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## Employment

### Seeking Qualified Applicants



**NORTON SOUND HEALTH CORPORATION**

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**In Nome**

**Accounting:** Controller \$51.12/hr DOE; Accountant II starting at \$29.57/hr DOE

**Audiology:** Administrative Technician II \$19.91/hr DOE

**Behavioral Health Services:** Recovery Coach (Acute Care) \$20.85/hr DOE

**Dental:** Dental Assistant Trainee, I, II or III \$19.91/hr DOE

**Electronic Health Record:** EHR Support Specialist \$23.32/hr DOE

**Environmental Services:** EVS I \$18.00/hr DOE

**Finance:** Payroll Manager \$37.38/hr DOE

**Forensic Services:** SART Patient Advocate \$27.31/hr DOE

**Health Aide Training:** Administrative Specialist II \$19.91/hr DOE

**In-Home Support Program:** Direct Care Attendant and, Personal Care Attendant \$18.00/hr

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**Materials Management:** Mail Cler \$18.00/hr DOE Materials Support Technician starting \$18.52/hr DOE

**Nutrition Services:** Relief Food Service Worker \$18.52/hr DOE and Cashier \$18.52/hr DOE and Porter \$18.00/hr DOE

**Patient Financial Services:** Health Information Technicians \$19.91/hr DOE, Patient Account Representatives \$19.91/hr DOE

**Patient Hostel:** Guest Services Coordinator \$19.91/hr DOE

**Plant Operations:** FT Office Manager \$27.31/hr DOE, FT Maintenance Engineer II \$27.31/hr DOE and III \$29.57/hr DOE

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**Security:** Security Officer I \$18.52/hr DOE

**In Our Village Communities:**

<p><b>Certified Medical Assistant</b> – Unalakleet FT</p> <p><b>CHAP Supervisor Instructor</b> – In Region</p> <p><b>Clinic Manager</b> Stebbins and St. Michael FT</p> <p><b>Administrative Specialist III</b> – Unalakleet FT</p> <p><b>Community Health Aide Positions:</b> Positions on hold until further notice.</p> <p><b>Certified Travel Specialist</b> Elim – Relief Koyuk – Relief Little Diomedea – PT85 Shaktoolik – Relief Shishmaref – Relief Savoonga – Relief Unalakleet – FT</p>	<p><b>Clinic Maint. Tech</b> Little Diomedea FT</p> <p><b>EVS</b> 1 Elim PT50 1 Gambell Rel 1 Golovin Rel 2 Koyuk PT50, Rel 1 Little Diomedea Rel 1 Stebbins Rel 1 Wales PT50 2 White Mountain PT50, Rel</p> <p><b>Village Based Counselor:</b> White Mountain PT625</p> <p><b>Dental Assistant Trainee</b> – Unalakleet FT</p>
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**For more information or an up-to-date vacancy list, go to [www.NortonSoundHealth.org](http://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.

## Real Estate

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Current interest rates make this very affordable!  
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## JOB OPENINGS

NMS is hiring a **Full-Time Custodian at the Nome School District** to support it's established, team. Competitive hourly pay and benefits available. Must have some experience or working knowledge of cleaning equipment and general cleaning processes.

Apply today! Visit [nmsusa.com/employment](http://nmsusa.com/employment) to get started. Contact John Mortensen at (907) 244-4121 or [john.mortensen@nms.com](mailto:john.mortensen@nms.com) with Questions.



## Trooper Beat

On July 13, 2020 at approximately 2 p.m., AST received a report that Gertrude Cloud, 55, of Unalakleet and her third-party custodian were drinking and causing a disturbance. AST conducted an investigation which revealed Cloud was in possession of and manufactured approximately 5 gallons of home brew. Cloud was placed under arrest for VCOR, manufacturing alcohol, and possession of homebrew ingredients.

## Court

Week ending 7/10/2020

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

**Small Claims**  
No current small claims on website; start 2NO-20-00007

**Criminal**  
State of Alaska v. Lonny Booshu (3/20/92); Assault 4; DV; Date of Violation: 5/12/20; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Initial and Suspended Jail, and Police Training, Surcharges due; 1 year probation (7/7/21); Obey all state, federal and local laws and ordinances; Shall not possess, consume or buy alcohol; Any driver's license or state ID is subject to cancellation under cited Alaska Statutes (AS) in Judgment; Any new license or ID must list the AS restriction until the restriction expires; Shall not have alcohol in his residence; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing by any peace officer with probable cause to believe defendant has consumed alcohol.

