

Photo by Nils Hahn

EAST BEACH WORKOUT—Nicole Mertz, second to right, with the NSHC CAMP department took her Mad Muscles fitness class to East beach on Monday, July 17 for a workout.

The Nome Nugget

Alaska's Oldest Newspaper

• USPS 598-100 • Single Copy Price • 50 Cents in Nome •

VOLUME CXIX NO. 28 July 20, 2023

Department of Defense awards Graphite One \$37.5 million

By Megan Gannon
Graphite One is getting a big injection of taxpayer dollars to support its mine development. The U.S. Department of Defense announced on Monday that it will award Graphite One \$37.5 million to help fund the company's feasibility study.

The grant uses funds from last year's Inflation Reduction Act and is made possible under the Korean War-era Defense Production Act, or DPA.

Last year, the Biden administra-

tion invoked the DPA to list several minerals, including graphite, as "essential to national defense." Under Title III of the DPA, more federal funds are now available for private ventures that seek to extract and produce those minerals domestically.

According to the announcement from the Department of Defense, this new grant "will allow Graphite One to fast-track their feasibility study by a full year, informing and expediting decisions to move the project further through their plans for a complete

U.S.-based graphite anode supply chain."

Mike Schaffner, Graphite One's senior vice president in charge of mining operations, said the company still aims to have its feasibility study finished by December 2024 as previously discussed in the last community meeting held in Nome, on April 20.

"We assumed having adequate funding in the community presentation," Schaffner told the Nugget in an email. "Had we not received the

grant or been able to raise the funding, it would have delayed the project."

Schaffner said Graphite One applied for this funding, adding that the company will have to provide matching funds for the grant, which means Graphite One will spend \$75 million and then be reimbursed for half. The company has 18 months to complete this work for the feasibility study.

The Department of Defense was not able to respond before press time

with more information about its agreement with Graphite One.

In that feasibility study, Graphite One will further outline its plans for an open-pit mine in the Graphite Creek deposit on the northern slopes of the Kigluaik Mountains. The company's crew has been busy this summer drilling cores to better define the resource. Under the company's latest plan outlined in its pre-feasibility study, Graphite One

continued on page 4



Photo by Logan Hebel

BROTHERLY LOVE—Owen and Paris Hebel compete in the car pull at last week's WEIO event in Fairbanks. Paris won third place in the event. See more photos on page 8.

Nome works through a month of internet disruption

By Anna Lionas

Since the June 11 failure of the Quintillion fiber optic cable, Nome's residents, businesses and government have been trying to find solutions to retain some sort of internet connectivity to keep commerce and everyday business flowing at reduced speeds. Following the outage, Fastwyre and GCI have worked to improve their cellular and internet services.

"Part of GCI's philosophy is to always have a backup," said Chief Communications Officer at GCI Heather Handyside. Once the Quintillion fiber broke it took around eight hours to transfer traffic from the fiber optic network to GCI's TERRA network. This restored a baselevel of network service, but the TERRA network is very close to being at capacity. "It's just a highway that is full of cars," said Handyside. "The more people on the network, the slower the traffic."

GCI is working to reroute the internet traffic by upgrading current equipment to improve users' experiences until the Quintillion line is restored. Handyside also said technicians at GCI's central management center are monitoring the digital traffic and rerouting it during the busiest times of day. All private consumer services are treated the same, said Handyside, but there are businesses that pay for backup services in case of an outage. "In those cases when we've committed to a certain level of service, we provide it," said Handyside.

Following the outage, the City of Nome's and NJUS' internet were down for 10 days. Mayor John Handeland began working with Fastwyre because it's the city's internet provider. Fastwyre has organized six satellite receiver dishes that are

continued on page 5

Nome's cruise season kicks off with arrival of MS Roald Amundsen

By Megan Gannon
On Tuesday, Nome saw its first cruise ship visit of the year. Hurtigruten Expeditions' MS Roald Amundsen docked in port for a changeover day for two groups of luxury cruise ship passengers—one group of nearly 400 people was leav-

ing, another group about the same size was just boarding.

"Everybody seems really happy today—everything's on schedule," said Robin Johnson of Nome Discovery Tours, which coordinated the visit. She was standing in front of a pair of school buses outside of Old St. Joe's and directed passengers to get on the bus that would take them to the airport.

The Mini Convention Center was open as a hospitality center. Nearby, the tourists could meet the sled dog team of the Arctic Sky Kennel.

On the East side of town, Bill Potter offered a gold panning demonstration.

Passengers were also free to visit the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum and the National Park Service office or go shopping at Maruskiya's and Naataq Gear.

A lunch was catered by Bering Tea at Old St. Joe's, and their tomato

bisque has been a hit among guests.

"We have people that come back two years later on another cruise and ask if we still have the soup," Johnson said.

The Roald Amundsen's visit marked the first of 12 more scheduled cruise ship visits for this year.

"About five years ago, we had three or four in the summer, so the numbers are definitely growing," Johnson said. "We had 12 last summer, too. There were seven more scheduled for this summer, but because they were going into Russian waters, they were canceled."

Nome might have seen an additional visit this summer if the sea ice broke apart sooner. A late May visit from the Scenic Eclipse had to be cancelled due to ice conditions in the region, said Harbormaster Lucas

continued on page 9



Photo by Megan Gannon

DISCOVERY TOURS — Robin Johnson and Diana Adams help cruise ship passengers navigate Nome.

On the Web:

www.nomenugget.net

E-mail:

Diana@nomenugget.com



This time it's different? The rush to mine Indigenous lands

**By Mark Trahant,
Indian Country Today**
WASHINGTON — This won't be an easy conversation: Can tribal nations love mining? Or at least accept mining as a necessary step in the creation of a clean economy? And can governments and international mining companies figure out how to respect and work fairly with Indigenous communities?

The conversation is weighted by history. The mining industry, and governments, have to sell the idea that, this time it's different. This time the industry will respect cultural and religious sites. This time the industry will clean up its own mess. This time it will reward tribal communities as owners instead of serving up resources as colonies.

Why would anyone believe that? Why should a tribe expect this time to be different?

"The question is how likely is it that we can hit a reset button, especially with the Indigenous populations because the history is not good," said former North Dakota Sen. Heidi Heitkamp. "The history from the very beginning, beginning with colonization and leading to exploitation ... And when you find minerals, say step aside, and you look at the Black Hills. No one had any interest in the Black Hills until they found gold and literally violated the Laramie Treaty. And you know, people don't want to hear that, but that's the truth. And so what, what about today, would tell anyone that it was gonna be different?"

She said there has to be a realistic conversation about the energy transition and what that means to people.

This is particularly important with Indigenous communities because there is a history of lies from industry and the government. But now that's where the minerals are located.

"So how do we collectively in this country figure out how we're gonna create one policy? Well, I think we've gone a long way in this report to acknowledge the past, because you cannot fix this without acknowledgment of the past and reparations for the past," Heitkamp said. "That's the dirty little secret here. And the second thing that you have to do is to build trust."

Kate Finn, Osage, executive director of First Peoples Worldwide, said the only way to answer the ques-

tion about why "this time is different" is a direct confrontation. "We have to acknowledge that consultation policies are not comprehensive enough to cover all of the risks of mining. We need to understand that those past patterns of engagement will repeat unless they are changed. So I think we have to understand that there's not going to be trust that there's not going to be trust that mining is clean or that mining is for a good purpose."

One of those good purposes involves climate change and the urgent need for a transition away from fossil fuels. A White House briefing paper describes the problem:

"Critical minerals provide the building blocks for many modern technologies and are essential to our national security and economic prosperity. These minerals—such as rare earth elements, lithium, and cobalt—can be found in products from computers to household appliances. They are also key inputs in clean energy technologies like batteries, electric vehicles, wind turbines, and solar panels. As the world transitions to a clean energy economy, global demand for these critical minerals is set to skyrocket by 400-600 percent over the next several decades, and, for minerals such as lithium and graphite used in electric vehicle (EV) batteries, demand will increase by even more—as much as 4,000 percent. The U.S. is increasingly dependent on foreign sources for many of the processed versions of these minerals. Globally, China controls most of the market for processing and refining for cobalt, lithium, rare earths and other critical minerals."

Indigenous communities and lands are the key to this transition. This time it's different, perhaps, because tribal nations can either be essential producers or legal obstacles and irritants.

In June, the Aspen Institute in Washington released a series of findings and policy recommendations in the report, A Critical Minerals Policy for the United States.

"Environmental and social issues are an essential component of the critical minerals puzzle," the report said. "A failure to balance efforts to streamline supply with these considerations will not only result in harm and injustice to local communities, but will also jeopardize supply growth as projects are subject to

legal challenges and mining companies lose their social license to operate."

That phrase, social license, is where the conversation could fall apart.

Free, Prior and Informed Consent

"The mining industry has a long history of failing to respect community interests, including not consulting locals, breaking agreements, destroying sacred sites, and forcing displacements," Aspen said.

The result is that Indigenous communities have been "disproportionately impacted" and that includes a failure to share in the economic reward from mining.

The key point: "Without a social license to operate, mines will struggle to receive permits, raise capital, and bring minerals to market, and the United States will not realize its full potential for domestic production." And in this case a failure of domestic production has significant consequences for a warming world.

The Aspen Institute's task force makes two major recommendations: That mining projects embrace Free, Prior and Informed Consent (or FPIC) and that Congress should make sure that tribes have the financial resources and technical expertise to evaluate projects.

The very idea of Free, Prior and Informed Consent is too often unclear, Aspen found, while there is often rhetorical support from mining companies for consultation, there is less support for real consent and "whether it should constitute a veto."

The task force said one attractive alternative is to make FPIC a binding concept for tribal nations that are geographically adjacent to mining projects. A second, less stringent standard, could be used for tribes further away that still have significant environmental and cultural ties

to an area. "In both cases, the process of consultation would be required, augmented by clearer standards and guidelines from Congress on the timelines and scope for the consultation process."

Then as the Aspen report points out even without a clear standard for FPIC when tribal nations are opposed to a project they can effectively prevent project approval for decades. "A clearer understanding of what it means to withhold consent, as well as who possesses the ability to do so, will expedite the process," the Aspen report said.

Indeed, on the very day the report was being released in Washington, a coalition of tribes in Nevada continued their opposition to a lithium mine at Thacker Pass.

"Lithium mines and this whole push for renewable energy — the agenda of the Green New Deal — is what I like to call green colonialism," said Darinda Hinkley. She is a citizen of the Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribe and a leader of a group known as People of Red Mountain. "It's going to directly af-

continued on page 7

Results from our July 12 - July 18 online poll.

(Go to nomenugget.net in order to participate)

How do you work around the internet outage due to the Quintillion cable cut?

