Hello Canada!

Proposed district goes from Bering Sea to Yukon border

By Sandra L. Medearis

The Alaska Fisheries Science Center said there could be no denial or abridgment of voting rights because of minority status in race, color or language. The minority group must be large, cohesive and vote as a bloc. There can be no retrogression, meaning that lines cannot be drawn that lessen the voting power of a minority group. The new District 39 has an Alaska Native population, pure or mixed ethnicity, of about 72 percent. The current District 39 runs east-west and north to include Shishmaref villages. Some of the added villages have fewer than 100 inhabitants.

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Others asked that the redistricting panel consider common economic development goals and common subsistence lifestyles.

Federal law says that legislative districts must be redrawn after the 10-year census to make them equal in population. Additionally, the Voting Rights Act said there could be no denial or abridgment of voting rights because of minority status in race, color or language.

To the season for the City of Nome to decide how to spend money for maintenance and operations in spending year 2011-2012. Over the past week and longer, the Nome Common Council has mulled over budgets presented by Nome Joint Utility System and the Nome Public Schools boards. These panels in turn passed along budgets initiated by utility and school administrators.

By law, the City’s contribution had to be set last week.

The council did so, giving the schools the lawfully required four mills from property tax and adding additional funding: about $800,000. Four mills equal four times the value of one mill, or $244,000. The value of a mill is set on property valuation. The schools will be receiving them, from the City, about $1.7 million from property tax money.

In other budget action, the Council approved NJUS negotiated three-year contracts with both the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 302, and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1547. For Local 302, the 2010 rate of hourly base rate will remain the same at $32.41 an hour; however, the employees will receive a three-percent raise annually for that hourly rate. The current District 39 is scheduled to re-

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The area contains many Yukon River villages and runs north along the Bering Sea to include Shishmaref, run east including Wainman, Coldfoot and Arctic Village. Then the line follows the border of Canada south to include McCarthy and turns back westward and north to include some Yukon River villages. Then it goes west again running along south of Rampart, drops south and turns west excluding Lake Minchumina until it goes south of Kufage, then connects with the beginning of the outline on the coast.

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It is hard to put in exact words the joy I experienced while home on my one-month special leave from the Peace Corps. I could rattle off my countless hours at Airport Pizza or my excitement at seeing my two-year-old kids. I could talk about my half-dozen trips over to the library or seeing close friends at their one-month special leave from the library or seeing close friends at their

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Thank you, Nancy. See you soon.

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how awesome I felt having people stop by on the side of the road to welcome me or ask me about my Peace Corps experience. I used to wonder how everyone in Nome knew the business of every other Nome. My dad said it was because we truly care about Nome and our county. Everyone knows what they are about. That's why I started crying when the get took off and I knew that it would be at least another year before I could see my family in Nome.

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Editorial

Sad State of Affairs

What's best for Alaska should be the basic rule of thumb behind every meeting of the legislature. Our politicians are sent to Juneau to represent the people who elected them. There are times, however, when politicians have to look at the big picture and consider how their actions impact the rest of the state.

Alaska is our nation's largest state. We are huge, with a multitude of cultures and a history of being ushers to the forest, mountains to rivers and oceans. However, we share a way – we are Alaskaans. That's why it upsets me when our political leaders, including our governor just don't see. It seems they close their eyes to issues that are not of their immediate concern.

Not every politician represents the coastal regions of Alaska. They see themselves as inferior or urban legislators. They see themselves as instruments to tear down regulations that were put in place to protect the little guy. They see themselves as friends of big businesses that want to get rid of legislation that's been in place for the land and sea. They want to give away the store with outrageous tax breaks. They see them as promoting development by ingratiating Alaska to foreign business interests. In fact, these politicians don't give a damn about Alaskans and consider us rather dim. (Recall that NovaGold called us "beneficial" and that nothing is to be done with royalty or the rest of it.)

We should renew the Alaska Coastal Management Program (ACMP). The legislature should have passed the Senate's version of the bill that included changes to the program that are important to our district and the state. It is my fear that the collaborative efforts between local, state and federal governments to enable them to participate. What's more, it is my fear that the collaborative efforts between local, state, and national leadership will come to a standstill.

I agree with other Bush legislators (representatives Joule, Edgerton, and Herron) when they stated in the Alaskan Daily News that the programs such as ACMP and the others that we have that streamlines development by bringing all parties to the table, including industry, multiple state governments and the local communities involved with coastal management decisions. For thousands of Alaskans, Alaskans and consider us rather dim. (Recall that NovaGold called us "beneficial" and that nothing is to be done with royalty or the rest of it.)

Dear Editor,

Something has been wrong with Norton Sound chum salmon fishing for more than 30 years. As a biologist, I find it very unsatisfying that no one can say for sure what is going on. What is causing the problems? Unfortunately, we don’t have the scientific data needed to determine conclusively what is going wrong, but for some reason our chum salmon stocks are not as strong as they were in the past.