State of Alaska v. John Robert Culp Jr. (8/13/75) Criminal Nonsupport; Date of Violation: 8/1/13–2/1/18; 30 days, 29 days suspended; Suspended Jail, and Police Training, Surcharges due; 1 year probation (7/7/21); Special conditions are made a part of this order; All future child support payments to be applied to Sarah Canoy's case.

State of Alaska v. Timothy James Kost (11/6/75); 2NO-19-603CR Dismissal; Count I: Assault 4; Filed by the DAs Office 7/9/20.

State of Alaska v. Timothy Kost (11/6/75); 2NO-19-677CR Violating Conditions of Release; Date of Violation: 12/17/19; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Initial and Suspended Jail, and Police Training, Surcharges due; 1 year probation (7/8/21); Shall not possess, consume or buy alcohol in any dry or damp community; Any state ID issued under cited Alaska Statute must list the buying restriction until the restriction expires; Shall not have alcohol in his residence; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing by any peace officer with probable cause to believe defendant has consumed alcohol; Subject to warrantless search of residence for alcohol, upon probable cause.

State of Alaska v. Francis Ray Ivanoff (9/11/85); Dismissal; Count I: Transporting Alcohol By Carrier To Dry Area; Filed by the Attorney General's Office.

Release. Name: Gene Oxereok. Location: Belmont St. Charge: Criminal trespass in the first degree, DV. Name: Ada Wellert. Location: E. K Street.

**Tuesday, July 7, 2020**  
Charge: Disorderly conduct. Name: Marvin Okleasik. Location: Greg Kruschek Ave. Charges: Disorderly conduct, seven counts of Violating conditions of release. Name: Tami Horton. Location: E Kings Place. Charge: Warrant arrest. Name: Marvin Okleasik. Location: Front Street.

**Wednesday, July 8, 2020**  
Charges: Two counts of Violating Conditions of

## SALE BY SEALED BID

Kawerak Land Management, on behalf of the Native landowner, is offering the following tract of land for sale by sealed bid:

Lots 1-8, Tucker Subdivision, Plat No. 2018-2, Cape Nome Recording District, Alaska.

Physical access is available to the parcels by vehicle, boat, and snowmobile. Located approximately 3 miles southwesterly from the village of Solomon, Alaska.

Great subsistence campsite- berries, birds, salmon and trout are harvested in the area.

**\$24,700 minimum bid, cash only.**

**Bids will be received from 8:00 am July 9th 2020 till August 6th at 3:00 pm. And opened on 3:00 pm local time on August 7th at Kawerak, LMS, Nome, AK.**

Subject to reservation for ditches or canals.

Subject to valid existing rights, including any right of the United States to income derived, directly or indirectly, from a lease, license, permit, right of way or easement.

Subject to an easement for highway purposes, including appurtenant protective, scenic, and service areas, extending 100 feet on each side of the center line of the Nome-Council Highway which was transferred to the State of Alaska pursuant to the quitclaim deed dated June 30, 1959, and executed by the Secretary of Commerce pursuant to the authority of the Alaska Omnibus Act, Pub. L. 86-70, 73 Stat. 141.

Subject to the continued right of public access along the Kaltag-Topkok Trail #156 (Kaltag-Topkok-Solomon-Nome). Overland winter mail trail between Fairbanks and Nome.

Subject to the Iditarod National Historic Trail. 11/10/78 National Trails System Act (P.L. 90-543) (As amended P.L. 95-625).

For more information on parcel, bid procedures, and terms of sale, contact: Brian James, (LMS Specialist I)  
Kawerak, Inc.  
Land Management Services  
P.O. Box 948  
Nome, AK 99762  
Phone: (907) 443-4323  
Fax: (425) 967-2027  
Email: [bjames@kawerak.org](mailto:bjames@kawerak.org)

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



## Seawall

**Nome Police Department**  
Weekly press releases  
Activities reported between  
07/06/2020 – 07/12/2020

During this period there were 284 calls for service received at the Nome Police Communications Center; 110 (38%) of these calls involved alcohol.

The Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department responded to 14 ambulance calls. The Nome Volunteer Fire Department responded to one fire call during this period.

NPD responded to 16 calls reporting intoxicated persons needing assistance. One person were remanded to AMCC as pro-

TECTIVE holds; and 3 remained at the hospital for medical evaluation/treatment.

There were five citations issued for minors consuming alcohol.

**Arrests**

A total of 81 arrests made with 81 (100%) alcohol related

**Monday, July 6, 2020**  
Charges: Criminal trespass in the first degree, DV; five counts of violating conditions of release, Probation violation. Name: Charlene Habros. Location: Fireweed Way. Charges: Assault in the third degree, False Infor-

ation. Name: Gene Oxereok. Location: Belmont St. Charge: Criminal trespass in the first degree, DV. Name: Ada Wellert. Location: E. K Street.

**Tuesday, July 7, 2020**  
Charge: Disorderly conduct. Name: Marvin Okleasik. Location: Greg Kruschek Ave. Charges: Disorderly conduct, seven counts of Violating conditions of release. Name: Tami Horton. Location: E Kings Place. Charge: Warrant arrest. Name: Marvin Okleasik. Location: Front Street.

**Wednesday, July 8, 2020**  
Charges: Two counts of Violating Conditions of

Release. Name: Isaiiah Ahkvaluk. Location: River Street. Charges: Assault in the fourth degree, DV; Violating Conditions of Release. Name: Ernest Soonagrook. Location: Front St. Charges: Two warrant arrests. Name: Tami Horton. Location: River Street. Charges: Seven counts of Violating Conditions of Release. Name: Tami Horton. Charges: Three counts of Probation Violation. Name: Jacob Seppilu. Location: Front Street. Charge: Criminal trespass in the second degree. Name: Marvin Okleasik. Location: Front Street.

**Thursday, July 9, 2010**  
Charges: Violating Conditions of Release. Name:

Samantha Iyapana. Location: E. 5th Avenue. Charges: Assault in the third degree, resisting arrest. Name: William Alvanna. Location: K Street. Charges: Assault in the fourth degree, DV; False Information/Report. Name: Jessie Ashenfelter. Location: E. 3rd Avenue.

**Friday, July 10, 2020**  
Charges: Warrant arrest. Name: Marvin Okleasik. Location: Front St. Charge: Criminal trespass in the second degree. Name: Charles Saccheus. Location: N Street.

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## Legals

### 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](mailto: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 pub-

licly 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

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that BRENDA GREEN has been appointed personal representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the decedent are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the Probate Court in the above referenced case located at PO Box 1110 Nome AK 99762 or they may be submitted to the attorney for the personal representative, Taylor Thompson, Thompson, Esq, whose address is 880 N Street, Suite 101, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

7.2-9-16.2020

### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NOME

In the Matter of the Estate

of

KELLEY PERRY TUCKER BAHNKE  
GREEN,

Case No. 2NO-20-00025 PR

## Classifieds

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.

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Charge: Assault in the fourth degree. Name: Sabrina Aukon. Location: Front St.  
Charge: Felony probation violation. Name: Lance Thomas. Location: River Street.  
Charges: Violating Conditions of Release. Name: Samantha Iyapana. Location: 5th Avenue.  
Charges: Assault in the fourth degree, DV; two counts of Violating Conditions of Release. Name: Elton Picnaloak. Location: Front Street.  
Charges: Felony probation violation, Misdemeanor Probation violation; five counts of Violating Conditions of Release. Name: Christopher Gandia. Location: Greg Kruschek Ave.

### Saturday, July 11, 2020

Charge: Felony probation violation. Name: Floyd Lockwood. Location: Front Street.  
Charges: Assault in the fourth degree, DV; interfering with a report of domestic violence, two counts of Violating Conditions of Release. Name: Bernard Paniataaq. Location: Division Street.  
Charges: Three counts of probation violation. Name: Jacob Seppilu. Location: W. 2nd Ave.  
Charges: Probation violation; Criminal mischief fourth degree, DV. Name: Seth Brumenschenkel. Location: Seppala Dr.