I bought a Starlink set up

67%

I use OneWeb

0%

I make do with the speed I get through my provider

33%

Total votes: 6



Weather Statistics

Sunrise	07/20/2023 5:25 a.m.	High Temp	+63°F	07/16/2023	National Weather Service
	07/26/2023 5:45 a.m.	Low Temp	+45°F	07/12/2023	Nome, Alaska
Sunset	07/20/2023 12:51 a.m.	Peak Wind	26 mph	07/14/2023 WSW	(907) 443-2321
	07/26/2023 12:32 a.m.				1-800-472-0391

Nome Norton Sound Tide Predictions (High & Low Waters)

Date	Day	Time	Low Tide	Time	High Tide	Time	Low Tide	Time	High Tide
07/20	Th	1:37 a.m.	0.48	10:00 a.m.	1.88				
07/21	Fr	2:11 a.m.	0.49	10:22 a.m.	1.89				
07/22	Sa	2:46 a.m.	0.52	10:35 a.m.	1.91	3:30 p.m.	1.57	8:18 p.m.	1.64
07/23	Su	3:20 a.m.	0.56	10:50 a.m.	1.93	4:31 p.m.	1.47	9:22 p.m.	1.59
07/24	Mo	3:53 a.m.	0.66	11:07 a.m.	1.95	5:18 p.m.	1.34	10:24 p.m.	1.53
07/25	Tu	4:24 a.m.	0.79	11:26 a.m.	1.95	6:02 p.m.	1.20	11:24 p.m.	1.47
07/26	We	4:53 a.m.	0.95	11:44 a.m.	1.94	6:49 p.m.	1.05		

Daily variations in sea level due to local meteorological conditions cannot be predicted and may significantly effect the observed tides in this area.

All times are listed in Local Standard Time. All heights are in feet referenced to Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW).

Illegitimus non carborundum

The Nome Nugget

Alaska's Oldest Newspaper

Member of: Alaska Press Club,
National Newspaper Association
P.O. Box 610 • Nome Alaska, 99762
(907) 443-5235 fax (907) 443-5112
Newsroom: diana@nomenugget.com
Advertising: ads@nomenugget.com
classified and legal ads: ads@nomenugget.com
subscriptions: diana@nomenugget.com

Diana Haecker

Nils Hahn

Megan Gannon

Gloria Karmun

Denise Tetric

SEND photos to

editor

diana@nomenugget.com

advertising manager

ads@nomenugget.com

reporter

news2@nomenugget.com

production

distribution

photos@nomenugget.com

Advertising rates: Business classified, 50¢ per word; \$1.50/line legal; display ads \$24 per column inch

Published weekly except the last week of the year

Return postage guaranteed

ISSN 0745-9106

There's no place like Nome

Single copy price 50¢ in Nome

USPS 598-100

The home-owned newspaper

Postmaster: Send change of address to:

The Nome Nugget P.O. Box 610

Nome, Alaska 99762

Periodicals Postage Paid at Nome,

Alaska and additional mailing offices.

Published daily except for Monday,

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday,

Saturday and Sunday

Not published the last week of December



The Nome Nugget

Alaska's Oldest Newspaper

• USPS 598-100 • Single Copy Price - 50 Cents in Nome •

Get all of your local, regional and statewide news from us.

P.O. Box 610 • Nome, Alaska 99762 • (907) 443-5235

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

☐ Check ☐ Money Order ☐ Credit Card

Visa/MasterCard _____ Exp. Date ____/____/____ CVM _____ Billing Zip Code _____

☐ \$75 out of state

☐ \$65 in state

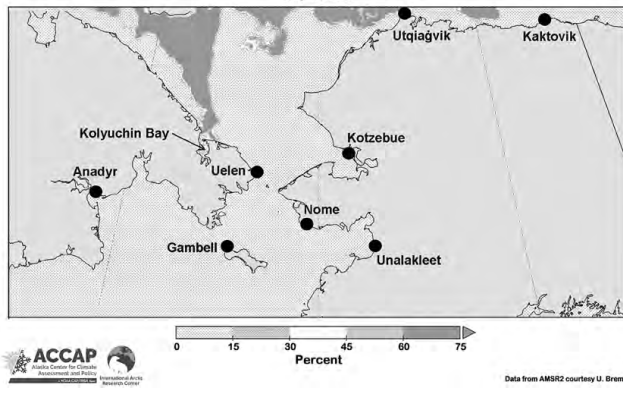
One-year subscription. Please enclose payment with form.



Photo by Diana Haecker

PORT OF NOME—The first cruise ship of the season, *MS Roald Amundsen* is docked at the Port of Nome, on July 18, 2023. An earlier cruise ship, the *Scenic Eclipse*, scheduled to arrive in late May didn't land in Nome due to ice.

Sea Ice Concentration
July 15, 2023



Climate Watch

By Rick Thoman
Alaska Climate Specialist
Alaska Center for Climate Assessment and Policy
International Arctic Research Center/University of Alaska Fairbanks

Sea ice in the Bering Sea almost entirely melted out by the end of June, which was actually a little bit earlier than the past two years, when some ice lingered near parts of the Russian coast into July.

However, it's been a different story north of the Bering Strait. Sea ice in the Chukchi Sea has only been slowly melting so far this summer. In fact, as of July 15, sea ice extent in the Chukchi Sea (not the Arctic as a whole) was the highest for mid-July since 2000. Through mid-July there still wasn't quite an open water path yet to Pt. Barrow. In the Chukchi Sea off the northern Chukotka coast, ice has been persistent west of a line from Kolyuchin Bay to Wrangell Island, seen in the graphic as the dark area indicating high sea ice concentration.

However, the melt is starting to accelerate. Just in the past week sea ice west of Kolyuchin Bay has started to clear near the coast. The Northern Sea Route, the marine route that goes along the northern Russian coast that connects the European Arctic with the Pacific Ocean remains closed to non-ice hardened ships as high concentrations of sea ice remain in some nearshore areas in the Kara and Laptev Seas.

Prior to about 2003, it was very unusual for the Northern Sea Route to open, but it has every year since 2013 and is likely to do so again this summer, though that may take until sometime in August. Whether that brings increased shipping traffic

to the Bering Strait late summer and autumn will most likely be dictated by global economic and political considerations rather than regional weather and ice conditions.

Airport weather station status update Week ending July 17, 2023

Community	Status
Brevig Mission	Reporting
Buckland	Reporting
Deering	Offline
Elim	Reporting
Emmonak	Offline
Gambell	Very intermittent
Golovin	Offline
Koyuk	Offline
Nome	Reporting
Savoonga	Offline
Shaktolik	Offline
Shishmaref	Reporting
St Michael	Reporting
Teller	Reporting
Unalakleet	Reporting
Wales	Offline
White Mountain	Reporting

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, July 20

Nome City Hall 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m./Noon and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Nome Visitor Center open M-F, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Sat. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Richard Foster Building - Library M-Th 12 noon to 7 p.m., F-Sa 12 noon - 6 p.m.
Richard Foster Building - Museum M-F 10:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

THE NOME SWIMMING POOL WILL BE CLOSED
FROM JULY 1ST - AUGUST 31ST, 2023

*Port Commission Meeting	Council Chambers	5:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
*Summerise (Weather Permitting)	Nome Rec Center	12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:15 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Drop-in Volleyball	Nome Rec Center	7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Lap/Family	Nome Pool	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Friday, July 21

Nome City Hall 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m./Noon and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Nome Visitor Center open M-F, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Sat. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Richard Foster Building - Library M-Th 12 noon to 7 p.m., F-Sa 12 noon - 6 p.m.
Richard Foster Building - Museum M-F 10:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

THE NOME SWIMMING POOL WILL BE CLOSED
FROM JULY 1ST - AUGUST 31ST, 2023

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
*Free Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	12:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
*Pickleball	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Drop in Soccer (Age 15+)	Nome Rec Center	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Junior Summerise	Nome Rec Center	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
*Kido	Nome Rec Center	6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Have you got a drug problem? Narcotics Anonymous has a solution!
NA Meeting is held on Friday night at 7 pm, at the Kativik Cultural Center

Saturday, July 22

Nome Visitor Center open M-F, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Sat. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Richard Foster Building - Library M-Th 12 noon to 7 p.m., F-Sa 12 noon - 6 p.m.
Richard Foster Building - Museum Sat 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Rec Center CLOSED weekends until after Labor Day

Sunday, July 23

Rec Center CLOSED weekends until after Labor Day

Monday, July 24

Nome City Hall 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m./Noon and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Nome Visitor Center open M-F, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Sat. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Richard Foster Building - Library M-Th 12 noon to 7 p.m., F-Sa 12 noon - 6 p.m.
Richard Foster Building - Museum M-F 10:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

THE NOME SWIMMING POOL WILL BE CLOSED
FROM JULY 1ST - AUGUST 31ST, 2023

*Common Council Regular Meeting	Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
*Summerise (Weather Permitting)	Nome Rec Center	12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:15 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Kido	Nome Rec Center	6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 25

Nome City Hall 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m./Noon and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Nome Visitor Center open M-F, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Sat. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Richard Foster Building - Library M-Th 12 noon to 7 p.m., F-Sa 12 noon - 6 p.m.
Richard Foster Building - Museum M-F 10:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

THE NOME SWIMMING POOL WILL BE CLOSED
FROM JULY 1ST - AUGUST 31ST, 2023

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
*Summerise (Weather Permitting)	Nome Rec Center	12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:15 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
*Drop in Soccer (Age 15+)	Nome Rec Center	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 26

Nome City Hall 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m./Noon and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Nome Visitor Center open M-F, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Sat. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Richard Foster Building - Library M-Th 12 noon to 7 p.m., F-Sa 12 noon - 6 p.m.
Richard Foster Building - Museum M-F 10:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

THE NOME SWIMMING POOL WILL BE CLOSED
FROM JULY 1ST - AUGUST 31ST, 2023

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
*Summerise (Weather Permitting)	Nome Rec Center	12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:15 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Junior Summerise	Nome Rec Center	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
*Kido	Nome Rec Center	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Bering Air
Established in October of 1979

P.O. Box 1650 • Nome, Alaska 99762

**Call your Village Agent for details or
Nome Reservations 1-800-478-5422;
(907) 443-5464 or make your
reservations ONLINE at
www.beringair.com**



RIBBON CUTTING—Young Hunter McCann did the honors of cutting the ribbon as the Nome branch of Northrim Bank opened on July 17. Pictured is Assistant Branch Manager John Baker, Joe Schierhorn (Northrim Chairman and CEO), Mike Huston (Northrim President), Dave Karp (Northrim Board of Directors), Drew McCann (Nome Branch Manager) and Paisley McCann.

Northrim Bank opens financial center in Nome

By Anna Lionas

Doors opened Monday, July 17 for Northrim Bank at 306 W. 5th Ave., Suite C across from the courthouse.

The event brought in people from the community and included speeches from Mayor John Handeland, branch manager Drew McCann, Northrim President Mike Huston and Linda Uttech, Director of Facilities Operations.

The speeches culminated in the presentation of a \$10,000 donation to HomePlate, a housing project bringing shelter for unhoused people in Nome.

