be served; Credited for time aired served in this case; Surcharges and Costs due; When requested provide oral samples DNA; Probation 2 years; General and Special Conditions of Probation set; Any appearance or performance bond in this case is exonerated.

State of Alaska v Bert Kuzuguk (4/19/98); Judgment; CTN 001: Theft 4-Less than \$250; Date of Violation: 12/20/21; CTN 002: Violate Conditions of Release from Misd; Date of Violation: 5/6/22; CTN 001 and 002: Class B Misdemeanor; CTNs Dismissed: 003, 004, 005 per Cr. R. 43(a)(1); Defendant committed to the custody of the Commissioner of Corrections to serve; CTN 001, 002: Time Served; Police Training Surcharge due in 10 days.

State of Alaska v Magdeline Omiak (11/19/87); 2NO-20-789CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 117118134; Violated conditions of probation; The following jai time must now be served: 5 days, time served; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original order remain in effect.

State of Alaska v Madeline Omiak (11/19/87); 2NO-22-120CR Judgment; CTN 001: Crim Trespass 1- In A Dwelling; Date of Violation: 3/27/22; CTNs Dismissed: 002, 003; DV; Any appearance or performance bond in this case is exonerated; 180 days, 180 days suspended; No Contact; Effective immediately, an until unconditional discharge, defendant will have no direct or indirect contact with: Norman Haag or Connie O'Connor; Do not return to the residence 602 East 3rd Avenue; Treatment, defendant ordered to obtain Behavioral Health Assessment and follow all recommendations; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Probation for 2 years; Comply with all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Obey all state, federal, and local laws and ordinances; Do not consume or buy alcohol at all during probation; Any driver's license or state ID is subject to cancellation under cited Alaska Statutes (AS); Any new license or state ID must list the AS alcohol buying restriction until the restriction expires; Must submit to a portable breath test by law enforcement upon probable cause of an alcohol violation; Do not enter any bars or liquor stores; No alcohol inside your residence.

State of Alaska v Richard Nassuk (10/23/85); Judgment; CTN 002: DUI-Operate Vehicle Under Influence; Date of Offense: 3/7/20; Report to Nome Court on 10/10/22 at 1:30 pm for a remand hearing; Fine: \$1,500, due 8/18/23; Police

Training, Initial and Suspended Jail Surcharges due; Complete Substance Abuse Treatment Assessment; Contact Anchorage ASAP; Call 907-443-5216 for information; Complete and submit proof by 11/18/22; Obey Driver's License Directives: Driver's license revoked for 90 days; Concurrent with DMV action; Use an Ignition Interlock Device: After you regain the privilege to drive or obtain a limited license, you must use an ignition interlock device (IID) as directed in the IID Information Sheet (CR-483) for 6 months; Costs of IID will be deducted from the fine if you file proof of payment before the fine due date; Probation for 1 year; Obey all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Obey all state, federal, and local laws and ordinances; Do not possess, consume, or buy alcohol for a period ending 1 year from date of this judgment (8/18/22); You are required to surrender your driver's license and identification card; Your license and ID are subject to cancellation under cited Alaska Statutes (AS); Any new license or ID must list the AS buying restriction during the restricted period; You are subject to a warrantless breath test by any peace officer with probable cause to believe you consumed alcohol.

State of Alaska v Derak Otton (10/28/89); 2NO-21-598CR Judgment; CTN 001: DUI-Operate Vehicle Under Influence; Date of Offense: 12/23/21; 30 days, 27 days suspended; Unsuspended 3 days is time served; Fine: \$1,500, due 8/18/23; Police Training, Initial and Suspended Jail Surcharges due; Cost of Imprisonment due; Complete Substance Abuse Treatment Assessment: Follow recommended treatment; Obey Driver's License Directives: Driver's license revoked for 90 days; Concurrent with DMV action; Use an Ignition Interlock Device: After you regain the privilege to drive or obtain a limited license, you must use an ignition interlock device (IID) as directed in the IID Information Sheet (CR-483) for 6 months; Costs of IID will be deducted from the fine if you file proof of payment before the fine due date; Probation for 1 year; Obey all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Obey all state, federal, and local laws and ordinances; Do not possess, consume, or buy alcohol for a period ending 1 year from date of this judgment (8/18/22); You are required to surrender your driver's license and identification card; Your license and ID are subject to cancellation under cited Alaska Statutes (AS); Any new license or ID must list the AS buying restriction during the restricted period; You are subject to a warrantless breath test by any peace officer with probable cause to believe you consumed alcohol.