### Sunday, July 12, 2020

Charge: Criminal mischief third degree, DV. Name: Shaina Annogiyuk. Location: Nathan Barron Alley.  
Charge: Assault in the fourth degree. Name: Jessica Olin. Location: E. 4th Ave.  
Charges: Probation violation, Assault in the third degree, DV; two counts Violating Conditions of release. Name: Jonathan Moses. Location: W. Front St.  
Charges: Warrant arrest. Name: Ronald Ozenna. Location: E. 3rd Ave.

### Traffic

A total of 11 traffic stops were conducted during this reporting period, with five citations issued and six warning issued. NPD responded to one report of motor vehicle accidents.

### Monday, July 6, 2020

Charge: Failure to provide proof of insurance. Name: Kekai Newman. Location: Seppala Dr.

### Tuesday, July 7, 2020

Charge: Operating an ATV without a driver's license. Name: Harold Muktoyuk. Location: W. 5th Ave.

### Wednesday, July 8, 2020

Charge: Failure to provide proof of insurance. Name: Shawn Pomrenke. Location: W. 4th Ave.

### Sunday, July 12, 2020

Charge: Failure to provide proof of insurance. Name: Michael McGowan. Location: W. Front Street.  
Charge: Driving while license revoked/suspended. Name: Darrel Williams. Location: W. 2nd 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.**

## 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**.



### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL BBAHC 20-011

BRISTOL BAY AREA HEALTH CORPORATION (BBAHC)  
Dillingham, AK

#### Medical Review Officer (MRO)

BBAHC is soliciting RFP from interested certified Medical Review Officer to process drug test results reported to the lab.

Interested individuals may download the solicitation documents from the BBAHC solicitation website: <https://www.bbahc.org/index.asp?SEC=7F02CA6D-A6E2-425C-AFBE-E9F1D77075C0>

The complete address for BBAHC is included with the other proposal documents on the solicitation website. Please register your intent to submit a proposal for this solicitation by sending an email to the Procurement Officer listed below. Email should include name, address, contact email and phone number.

Inquiries may be sent via email to:

Anita Alers  
Procurement Officer  
Email: [aalers@bbahc.org](mailto:aalers@bbahc.org)  
Phone: 907.843.2009

Sealed bids must be submitted in the format specified in the solicitation and received at the specified address no later than 5pm, Alaska Time, Monday, 27 July 2020. to be considered responsive.



Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation  
6000 Kakanak Road  
P.O. Box 130  
Dillingham, AK 99576  
907-842-5201/1-800-478-5201  
[www.bbahc.org](http://www.bbahc.org)

## •Real Estate

### SALE BY SEALED BID

Kawerak Land Management, on behalf of the Native landowner, is offering the following tract of land for sale by sealed bid:

Tract 5, Agiapuk-Tucker Subdivision, Plat No. 2018-3, Cape Nome Recording District, Alaska. Containing 21.87 acres.

Physical access is available to the parcel by boat and snowmobile. The subject parcel is located approximately 18 miles southeasterly of the village of Teller, Alaska, on the right bank of the Agiapuk River.

Great subsistence campsite- moose, berries, birds, salmon and trout are harvested in the area.

Subject to reservation for ditches or canals.

Subject to valid existing rights, including any right of the United States to income derived, directly or indirectly, from a lease, license, permit, right-of-way or easement.

\$38,000 minimum bid, cash only. Bids will be received July 9th 2020 till August 6th at 3:00 pm. And opened on 3:00 pm local time on August 7th at Kawerak, LMS, Nome, AK.

For more information on parcel, bid procedures, and terms of sale, contact:

Brian James, (LMS Specialist I)  
Kawerak, Inc.  
Land Management Services  
P.O. Box 948  
Nome, AK 99762  
Phone: (907) 443-4323  
Fax: (425) 967-2027  
Email: [lmsspec1@kawerak.org](mailto:lmsspec1@kawerak.org)

## •Employment

### JOB OPENINGS

NMS is hiring for multiple Temporary, Seasonal Full-Time, Non-Exempt Maintenance Technicians I & II positions to join and support the Nome School District team.

The workweek is Monday through Friday from 8:00am - 4:30pm.

Interested applicants should have some experience and knowledge in one of the following: Electrical, plumbing, drywall, paint, glazer, doors, window systems, equipment operator, laborer. The rate of pay is \$20.00 to \$27.00/hr (DOE). Apply today! Visit: [nmsusa.com/employment](http://nmsusa.com/employment) (job ID# NOM00190).