The numbers of fish returning to Norton Sound rivers most years is not enough to sustain the salmon populations let alone enough to support the needs of salmon fishing. What was going on in the past, and commercial salmon fishing in the Nome area is a distant memory. It’s been more than 20 years since we had a commercial salmon fishing.
Northern Waters Task Force news

The Alaska State Legislature created the Northern Waters Task Force during the 2010 legislative session in response to the many changes that are occurring in the northern oceans. In recent years, decreasing sea ice and the world’s continued appetite for natural resources has brought increased interest and focus on the Arctic. The future of the Arctic will be a dynamic one bringing both opportunities and challenges with mineral extraction, oil and gas development, fishing, tourism, marine shipping, infrastructure development, and environmental and cultural protection issues up for debate. Alaska must be involved in all issues affecting the future of the Arctic. In order to better understand and provide policy leadership on these issues, the legislators created the Northern Waters Task Force. The task force also believes that successful communication, sharing information and obtaining local input will only enhance the economic development opportunities of the Northern region.

The Northern Waters Task Force comprises legislators, leaders from Arctic communities, and members representing key federal and state agencies. The members of the task force are Representative Reggie Johnson, Chair; Senator Bert Stedman, Vice-Chair; Senator Lyman Hoffman; Dept. of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Larry Hartig, North Slope Borough Mayor Edward Itta; Unalaska City Manager Chris Hulck; Nome Mayor Denise Michels, NANA Corp. Vice-President Chuck Green, and Alaska Marine Conservation Council Chair Dave Kabaak. Senator Donald Olson, Representative Bryce Edgedom, Richard Glenn from Arctic Slope Regional Corporation; and Cora Campbell. Commissioner of Fish and Game from the Governor’s Office, serve as alternates. The task force must provide final recommendations to the Legislature by January 30, 2012.

The task force has convened and held initial meetings in Anchorage and will continue to meet in Nome.

A SIGHT TO BEHOLD — The Northern Waters Task Force news conference. The task force is comprised of legislators, leaders from Arctic communities, and members representing key federal and state agencies. (Photo by F.H. Nowell photo courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum/Nome Common Council)

A Look at the Past

A SIGHT TO BEHOLD — The S.S. Senator in the ice packed Bering Sea, June 15, 1908. This was one of the first passenger ships to reach Nome after eight long months of winter.
Hello Canada!

City Council

City’s budget, and was scheduled to meet in work session June 7. Two weeks ago, the City administration handed the Council a budget based on 16 mills of property tax for fund- ing. Last week, the Council went along with Councilwoman Mary Ke- oddle’s red pencil and reduced the budget to 10 mills. The current budget is based on a rate of seven mills. What’s a mill? A mill rate is the amount of tax paid per dollar of assessed property value. A mill is $1 of tax for each $1,000 of assessed value. A 20-mill rate would require the owner of a property as- sed at $50,000 to pay $500 in tax for the year. Additionally, on the topic of ex- penses for the next year, Handeland said that the price of oil is still up. If the NJUS were to purchase oil at Mon- day’s Platt Index price, the cost for the year.

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All roads lead from Nome

The Western District office of the Alaska Department of Transportation announced that all roads leading from Nome are open.

As of June 2, the 72-mile Bob Blodgett Nome-Teller Highway is open. The 86-mile Kougarok Road is open, and the DOT road crews are repairing the washouts at miles 59 and 66. The 72-mile Nome-Council Highway is open. The washouts between the Fox River and Council are passable. However, drivers are urged to use caution because the washouts may not be well marked.

The DOT Western District Superintendent Evan Booth said there was considerably more snow this year than in previous years. “We got off to a good start this year and had a little bit of extra help and were able to contract out some work,” he added. We kept an equal presence on all roads and did not have too many equipment breakdowns.” He noted that a lot of structures that need access along Nome’s road system continues.

The DOT urges drivers to use caution when traveling around road crews and equipment. There are still a lot of soft spots, cuts and potholes with snow and ice, but work continues.

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This summer the task force will hold field hearings in Kotzebue, Nome, and Unalaska. In the fall we hope to have a hearing in Bethel. The Kotzebue meeting is scheduled for July 7 at the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly Chambers starting at 9 a.m. with a variety of speakers presenting on resource development in the Arctic. The task force will take public testimony from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. The Nome hearing will take place on July 8 at Old St. Joe’s and will also start at 9 a.m. with a variety of speakers presenting on Arctic infrastructure and research.

Public testimony will be taken from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. The task force looks forward to conducting these hearings and hopes the public will take the time to come out and let us know what they are thinking about the changes in their communities and how they think local people and government can best participate in decision making.

