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NORTON SOUND HEALTH CORPORATION

In Nome

Behavioral Health Services: Recovery Coach - Provide guidance and motivation to community members as they work toward their goals of a healthy lifestyle

Dental: Dental Assistant Trainee, I, II or III

Human Resources: Education Coordinator and HR General Manager

Laboratory: Uncertified Phlebotomist and Point of Care Testing Technician

Materials Management: Materials Support Technician ensure receipt, storage and distribution of all materials delivered to the materials management Department by various vendors.

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In Our Village Communities:

Certified Medical Assistant

- Unalakleet FT

CHAP Supervisor Instructor

- In Region

Clinic Manager Stebbins and

St. Michael FT

Administrative Specialist III

- Unalakleet FT

Community Health Aide Positions:

2 Elim (PT625)

1 Golovin (PT625)

2 Koyuk (PT75)

2 Little Diomed (PT625, PT75)

3 Stebbins (PT625, PT75)

1 Unalakleet (PT75)

1 Wales (PT75)

1 White Mountain (PT625)

Certified Travel Specialist

Elim - Relief

Koyuk - Relief

Little Diomed - PT85

Shaktolik - Relief

Shishmaref - Relief

Savoonga - Relief

Unalakleet - FT

EVS

2 Elim PT625

1 Golovin PT625

2 Koyuk PT75

2 Little Diomed PT75

1 Stebbins 1 PT625, 2 PT75

1 Wales PT75

1 White Mountain PT625

Village Based Counselor: White

Mountain PT625

Dental

Dental Assistant Trainee or I

- Savoonga FT

Dental Assistant Trainee

- Unalakleet FT

For more information or an up-to-date vacancy list, go to www.NortonSoundHealth.org or contact Human Resources at (907) 443-4573

NSHC is a drug-free workplace and will apply Alaska Native/American Indian preference for hire (under PL 93-638 and Veteran Preferences). NSHC will also initiate a criminal history/background check for all positions.

Retail / Office /Storage Space Available in Nome on Front Street

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Front Properties LLC is offering space in the building to suit your needs

Front Properties has heated dry storage spaces and office space for rent, starting at \$585.00/month. Prices vary dependent on length of lease and size of space but are very reasonable. The location is the Nome Federal Building (Post Office and Court House).

For more information contact Chad Myers (907)715-4230 or Thomas Vaden (907)952-1000

Coming available soon retail and office space on the Second Floor next to Post Office, suite size from 234 rsf - 7,000+ rsf, street views and ocean views. This is a great opportunity to start your business in a perfect location that everyone comes to.



Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority

PO Box 995, Nome, Alaska 99762 (907) 443-8600 - Office (907) 443-8652 - Fax

Executive Assistant Job Posting

The Executive Assistant will be responsible for handling confidential information and maintaining professionalism in dealing with and supporting senior executives. Role responsibilities include managing multiple complex calendars, planning and organizing events of all sizes, and coordinating domestic and international travel. The successful candidate will help build a positive team environment and establish working relationships inside and outside of the group.

Applications and full Job Description can be downloaded from the website: www.bsrha.org, or picked up the BSRHA Office. Applications may be turned in, mailed (P.O. Box 995, Nome, AK 99762), faxed (434-8652) or e-mailed (hr@bsrha.org) to BSRHA.

NSEDC Job Opportunity



Mechanic (Nome or Unalakleet): The Mechanic performs highly skilled and complex repairs including inspecting, repairing, fabricating, rebuilding, and maintaining vessel and plant equipment, and machinery associated with the fishing operations in the Norton Sound region. The primary focus of the position during the summer fishing season will be on the repair and maintenance of NSSP tender vessels and their systems.

Community Liaison (Brevig Mission, Little Diomed & Stebbins): NSEDC Community Outreach Liaisons give NSEDC a presence in member communities that do not have an NSEDC office. Liaisons are responsible for the distribution of announcements, information and applications related to NSEDC programs and opportunities, the maintenance of a NSEDC-owned informational bulletin board, and are expected to be available at regularly set times and locations.