Contact John Mortensen, Facilities Director, at (907) 244-4121 or [john.mortensen@nmsusa.com](mailto:john.mortensen@nmsusa.com).



## Fish Factor

By Laine Welch

Governor Dunleavy's controversial selections to the state Board of Fisheries (BOF) will get a legislative hearing in early fall and the call is out for public comments. The board oversees management of the state's subsistence, commercial, sport and personal use fisheries. Appointments were made on April 1 and would normally go through a vigorous vetting process by the Alaska legislature with public input. But COVID-19 sent lawmakers home early from the last session,

leaving the confirmation process in limbo.

Now, Representative Louise Stutes (R-Kodiak) has set the date for a hearing. "I tried to push it out as far as I thought I safely could because I know there's a lot of guys out fishing. But I just didn't dare push it any further than Thursday, September 3 at 10 a.m. at the Anchorage Legislative Information Office," she said in a phone interview. Stutes, who chairs the House Fisheries Committee, added: "I think it is appropriate to vet these appointees prior to the board meetings.

I find it disturbing and I question how appointees can be a viable, countable vote when they have not been confirmed by the legislature, and that's the situation now."

Controversy has swirled over Dunleavy's selection of Abe Williams of Anchorage, director of regional affairs for the Pebble Mine, proposed to be built at the headwaters of the world's largest sockeye salmon fishery at Bristol Bay. Williams, who would replace Fritz Johnson of Dillingham, is originally from King Salmon and is a Bristol Bay fisherman. He was one of six

who in 2019 sued the fishermen-funded Bristol Bay Regional Seafood Development Association for using part of the 1 percent tax paid by its 1,650 members to oppose the mine. The lawsuit, funded by Pebble, was dismissed by an Anchorage judge.

Williams told KTUU in April that, "My job finds me in communities like Iliamna and other communities talking about the project itself and kind of what it means for the region. Does that preclude me from being appointed or sitting on the Board of Fisheries? I don't think so.

I think it just brings in a level of diversity in my background that really helps me be better positioned to sit in a coveted spot like this, if you will."

Current BOF member Mårit Carlson-Van Dort also was a former Pebble Partnership director as recently as 2018.

Governor Dunleavy also appointed self-proclaimed fishing/hunting guide McKenzie Mitchell of Fairbanks to replace Reed Moriskey, also of Fairbanks.

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Mitchell is listed as adjunct faculty in "sport and recreation business" at the University of Alaska/Fairbanks School of Management. Mitchell "has fished with several remote lodges over the years and was looking to upgrade her captains license so joined our team," according to the website of Kodiak's Wilderness Beach Lodge. It adds that "She goes to school in Fairbanks in the fall/winter where her and her boyfriend reside and enjoy flying their small planes into remote hunting/camping sites."

Attempts to reach Mitchell or to get a resume or any information on her qualifications from the governor's office and Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game were unsuccessful.

"As far as these two appointments go, the Dunleavy administration is once again either out of touch with commercial fishermen at best, or out to get us at worst," said Lindsey Bloom, a fisherman and a campaign strategist for SalmonState. "I fished around Abe in Bristol Bay and certainly respect his skills and knowledge as a commercial fisherman. That said, his employment with Pebble makes it impossible for him to properly represent the overwhelming majority of Bristol Bay fishermen who oppose the Pebble project because of its detriment to the Bristol Bay brand and fishery. Abe's appointment is a colossal conflict of interest. As far as McKenzie Mitchell goes, I can't find her resume, background or opinions anywhere online and have no idea if she can bring the listening and discernment skills that a seat on Alaska's Board of Fisheries requires, where decisions are made that impact the livelihoods and well-being of Alaskans for years to come."

If the governor has his way, all fish board members but one will reside inland. "There are seven Board of Fish members and John Jensen of Petersburg will be the only coastal representation," said Stutes. "I understand that interior fisheries are important, but so are coastal fisheries. There should be a fair distribution of the resource representation and there isn't. It's just wrong."

If the legislature gets called back to Juneau to deal with budget and COVID relief issues and it interferes with the September 3, date Stutes said she will call a hearing there.