"One of our major values as a company is investing and building our communities," said Huston. The check was presented to Butch Palmero, Executive Director of Nome Community Center. Palmero thanked the Northrim team for their support. "Your team here has a very good level of professionalism, I'm very impressed," said Palmero.

The event occurred from noon to 3 p.m. and included hand-outs of berry pickers boasting the Northrim logo, a raffle for a Yeti Cooler and drink station with cookies, water, tea and coffee.

"We saw a need in the community and filled it," said Marketing and Communications Kari Skinner. The goal of Northrim is to be flexible and responsive to the community, Skinner said.

At 1 p.m. speeches were held outside beginning with Mayor Handeland. "It's been great to have a bank that has posted business hours and they're open when they say they're open," said Handeland. Mayor Handeland went on to say a choice is always a good thing and competition amongst banks in the area will improve services, opportunities and rates.

Northrim is the third full-service bank in Nome.

In her speech on how she designed the bank Uttech described how Nome's rich history, Native culture and wildlife guided the look of the branch. The photography in the bank is by local artist Bonnie Piscoya-Reynolds and Debbie Schiffer.



WELCOME TO NOME—Mayor John Handeland welcomes Northrim bank to the city of Nome. Northrim presented a \$10,000 check to Nome Community Center for the HomePlate housing project. Pictured is Executive Director of Nome Community Center Butch Palmero, Northrim President Mike Huston, Mayor John Handeland and Branch Manager Drew McCann.

There is also a whale vertebrae carving from carver Fred Nayokpuk.

After the speeches everyone gathered inside to watch the ribbon cutting. It was cut by Drew McCann's son.

Northrim has been present in Nome for a few years. In April 2022 the loan office opened temporarily. After Typhoon Merbok, the state approved a temporary branch to fit customers' needs beyond commercial businesses. That business center opened in December 2022. "We're very glad Northrim stepped in and at that point in time and got authorization for full service," said Handeland in his speech.

"A lot of other banks are closing offices and we're opening offices because we see the opportunities there are in Alaska," said Huston.

"Northrim is a breath of fresh air," said McCann. He's been working as a banker in Nome since 2008. He began his career at Credit Union One then moved on to work at Wells Fargo as their manager for many years. McCann says he left Wells Fargo on his own free will because he wasn't "able to help people the way he wanted."

That's why in March 2022 when Northrim reached out to McCann

about opening a branch in Nome he learned about the company before agreeing to take the new branch. "I wanted to make sure it would serve rural and bush customers as well as Nome," McCann was able to personally hire and train the Northrim team which includes John Baker, Thaddeus Payenna and Ashley Crowe. McCann said he's looking forward to opening up more options to the people of Nome.

"I was with Credit Union One for 30 years, but I was eager to switch to Northrim," said Northrim customer Nancy Green. "Credit Union One would close for lunch and not come back for hours, it was frustrating."



Photo by Diana Haacker

HOUSING—The construction of the HomePlate apartments is progressing. Northrim Bank donated \$10,000 toward the project.

• Graphite One

continued from page 1

would truck its partially processed material about 50 miles to Nome. That route would take haul trucks over a proposed industrial access road through Mosquito Pass, and then over about 28 miles of the Kougak Road. From the Port of Nome, the mineral would be shipped to a proposed processing facility in Washington State. That processing facility would begin operations with imported graphite while Graphite One waits to begin its own mining operations.

Politicians rally behind Graphite One

The new grant earned praise from the bipartisan Alaska Delegation—U.S. Senators Lisa Murkowski and Dan Sullivan and Representative Mary Peltola—as well as Alaska's Governor Mike Dunleavy.

"Critical minerals like graphite will be key for the inventions of the future, from clean energy to advanced defense technologies, and with this funding, Alaskans can build a crucial link in our nation's supply chains," said Peltola. "This project will also bring needed jobs and economic development to a rural area of Alaska, with opportunities for hundreds of local hires during construction and operation. I look forward to seeing the completion of the feasibility study for this project, and will continue to support the development of our critical mineral resources."

In his own statement, Dunleavy thanked the Department of Defense and the Alaska Delegation, adding that "Alaska is a resource powerhouse in a strategic position globally, with much more to offer than just our beautiful scenery and wildlife."

Earlier this month, Murkowski visited Graphite One's drill site. She returned to Washington with a hunk of graphite to show off as she continues to ask for more federal support for the company's proposed mine.

"I've always supported Graphite One and what they're doing in Alaska, but really after my site visit there on Saturday, I'm convinced

that this is a project that every one of us, those of us here in the Congress, the Biden Administration, all of us needs to support," Murkowski said in a speech on U.S. Senate floor last Tuesday. "This, Mr. President, is a major opportunity for us."

Murkowski noted that she previously expressed disappointment that the Biden administration—specifically the U.S. Department of Energy—offered loans and grants to a graphite-processing plant in Louisiana that imports graphite from Mozambique. The senator said Mozambique has a "poor human rights record" with "significant labor unrest" and is a place where "ISIS is reportedly active."

Critical minerals push

Murkowski has been a leading figure in the recent political push to bring about more domestic mineral extraction and production after decades of relying on offshore operations. She appeared at another event in Washington, D.C. last week to talk about graphite. The Wilson Center think tank hosted a two-day summit called "Critical Minerals in the Arctic: Forging the Path Forward," in which Biden administration officials, politicians, analysts and researchers discussed the strategies and problems involved in building out domestic supply chains in Alaska. Virtual participation was not possible and the few sessions that were livestreamed began at 5 a.m. Alaska time.

During one panel, Duncan Wood, the Wilson Center's vice president for strategy and new initiatives, identified three main factors that he said have brought a more intensive focus on critical minerals.

"The first one is what I like to call the shift from value to values in our supply chain thinking," Wood said. "We used to think, 'Well listen, if it's dirty, if it's low value-add, let's just make it where it's cheapest. If we can save five cents on the widget, then let's put it across the other side of the Pacific Ocean, because that brings down the price for everybody."

continued on page 6

Find The Nome Nugget at these locations in Anchorage: Ted Stevens International Airport, 6th Avenue City Hall, ANMC



Flower Edibles Cartridges Extracts CBD Products



Hours of Business:
Mon - Sat 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Sun 1 p.m. - 10 p.m.

605 W 2nd Ave
Nome, AK 99762

Native Female Owned
Family Run

Marijuana has intoxicating effects and may be habit forming and addictive.
Marijuana impairs concentration, coordination, and judgment.
Do not operate a vehicle or machinery under its influence.
There are health risks associated with consumption of marijuana.
For use only by adults twenty-one and older. Keep out of the reach of children.
Marijuana should not be used by women who are pregnant or breast feeding.

• Internet disruption

continued from page 1

installed near the powerplant, on top of a shipping connex. Even though the dishes are labeled OneWeb and Intellian, Handeland confirmed that they were put up on behalf of Fastwyre. "The site close to our powerplant works well because Fastwyre has a remote office out there," said Handeland. The City loaned the property and runs power to the dishes.

Mayor Handeland said Starlink isn't an easy solution for the city because of the integrated network they're set up on. Current connection with Fastwyre is reliable but not perfect so cloud-based services run on hours when people aren't in the office and there's more bandwidth for them. The Fastwyre service right now is the best it will be until the fiber optic cable is repaired. "We need to be mindful of backup opportunities if something like this were to occur again so we can get back to business more quickly than it's taking now," said Mayor Handeland. He went on to praise the communications companies, especially employees on the local level, for working to restore connection.

One of the impacts of slow internet service is that the newly installed, cloud-based sales and bed tax platform Localgov is not working at slow upload speeds. City Manager Glenn Steckman said if businesses can get access to the cloud they can pay their sales and bed tax online but if businesses can't connect, they can pay taxes in person at City Hall. "We are working with folks if they don't file a timely tax return, we are looking at discounting any late fee, but they are looking at on a case-by-case basis," he said.

Nome Police Department Administrative Sergeant and IT Wade Harrison said that it took almost a month

before the police department was able to use the internet again. Operations at NPD haven't changed much day-to-day, dispatch officers and fire or ambulance services use radios which weren't impacted. The police department's local carrier is Fastwyre for the dispatch center and their long-distance carrier is GCI, both have been working for communication. Difficulties arose when the officers tried to file charging documents with the Nome Court, which has switched to the cloud-based Truefiling online system. To get around this, NPD went back to using fax machines. Harrison said other than the first week of the outage, incoming calls were coming through, once GCI allowed AT&T to get on their tower there were no problems. "But there's no way of knowing if anyone was affected from that week," Harrison said.

The biggest challenge currently is connecting to software for gathering evidence for a case. "Bodycams, pictures, videos, downloading phone calls getting all that compiled and virtually sent to where they need to go is hard with the limited internet," said Harrison. "It gets done, it just takes hours." For the most part everything else is business as usual said Harrison.

Nome Public Schools uses a 150 MB connection plan with the internet provider SCS, but currently the system is operating at 25 MB. NPS currently is connected to the internet via a backup satellite provided through their service. "It's very challenging right now," said Superintendent Jamie Burgess. "We may be starting the school year with very low tech." This would mean no streaming in the curriculum with the biggest concern being the impact on the testing schedule because assessments are

conducted using online software. To stay in compliance with the Alaska Reads Act there is an online literacy screening for elementary schoolers that could be delayed due to the internet outage. "The good news for us is school is starting after Labor Day this year for the first time ever," said Burgess. This will give the schools more time to prepare if the fiber optic cable is repaired during the set timeframe.

Some places felt no affects from the outage. "It didn't impact us at all, we had other systems in place," said Mike McNally, Store Manager at Alaska Commercial Company.

Alaska Airlines also quickly re-established their internet through GCI, and have maintained operations since, according to Nome Station Manager Crystal Andersen Booth.

For a short time, Hansons could only take cash before the store was able to take card payments again.

Other businesses have had to adapt like Builders Industrial Supply which was cash only for over a month before they reincorporated a credit card machine. "We're kinda back to normal, still fighting the credit machine, it never works straight out of the box," said Builders co-owner Keith Reddaway. He has a call set up to get it fully working. Reddaway went on to say, much of their customer base are agencies and contractors who are on open charge, this kept business going and meant smaller transactions were the biggest "pain."

Bering Tea and Coffee has struggled with connectivity and is considering making a switch to Starlink to find a consistent network. "We count on the internet for the point of sale and for our customers to have a place to be," said owner Kristine McKee. Shawn Williams is the VP of Gov-



Photo by Diana Haecker

NEW— New satellite dishes are set up on a connex near the powerplant to help Nome as it currently experiences slow internet speeds.

ernmental Affairs & Strategy with Pacific Dataport a company that provides satellite devices, including Starlink, throughout rural Alaska. Williams wrote to The Nugget, Pacific Dataport has been encouraging the implementation of a back-up system for traditional networks for a while. Williams said that satellite systems are "cheaper faster and more reliable."