2011 Stroke-N-Croak Triathlon results

Submitted by Kirsten Bey

Relatively warm temperatures, modest winds and just a light rain greeted the athletes in Nome’s annual Stroke-N-Croak Triathlon as they climbed out of the pool and headed into the outdoor portions of the race. Seventeen participants swam, ran and/or biked the course, which consisted of a 1-mile swim, a 4-mile run, and an 8-mile bike ride.

The ages of participants ranged from 11 to 60-something years with several people completing all legs of the event in an individual effort and many working for a team effort. This event has been going on since the pool first opened, so it is one of Nome’s long standing community events kicking off the summer months.

Thanks to all the athletes and volunteers providing logistics supports. Thanks to the City of Nome for maintaining such fine facilities as the pool and rec center. The proceeds from this event support the High School Swim Team – thanks to everyone.

June 5, 2011 - 44 degrees, wind 7 MPH (southeast), light rain

Individual Results

Swim Run Bike Total Age Group
Ben Matheson 25:54 37:03 31:25 1:34:22 25-34
Jane Lando 41:25 42:08 33:43 1:57:16 50+

Team results

Phil Hofstetter, Kevin Keith 22:31 (PH) 32:44 (K.K) 34:54 (K.K) 1:30:06, 33-49
Brett Hammond, Matt Smith, Edin Peron 25:14 (B.H.) 39:10 (M.S) 41:49 (E.P.) 1:43:43, 25-34
Jane Lando, Tony Cox, James Adams 41:25 (J.L.) 32:36 (T.C.) 34:12 (J.L.) 48:13 50+

Shields, 44:38 (J.B.) 34:03 (E.G.) 40:50 (S.K.) 1:59:31, 25-34

Age group for teams is the average of the ages of all participants in the team.

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The swim was conceived at a meeting between the head of the Amur Federation AkvaSport Federation, Alexander Brylin, and Anatol Chilinaev, a famous polar explorer and Vice-Speaker of the Russian State Duma. Helping with organizational details is Andrey Kuznetsov, President of “Harmony”, an international organization promoting world understanding through sports, recreation and tourism. “Harmony” is headquartered in Washington, D.C. Brylin and Kuznetsov recently visited Alaska to inform the State of Alaska and the City of Nome about the swimming event and arrange border and rescue services to render assistance to the athletes after a marathon if necessary.

By swimming the Bering Strait, the strongest long-distance, powerful and courageous ice water swimmers from Great Britain, the USA, Canada, China, Dominican Republic, Czech Republic, Latvia and Russia will become ambassadors of goodwill. We must admire these strong willed, bold, dedicated swimmers! You may even want to consider being in Nome to welcome them as they come ashore.
WE WANT TO PLAY BALL (from back row, left to right)–Gabe Smith, Daniel Head, Alexi Hutson, Shannon Ongtowaark, Andy Nayokpuk, Christian Leckband, Bobby Pate, Torri Thomas, Tiffiny Ongtowaark, Nathan Eyal, John Smith, Jen Iredan, Eli Johnson, Jake Stettenbenz, June Baker, Kathy Holly, Brendan Wehde, Mason Evans, Jason Gibler, Degnan Lawrence, Katie Tingtizer, Chad Cathalan, Zach Eizer, Ian Booth, Michael Hawkins, Leif Erickson, Jeremy Kaudun, Nolan Horner, Nathan Blandford, Tyler Eidy, Cass Mathiels, Klay Baker, Alex Gray, James Horner, Jared Tuzier, Zach Sullivan, Taylor Rommeneck, Cam Smith, Cody Johnson, Paul Biedt, Josh Cannon.

JUNE 9, 2011

FUTURE BALLERS (from back row, left to right)–Eli Johnson, Bethany Thomas, Ian Smith, Sierra Anderson, Ava Earthmann, Erin Johnson, Walter Bell, Nathan Blandford, Cam Smith, Stephan Anderson, Owen Johansson, Kayton Lie, Ada Lawrence, Brett Hickerson, Jens Iredan, Jake Stettenbenz, Chris Gandia, Aaron Kim, Orlin Gallegogen, Case Mathiels, Dawson Evans, Alex Sherman, Trevor Hickerson, Naja Brandt, Henrik Brandt, Michael Tockton, Madison Johnson, John Smith, Tyler Eidy, Shaynash Shannon, Jon Gider, Owen Merrill, Connor Merrill, Lupe Cathalan, Devon Otton, Mason Evans, Zach Sullivan, J.J. Marbler, Brayden Bahnke, Reece Bahnke, John Wade, Nate Cushman, Gabby Mosteller, Brendan Wehde, Christian Leckband, Sarah Wade, Jon Lewis, Josh Kellar, Ethan Mostoller, Audrey Lawrence, Deacon Okpualuk-Cathalan.