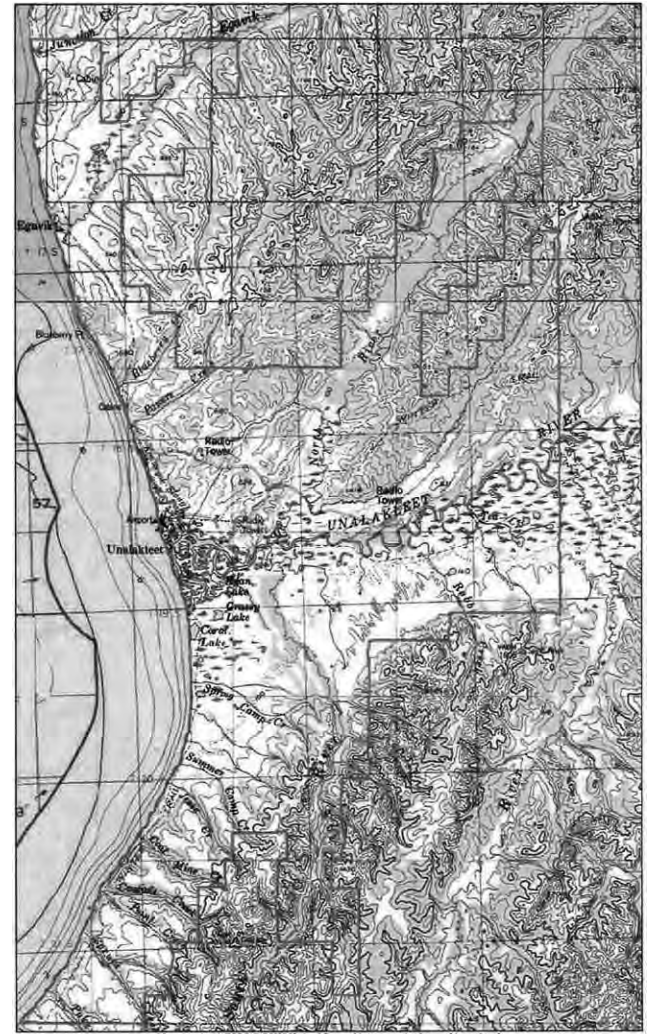
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**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC,
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- The public is reminded the land ownership within the outlined areas on the map are predominately privately owned by Unalakleet Native Corporation and its Shareholders.
- Hunting by non-shareholders is not allowed. Hunting by Shareholders, spouses of Shareholders, and descendents of Shareholders for subsistence purposes is permitted. For other allowable uses of land by non-shareholders, please contact:

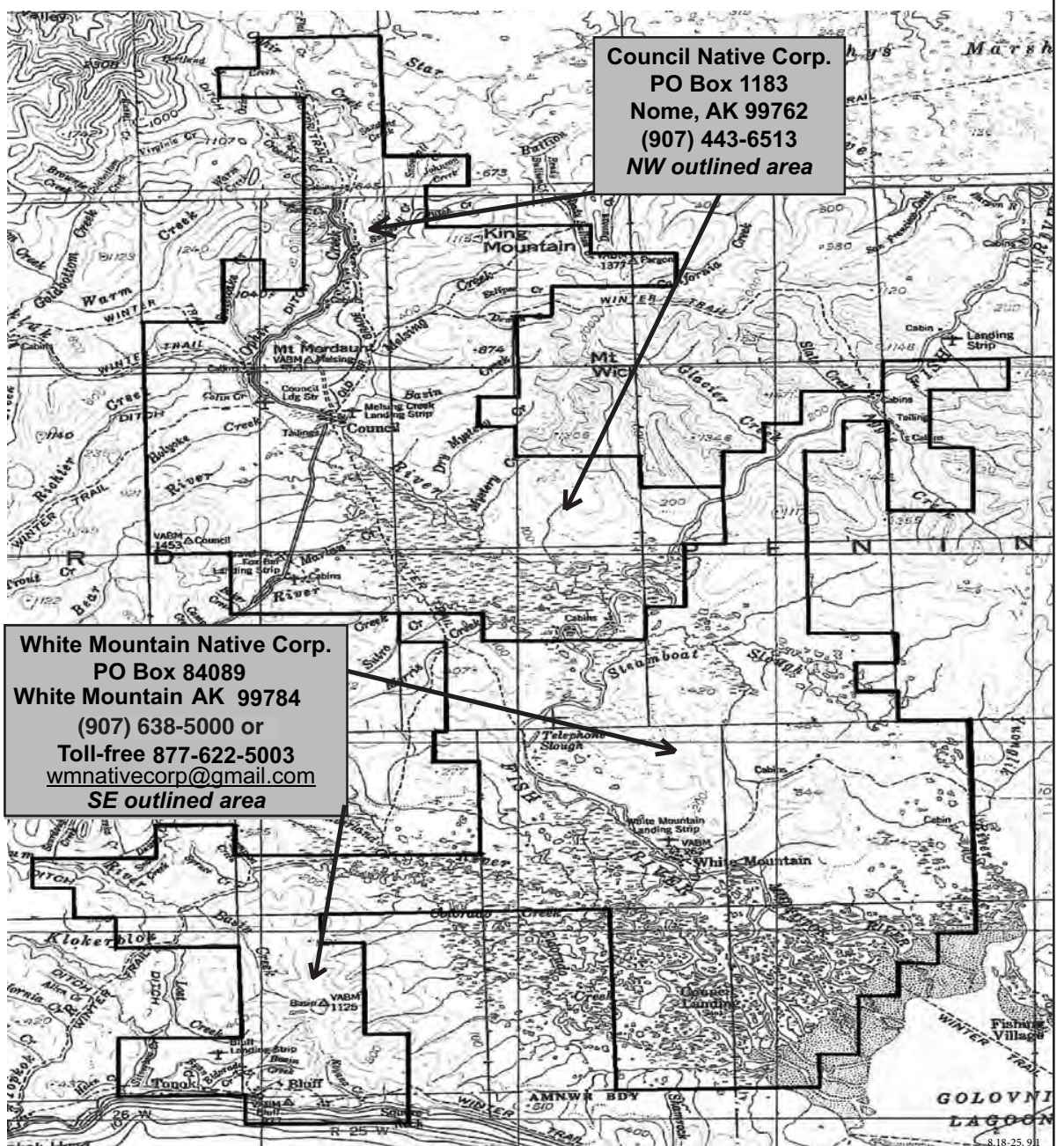
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NOME SMALL BOAT HARBOR— Some of the local fishing and gold mining fleet sit at the dock in the Nome small boat harbor on Monday, August 22.

The Dock Walk

The last two weeks saw a mix of clear skies and clouds—as well as steady ship traffic coming in and out of Nome's port. With the arrival of the research vessel *Norseman II* came troubling news that high concentrations of a potentially harmful algae had been found in regional waters. Harbormaster Lucas Stotts reported the following comings and goings this week:

On August 9, Alaska Logistics' *Sea Hawk* cargo freighter arrived, and so did Bering Pacific Services' vessel *Diane H*, towing the *Kumtux*. Meanwhile, the Blue Moon Adventures motor yacht *Blue Moon* departed, bound for Northwest

Passage.