NSEDC has competitive wages and an excellent benefits program!

For an application or a complete job description, visit www.nsedc.com or contact Stanley Pearson at hr@nsedc.com.

Classifieds

Yes Virginia, **Leo's fireworks stand** will be open. 304-2537

6.25, 7.2

WANTED—Large bull muskox horn, moose/caribou antler, old ivory, Eskimo artifacts. Call Roger 304-1048 or email nomerog@hotmail.com

WANTED – Mark Knapp at The Cutting Edge in Fairbanks is buying legal ancient walrus ivory, musk ox horn, mammoth ivory and teeth. Very good prices. 907-452-7477. Knapp's Cutting Edge 1971 Fox Ave Fairbanks AK 99701. cuttingedge@gci.net

Legals

PUBLIC HEARING

THE NOME PLANNING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING DURING A REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

RE: VARIANCE APPLICATION BY CITY OF NOME FOR NATHAN NAGARUK BLOCK 65 LOT 9; ADDRESS: 119 WEST 4TH, THE REQUEST IS FOR A VARIANCE FOR LOT SIZE.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

6.25, 7.2

INVITATION TO BID CITY OF NOME, ALASKA VEHICLE & EQUIPMENT REPAIR/MAINTENANCE

The City of Nome is accepting bids for heavy duty and specialty vehicle and equipment repair and maintenance.

The City of Nome is accepting bids for emergency service vehicle repair and maintenance.

The City of Nome is accepting bids for light duty vehicle repair and maintenance.

Interested persons may receive a bid package by registering with the City Clerk by email at bhammond@nomealaska.org, phone at 907-443-6663, or by fax at 907-443-5345. Documents will be available by June 25th.

One complete set of Documents will be available for review at The Plans Room, 4831 Old Seward Hwy # 202, Anchorage, AK 99503, 907-563-2029. Another complete set will also be available for review at The Associated General Contractors of Alaska, 8005 Schoon Street, Anchorage, AK 99518, 907-561-5354.

The deadline for submission of sealed proposals is Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. local time and shortly thereafter the bids will be opened publicly and read aloud. Bids must be submitted to the City Clerk at City Hall. Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope and marked clearly on the envelope as "Bid Enclosed: Vehicle & Equipment Repair/Maintenance". Fax and email submissions are not allowed, but timely modifications by fax and email will be permitted.

The contract will be awarded to the lowest qualified Bidder as determined by the City. The City of Nome reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to reject non-conforming, non-responsive, or conditional bids.

6.25, 7.2-9-16

JOB OPENINGS

Maintenance Foreman

The Nome School District is seeking an experienced and skilled **Maintenance Foreman** to join their team.

Must have at least at least 5-years of commercial electrical, plumbing, HVAC, or other recognized building trades experience. Computer skills with email, Google Calendar and Microsoft Suite applications a must. Competitive starting pay plus benefits.

To apply, visit: nmsusa.com/employment (Job ID# **NOM00189**). Contact John Mortensen, Facilities Director, at (907) 244-4121 or john.mortensen@nmsusa.com.



Trooper Beat

No C Detachment, Nome Post, no press releases posted 6/14-19/2020



Nome Eskimo Community

Nome Eskimo Community is recruiting for the following positions:

- **Cultural Activities Paraprofessional (Nome):** Temporary, Seasonal Full-Time, Non-Exempt. The pay range is \$25.24 - \$28.41 D.O.E.
- **Laborer (Nome):** Non-exempt, Regular Full-Time. The pay range is \$19.93 - \$22.43 D.O.E.
- **Tribal Services Case Manager (Nome):** Regular Full-Time, Non-Exempt. The pay range is \$25.24 - \$28.41 D.O.E.

All above positions are Open Until Filled

- **Relief Administrator (Nome):** Regular Full-Time, Non-Exempt. Up to one year or longer. The pay range is \$28.41 – 31.97 D.O.E. This position is Open until 06-29-20.
- **ICWA Specialist II (Nome):** Regular Full-Time, Non-Exempt. The pay range is \$23.79 – \$26.78 D.O.E. This position is Open until 06-29-20.