LITTLE WINNER–Kailey Ongtowaark helps her aunt Kelly Wongittilin hold up her certificate for a brand new bike. Kailey’s mother, Krystal Wongittilin, is at right.

BOY SCOUTS TROOP 298 (left to right)–Alec Johnson, Jeremy Kaudun, Connor Merrill and Ethan Kelso gathered 103 bags of trash and won 2 bikes from the Spring Cleanup Raffle. They donated the money from the cost of the bikes to the Nome Food Bank.

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The Nome Nugget
Spic and span, Nome sparkles after citywide cleanup

The streets of Nome are looking a lot cleaner this week. The 14th annual citywide cleanup campaign brought out Nomeites in full force armed with yellow plastic bags. Cleanup is a must do event. Merilee Murdock rushed back from her East Coast vacation, jumped off the jet and headed straight to the recycling station to help Girl Scout Troop 61 collect trash donations.

The Nome Boy Scouts did a spectacular job collecting 100 big yellow trash bags along the highway near Martinville. Other Nome civic groups took part in the project.

Thanks Nome, for a great Spring Clean-Up!

Special thanks to the following:

Bering Sea Lions Club (for the bus and volunteers, including JROTC)
Nome Chamber of Commerce (for donating 5 bicycles)
Nome Aviation and Military Museum (for a donation)
AC “Alaska Commercial” (for donating hot dogs and buns)
Nome Joint Utility System (for donating soda)
Polar Cafe (for donating ice cream cones)
Nome Trading Company (for donating water)
Hanson’s Eagle Quality Center (for donating catup, mustard and pickle relish)
GCI (for free scanner advertisements)
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Girl Scout Troop #61 (for truck sitting)
Nome Alumni Association (for truck sitting)
Teen “ACTION” Group (for truck sitting)
Nome Youth Hockey (for truck sitting)
Alaska Department of Transportation (for the use of dump trucks)
Public Works and all City of Nome Employees
City Council

E-wastes recycled

By Rachael Bauman

Teamwork, hard work and dusty work paid off last weekend as the City of Nome, Nome Eskimo Community and Kawerak, Inc. joined forces to recycle the city’s hazardous electronic waste. Volunteers and representatives of these organizations gathered together to collect any potentially hazardous materials and recyclable electronics. Items ranging from computers to TVs and even microwaves were palletized and shipped to Total Reclaim, a recycling company based out of Seattle, WA. The truckloads of e-waste from local businesses and Nome residents were an encouraging sight to see. High hopes to continue this recycling continued on page 11

Photo courtesy Kawerak Inc. and Nome Eskimo Community

Harry Karum delivers a truckload of e-waste from the Northwest Campus.

Photo courtesy Kawerak Inc. and Nome Eskimo Community

RECYCLING BATTERIES — Amber Otton (Nome Eskimo Community employee), Ashley Sockpick (Nome Eskimo Community employee), Rachael Bauman (Kawerak Employee) and Tonicia Ozenna (Job shadowing, NACTEC) hold up batteries ready to be shipped out for recycling.

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NNYLO Volunteers, Q-Trucking and
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Recycling, please contact the Kaw-
erak Backhaul Program at (907)443-
4249.

Photo top: RECYCLE CREW — Reilly A. Kosinski (Total Reclalm), Tonicia
Ozenna (Job shadowing, NACTEC), Amber Otton (Nome Eskimo Com-


munity employee), Ashley Sockpick (Nome Eskimo Community
employee), Anahma Saito (Kawerak employee), Mary Ruud (volunteer),
Katie O’Connor (Nome Eskimo Community employee), Mike Sloan
(Nome Eskimo Community employee), and Rachael Bauman (Kawerak
employee).

Photo by Nadja Roessek

Photo right: YUMMY — Kawerak employee Anahma Saito gets two hot dogs. Four
hundred hot dogs were consumed during the Spring Cleanup event.

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By Bob Lawrence, MD
Alaska Family Doctor

The food pyramid is becoming an icon of the past. The well-known stack of foods depicting items in recommended portions apparently did nothing for changing our eating patterns.

Therefore, last week First Lady Michelle Obama and Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that the pyramid is being replaced with a plate intended to show the best portions of vegetables, fruits, grains, protein and dairy.

According to a U.S. Department of Agriculture press release, the new icon is called MyPlate. “It is a new generation icon with the intent to prompt consumers to think about building a healthy plate at meal times.”

The First Lady unveiled MyPlate in response to a 2010 Child Obesity Task Force report, which noted that simple, actionable advice for consumers is needed.

“This is a quick, simple reminder for all of us to be more mindful of the foods that we’re eating and as a mom, I can already tell how much this is going to help parents across the country,” said the First Lady. “When mom or dad comes home from a long day of work, we’re already asked to be a chef, a referee, a cleaning crew. So it’s tough to be a nutritionist, too. But we do have time to take a look at our kids’ plates. As long as they’re half full of fruits and vegetables, and paired with lean protein, whole grains and low-fat dairy, we’re golden. That’s how easy it is.”