On August 10, the *Sea Hawk* and the *Diane H/Kumtux* departed.

On August 11, the Alaska Marine Lines' tug *Polar Storm* arrived, towing the *Polar Trader*, and later departed. The *Diane H/Kumtux* arrived again, and the gold dredge vessel *Zolotoi* departed.

On August 12, Alaska Logistics *Sea Hawk* freighter arrived and the *Diane H/Kumtux* departed.

On August 13, the *Zolotoi* dredge returned, and the U.S. Coast Guard's Legend-class cutter *Kimball* was anchored offshore while the crew had shore leave.

There was no ship traffic on Au-

gust 14.

On August 15, the *Sea Hawk* freighter and *Zolotoi* dredge both departed. Brice's *Diosquori*, towed by the *Billy H*, arrived, as did the research vessel *Norseman II*, owned by Support Vessels of Alaska. North of Shismaref and west of Gambell, the scientists on board this ship had observed high concentrations of *Alexandrium catenella*. As this algae species can produce toxins that cause paralytic shellfish poisoning in people, the researchers issued an advisory urging caution for people in the area who consume marine wildlife resources, such as clams, crabs and tunicates.

On August 16, Alaska Marine Lines' *Nunaniq* freight vessel arrived.

On August 17, The *Norseman II* research vessel departed. The *Miki Hana* tug, towing the *Kelly Ryan 330* arrived. Brice's *Diosquori*, towed by the *Billy H*, left with gravel. On August 18, Alaska Marine Lines' *Polar Ranger* tug, towing the *Alaska Trader*, arrived with freight. August 19 saw the arrival of the research vessel *Thunder*, operated by Northern Telecommunications Consultants. Alaska Logistics' *Sea Hawk* freighter also arrived, while Alaska Marine Lines' *Nunaniq* freight vessel departed. Cook Inlet Tug & Barge's

Capt Frank Moody tug vessel arrived with supplies and crew. Alaska Marine Lines' *Polar Ranger* tug, towing the *Alaska Trader*, departed. The *Miki Hanna* tug, towing the *Kelly Ryan 330*, left with gravel.

On August 20, Alaska Logistics' *Sea Hawk* cargo freighter departed. On August 21 there was no ship traffic.

On August 22, Cook Inlet Tug & Barge's *Capt Frank Moody* tug departed, and the gold dredge vessel *Zolotoi* arrived.

On August 23, Alaska Marine Lines' landing craft *Sam M Taalak* arrived.

Ocean glider collects data in Norton Sound

On Thursday August 4, 2022 a small team from National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, deployed an unmanned robot, an Oculus glider, off the shores of Nome to test the feasibility of the glider in a research setting. NOAA is this new research technology to better understand the changing ecosystem of the Arctic. Two NOAA personnel were joined by Farley Marine of Nome to deploy the glider from the Audrey Kadi 26 nautical miles southeast of the Port of Nome.