Apply today! NEC has great benefits and competitive salaries. Go to www.necalaska.org for a job description and application. Questions? Contact Cathy at 907-443-2246 or cathy.lyon@necalaska.org. When possible, NEC will extend a hiring preference for employment in accordance with section 7 (b) of Public Law 93-638. NEC is a drug free workplace. When required, applicants must pass a criminal history check to be considered.

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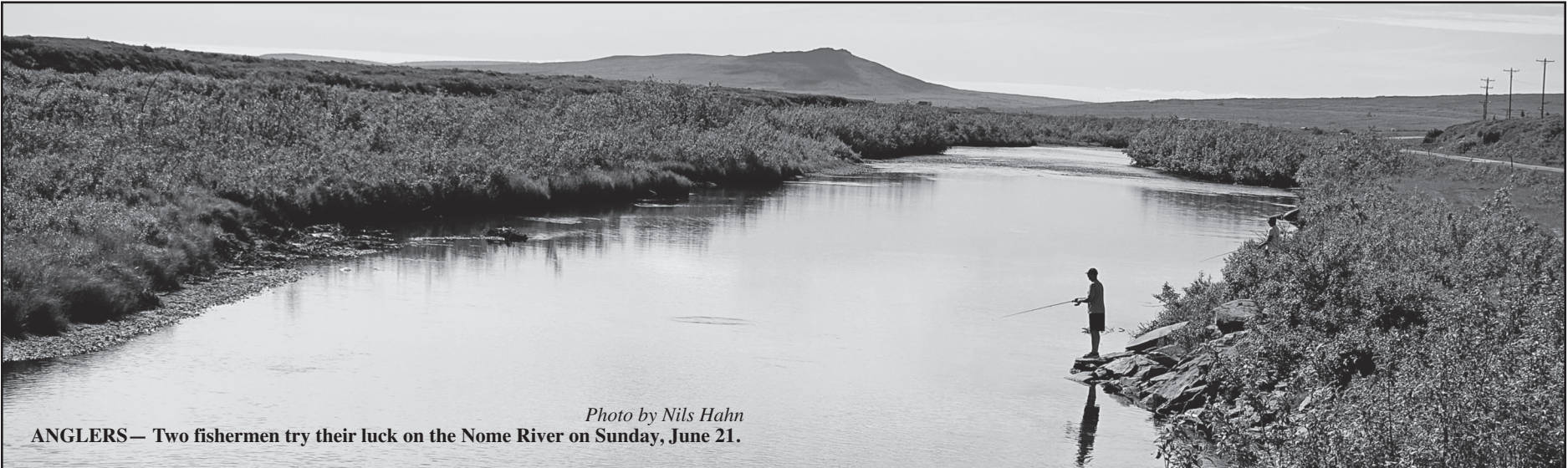


Photo by Nils Hahn
ANGLERS— Two fishermen try their luck on the Nome River on Sunday, June 21.

Seawall

Nome Police Department
Weekly press releases
Activities reported between 06/15/2020
– 06/21/2020

During this period there were 327 calls for service received at the Nome Police Communications Center; 99 (30%) of these calls involved alcohol. The Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department responded to 13 ambulance calls. The Nome Volunteer Fire Department responded to 1 fire call during this period. NPD responded to 11 calls reporting intoxicated persons needing assistance. Nobody was remanded to AMCC as protective holds; and nobody remained at the hospital for medical evaluation/treatment.

There were seven citations issued for minors consuming alcohol, one citation for Nome City curfew, one open container violation and one consuming alcohol in public citation.

Arrests
A total of 54 arrests made with 54 (100%) alcohol related

Monday, June 15, 2020
Charge: Criminal trespass in the third degree, DV. Name: Gilbert Taxac. Location: E. 3rd Ave.
Charges: Criminal mischief in the fifth degree, three counts of Violating Conditions of Release. Name: Duane Johnson. Location: E. Front Street.