“With so many food options available to consumers, it is often difficult to determine the best foods to put on our plates when building a healthy meal,” said Secretary Vilsack. “MyPlate is an uncomplicated symbol to help remind people to think about their food choices in order to lead healthier lifestyles.”

ChooseMyPlate.gov, a website produced by the USDA, shows individuals and health professionals how to build healthy meals using the MyPlate icon. A quick click on any portion of the MyPlate icon brings up examples of foods within each group.

As a physician, I am impressed with the intuitive design of the new food icon. Nutritionists will appreciate the increased emphasis on vegetables and will also note that candy, sweets, and soda (pop) are overtly absent.

To determine if the new design connects with kids, the target audience, I showed my own elementary school-age girls a series of pictures. First I showed them the original food pyramid, introduced in 1992, which was followed by a picture of MyPyramid, a 2005 update to the classic pyramid. Finally, I showed a picture the new MyPlate. I asked, “Which one helps you know what to eat?”

Immediately they connected with the new icon, saying, “The plate is a lot better than the other ones because it shows you what to eat.”

**EAT RIGHT— Nutrition Plate replaces the Food Pyramid**
agencies, local municipalities, tribal entities and federal government.

Unfortunately, it appears the ACMP with survivor Governor Parnell or the Legislature calls for a special session. It is unlikely the governor will call the Legislature back into special session to resolve this problem. According to law, the governor must provide at least 30 days notice before the Legislature before such a session can begin, and that 30 days notice deadline has already passed. The Legislature, however, still has time to act and call itself into special session. At this point, we haven’t seen any signs that will happen.

Although there are several assumptions about the negative impacts to Alaska from the demise of the ACMP, I'd like to mention that those are still only speculation. Legislators may consider re-introducing the bill next session, but a statement by the administration says it is estimated that it may take three years to develop a new program. While reintroducing the ACMP in the future may be efficient and wasteful, this may be the opportunity to completely scrub the program and re-implement it to better serve all Alaskans.

Perhaps this will be a learning experience for us to realize we need to work together for the betterment of all Alaskans rather than letting the divisions and politics among us prevent us from reaching a fair settlement for the state we serve. At this point, I can only hope that if the ACMP dissolves, the federal government will be more willing to work closely with coastal Alaskans when it comes to resource management.

Implications for the Alaska Coastal Management Program

1) Loss of the state’s most powerful tool to influence federal decision-making. This tool will give the federal government a greater say about what happens with Alaska’s coastal zone.

2) Loss of coordinated, streamlined permitting, resulting in permitting delays and greater bureaucratic red tape. Developers will lose a single point of contact for the State’s review of their proposals, decreasing efficiency and increasing frustration.

3) Loss of the requirement that offshore oil and gas developers adhere to the state’s strict oil spill prevention requirements.

4) Loss of local input and knowledge and inadequate state representation. This might discourage some Alaskans to resort to costly and disruptive litigation to ensure their concerns are addressed by developers.

5) Loss of federal funding for state and local management efforts. To date the federal government has invested more than $151 million in the ACMP. Alaska’s share of coastal management funds would go to other states.

6) Potential inability to receive additional federal revenue sharing from offshore oil and gas development. Several bills before Congress would allow for OCS revenue sharing only for states with an approved coastal plan.

7) Inability to receive federal approval of a deepwater port in the Arctic at a time when the state is working hard to ramp up oil and gas development in the outer continental shelf off Alaska. The legislation just passed $972,000 in the capital budget to identify and map potential deepwater Arctic ports. Federal deep water port approval is limited to states with coastal management plans.

8) Could undermine Obama Administration and congressional support for opening oil and gas development in the Arctic. The ACMP provides ammunition for opponents to argue that Alaska doesn’t have responsible coastal safeguards in place. If the ACMP goes away, Alaska would soon be the last state of 55 eligible states that does not participate.

9) Inability to receive grants under the federal Coastal and Estuarine Conservation Program, which will distribute $20 million in 2011, including money for a project on Campbell Creek in Anchorage.

10) Loss of a vital tool for balancing economic development with management of resources valued highly by Alaskans along our 34,000 miles of coastline.

11) Loss of 34 state jobs and many other jobs in local governments. The program currently provides more than 370,000 jobs in 28 local coastal governments to enable them to participate.

Public comment period opens on Chukchi Sea drilling

The federal government plans to hold public hearings in Alaska communities after releasing its latest report on the potential for drilling to portion of the Chukchi Sea, which includes a look at the impact of a big oil spill beneath ice.

The public can comment in person on the revised draft supplemental environmental impact statement for drilling in Lease Sale 193. A huge area outside Northwest Alaska that extends off the coasts between Point Hope and Barrow.