"Bottom line is there will be a hearing prior to the first Board of Fish meeting in October. I believe it's critical to give people an opportunity to weigh in," she said.

After the hearing, the appointee names will be forwarded to the House Resources Committee and then to the full legislature for confirmation (or not). An emergency measure due to the pandemic was implemented (HB309) which temporarily extended the time for the legislature to meet jointly to take up the governor's appointments prior to

the next legislative session in January. If that does not occur, Stutes said the nominees will simply "go away."

Meanwhile, they will be seated as voting members during the meetings starting in October that focus on Prince William Sound, Upper Copper and Susitna Rivers and Southeast and Yakutat regions.

"They are just like a regular board member and that to me is problematic. I believe they should be confirmed by the legislature. It's a goofed up system," Stutes said.

Public comments on the Board of Fisheries appointees can be emailed to Stutes' legislative office at [rep.louise.stutes@akleg.gov](mailto:rep.louise.stutes@akleg.gov). "They can start today," Stutes said.

### Salmon predictors

Alaska salmon managers have decades of data to help them forecast and track the arrival of fish each year. Alaska Natives add to that knowledge with their centuries of salmon observations.

One indicator of the size and timing of the runs is the spring bird migration, said James Nicori of the Kuskokwim River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission. "Looking at the birds and observing them, they were late. So those salmon will come in, but the high numbers will be at a later date," he told KYUK in Bethel. Another sign, he said, is the size of mosquitos when they arrive in the spring. "This year, when the mosquitos first came in they were bigger than last year, and the first kings that I caught were bigger than last year," he said.

The biggest indicator, Nicori added, is wind.

"When there is a certain wind direction, it pushes fish in the mouth of the river," he said.

Yukon elders taught the importance of wind to Phil Mundy, long-time Director of NOAA Fisheries' Auke Bay lab in Juneau, now retired. Cook Inlet elders said the same thing about sockeyes. "They said 'it's when the wind blows and you get the biggest tide closest to July 17. Everyone knows that,'" Mundy said. "We couldn't figure out how the wind was doing what it did. I didn't think the fish put up their dorsal fin like a sail to blow into the river, but there had to be something there because the elders seemed to be right."

Mundy had studied Alaska salmon since the 1970s, but it wasn't until 2006 when he learned that wind helps trip a calcium ion switch that mixes the water and lets salmon adjust from salt to fresh water and vice versa.

"I used to count fish from airplanes, and I've seen at Bristol Bay and at Cook Inlet where you get the river water piling up against the marine water on the river plume, and then you'll see the salmon weaving in and out along the edge between the fresh and the salt water," Mundy explained. "And I never knew why they were doing that. They will pile up there if there is no wind to mix

that water to make it brackish. They will pile up until some other trigger, which we probably don't understand, sends them all in."

At the Yukon River, Mundy said the wind-whipped water even tops early ice melts as the best indicator of the salmon arrivals. Today satellite data from the Alaska Ocean Observing System make predictions easier and more reliable. [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org)

### Seafood sales surge

The pandemic stalled seafood sales at restaurants where up to 75 percent of Americans opt for fish or shellfish meals. But at supermarkets and outlets that offer online sales and pickup or delivery services, seafood has become the fastest growing category. Chicago-based Information Resources Incorporated (IRI) said that year to date sales of

both canned and frozen seafood were nearly 37 percent higher over the four weeks ending in mid-April and the upswing has continued.

Nielsen, which has documented eating trends for over 90 years, said seafood was the fastest growing category at the end of May when purchase volumes jumped 26 percent over the prior 13 weeks.

At the end of June, IRI added that seafood posted the most significant growth for 10 weeks straight, up 64 percent from a year ago.

Sales of fresh seafood spiked nearly 60 percent to nearly \$163 million for the week ending June 27, according to Nielsen data provided to SeafoodSource. Sales of fresh lobster increased almost 292 percent, followed by crab, (up 150.5 percent), clams (up 80.1 percent), and snapper (up 79.4 percent).