Tuesday, June 16, 2020
Charges: Two counts of Violating Conditions of Release. Name: Lori Van Dyke. Location: W. Front St.
Charges: Violating Conditions of Release, Probation Violation. Name: Xavier Pete. Location: W. Front St.

Charges: Assault in the fourth degree, Disorderly Conduct. Name: Sophie Iyapana. Location: W. Front St.
Charges: Assault in the fourth degree, Disorderly Conduct. Name: Samantha Iyapana. Location: W. Front St.
Charges: Criminal Trespass in the second degree DV, Probation Violation, four counts of Violations of Conditions of Release. Name: Charlene Habros. Location: E. Front St.

Wednesday, June 17, 2020
Charge: Criminal Trespass in the second degree, six counts of Violating Conditions of Release. Name Tami Horton.. Location: Front Street.
Charge: Warrant arrest. Name: Michael Walker. Location: River St..
Charges: Sexual Assault in the First Degree, Assault in the Third degree. Name: George Ahkinga. Location: W. Front St.
Charges: Criminal Trespass in the second degree, DV, Resisting Arrest. Name: Raliegth Iyahuk. Location: K St.

Thursday, June 18, 2010
Charges: Assault in the second degree, DV, Violating Conditions of Release. Name: Charles Kokuluk. Location: E. 5th Ave.
Charges: Assault in the fourth degree, DV, Violating Conditions of Release. Name: Charles Kokuluk. Location: E. 5th Ave.
Charges: Assault in the fourth degree, three counts of Violating Conditions of Release. Name: Stephanie Oitillian. Location: W. Front St.

Friday, June 19, 2020
Charge: Warrant arrest. Name: Stephanie Oitillian. Location: River St.
Charges: Five counts of Violating Conditions of Release. Name: Wayne Penayah. Location: Front St.

Saturday, June 20, 2020
Charge: Assault in the third degree, DV. Name: Polly Tocktoo. Location: E. 3rd Ave.

Sunday, June 21, 2020
Charges: Driving under the Influence, reckless Endangerment. Name: Joyce Nesby. Location: W 4th Ave.
Charges: Probation Violation. Name: Rachelle Soonagrook. Location: W. Front St.
Charges: Driving under the Influence, Reckless Endangerment. Name: Jennifer Ford. Location: W. 4th Ave.
Charges: False Information, Probation Violation, Violating Conditions of Release. Name: Kerry Brunette. Location: W. 4th Ave.

Traffic
A total of 4 traffic stops were conducted during this reporting period, with three citations issued and one warning issued. NPD responded to two reports of motor vehicle accidents.

June 15, 2020
Charges: Fail to carry proof of insurance. Name: Cameron Kunnuk. Location: Front St.

June 17, 2020
Charges: Fail to Stop at Stop Sign. Name: Madelyn Alvanna-Stimpfle. Location: Sep-pala Dr.

June 21, 2020
Charges: Seat Belt violation. Name: Kerry Brunette. Location: W. 4th Ave.

Disclaimer: This is a record of activity. The issuance of citations or the act of arrest does not assign guilt to any identified party.

•Employment

KAWERAK, INC. is searching for (YOU)

Head Start Admin Assistant - (FT)(Nome) \$25.64-\$33.45. Open until 6/30. Be on the front lines of Head Start, assisting the Director with administrative services.

Energy Development Specialist- (FT) (Nome) \$28.86-\$37.65. Open until 7/8. Facilitate the development of the Bering Strait Energy Network which will help to decrease fossil fuel dependency and promote renewable energy resources within the Bering Strait region.

Tribal Coordinator - (FT)(Koyuk) \$25.64-\$33.45. Open until 7/8. Provide local administrative support to facilitate information exchange and service delivery and assume responsibility for the day to day operations of the office for the Tribal Council.