The revised draft was completed recently. The update followed a July 2010 order from the federal district court in Alaska that the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management add more information to its original report, including on the impact of natural gas development.

Following up on 150,000 public comments and increased pressure after the blowout of the Deepwater Horizon in the Gulf of Mexico, the agency in the revised draft also addresses the impact of a hypothetical well blowout and huge oil spill in Arctic waters.

The agency formerly called Minerals Management Service published the original environmental impact statement in May 2007. It then held a lease sale, taking $2.6 billion from oil and gas production companies.

But the effort got hung up after the Anchorage Village of Point Hope and other Native and environmental groups sued the federal government and won.

To see the draft EIS and background visit www.alaska.boemre.gov.

To read public comments sent to the Regional Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, click on Chukchi Sea. They can be found at 29, at the Wilda Marston Theater.

The meetings will start at 7 p.m. on:

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• Nome on Wednesday, June 29, at the Wilda Marston Theater.

The public can also submit comments in an envelope labeled “Comments on Revised Draft SEIS, Lease Sale 193 Chukchi Sea.” They can be sent to the Regional Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, 234, 9th Ave., Suite 400, Anchorage, Alaska 99501-3520.

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Obituaries

Dr. Merle Clifford Thomas

Dr. Merle Thomas, 80, beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather died peacefully on May 28, 2011, in Mesa, AZ with his wife Karen by his side. He was an exceptional man, a great man who achieved more in his lifetime than most.

He served in the military for 20 years active and 20 years reserve. After the service he went to school, received his doctorate and became an educator.

He loved working in the school systems in Montana, Nevada, Alaska and Puerto Rico. He received his doctorate and became an educator.

Dr. Merle Clifford Thomas

Dr. Merle Thomas was born on May 22, 1932 in Elim to Paul and Josephine Nagaruk. She died May 26, 2011 at 5:45 a.m. after a short battle with cancer and a massive stroke.

Ida and her brother Fred lived with her aunt Jennie Bradley while her mother was hospitalized at Mt. Edgecumbe Hospital and called her "mom.”

Ida attended Elim Day School, then went to William E. Beltz High School where she graduated as a salutatorian. After graduating from high school she went on to the Alaska Methodist University in Anchorage where she studied nursing.

As a baby Ida called Joe “Seetah” because she couldn’t say sweetheart. Joe and Ida were later married on December 31, 1973 and were married for 37 years. Together they were blessed with three children Janelle, Jeffrey and Charles, who they called “Freddy.” They were also blessed with three grandchildren Is- abel Murray, Seayara and Yowah Saccueh.

Ida was employed in her first job as mail clerk for Alyeaska Pipeline and was immediately promoted to Accounting Clerk I and on to Accounting Clerk III. After moving home she taught Sunday school education where she was proud to have many acquire their G.E.D. After discovering that she loved to teach, she went back to Alaska Pacific University where she acquired her baccalaureate degree in Education and she was employed with the Bering Strait School District as an Elementary Teacher for 23 years.

Ida loved to sing and praise God at the Elim Covenant Church, at home and in the country. She served as a board member on the Elim Covenant Church, KICV and City of Elim.

Ida loved to bake and could make a table full of pies in a little while and pick berries. She liked to go boating, fishing, hunting and to be with family and friends.

Ida is survived by her sisters Es- ther (Albert) Kinoktok, Edna (John) Purcell, Hannah (Lynn) Takak, Lillian and Hugh Keith, Maggie and Milton Cross andindy and John Jaworski and her brothers Luther and Jerri Nagaruk, Sheldon and Emily and Rodney Nagaruk, sis- ter-in-law Carolyn Bradley, Christina Murray, Elizabeth Nagaruk, Irene and Walter Kavan- look, Albert Kinoktok, Lynn Takak, John Purcell, nephew Floyd Nagaruk, father-in-law Joseph Mur- ray Sr. and mother-in-law Flora Hansen. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

The Lindsey Reader Memorial Scholarship in the amount of $500 was awarded to his cousin, Nicholas Reader.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
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CAUSE NO. 391-11-0028
JUDGMENT
ORDER OF CHANGE OF NAME FOR
Jane A. Murphy-Stearns

A petition has been filed in the Superior Court (Case #391-11-0028) requesting a name change from (current name) Jane A. Murphy-Stearns to (proposed name) Jane A. Murphy-Stearns. A hearing on this matter will be held on June 2, 2011 at Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street PO Box 1110 Nome, AK. 99762-1110.

The person named above has been notified of this hearing, and failure to appear will result in a default order for change of name.

The Clerk.

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CAUSE NO. 3NO-11-00115CI
ORDER FOR HEARING,
of the clerk’s Certificate of Name Change.