"There's no disrupting sacred grounds or tons of permitting, and installation happens quickly," he wrote. Williams said this is something that is used in the Lower 48 effectively. Starlink is a Low Earth Orbit, LEO for short, satellite system which means it's located closer to

Earth than Geostationary, or GEO, satellites. GEO satellites orbit the Earth at a speed matching the Earth's rotation, allowing it to hover in one location above the Earth.

Quintillion President Mac McHale stated in an update on the repairs that permits have been filed to complete the offshore repairs. The repair vessel is currently undergoing maintenance on Vancouver Island. Quintillion has contacted the Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission in Fairbanks to inform them of the planned repairs. Based on sea ice forecasts, repairs are still set to begin August 9 and continue through August 22.

**ACHIEVE
MORE**

BRANCHING OUT TO BRING OUR NEIGHBORS MORE OPPORTUNITIES.

To expand our local services and signature Superior Customer First Service, we are pleased to welcome you to our new Nome Financial Center located at the Nome Courthouse building.

Call (907) 443-7200 today to learn how Northrim can provide customized solutions to power your business.

Drew McCann
Lending Branch Manager

306 W. 5th Ave., Suite C
Monday - Friday, 10am - 5pm

Ashley Crowe
Universal Banker

John Baker
Assistant Branch Manager

Thaddeus Payenna
Universal Banker

• Graphite One

continued from page 4

And all anybody cares about is the lowest price. The lowest price is the law. In the past couple of decades, we've shifted from that to a focus less on just value for money, but more on values—values such as ESG [environmental, social and governance], values such as human rights, values such as environment value, such as corruption, transparency, etc. values such as resilience of supply chains, values of national security and geopolitics.”

The second factor, Wood said, is the recent systemic shocks of events like the COVID-19 pandemic, which “brought home the issue of supply chains to the average voter for the first time.”

“Going into a supermarket and not being able to buy whatever you wanted was a huge psychological shock for many people,” he said.

Thirdly, Wood said the federal government, as well as state and local governments, have a new focus on the energy transition moving away from fossil fuels. “Some of our major automobile manufacturers are saying they’re going to go 100 percent electric by 2035,” he said. And the way many of those vehicles’ batteries are currently designed means they need minerals like graphite.

At one point, panelists were asked to name the one research question related to critical minerals that they would like to see tackled. Wood and the Department of Energy’s Arctic Energy Office Director Erin Whitney both emphasized the need for more research on how to power mines with greener energy sources. Meanwhile, Emily J. Holland, an assistant professor in strategic and operational research at the U.S. Naval War College in Rhode Island, said she wanted more research on how to convince communities to get on board with domestic mining projects.

“Mining has very bad PR,” Holland said. “What we’ve seen is there is this obvious need to increase responsible mining in a variety of places. But if you poll people about their thoughts on mining, they don’t want it in their neighborhood. We’ve seen, particularly in Europe over the last decade, a host of projects just sitting there and stopping despite the promise of economic development and jobs. I would want to know, what would we have to communicate to communities to get them to view mining as greener or as going to build the community, or as working towards a larger project? Because I think we don’t have that sort of level of communication with the average public yet on why mining is so important, why it’s different than the mining of 30 years ago, why it might be a benefit to bring to their communities.”

Convincing the public

Public perception and outreach came up again the next day when Murkowski appeared for a short ad-

dress and a talk moderated by University of Alaska President Pat Pitney.

“We’ve got to build support from really a very broad constellation of stakeholders, not just the state and the boroughs and the communities and the local residents,” Murkowski said. “We’ve got half of the nation’s tribes. We’ve got hundreds of Alaska Native corporations who are key to these discussions. So it’s never simple up there. But that’s why we have to make the strongest case for our ability to lead on mineral development.”

Murkowski said she thought minerals could be Alaska’s “next Prudhoe.” But she also discussed the challenges ahead for creating that new industry. She said infrastructure needs—roads, ports and power generation—are often “part of the Achilles’ heel” for resource extraction projects in Alaska. She said the state’s workforce needs to be developed, too, so that Alaskans can benefit from the jobs offered by such projects. Murkowski added that changing the public perception of mining could help stoke more interest in those jobs locally. She said promoting that shift in public opinion would be as important as all the policy initiatives being rolled out to subsidize the industry.

“We’ve got to change this because we need to get the support for projects,” she said. “We need to get the support for subsidies and trade protections and whatever else is going to be necessary to a more robust U.S. supply chain.”

She acknowledged that Alaskans have been witness to bad practices in mining, where companies have failed to clean up and remediate their sites.

Concerns

The proposed mine is on state land, and public input on Graphite One’s work will become increasingly important, especially once the company starts applying for its environmental permits, the next step after the feasibility study is completed. However, tribes in the surrounding region have already raised concerns about how the proposed mine could affect salmon habitats and other subsistence resources that they have used for thousands of years.

The Native Village Traditional Councils of Teller, Brevig Mission and Mary’s Igloo have been working with the advocacy group Water Policy Consulting to collect flow data from streams near the mine and apply for the right to keep the average base flows in the streams. In May the Native Village of Teller applied for an instream flow reservation permits for Hot Springs Creek and the Native Village of Brevig Mission applied for one for Glacier Canyon Creek with Alaska’s Department of Natural Resources, or DNR. Graphite One has already been using water from these creeks to support

its operations, using a temporary water use authorization from DNR, but the company has yet to apply for water rights.

“Instream flow water reservation is the same thing as a water right, except with a water right, you are taking water out of a stream or river and with a flow reservation you’re keeping it in, so it’s specifically for the protection of fish habitat,” said Hal Shepherd of Water Policy Consulting. Shepherd said the process to obtain such a reservation is rigorous, requiring a long record of data. Another complication is that the state often requires the tribes to waive sovereign immunity to obtain the reservation, Shepherd said.

“The state is concerned about it, because if they get sued, when they start an adjudication, then they need to be able to bring the tribe in as a party, because they’re the ones applying for the water reservation,” Shepherd said.

If that effort is successful, instream flow reservations would protect the water from being used by mining operations.

“Once you get the reservation, then you have a priority date of the day that application was submitted, and therefore a mining company can’t come along and take that water after your priority date,” Shepherd said.

Shepherd recalled that Graphite

One seemed like a small operation when he first began working with the tribes more than a decade ago.

“They were trying to find money to continue their investigating and exploration, and it didn’t look like they were going to get it,” he said.

“Now we get this news that they’ve just gotten \$37.5. They’re expanding all the time. They’re probably unique in Alaska for being, I would say, one of the biggest poster children for critical minerals.”



Did you know?

The City of Nome has a curfew for children.

Unless accompanied by an adult:

Children under the age of 18 are not allowed on the streets after 10 p.m. until 6 a.m. Sunday thru Thursday and Midnight to 6 a.m. Friday, Saturday and holidays.

Help keep our children safe!

Ordinance NO. 13.15.010

KAWERAK IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE
NEW Teacher Education Scholarship
\$5,000 PER Semester!

- Are you interested in becoming a teacher?
- Have you completed at least 36 credit hours?
- Are you tribally enrolled in and a resident of the Bering Strait Region?

We would love to support you!

Apply at my-cache.org
Deadline August 25
Learn More at Kawerak.org/he
Growing and Developing our Own Educators for culturally effective, relevant and responsive educational systems.

Floral Shop

120 West 1st Avenue • PH: 907.443.6800
Monday - Friday 7am - 5pm • Saturday 10am - 4pm • CLOSED on Sunday

Contemporary and traditional fresh **flower arrangements** by Trinh's.
Birthdays, Weddings, Funerals and more.
Delivery in town and surrounding villages.

Coffee Shop

Monday - Friday 7am - 5pm
Saturday hours may change, so please call first! Closed on Sunday!

NOW SERVING KALADI BROTHERS COFFEE

• This time is different?

continued from page 2

fect my people, my culture, my religion, my tradition."

The Biden administration dismissed Indigenous concerns about the project and there was no attempt at Free, Prior and Informed Consent.

The Aspen report said Congress needs to clarify and enforce the rights of Indigenous people when it comes to mining.

"The Task Force recommends clarifying that Free, Prior, and Informed Consent—in the sense of consent being a requirement for progress—applies to Tribal Nations directly impacted by critical mineral development; best efforts to achieve consent should also be sought from Tribal Nations which can only claim to be affected indirectly by such development. In both cases, consultations are essential."

"The Task Force's recommendations—around permitting reform, Free Prior and Informed Consent, and Tribal Nation project equity—will help boost U.S. critical mineral supply in a manner that is economically, environmentally, and socially responsible and innovative. Even still, the United States will be unable to bring new projects online as quickly as is needed to meet future needs or completely eliminate dependence on China for refining and processing supply chains," the report said.

A second recommendation from the Aspen task force is a call for Congress to fund technical and financial resources for tribes as they evaluate and consider mining projects, including ownership. Aspen cites the work of the First Nations Major Projects Coalition, 27 nations that have joined together to access capital and technical expertise.

The goal would be for tribal nations to be full partners, even owners, giving them a seat at the table for making decisions about what is developed. "Congress can help ensure that Tribal Nations are more meaningfully invested in these projects by providing concessional financing and loan guarantees to Tribal Nations that are interested in obtaining equity in critical mineral projects," the task force wrote.

Rethinking tribal partnerships, building technical expertise

"They're bringing those experts to First Nations and helping them review and really be a part of the project," said Collette Brown-Rodriguez, Confederated Salish Kootenai Tribe. She is the director of community and tribal relations for Avantus, a renewable energy company, and serves on Apollo Silver Company's board of

directors. She said that some of that dynamic is unique to Canada's First Nations but the concept could be useful in the states. There is a reluctance to talk about mining, including from tribal leaders, because of the industry's history and practices. And, on top of that, tribal leaders are more concerned about basic needs, housing, food, and social issues.

"And we're trying to bring this very complex, whether it's renewable energy or mining projects," she said. But the tribes "don't have engineers. They don't have a hydrologist. They don't have the specialized people to really give them good feedback. So then, what ends up happening in the mining space is that we tend to hit the easy button."

And mining decisions are incredibly complex.

"It's all supply chain economics. And that's kind of why I went back to get my MBA. Because I love mining, and I love renewable energy, but I wanted to understand how the world works with all these different commodities," Brown-Rodriguez said.

She sees this as similar to people buying food in a grocery store and not knowing or thinking about where the animals come from. It's the same for everyday products that include rare earth minerals from cell phones to computers. "It's really fascinating to kind of see how this is all playing around the world. And how it impacts Indigenous people."

The Aspen report also recommends that Congress address the issue of demand.

"Congress must make it easier to extract and process critical minerals domestically by legislating a place-based approach to critical mineral permitting and by setting timelines on project adjudication," the report said. "At the same time, Congress needs to encourage measures to reduce the demand for critical minerals, such as investing more in technology for substitutes and recycling."

The demand issue is critical. There are not enough minerals on the planet to replace every internal combustion engine with an electric vehicle. The expectations about change—and reduction—have to be a part of the solution.