Pilgrim Hot Springs Caretaker - (FT, Temp) (Nome/Pilgrim Hot Springs) \$19.08-\$25.64. Open until 7/3. Protect and maintain the Pilgrim Hot Springs property and buildings to the best of his/her ability.

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Court

Court
Week ending 6/19/2020

Civil
No current civil cases on web site; start 2NO-20-00135CI

Small Claims
No current small claims cases filed on web-site; start 2NO-20-00006SC

Criminal
State of Alaska v. Zenon Habros (8/24/58); Dismissal; Count I and IV: Sexual Abuse Of A Minor 2°; Count II: Sexual Abuse Of A Minor 1°; Count III: Kidnapping; Count V: Assault 4°; Filed by the DAs Office 6/12/20.
State of Alaska v. Allen D. Lane, Jr. (11/2/90); 2NO-20-57CR Dismissal; Count II: Disorderly Conduct; Filed by the DAs Office 6/12/20.
State of Alaska v. Allen D. Lane, Jr. (11/2/90); 2NO-20-70CR Dismissal; Count I: Disorderly Conduct; Count II: Resisting Or Interfering With Arrest; Count III: Criminal Mischief 4°; Count IV: Violation Of Conditions Of Release; Filed by the DAs Office 6/12/20.
State of Alaska v. Allen D. Lane, Jr. (11/2/90); 2NO-20-161CR Dismissal; Count I, II, III: Violation Of Conditions Of Release; Filed by the DAs Office 6/12/20.
State of Alaska v. Allen D. Lane, Jr. (11/2/90); 2NO-20-162CR Dismissal; Count I: Theft 4°;

Filed by the DAs Office 6/12/20.
State of Alaska v. Dawnelle Lisa Apangalook (1/11/76); Dismissal; Count I: Theft 4°; Filed by the DAs Office 6/15/20.
State of Alaska v. Benita Kogassagoon (9/21/02); Dismissal; Count I: Liquor Importation Into Local Option Area; Filed by the DAs Office 6/16/20.
State of Alaska v. Aleksei A. Wilson (7/2/86); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 114800976; Violated conditions of probation; The following jail term must now be served: 6 months imposed, time is served by time spent in residential treatment.
State of Alaska v. Benjamin Earnest Daniels (3/26/85); 2NO-19-483CR CTN 001: Assault 4°; Date of Violation: 8/23/19; CTNs Dismissed: 002, 003, 004, 005, 006, 007, 008, 009, 010; Jail: 1 year flat, serve immediately, consecutive to 2NO-19-646CR to AMCC; Initial Jail, and Police Training, Surcharges due.
State of Alaska v. Benjamin Daniels (3/26/85); 2NO-19-646CR Judgment and Order of Commitment; Count 001: Attempt: Assault 2 – Injury w/Weapon, Intent; C Felony, Offense Date: 11/30/19; The following charges were dismissed: CTN 002: Assault 2 – Injury w/Weapon, Intent; CTN 003: Assault 3-Cause Fear Of Injury w/Weap; Offense Dates: 11/30/19; Court appearance 6/16/20 with counsel, Craig S. Howard, and DA John Earthman present; 3 years flat, consecutive

with case 2NO-19-483CR; Total unsuspended term of incarceration: 4 years; Surcharges and Costs, due; Any appearance or performance bond in this case: is exonerated.
State of Alaska v. Sharina J. Larsen (10/10/92); Dismissal; Count I: Violation Of A Protective Order; Filed by the DAs Office 6/18/20.
State of Alaska v. Benjamin Lee Milton (1/29/83); 2NO-17-20CR Dismissal; Count I and II: VOP; Filed by the DAs Office 6/18/20.
State of Alaska v. Benjamin Lee Milton (1/29/83); 2NO-20-95CR Dismissal; Count I: Assault 4°; Count II: Violation Of Conditions Of Release; Filed by the DAs Office 6/18/20.
State of Alaska v. Joshua Ferederick Bradl Jemewouk (9/11/94); Judgment And Order Of Commitment; CTN 003: Assault 3-Cause Fear Of Injury w/Weap, Class C Felony, Offense Date: 11/30/19; Court appearance 6/18/20 with counsel, James Ferguson, Public Defender Agency, and John Earthman, DA present; 3 years, 0 years suspended; Unsuspended 3 years shall be served immediately; Surcharges and Costs, due; Any appearance or performance bond in this case: is exonerated.