A petition has been filed in the Superior Court (Case #3NO-11-00115CI) requesting a name change from (current name) Lucy Jane Thomas-Ahkvaluk to Lucy Jane Thomas. A hearing on this request will be held on June 24, 2011 at 11:00 am at Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street PO Box 1110 Nome, AK. 99762-1110.

The person named above has been notified of this hearing, and failure to appear will result in a default order for change of name.

The Clerk.

Trooper Beat

On May 7, at approximately 6:58 a.m., May Kaunok, 24, of Shishmaref, was contacted at the Nome Police Station and the investigating trooper learned that she had brought alcohol to Shishmaref. The alcohol was seized.

May Kaunok was contacted by Nome Police Officer T. Street to conduct a breath test. May Kaunok refused the breath test.

May Kaunok was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

Trooper Wells

In a traffic accident at Nome College, the driver was transported to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

Trooper Sanders

A Nome juvenile received a citation for Assault 2°.

Trooper Martin

A Nome juvenile received a citation for Harassment.

Real Estate

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In the 40 years I have been working with fish and wildlife in western Alaska, I’ve seen a tragic disintegration of the local salmon harvesting and processing culture and economy that once flourished. The fish camps where families once stayed during the summer, cutting, cutting and processing salmon are mostly abandoned today. Many of the fish racks have rotted and fallen down and the ones that are still standing hold only a fraction of the numbers of dried fish they held in the past.

People think of chum salmon as a low value fish, and if it is all you do it is sell in the round on the interna- tionally competitive market for fish meal and oil. The foods produced at these camps are value added products that are nutritious, good for you and keep refrigeration for a long time. The processed foods that people have to buy in the stores to replace salmon is generally not nearly as healthy and costs a lot of money in an area where cash is hard to come by. Commercial salmon fishing for- merly provided western Alaskans the money for acquiring and maintaining the equipment needed for other subsistence hunting and gathering activities as well as cash to cover living expenses and a few luxuries. Today, commercial fishermen barely break even at a time when it is becoming increasingly expensive to live in the bush.

Reducing bycatch meaningfully in the pollock fisheries will cost the trawlers a significant amount of money. It’s easy to enter those costs on a spreadsheet. The economic and cultural costs for the residents of western Alaska of not reducing salmon bycatch is not quite so easy to quantify, but that must not be used as an excuse to avoid recognizing the true costs. Those costs are high.

More than 100 years ago, the whaling industry thoughtlessly destroyed the walrus herds that had sustained the people living in the Bering Strait for thousands of years. Times have changed; congress has adopted national standards to protect communities from the negative im- pacts of commercial fisheries bycatch, and the North Pacific Fishery Management Council is obligated to comply with those standards in regu- lating the pollock trawl industry. The Alaska Constitution requires the State of Alaska to manage fish re- sources for sustained yield, and no one can argue credibly that driving western Alaska salmon stocks to ex- tinction is sustained yield.

I hope to see a good turnout of local salmon users prepared to tell the council how chum salmon short- ages have affected people in western Alaska so they can bring up effective ways to reduce those im- pacts in the future.

Meeting Date: June 8-14
Location: Mini Convention Cen- ter
http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/mp/fmc/cu_reest_issues_bycatch/ChumEAS511.p df
Tim Smith
Nome, Alaska 99762

The State of Alaska, Department of Transportation & Public Facilities would like to remind the public that LONG TERM PARKING at the Nome Airport is Restricted to 30 days. Longer periods need permission from the airport management at (907) 443-2500. Vehicles in Violation are subject to impoundment per 17 AAC 45.020(d), 17 AAC 45.115 (e), 17 AAC 45.090.

State of Alaska, Department of Transportation & Public Facilities, Northern Region, Western District, Maintenance & Operations, Aviation

Notice of Special Annual Meeting
Election of Shareholders
Mary's Igloo Native Corporation

Mary’s Igloo Native Corporation (MINC) Special Annual Meeting Election of Shareholders will be held on June 25, 2011 in Teller, Alaska at 1 p.m. at the Teller Bingo Hall or wherever designated by the Board of Directors. All Shareholders are urged to attend.

Refreshments and door prizes will be provided during the Election of Directors. If you have any questions or concerns contact the MINC office at (907) 642-2039. Office hours are as follows: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. (noon) and 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Friday. Please return the proxy form by June 16, 2011 if interested to run as a Board of Director for MINC.

Norton Sound Health Corporation will no longer provide Public Health Nursing services after June 30th.

The State of Alaska will take over the operation of PHN on JULY 1, 2011.

PHN location and phone number will not change.

For more information visit our website: www.nortonsoundhealth.org

The SNC Land Department Has moved from the old location 400 Bering Street, 2nd Floor to the new location 214 Front Street, 3rd Floor as of May 25, 2011.

New summer hours as of June 6, 2011 Monday & Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. (We are open during lunch time.)

Tuesday - Thursday the office is closed for field work.