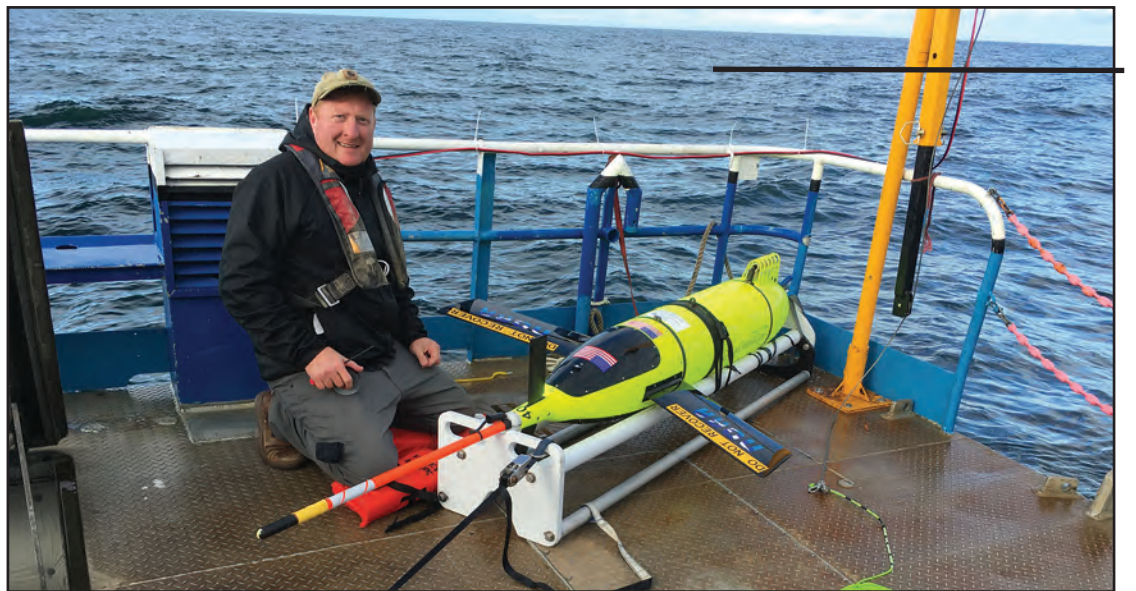
NOAA researcher Heather Tabisola asks mariners to be aware of the 30-day deployment. The survey is

conducted by one autonomous underwater vehicle, a glider, 9-feet, neon yellow in color and marked "NOAA, PMEL, Oculus Coastal Glider" with an American Flag. "We would like to request mariners to please not touch the glider if observed on the surface. We do welcome photos of the glider at sea accompanied with date, time, and location."

If mariners have questions or concerns, take note of the phone number on the glider, or direct questions to Heather Tabisola at 206-526-6662, heather.tabisola@noaa.gov

Photo courtesy NOAA

LAUNCHING— Nick Delich of the NOAA Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory prepares the glider for deployment off the Audrey Kadi, on August 4.



ADF&G Fish Report: Silver run is weaker than expected

By Jim Menard,
ADF&G Area Manager
Norton Sound

Silver commercial catches and escapement counts have been weaker than expected and the run is not as strong as the department forecast. During the most recent opening Catch-per-unit of fishing effort have been strongest in Unalakleet. Hook and line fishers in the Nome area have reported success but that it's taking longer than in previous years to get their catch. Silvers are again small with a record low average weight of 5.6 pounds in southern Norton Sound and a 6.1-pound average weight in northern Norton Sound. High water continues in southern Norton Sound making counting tower projects inoperable.

Unalakleet Subdistrict

Commercial Fishing: Harvest is 240 sockeye, 3,300 chum, 44,000 pink and 3,100 silver salmon by 35 permit holders.

Subsistence Fishing: Net fishing is open 7 days a week, except beach seining for salmon is closed.

North River Tower – Camp J.B. - Escapement goals: King 1,200-2,600; Chum-No goal established; Pink 25,000; Silver 550-1,100 (aerial survey goal) – NSEDC project.

Cumulative counts through July 25 were 1,119 kings, 66 sockeyes, 1,100 chums, 687,000 pinks and 93 silvers. High water has prevented

project operation.

Shaktoolik Subdistrict

Commercial Fishing: Harvest is 460 sockeye, 7,200 chum, 33,000 pink and 3,700 silver salmon by 25 permit holders.

Subsistence Fishing: Net fishing is open 7 days a week, except beach seining for salmon is closed.

Shaktoolik Tower – No escapement goals yet established – NSEDC project.

Cumulative counts through July 22 were 975 kings, 159 sockeyes, 13,329 chums and 1.4 million pinks. High water has prevented project operation.

Norton Bay Subdistrict

Commercial Fishing: Harvest is 1 king, 35 sockeye, 3,500 chum, 3,000 pink and 70 silver salmon by 6 permit holders.

Subsistence Fishing: Net fishing is open 7 days a week.