"If we don't increase mining, what are the options that get us to clean energy at scale? I think we have to look at all of the different technologies and all of the different solutions to climate change," said Kate Finn. "Mining and transition mineral mining isn't the only way and green technology isn't the only way to solve climate change. It's just

one way. So I think we have to look at different ways of de-growth of the economy, different ways of building supply chains. I think we have to look at all of those solutions instead of pretending that only mining and only clean energy solutions are the only way."

Indeed without substantive change in consumer behavior, the demand equation is staggering.

The forecast increases in demand from clean energy technologies, layered onto more stable existing demand trends, imply steep growth in total demand for many critical minerals. Consulting firm McKinsey estimates that lithium production, for

example, will need to increase by more than 700 percent from 2020-2030 for the world to achieve its 1.5°C climate goals. Cobalt, neodymium, and nickel are estimated to require around 100 percent increases in supply over the same timeline. Rapid demand growth also applies to high-volume markets.

S&P Global projects that copper demand will almost double from 2021 to 2035, with annual demand expected to rise by an extraordinary 24 million metric tons.

Finn said the narrative about solar panels, EVs, etc., is a "good and useful conversation, but it's not the only conversation."

"What we need is a wider look at the whole issue. And one thing I would say to this issue of urgency is not to look at green technology as the only issue because if we look at green technology as the only solution, then yes, it's quite an urgent problem to solve. And climate change has its own urgency. But what we really need to look at is all of the solutions together, who is at the table, and how Indigenous leadership and how Indigenous solutions can be part of each one of those solutions sets."

The danger is that without a new

continued on page 9



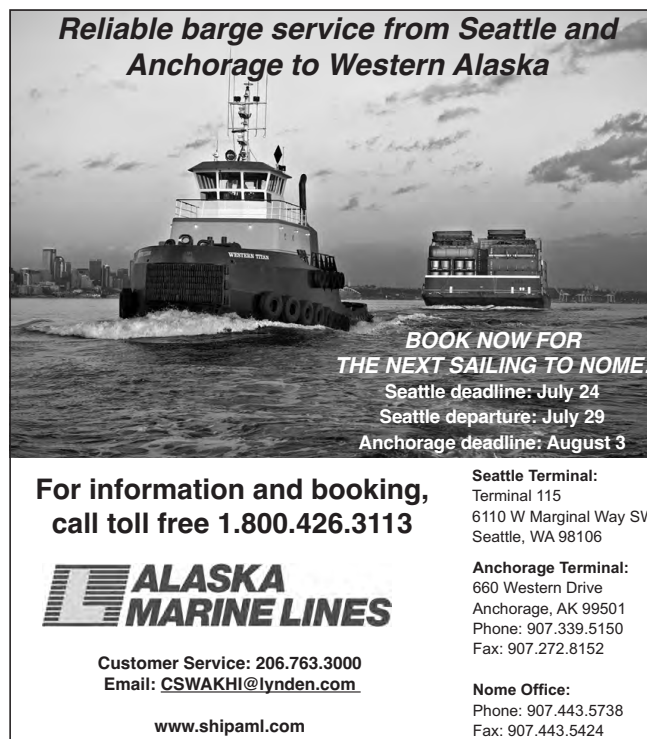
GET THE MOST FOR YOUR GOLD!

WE'VE MOVED

Find Us in Nome:

113 Front Street
Suite B07
Nome, AK 99762
907.304.1699
www.oxfordmetals.com

Oxford Assaying & Refining Corp.
"The Precious Metals People"



Reliable barge service from Seattle and Anchorage to Western Alaska

BOOK NOW FOR THE NEXT SAILING TO NOME!

Seattle deadline: July 24
Seattle departure: July 29
Anchorage deadline: August 3

For information and booking, call toll free 1.800.426.3113

ALASKA MARINE LINES

Customer Service: 206.763.3000
Email: CSWAKHI@lynden.com
www.shipaml.com

Seattle Terminal:
Terminal 115
6110 W Marginal Way SW
Seattle, WA 98106

Anchorage Terminal:
660 Western Drive
Anchorage, AK 99501
Phone: 907.339.5150
Fax: 907.272.8152

Nome Office:
Phone: 907.443.5738
Fax: 907.443.5424



NOME ESKIMO COMMUNITY HOUSING PROGRAM

Did you know NEC offers housing assistance to low-income eligible members who reside in Nome?

Energy Efficiency Program: This program designed to provide weatherization assistance to NEC members 18 years or older who are low income. The dwelling must be the primary place of residence and occupied year-round.

For more information, contact Theresa Kenick, NEC Housing Director at (907) 443-9120 or theresa.kenick@necalaska.org.

NEC Housing Program complies with the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA). Individuals and families who apply for assistance must meet eligibility requirements.



ONE FOOT HIGH KICK—Wookie Nichols competed in the One-Foot High Kick.

Photo by Logan Hebel



SECOND PLACE—Parker Kenick placed second in the One-Foot High Kick during the WEIO competition in Fairbanks.

Photo by Logan Hebel



DENA STICKPULL—Marjorie Tahbone won the Dena Stickpull and the Fish Cutting events. Pictured with Tahbone is Nicole Johnston.

Photo by Logan Hebel



FOCUS—Katlyn Smith keeps her eyes focused on the seal skin ball in the Alaskan High Kick.

Photo by Logan Hebel



BENCH REACH—Paris Hebel placed second in the Bench Reach event, after Unalakleet's Nick Hanson.

Photo by Logan Hebel





VISITORS— Cruise ship visitors learned about dog mushing in the Arctic during their visit in Nome, on Tuesday, July 18.

• Cruise ships

continued from page 1

Stotts.

"There is always a chance some of these port calls could cancel or delay due to weather conditions at the facility, or a chance their actual berth location could change based on other operations," Stotts said.

The next 11 cruise ship dates and

names are: July 30, Scenic Eclipse; August 14, NG Resolution; August 19, Roald Amundsen; August 21, Hanseatic Nature; Sept. 7, Nansen; Sept. 14, Silver Wind; Sept. 17, Seaborne Venture; Sept. 18, L'Austral; Sept. 21, Sylvia Earle; Sept. 24, Le Boreal; Oct. 5, Le Commandant Charcot.



CRUISE LINER— Hurtigruten's Roald Amundsen, sailing from Vancouver, docked in Nome on July 18.

• This time

continued from page 7

paradigm the idea of green colonialism will become the norm.

"It often comes up, can't we increase critical transition mineral mining in order to get these solutions and then we'll come back and then we'll look at FPIC and then we'll look at Indigenous peoples. That's never been the pattern," said Finn. "Indigenous peoples have never been part of the conversation ... So now we need to get there, and I

would say most of these technologies will take more than 10 years to come to scale. So if we start now to operationalize FPIC, to operationalize consent regimes, and to involve tribal leaders, we will be much farther in 10 years than we have been in the last hundred."

This article is printed with permission and was originally published by Indian Country Today on June 21. The Associated Press contributed to it.

The Nome Nugget's submission policies:

Letters to the Editor: The maximum length of a letter to the editor should be around 300-500 words. The letters may be edited for length and clarity. You must provide your full name and mailing address to The Nome Nugget. Your name and mailing address are printed alongside your letter. Letters may be submitted by email to diana@nomenugget.com or mail to PO Box 610, Nome, AK 99762. We don't print anonymous letters unless the author is known to the Nugget and/or has reasonable fear for repercussions. We will not print material that is potentially libelous, discriminatory, obscene, threatening, copyrighted or promotional. We do not print letters that contain provable falsehoods and misinformation. We do not print letters written to endorse products or a political candidate. If you'd like to promote your for-profit product or a political candidate, please see our advertising rates and deadlines by contacting ads@nomenugget.com.

OP ED: Maximum length: 700-800 words; must reflect the opinion of an individual with expertise in the subject. OP ED submitted on behalf of political parties, PACs, corporations, or signed by several people for or against political candidates or ballot measures are considered ads.

Announcements: The Nome Nugget publishes obituaries, birth and wedding announcements as a community service free of charge. We require submissions of announcements or obituaries to be factual and fair as they are not independently researched by Nugget staff.

Howling with Huskies aims to heal trauma

By Anna Lionas

Dr. Linda Chamberlain is an Alaskan, an epidemiologist, a musher and the author of a children's book where she blends all those aspects of her life together. Howling With Huskies is a book about using your brain and body to help heal and process negative emotions and traumas.

Her research specializes in the brain and the effects stress and trauma can have on the body and brain. "The best tools we have that are transforming how we approach these issues have been used and understood by indigenous people for thousands of years," said Dr. Chamberlain in an interview with The Nome Nugget. The irony is science is slow. It's taken this long for renowned medical institutions like Mayo Clinic and Cleveland Clinic to catch up, but they finally are, says Dr. Chamberlain.

Her aim for the book is to make the ways of processing emotions through physical movement available to a wide variety of people. The techniques in the book aren't just for children, it's for everyone, said Dr. Chamberlain.

Dr. Chamberlain's journey with dog mushing began in the mid 1990s when she went skiing and injured her knee. Her husband had trained a team for the Iditarod and, though she was hesitant at first, coaxed her to try mushing as a way of getting around their Alaska property. "It ended up being the best rehab I could've ever had," said Chamberlain. Tutka was Dr. Chamberlain's first lead dog, she was the inspiration for the lead dog in the book.

From 2015 to 2017 Dr. Chamberlain participated in the inaugural Fulbright arctic initiative in Finland where she presented her research on resilience. There she saw a different approach to working with and supporting families. There she gained knowledge on how to create access-



MUSHING—Dr. Linda Chamberlain mushes her team of sled dogs in Homer, Alaska.

sible tools for people, which inspired her to make the book a free online PDF.

In 2018 she was working in rural Alaska talking to families who had experienced hardships. It came to her then that she could use mushing to create a story with movement and voice to help generations better understand their emotions. It didn't come to fruition until COVID-19 when Dr. Chamberlain had time to sit down and write out the book.

It's a product of COVID-19, she said.

Through her research and outreach Dr. Chamberlain has worked with Alaska Children's Trust before, so when President and CEO Trevor Stotts heard about the book she was writing he called her up to get involved right away. "Dr. Chamberlain is a phenomenal individual who's doing phenomenal work with children and families," said Stotts.

"I hope people find tradition and connection through this book," said Dr. Chamberlain "if they do, I would be thrilled."

The book is free to download online and available for purchase and all proceeds go back to ACT where they use the funds to further promote the book. They use it to give books out for free to schools and libraries, said Stotts.

Howling With Huskies has been translated into seven languages and is currently being translated into five Alaskan Native languages.

It can be downloaded for free at howlingwithhuskies.com and ordered as a paperback on Amazon and Barnes and Noble. Currently, ACT is holding a giveaway where readers send in a video of them "Howling with huskies" to kpfister@alaska-childrenstrust.org and are entered to win a printed book.