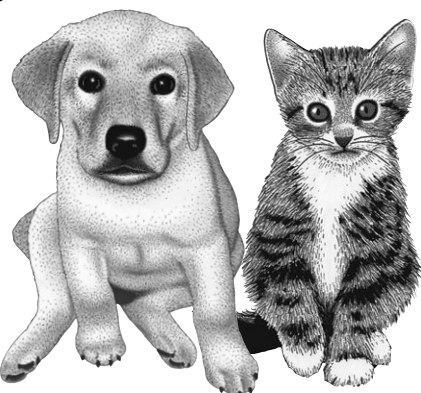
Bering Sea Women's Group (BSWG)

is seeking individuals interested in being considered for appointment to the **Board of Directors**.

The Board has full authority to oversee all matters pertaining to BSWG and membership shall represent the demographic and geographic make-up of the Bering Strait region.

If you are interested, please call **907-443-5491** for an application.

All applications must be received by BSWG by July 24, 2020.



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Office (907) 963-2424 Fax: 963-3552
knodyn2015@outlook.com**



ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS POSTPONED

The May 7, 2020 Koyuk Native Corporation Annual Shareholder meeting at the Koyuk School has been **postponed until July 7, 2020**. Koyuk Malemute School doors open @ 10:00AM, meeting scheduled to start by 12:00PM.

Fish Factor

By Laine Welch

Unexpected upheavals stemming from the coronavirus have slowed the process of getting relief payments into the hands of fishermen and communities hurt by the 2018 Gulf of Alaska cod crash. In late February, the Secretary of Commerce cut loose \$24,416,440 for affected stakeholders. Then in late March, Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game Commissioner Doug Vincent-Lang proposed a written timeline for developing a distribution plan and also called for input from communities and fishing groups. A draft of the initial plan was intended to compile stakeholder comments in April, be revised in May, and go out for a second round of public input in June and July. But that timeframe was derailed a bit by the coronavirus pandemic. Now, the state is “aiming” to get the draft distribution plan out for the first round of stakeholder and public comments by the end of June, according to Rick Green, assistant to the ADF&G commissioner. There will be a month for comments, Green said, and after resulting revisions the plan will be sent out for more feedback, likely in late August. Then it will be reviewed, finalized and sent to NOAA Fisheries for approval, hopefully in September. ADF&G will work with the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission to get the distribution done as quickly as possible, he added. The disaster funds will assist fishing communities affected by the cod crash by going to fishermen, subsistence users, shore-side businesses and infrastructure. Money also can be used for research activities to help improve the fishing ecosystem and environment.

Pink salmon funds, finally

Hopefully, the process for cod losses will move more quickly than they payout for the 2016 pink salmon failure in which over \$56 million in federal relief funds finally made it to fishermen, processors and communities in just the past few months. It includes Kodiak, Prince William Sound, Chignik, Lower Cook Inlet, South Alaska Peninsula, Southeast Alaska, and Yakutat. Congress ok'd the money in 2017, but the authorization sat on bureaucrats' desks in D.C. for over two years. Then it was discovered that the ways in which the payouts to pink salmon fishermen were calculated was badly flawed, stalling the process even further. Salmon permit holders, who split the biggest share at nearly \$32 million, were finally able to apply last October to the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission which administers the funds.

There were 1,318 permit holders who applied and 905 received payments, according to Karla Bush, ADF&G Extended Jurisdiction Program Manager.

Funds allocated to permit holders were calculated based on the loss of pink salmon ex-vessel (dockside) value for each management area as compared to its five even year fishery average value. The disaster funds were distributed based on an area's fishery value equal to 70.56 percent of the respective five even year average dockside value.