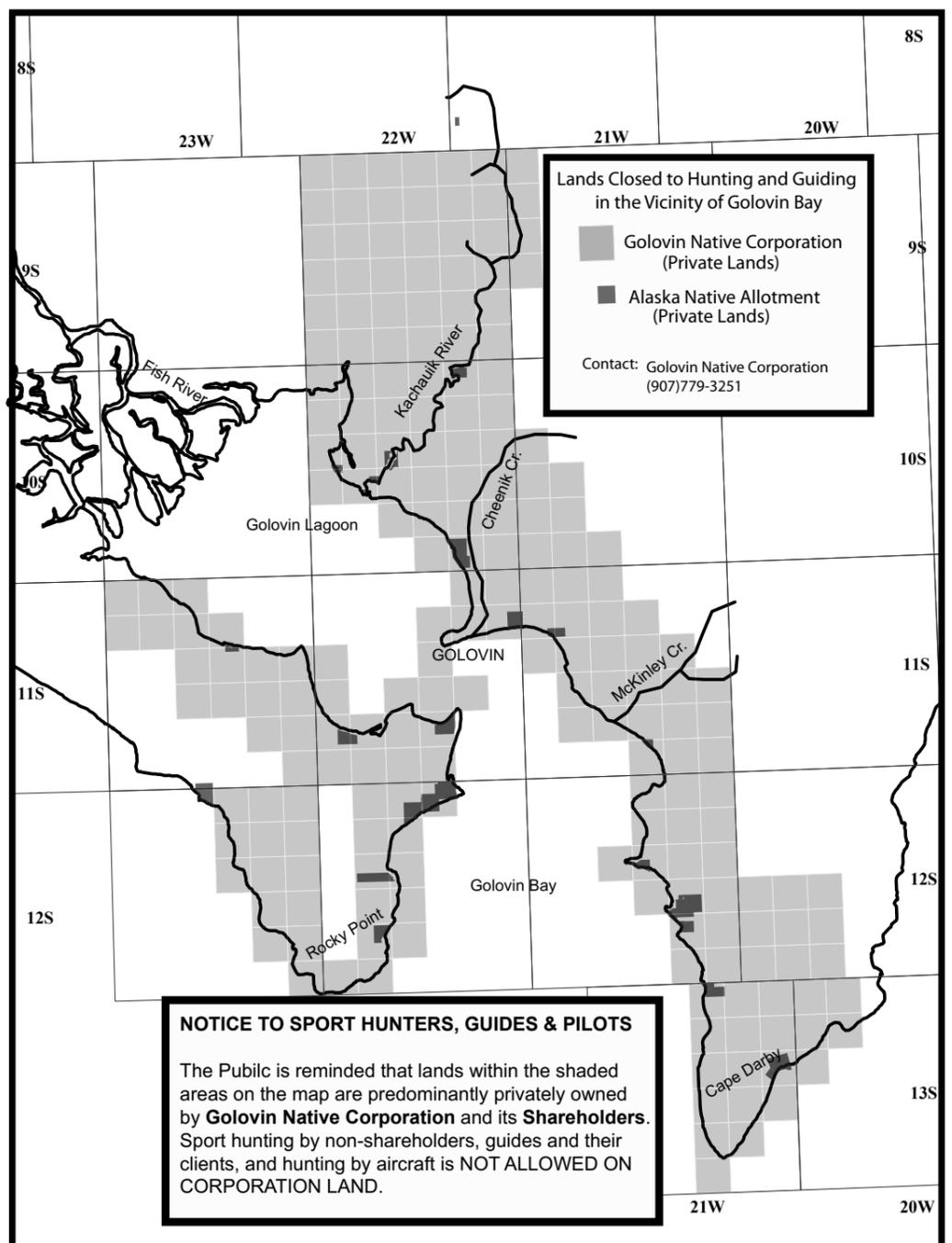
Frozen seafood sales jumped

more than 50 percent in May and increased by 2 percent to \$1.2 billion in late June. Frozen crab had the biggest sales gain of nearly 170 percent followed by frozen scallops (up 106.6 percent), crawfish (up 100.8 percent), and mussels (89.4 percent).

Canned and pouched seafood saw more modest gains of 12.2 percent but sales reached nearly \$5 billion at the end of June.

Thirty-two percent of households said they were extremely or very likely to use grocery online shopping and delivery or pickup services even if the virus subsides, especially those over 60.

The upward trend at retail is likely to continue. Restaurants that had reopened are now facing restrictions again as the Coronavirus spikes in many U.S. states.



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