Celebrating

THE LIFE OF

Sandra L. Medearis

JAN 8, 1941

DEC 31, 2022

MEDEARIS/HALL FAMILY INVITE YOU ON SATURDAY
JULY 22, 2023 at 3PM

SOLOMON BED & BREAKFAST
MP 34 of NOME-COUNCIL HWY SOLOMON, ALASKA

POTLUCK STYLE RECEPTION TO FOLLOW. IF YOU WOULD LIKE PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH TO SHARE. SOFT AND HARD BEVERAGES WILL BE AVAILABLE.



ANGLER — An angler tries his luck on the Nome River on Sunday, July 16.

Photo by Nils Hahn

•Craig George

continued from page 10

page thesis, he has condensed three decades of accompanying Inupiat hunters while they harvested whales and has refined his experiences into insights on bowhead biology. Here are a few highlights:

Bowheads can go without eating for more than one year (1,000 times longer than a mouse, he notes).

Bowheads can live to 200-years-old in part because the whales evolved in cold water without much food. "These stressors may have led to slow growth, delayed maturity and subsequently extended longevity to ensure reproductive success," George wrote.

So efficient is the bowhead's foot of blubber insulation that bowhead skin temperatures are about equal to the surrounding frigid ocean, while their internal temperature remains about 33.7 degrees Celsius (92.7 degrees Fahrenheit).

Bowheads have an incredible system for shedding excess heat that involves the flukes of the tail, the roof of the mouth and a bowhead's pickup truck-size tongue. "The body temperatures for pursued whales ...

were not elevated. In fact, the lowest temperature was for the whale pursued (by whale hunters) the longest," George wrote.

Back on the Perch, it is a slow day for bowhead watching. Curtains of fog open and close above the open water through which the bowheads are swimming. George, Pierce and another watcher saw 18 whales yesterday, along with a polar bear that padded within a few dozen feet of the Perch before wandering off. We see neither whales nor bears at the Perch today (though the bears will appear for us later at a pile of whale bones near Point Barrow).

After deciding to dismantle the canvas windbreak material from around the Perch, George scribbles the day's result in his notebook. On ice steps sprinkled with gravel to enhance grip. George and Pierce descend from the Perch for the final time in 2010 (they often complete the spring whale count in late May). Soon, the sea ice that supports it will melt, and that impressive structure will vanish.

In a few hours, George will return to his office north of Barrow and enter his data from another year of routing snowmachine trails through

sea ice, building towers from ice blocks, shooing off polar bears and standing in greasy boots alongside village whaling captains as they process their catch. For all his knowledge on bowhead whales, George in his thesis wrote that he would have learned much less without the people whose ancestors were hunting the whales right here when Jesus Christ was walking the other end of the planet.

"The Eskimo whale hunters, captains and crews deserve great credit — perhaps singular credit — as without their support this research would have been impossible. They supported me in the field, fed me maktak (blubber), offered ideas and supported the Department's seemingly esoteric research for 30 years. They taught me more whale biology than I will ever teach them."

Since the late 1970s, the University of Alaska Fairbanks' Geophysical Institute has provided this column free in cooperation with the UAF research community. Ned Rozell is a science writer for the Geophysical Institute.

Lemon Cheesecake with Fruit



Servings: 6-8

- 1 ¹/₄ cups graham cracker crumbs
- ¹/₄ cup sugar
- ¹/₄ cup butter, melted
- 2 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese, softened
- 1 can (14 ounces) sweetened condensed milk
- 3 eggs
- ¹/₄ cup fresh lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 orange, peeled and separated
- 8 raspberries
- 3 mint leaves, for garnish

Preheat oven to 350 F.

In medium bowl, combine graham cracker crumbs, sugar and melted butter. Press firmly into 9-inch springform pan.

In large bowl, beat cream cheese until fluffy. Gradually beat in sweetened condensed milk until smooth. Add eggs, fresh lemon juice and vanilla extract; mix until combined.

Pour into pan. Bake 50-55 minutes, or until center springs back when lightly pressed.

Chill in refrigerator until completely cooled. Arrange orange slices around border of cake and place raspberries in middle. Top with mint leaves.

Church Services Directory

Bible Baptist Church

103 E. 1st Avenue (1st and Steadman)
443-2144

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

Community United Methodist Church

West 2nd Avenue & C Street
Sunday: Worship 11 a.m.

Nome Covenant Church

101 Bering Street • 443-2565
10:00 am Sunday School on a break for the summer
Worship 11 a.m.
Checkpoint Youth: James Ventress • 841-4333

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

5th Avenue & Bering • 443-5295
Sunday:

11am Worship Service
Handicapped accessible ramp: North side

River of Life Assembly of God

405 W. Seppala • (907) 949-6125
Sunday Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Mid-Week Worship: 7:00 p.m.
For more information please contact Pastor Austin Jones

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Corner of Steadman & W. King Place • 443-5527
Holy Mass schedule
Monday-Friday: 5:40pm Rosary; 6:00pm Mass
Saturday: 4:30pm Confessions; 5:00pm Rosary and 5:30pm Mass
Sunday: 10:30am Mass (Broadcast on KNOM)
Note: If you are feeling unwell or in quarantine, please join us via radio on KNOM.
Priests: Rev Fr Alphonsus Afina (907-888-2817) and Michael Ulaski (907-799-4875).

Seventh-Day Adventist

Icy View • 443-5137
Pastor Chad Angasan
Saturday Sabbath School: 10 a.m.
Saturday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.

Nome Church of the Nazarene

3rd Avenue & Division Street • 443-4870
Pastor Dan Ward
Sunday Prayer 9:30 a.m. • Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.

SingSpiration Time.

Sing along with the songs you know, performed by your neighbors in western Alaska.

Join Bertha Koweluk and Lena Mathlaw for SingSpiration

Time each weekday evening from 7 to 10 p.m.



If you have music you'd like to share on the radio, call us toll free at 1-800-478-5429. If it's on cassette, CD or a vinyl LP, we'll share it with everyone on SingSpiration Time.

KICV
AM-850

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

Deadline is noon Monday • (907) 443-5235 • Fax (907) 443-5112 • e-mail ads@nomenugget.com

Employment

Seeking Qualified Applicants



NORTON SOUND HEALTH CORPORATION

In Nome:

Accounting: Accounts Payable Technician I/II/III \$30.02 + DOE
Administration: Assistant Project Manager – Capital Projects \$48.13 + DOE;
 Executive Specialist III \$41.90 + DOE; Education Coordinator \$36.65 + DOE
Behavioral Health: Administrative Assistant I & Administrative Assistant Relief
 \$25 + DOE; Administrative Specialist I/II \$26.41 + DOE;
 Clinical Associate \$27.41 + DOE; Cultural Arts Instructor \$34.25 + DOE;
 Recovery Coach \$27.41 + DOE
CAMP: Administrative Specialist III \$30.02 + DOE; Diabetes Educator – RN
 \$48.13 + DOE
Dental: Dental Hygienist \$41.90 + DOE
Electronic Health Records: EHR Support Specialist \$34.25 + DOE;
 Population Health CMA \$34.25 + DOE
Emergency Department: Emergency Department Technician \$30.02 + DOE
Environmental Services: Environmental Service Worker I & Relief \$25.00 + DOE;
 Laundry Worker \$25.00 + DOE
Eye Care: Administrative Assistant I \$25.00 + DOE
Human Resources: Human Resources Associate \$36.65 + DOE
In Home Support Program: Direct Care Attendant \$25.00 + DOE
Laboratory: Phlebotomist – Uncertified \$27.41 + DOE; Medical Laboratory
 Technician \$41.90 + DOE; Point of Care Testing Assistant \$30.02 + DOE;
Materials Management: Mail Clerk \$25.00 + DOE;
 Patient Driver I & Relief \$30.02 + DOE
Nutrition Services: Cook & Relief \$30.02 + DOE;
 Food Service Worker I/II/III & Relief \$25.00 + DOE
Patient Financial Services: Health Information Technician \$26.41 + DOE; Patient
 Account Representative \$30.02 + DOE; Revenue Cycle Analyst \$39.20 + DOE
Patient Hostel: Patient Hostel Attendant & Relief \$25.00 + DOE
Patient Housing: Patient Housing Coordinator \$30.02 + DOE
Pharmacy: Pharmacy Technician I \$27.41 + DOE
Plant Operations: Maintenance Technician I/II/III \$31.73 + DOE
Primary Care: Certified Medical Assistant \$34.25 + DOE;
 Pediatric Referral Coordinator \$36.65 + DOE
Quality Improvement: Administrative Specialist II \$27.41 + DOE
Quayana Care: Certified Nursing Assistant \$34.25 + DOE
Sanitation: Remote Maintenance Worker I & Relief \$36.65 + DOE
Security: Security Officer Trainee & Relief \$25.00 + DOE;
 Security Officer I \$25.00 + DOE
Tribal Healing: Tribal Healer/Trainee \$27.41 + DOE
Village Facilities Management: Travel Maintenance Technician \$36.65 + DOE
WIC: WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Relief \$20.00

In Our Village Communities:

Brevig Mission:
 Personal Care Attendant Relief \$25.00 + DOE;
 Community Health Aide Trainee \$27.41 + DOE
Diomed:
 Environmental Services Worker & Relief \$26.41 + DOE;
 Maintenance Worker \$31.73 + DOE;
 Community Health Aide Trainee \$27.41 + DOE
Elim:
 Direct Care Attendant Relief \$25.00 + DOE;
 Clinic Travel Specialist \$26.41 + DOE
Gambell:
 Community Health Aide Trainee \$27.41 + DOE
Golovin:
 Community Health Aide Trainee \$27.41 + DOE;
 Environmental Services Worker Relief \$26.41 + DOE
Koyuk:
 Community Health Aide Trainee \$27.41 + DOE;
 Environmental Services Worker Relief \$26.41 + DOE
St Michael:
 Community Health Aide Trainee \$27.41 + DOE
Savonaga:
 Dental Assistant Trainee \$27.41 + DOE;
 Community Health Aide Trainee \$27.41 + DOE
Shaktolik:
 Community Health Aide Trainee \$27.41 + DOE;
 Environmental Services Worker Relief \$26.41 + DOE;
 Clinic Travel Specialist Relief \$26.41
Shishmaref:
 Community Health Aide Trainee \$27.41 + DOE;
 Environmental Services Worker Relief \$26.41 + DOE;
 Clinic Travel Specialist Relief \$26.41
Stebbins:
 Community Health Aide Trainee \$27.41 + DOE;
 Environmental Services Worker Relief \$26.41 + DOE
Teller:
 Environmental Services Worker Relief \$26.41 + DOE;
 Clinic Travel Specialist Relief \$26.41
Unalakleet: Village Based Counselor Trainee \$27.41 + DOE;
 Certified Medical Assistant \$34.25 + DOE;
 Community Health Aide Trainee \$27.41 + DOE;
 Clinic Travel Specialist Relief \$26.41 + DOE
Wales:
 Personal Care Attendant Relief \$25.00 + DOE;
 Village Based Counselor Trainee \$27.41 + DOE;
 Environmental Services Worker \$26.41 + DOE;
 Community Health Aide Trainee \$27.41 + DOE;
 Clinic Travel Specialist & Relief \$26.41 + DOE

**\$5,000 hard to fill hiring bonus
for qualified positions**

For more information or an up-to-date vacancy list,
go to www.NortonSoundHealth.org or contact Human Resources at (907) 443-4573
NSHHC is a drug-free workplace and will apply Alaska Native/Alaskan Indian preference for hire (under PS 93-638 and Veteran Preferences).
 NSHC will also initiate a criminal history/background check for all positions.