That resulted in minimum payments of \$139,200 for 464 permit holders in Southeast Alaska, \$22,800 for 76 from Yakutat, \$7,800 for 26 Lower Cook Inlet salmon permit holders, \$97,500 for 325 at Prince William Sound, \$71,400 for 238 Kodiak fishermen, \$31,500 for 105 recipients at the South Alaska Peninsula and \$18,900 for 63 salmon permit holders at Chignik.

Of the 2,233 crew members who applied for disaster funds 1,554 were eligible for payouts. According to a PSMFC fact sheet, payments to crew were deducted from a permit holder's loss based on crew shares. For example, if a permit holder had a loss of \$25,000, a crew member listed as earning a 10 percent share would be eligible for a payment of \$2,500.

A total of 38 Alaska salmon processors applied for the funds and 30 were eligible, Bush said. They

split nearly \$18 million in relief funds, of which 15 percent of each processor's total were deducted and distributed equally to eligible processing workers. In addition, \$2.4 million was earmarked for Alaska municipalities affected by the pink crash and nearly \$4 million for pink salmon research. Of that, \$450,000 went to Kodiak's Kitoi Bay Hatchery for its Saltwater Marking Sampling project. The Southeast Alaska Coastal Monitoring Survey was set to get \$680,000 to help with pink salmon forecasting. And \$2.5 million went to the Alaska Hatchery Research Project that since 2010 has studied interactions of hatchery and wild salmon in Prince William Sound and Southeast.

U.S. regions that face fisheries disasters will no longer endure the years of awaiting funds if Congress passes a bipartisan bill introduced in January called the Fishery Failures: Urgently Needed Disaster Declarations Act (Fishery FUNDD Act) that would improve the federal process and set a strict timeline for payout of funds.

Signs of salmon trouble

The total abundance of Pacific salmon in the North Pacific remains near all-time highs but there are some troubling signs. Harvests have slowly declined over the past decade – and last year showed especially low catches of some salmon species. That's based on annual data from the North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission, or NPAFC, which for nearly 30 years has summarized abundances and catches of salmon as reported by its five member countries — Canada, Japan, Korea, Russia, and the U.S. It tracks all salmon species caught in the North Pacific, Bering Sea and the Sea of Okhotsk, and also coordinates research and enforcement. The latest NPAFC findings show that the total 2019 salmon catch was 563.3 million fish, down from 651 million in 2018.

The declines were driven by several factors: Japan had its lowest chum catches since 1970 (55.9 thousand metric tons). In Canada, catches of chum, sockeye and pink salmon were the lowest since 1925 (2,973 metric tons). Even worse, for Washington, Oregon and California, catches of Chinook, chum, and coho salmon were the worst on record (4,965 metric tons).

In terms of who caught the most salmon, Russia took 51 percent of the total (499.2 thousand metric tons), followed by the U.S. at 42 percent (406.9 thousand metric tons), nearly all of which came from Alaska (401.9 thousand metric tons), mostly pinks and sockeye

salmon followed by chums.

Japan was a distant third at 6 percent (59.5 thousand metric tons), with Canada claiming just 1 percent of the salmon catch (2.9 thousand metric tons) and Korea at just 130 metric tons.

Pink salmon made up 54 percent of the North Pacific catch by weight, followed by chum (24 percent) and sockeye salmon (19 percent). Coho comprised 2 percent, while Chinook salmon, was less than 1 percent of

the total catch.

Last year also saw record salmon hatchery releases into the North Pacific.

While releases from the five nations have held at roughly 5 billion fish since 1993, they reached 5.5 billion in 2019 due to increased output from Asian hatchery. Hatchery releases were primarily chum (3,469 million, 63 percent) and pink salmon (1,357 million, 25 percent), followed by sockeye (341 million, 6 percent),

Chinook (241 million, 4 percent), and coho salmon (82 million, 2 percent). The NPAFC added that “inter-annual variability in the total catch in North America has been more pronounced during the last decade than in previous decades, primarily because of variability in pink salmon catches.”