Inglutalik River Tower – No escapement goals yet established – NSEDC project.

Cumulative counts through August 14 were 180 kings, 6,200 chums, 40,000 pinks and 303 silvers. High water has prevented project operation.

Ungalik River Tower – No escapement goals yet established – NSEDC project.

Cumulative counts through August 14 were 891 kings, 42 sockeyes, 17,000 chums, 618,000 pinks and

5,565 silvers. High water has prevented project operation.

Elim Subdistrict

Commercial Fishing: Harvest is 2 king, 85 sockeye, 3,800 chum, 3,600 pink and 800 silver salmon by 12 permit holders.

Subsistence Fishing: Open 7 days a week.

Kwiniuk River Tower – Camp Joel - Escapement goals: King 250; Chum 9,100 – 32,600; Pink 8,400; Silver 650-1,300 (aerial survey goal). Fish & Game project.

Cumulative counts through August 22 were 39 kings, 18 sockeyes, 9,400 chums, 412,000 pinks, 3,400 silvers. The historical average midpoint of silver passage at the tower is August 22.

Golovin Subdistrict

Commercial Fishing: Harvest is 170 sockeye, 8,800 chum, 1,600 pink and 800 silver salmon by 10 permit holders.

Subsistence Fishing: Open 7 days a week.

Niukluk River Tower – Escapement goals: Chum 23,000; Silver 750-1,600 (aerial survey goal that includes Ophir Creek) – NSEDC project.

Cumulative counts through August 22 were 42 kings, 900 sockeyes, 37,000 chums, 305,000 pinks and 1,300 silvers. The historical average third quarter point of silver passage at the tower is August 25.

Nome Subdistrict

Commercial Fishing: Harvest is 1 king, 80 sockeye, 1,600 chum, 25 pink and 180 silver salmon by three permit holders.

Subsistence Fishing: Marine waters are open 7 days a week. There are no catch limits when fishing in marine waters. Net fishing schedule in all freshwater subsistence areas is from 6 p.m. Wednesday until 6 p.m. Monday. Check the subsistence salmon permit for the fresh water catch limits that vary by river. Beach seines are no longer a legal gear. Cast nets, dip nets, and set gillnets can be used during the net fishing schedule, but only in the subsistence areas.

Nome River Weir - Escapement goal: Chum 1,600 – 5,300; Pink 13,000 – Fish & Game project.

Cumulative counts through August 22 were 4 kings, 13 sockeyes, 2,200 chums, 50,000 pinks and 375 silvers. The historical average first quarter point of silver passage at the weir is August 25.

Snake River Weir - Escapement goal: Chum 2,000 – 4,200 – NSEDC project.

Cumulative counts through August 22 were 4 kings, 472 sockeyes, 4,600 chums, 48,000 pinks and 250 silvers. The historical average first quarter point of silver passage at the weir is August 27.

Port Clarence District

All net fishing is closed in the lower Kuzitrin River from 300 yards upriver of the confluence with the Pilgrim River to the Kuzitrin River mouth and the entire Pilgrim River and its tributaries until further notice. Salmon Lake is closed to all salmon fishing. Elsewhere subsistence fishing is open 7 days a week. The Pilgrim River weir has been pulled, and the escapement count was just over 1,500 sockeyes this year. A recent aerial survey of Salmon Lake and Grand Central River estimated just under 1,100 sockeyes.

Kotzebue

An August surge of chum salmon has resulted in daily catches well above average. This season's harvest is 420,000 chum salmon and is the ninth highest in the 61-year commercial salmon fishing history and over double the department's forecast. Chum salmon catches should begin to slow during the last week of fishing and the buyer's feel they have enough capacity to now increase fishing time from 8 hours to 10 hours daily. Chum salmon have again been smaller this year with a 7.6-pound average weight and last year the average weight was 7.4 pounds. Most years the average weight is 8-plus pounds. Before the last couple of years, the last time the average weight was below 8 pounds was 7.7 pounds in 2012.