Real Estate

We Buy Homes!!

Cash 4 Gold Business
3 Lots, Office, Energy Efficient 2br Home
Equipment, vehicles and furniture - Turnkey!

www.nomesweethomes.com

•Employment

BSRHA RECRUITMENT BULLETIN

Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority is recruiting for the following positions:

- Seasonal Laborer
- Custodian
- Assistant Manager (Projects)

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO APPLY:

Application and full job description can be downloaded from the website www.bsrha.org, picked up at the BSRHA Office: 1008 East Front Street, Nome, Alaska, or by emailing HR@bsrha.org. Applications may be turned in, mailed, faxed, or e-mailed to BSRHA.

JOIN THE TEAM
 The City of Nome
 an Equal Opportunity Employer
 is accepting applications for:

Position: Executive Assistant to City Manager
Range & Salary: \$70,000 DOE Regular Full Time
Qualifications: Under the direction of the City Manager, this position provides administrative support services as directed and clerical support services as needed. Routinely deals with legal and personnel matters of a highly confidential nature. Employee is considered part of the City's management team. In that capacity, the Executive Assistant will provide a high level of responsible support to the Manager in the governance of the City.

Position: Accounting Technician
Range & Salary: grade 13 \$26.91; grade 14 \$28.97 per hour DOE
Qualifications: This position will learn accounts payable, and other reconciling duties. This person will need attention to detail, ability to organize, track deadlines and prioritize, ability to communicate both verbal and written and also ability work independently. This person will need computer skills, excel, financial accounting software, 10-key, and will also need the ability to perform mathematical computations accurately.

Position: Accounting Clerk
Range & Salary: grade 12 \$24.97 - \$27.93 per hour DOE
Qualifications: hybrid Clerk, Admin, Finance - scanning, filing, shredding, this position will also learn the cash receipting function at the front counter

Position: Communications Officer I/II, Dispatch
Range & Salary: \$24.05-\$25.92 per hour DOE; Full-Time & Part-Time available
Qualifications: Answers 911 calls and dispatches services to community.

Position: Building Maintenance I/II/III
Range & Salary: grade 13, \$26.91; grade 14, \$28.97, grade 15, \$31.22 DOE
Qualifications: Performs a variety of semi-skilled/skilled trades work in construction, including maintaining and repairing building structures and facilities for the city. Must have a High School degree or equivalency.

Position: Custodian-Recreation Center
Range & Salary: grade 10 \$22.33 per hour DOE; Full-Time
Qualifications: Under immediate supervision is responsible for keeping the Nome Recreation Center in clean and orderly condition and minor maintenance of buildings and adjacent grounds and opening in the Morning.

Applications may be obtained from City Hall 907-443-6663, Nome Job Service or call HR Office at 907-443-6602 for more information visit www.nomealaska.org Deliver completed application to City Hall or by email at: hr@nomealaska.org
***Benefits:** Medical, Dental, Vision, 22 days PTO, 12 holidays, Parental and Bereavement leave plus more...

Trooper Beat

Norton Sound Region
 Sexual Assault: On 7/17/23 at approximately 2:47 p.m., Alaska State Troopers received a report of a Sexual Assault. The investigation is ongoing.

Shaktolik
 Assault - DV: On 7/8 at approximately 2:26 p.m., AST received a report of an Assault - DV. Investigation resulted in the arrest of Eric Keenan Jackson, 18, of Shaktolik for Assault in the first degree and Loretta Jackson, 42, of Shaktolik for furnishing alcohol to a person under 21 years of age and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Stebbins
 Burglary: On 7/8 at approximately 7:17 p.m., AST received a report of a Burglary. Investigation resulted in the arrest of Eric Washington, 22, of Stebbins for Theft and Criminal Mischief.

Saint Lawrence Island
 Search and Rescue (SAR): On 7/9 at approximately 5:50 p.m., AST received a request for a SAR. Galen Edwards reported his machine was broken down and was stranded near the South-east part of the island. Galen reported he became separated from his brother Gavin Edwards. Galen contacted AST again and advised he had reconnected with Gavin, and they were able to get their machine unstuck and make it to their destination. SAR efforts were canceled after AST received confirmation that Galen and Gavin arrived at their destination without further incident.

Stebbins
 On 7/11 at approximately 2:16 p.m., AST received a report of an Assault - DV. Investigation resulted in the arrest of Kendra Nashonak, 25, of Stebbins for Assault 4.

Norton Sound Region
 Sexual Abuse of a Minor: On 7/12 at approximately 8:14 p.m., AST received a report of a Sexual Abuse of a Minor - The investigation is ongoing.

Court

Week ending 7/14/2023

Civil
 "No Records Found" Court View, Civil, start 2N0-23-00059C

Small Claims
 "No Records Found" Court View, Small Claims, start 2N0-23-000115C

Criminal
 State of Alaska v. Aaron Moore (5/13/91); CTN 002: Violate DV Protective Order; DV; Date of Violation: 3/28/23; 360 days, 330 days sus-

pended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served now; No Contact: Effective immediately, and until unconditional discharge, defendant will have no direct or indirect contact with: Paula Nakarak who her consent; Probation until 7/14/25; Comply with all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Obey all state, federal, and local laws and ordinances.

State of Alaska v. Nathaniel O'Connor (12/31/80); Assault-Cause Fear Of Injury; DV; Date of Violation: 1/7/23; Any appearance or performance bond in this case is exonerated; 180 days, 180 days suspended; No Contact: Effective immediately, and until unconditional discharge, de-

fendant will have no direct or indirect contact with: T.K. who consent; Participate and comply with the following treatment program: Behavioral health assessment with 6 weeks and complete all recommended treatment; Surcharge due; Probation until 7/13/25; Comply with all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Obey all state, federal, and local laws and ordinances; Do not consume or buy alcohol during probation; Any driver's license or state ID is subject to cancellation under cited Alaska Statutes (AS); Any new li-

continued on page 13

Seawall

Nome Police Department Weekly press releases Activities reported between 7/10/2023 - 7/16/2023

During this period there were 205 calls for service received at the Nome Police Communications Center; 42 (20%) of these calls involved alcohol. The Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department responded to 6 ambulance calls. The Nome Volunteer Fire Department responded to no fire calls during this period. NPD responded to 11 calls reporting intoxicated persons needing assistance. Nobody was remanded to AMCC as protective hold; and 3 persons remained at the hospital for medical evaluation/treatment.

There were three citations for curfew violations and three citations for minor consuming alcohol.

Arrests

A total of 6 arrests made with 6 (100%) alcohol related.

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

Charge: Disorderly Conduct. Name: Amy Gusty. Location: Nome. Charges: Two counts Probation Violation. Name:

Wagner Mokiyuk. Location: Nome

Thursday, July 13, 2023

Charges: Assault in the fourth degree, Resisting Arrest, Criminal Mischief in the fifth degree, Disorderly Conduct. Name: Angel Toole. Location: Nome. Charge: Warrant arrest. Name: Robert Milton. Location: Nome. Charge: Assault in the fourth degree. Name: Stella Nattanguk. Location: Nome

Friday, July 14, 2023

Charges: Assault in the fourth degree, Probation Violation. Name: Crystal Gary. Location: Nome

Charge: Criminal Trespass in the first degree.

Name: Bradon Forch. Location: Nome. Charge: Criminal Trespass in the first degree. Name: Gary Roberts. Location: Nome

Saturday, July 15, 2023

Charge: Criminal mischief in the fifth degree. Name: Cecelia Iyapana. Location: Nome

Sunday, July 16, 2023

Charge: Driving under the influence. Name: Clarence Hardy. Location: Nome

Traffic

A total of 7 traffic stops were conducted with 4 warnings and 3 citation issued. NPD responded to 2 reports of a motor vehicle accident during this reporting period.

Disclaimer: This is a record of activity by the Nome Police Dept. The reports are provided by the Nome Police Department and are not independently verified by The Nome Nugget. The issuance of citations or the act of arrest does not assign guilt to any identified party. Officers refer all cases to the District Attorney.

•Employment

JOB OPENINGS

NMS is seeking to hire for several openings within its Custodial and Maintenance Department at the Nome Public Schools. Each position makes a significant difference and plays a vital role to maintain NPS facilities. Seeking **FT & PT Custodians**, a **Custodian Services Manager** and **Maintenance Technician** Positions. Each position requires some knowledge and experience. Come work with us! Apply today by visiting www.careers.nmsusa.com to get started. Have questions? Contact Facility Manager/Jonathan Duarte, at (907) 244-4121.



JOB OPENING

The City of Nome
is accepting applications for:

Position: Emergency Services Technician

Range: grade 14, \$28.97 - \$32.40 per hour DOE

Hours: Temporary 20-40 hrs/wk available

Closing Date: Until filled

Qualifications: Must have an EMT I

Under the direction of the Emergency Service Administrator, Responds to Nome Volunteer Fire Department ("NVFD") and Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department ("NVAD") calls during scheduled work hours and operates an emergency vehicle. Routinely deals with matters of highly confidential nature.

Applications may be obtained from City Hall 907-443-6663, Nome Job Service or call HR Office at 907-443-6600 for more information. Deliver completed application to City Hall or by email at: HR@nomealaska.org
An Equal Opportunity Employer

•Court

continued from page 12

case or state ID must list the AS alcohol buying restriction until the restriction expires.

State of Alaska v. Wayne Booshu 3rd (8/23/96): Assault 4 - Recklessly Injure. Date of Violation: 5/16/22; Any appearance or performance bond in this case is exonerated; 30 days, 27 days suspended; Unsupervised 3 days shall be timed served; No Contact: Effective immediately, and until unconditional discharge, defendant will have no direct or indirect contact with: William Iykitan without his consent; Surcharge due; Probation until 7/11/24; Obey all state, federal, and local laws and ordinances.

State of Alaska v. Crystal Lane (8/25/85): CTN 001: Assault 4-Cause Fear Of Injury; DV:

Date of Violation: 2/13/22; CTNs Dismissed: 002, 003, 004, 005; Any appearance or performance bond in this case is exonerated; 90 days, 90 days suspended; Surcharge due; Probation until 7/11/25; Obey all state, federal, and local laws and ordinances; Do not consume or possess alcohol; Do not enter a place where alcohol is the primary item for sale; Must submit to a portable breath test upon probable cause of an alcohol violation; Subject to warrantless arrest upon probable cause of a probation violation.