Any questions, please contact 387-1224 or 304-5028 cell.

Thank you for your patience.

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Even though it is impossible to count them, many Norton Sound chum salmon area M salmon fishermen and pollock trawlers take, it is said that their harvests are having an impact, and reducing that mortality is a necessary step in restoring local salmon return.

This is not the first time the food resources dependent by people living in this region have been de- pleted by a big commercial fishing industry from far away. During the 1800s the developed world ran on whale oil. The whaling companies were the oil companies of the day; making immense profits catching whales and rendering whale oil on their factories, which burned whale oil to power the factory trawlers catch and process pol- lock today. In U.S. waters, commercial marine mammal har- vests have been managed as “fish- eries” by the same agencies that manage the pollock trawl fisheries.

In 1848, the Yankee whalers dis- covered an abundance of whales in the Arctic Ocean and the whale fleet rushed north to hunt those whales. When arctic whaling ended in the 1920s, the whales had been nearly hunted to extinction. That part of the story is well known, but what is less known is that few people die of starvation any- more. Imported groceries and social wel- fare programs pretty much ensure that mortality is a necessary step in the equipment needed for other subsis- tence hunting and gathering activi- ties as well as cash to cover living expenses and a few luxuries. Today, commercial fishermen barely break even at a time when it is becoming increasingly expensive to live in the bush.

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The City of Nome is seeking proposals for the provision of Animal Control Services within the City of Nome.

For the complete proposal package please call the City Clerk’s Office at (907) 443-6663. Sealed proposals must be received at the office of the City Clerk by 4:00 p.m. June 10, 2011. The City of Nome reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids and to waive any technicalities it deems appropriate and to rebid as it deems necessary and proper.

To: All Bering Sea Hunters and Travelers:

Bering Sea travel conditions can be dangerous at times. King Island can and may be used as a shelter but only when necessary. If you must use the island for shelter, you do so at your own risk. King Island Native Community and the King Island Native Corporation will not be held liable for injury or damaged equipment.

Known theftery on the island has occurred in past years. Let it be known that the island is private property, and all property on King Island must be left alone.

We wish you good hunting and safe travel,
King Island Native Community & King Island Native Corporation

The City of Shishmaref is soliciting proposals for a Community Site Assessment Feasibility Study to evaluate the viability of at least alternative community sites for long term habitation. Determination of the site selection will be chosen by the community of Shishmaref. The qualified contractor will:

1. Develop physical, social, economic, and community sustainability criteria for site selection.
2. Facilitate the community’s selection of three alternative relocation sites, based on the established criteria.
3. Conduct feasibility studies of the alternative sites which will guide the community’s selection of a preferred relocation site.
4. Make recommendations on a schedule and actions to follow, including land acquisition and the initial steps in establishing pioneer infrastructure. Recommendations will include potential funding sources.

To obtain a full Request for Proposals, please contact us at the address and phone number listed below. Selection of contractor will be made by June 17, 2011. Sealed proposals are due prior to 12:00 noon on June 10, 2011 at the following location:
City of Shishmaref
P.O. Box 72883
Shishmaref, AK 99772
Phone: (907) 649-3781/4811
Email: shshcityclerk@yahoo.com

Public Notice
PORT COMMISSION SEAT APPOINTMENTS
Port Commission has two seats up for appointment. Anyone interested on serving on the Port Commission should submit an application to the City Clerk’s Office by Thursday, June 23, 2011 at 5:00 PM.

Applications are available at City Hall or on the City of Nome website: www.nomealaska.org

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Member of the City of Nome Council, where he studied several languages and international politics as part of his degree program. I wish the best of luck to Myles in his studies.

We plan to work with the Office of the Governor in crafting an Alaska Native Language Preservation Council bill (SB 130) that I introduced at the end of this last session. At this point, we think the council will be established under the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development and will work directly with communities in need of language preservation programs. We are hoping this establishment will open up grant opportunities for communities to conduct language preservation pilot projects, such as language nests or use of language learning computer software, and find a cost effective method to preserve our valuable Native languages across the state.

THE NOME NUGGET

THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2011

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I wish to thank the islanders for their hospitality and look forward to my return and their continued efforts to maintain the island for future generations.

All Around the Sound

Savoonga celebrates Memorial Day

By Elouise Hawkes

People in Savoonga turned out in large numbers to honor and pay tribute to those who served and protected the island.

Vets carried the flags as they made their way from the post office to the cemetery. Other Marchers also carried flags. Some rode 4-wheelers, some walked, and some rode bicycles. John Waghiyi gave an outstanding speech honoring those who have served and shed and recognized Veterans who have served their country. An honorary wreath was placed. Family and friends placed wreaths as well.

Following the ceremonies, refreshments were served in the school MPR, followed by a Pinewood Derby competition in the gym.
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