State of Alaska v. Norma Oquilik (7/11/84): CTN 001: Assault 4-Recklessly Injure; DV; Date of Violation: 1/1/23; CTNs Dismissed: 002; Any appearance or performance bond in this case is exonerated; Obtain a Behavioral Health Assessment and follow all recommended treatment; Surcharge due; Probation until 7/10/25; Obey all state, federal, and local laws and ordinances; Do not consume or possess alcohol; Do not enter a place where alcohol is the primary item for sale; Must submit to a portable breath test upon probable cause of an alcohol violation; Subject to warrantless arrest upon probable cause of a probation violation.

State of Alaska v. Reila Molly Oikpownik (9/28/00): CTN 001: Assault 4-Recklessly Injure; DV; Date of Violation: 10/27/22; Guilty and convicted of Harassment 2; CTNs Dismissed: 002; Any appearance or performance bond in this case is exonerated; 90 days, 90 days suspended; No Contact: Effective immediately, and until unconditional discharge, defendant will have no direct or indirect contact with: Hannah Oikpownik without her consent; Obtain a Behavioral Health Assessment and follow all recommended treatment; Surcharge due; Probation until 7/11/24; Comply with all direct court orders listed above, by the deadlines stated; Obey all state, federal, and local laws and ordinances.

State of Alaska v. Ray Weyiouanna (11/6/98): DUI-Operate Under Influ Alc/Drug; Date of Offense: 4/1/22; Any outstanding appearance or performance bond is exonerated; CTNs Dismissed: 002; 30 days, 27 days; Report by 5:00 p.m. on 7/31/23 to AMCC in person to remand/serve sentence OR a REMAND warrant will issue; Fines and other costs due as listed; Contact Anchorage ASAP or Behavioral Health Assessment; Complete screening, evaluation and recommended treatment by 7/11/24; Driver's license revoked for 90 days; Concurrent with DWI action: After you regain the privilege to drive, was an ID for 6 months; Costs of ID will be credited against fine imposed if you give proof of payment to your clerk before the fine due date; Probation for 18 months (date of judgment: 7/11/23); Obey all direct court orders above by the deadlines stated; Obey all state, federal, and local laws and ordinances; Do not consume or possess alcohol; Must submit to a portable breath test when requested by law enforcement upon probable cause of an alcohol violation; Subject to warrantless arrest upon probable cause of a probation violation.

State of Alaska v. Ray Weyiouanna (11/6/98): CTN 003: Escape 4-Off Detain For Misdemeanor; Date of Violation: 4/1/22; CTNs Dismissed: 002; Any appearance or performance bond in this case is exonerated; 30 days, 27 days suspended; Must remand to serve by 7/31/23 at 5:00 p.m.; Probation for 18 months (date of judgment: 7/11/23); Obey all direct court orders above by the deadlines stated; Obey all state, federal, and local laws and ordinances; Do not consume or possess alcohol; Must submit to a portable breath test when requested by law enforcement upon probable cause of an alcohol violation; Subject to warrantless arrest upon probable cause of a probation violation.

State of Alaska v. Bruce Allen Johnson (3/29/83): CTN 001: Assault 4-Recklessly Injure; DV; Date of Violation: 8/3/22; Guilty.

SOLOMON NATIVE CORPORATION

Notice of Special Annual Shareholders Meeting

Saturday, September 30, 2023 at 2 PM

There are **two seats** open for election on the **Board of Directors**. Shareholders 18 and older who wish to run for one of the two seats is required to send a letter of intent to:

**Solomon Native Corporation
Box 243
Nome, Alaska 99762**

or send an email to
solomonnativecorporation@gmail.com

All letters of intent must be received by July 31, 2023 either by USPS or email.

INVITATION TO BID

PORT OF NOME – INNER HARBOR DREDGING

NOME, ALASKA

**OWNER: CITY OF NOME
P.O. BOX 281
NOME, ALASKA 99762
907-443-6663 (PHONE)
907-443-5345 (FAX)**

The City of Nome will receive sealed bids to perform construction activities to remove material from the inner harbor which was deposited during a 2022 storm designated FEMA DR-4672-AK. Repair of the Inner Harbor will include pre- and post-dredge survey, mobilization for all work, demobilization, and suction dredging.

Federal funds will be used to pay for the work under this contract.

Interested persons may receive a bid package by registering with the City Clerk's office by email jjacobsen@nomealaska.org, phone at 907-443-6663 or by fax at 907-443-5345. Contract Documents will be available July 13, 2023.

One complete set of Bid Documents will also be available for review at The Plans Room, 4831 Old Seward Hwy # 202, Anchorage, AK 99503, 907-563-2029.

One complete set of Bid Documents will also be available for review at The Associated General Contractors of Alaska, 3750 Bonita Street, Fairbanks, AK 99701, 907-452-1809.

The deadline for submission of sealed proposals is July 27, 2023 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 - Port of Nome – Inner Harbor Dredging" along with the name and address of the Bidder. Fax submissions are not allowed.

A five per cent bid bond is required. Payment and performance bonds will also be required. 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.

Adopt your best friend!

Email pawsofnome@gmail.com to start the application process.
Support Animal Rescue & Rehoming - make your donation today!

**Make animal control-related reports
to Nome Police Dispatch at 443-5262.**



Advertise in The Nome Nugget newspaper.

Call us at (907) 443-5235 or send an email to ads@nomenugget.com



Study: The closer that birds' nests are to Prudhoe oil infrastructure, the lower the survival rates

By Yereth Rosen,
Alaska Beacon

A long-term study of birds that summer around the Prudhoe Bay oil complex found that nest survival for all bird types decreased significantly the closer those nests were to high-use oil field infrastructure.

The study, by scientists with the nonprofit Wildlife Conservation Society and published in the *Journal of Avian Biology*, is a rare long-term analysis of nesting birds in the region that holds the nation's biggest oil field.

It used observations taken from 2003 to 2019 of 1,265 shorebird nests, 378 passerine nests and 231 waterfowl nests.

To the Wildlife Conservation Society, the study provides a cautionary tale about long-term impacts of oil development and lessons that are timely as development is continuing to spread west on the North Slope to ConocoPhillips' recently approved

Willow project and other sites.

There should be more protections for birds, John Calvelli, the organization's vice president for public affairs, said in a statement. He pointed to the protected areas designated in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska.

"In the face of current uncertainty, to protect migratory birds, the U.S. Government should ensure the most important bird areas continue to be set aside, as has been done through the NPR-A's Special Areas," Calvelli said.

Passerines, perching birds that include songbirds like sparrows and commonly known as songbirds, had overall nest survival that declined over the 17-year study period. The trend was particularly notable for Lapland longspurs, the most abundant passerine on the North Slope.

For waterbirds and shorebirds, categories that include loons, ducks and geese, nest survival did not

change with time even though proximity to heavily used infrastructure was consistently associated with lower survival over the study period.

Passerines appear to be more sensitive to habitat disturbances, said Martin Robards, a coauthor.

"They have to have territory that is available to them, or they're not going to breed," he said.

Just what is causing reduced nest survival closer to high-use infrastructure is yet to be determined.

Among the suspects are nest-raiding predatory birds that have become more numerous around the oil field infrastructure — glaucous gulls and ravens.

"Particularly the ravens have basically followed the infrastructure," Robards said.

The article is printed with permission and was first published at www.alaskabeacon.com on July 17, 2023.

Alaska environmental department plans to repeal regulation of some fuel-storage tanks

By Yereth Rosen,
Alaska Beacon

Thousands of aboveground tanks that store diesel fuel and other petroleum products would no longer be regulated by the state, under a proposal from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation.

The proposal is to repeal regulation of what are known as Class 2 facilities, which are scattered throughout the state and store between 1,000 and 420,000 gallons of non-crude oil products such as diesel, heating oil and gasoline.

If state regulation is repealed, those Class 2 facilities will no longer be required to register their storage tanks with the state and the department will no longer track them, the Department of Environmental Conservation's notice said.

To the Environmental Protection Agency, the official end of that state activity would be an important loss.

"The state had been an important partner in helping regulate these types of facilities," said Bill Dunbar with EPA's Region 10 office.

The Department of Environmental Conservation said its regulation of those facilities — amounting to inventorying and tracking — actually stopped in mid-2020 because of budget constraints.

The fiscal 2021 budget, which covered the 12 months starting July 1, 2020, eliminated the funding for the position held by an employee who collected the registration information,

said Rebecca Spiegel, a department regulations supervisor.

Data collected by the department on these facilities was transferred in 2021 to the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development's Division of Community and Regional Affairs, she said. The division maintains a database of bulk fuel facilities.

There were 967 Class 2 facilities registered with the Department of Environmental Conservation, Spiegel said. Among those facilities were 4,297 tank records, though it is not clear that all of those were active, she said.

State regulation of such storage facilities was short-lived, as Spiegel described it. The program started in 2017, and it is not required by any law, she said.

"There is no statutory mandate or requirement that these facilities be regulated in any way," she said. "The department does want to remove regulations that are not currently being utilized or enforced and are not required by statute."

State regulation of these aboveground tanks is also considered duplicative because federal agencies have authority over them, she said.

The EPA regulates those aboveground tanks with capacities over 1,320 gallons, she said, and the U.S. Coast Guard conducts regular inspections of them.

Dunbar, however, said the EPA considered state regulation of those

tanks to be "critical" rather than redundant, saying it provided needed information to federal officials.

The Coast Guard's inspections of the fuel sites are conducted as part of the summer Arctic operation. The Coast Guard Sector Anchorage Marine Safety Task Force has inspected hundreds of sites. However, it has not reached a large swath of Interior Alaska or the Southeast Alaska panhandle, according to the Division of Community and Regional Affairs' database.

In the summer of 2021, the Coast Guard's Marine Safety Task Force inspected 128 fuel sites in 95 communities. In the summer of 2022, it inspected a somewhat smaller number, about 55 sites in 15 communities in the Nome region and about 50 sites in 20 communities in the Bethel region.

Public comment on the state's proposed regulation repeal is open through July 24. As of Tuesday afternoon, no comments had been submitted.

The Department of Environmental Conservation continues to regulate other types of oil- and fuel-storage facilities, including underground tanks.

This article is printed with permission and was first published on July 12, 2023 at www.alaskabeacon.com

Photo by Nils Hahn
DUST CONTROL— The State of Alaska DOT puts down Calcium Chloride on the Nome-Council Road as a method of dust control.

•Employment

KAWERAK, INC. meaningful employment opportunities

Benefit Highlights

Supportive work environment • Excellent Pay • 7% Employer Retirement Contribution • Recreation and Pool Passes • Employer sponsored health plan • \$2500 Hiring bonus* • 13 Paid holidays • 10 days of Subsistence Leave • Paid Volunteer and Foster Parent Leave

Newly Listed!

Municipalities Accounting Specialist - Northern Provide technical assistance to municipalities in implementing record-keeping procedures and managing and complying with terms and conditions of grants, contracts, guidelines and policies.

Child Development Family & Culture Manager (Nome or any Head Start Community) provide leadership and management of culture and language programs across the region's Head Starts.

Family Advocate (Temporary; any Head Start community) encourage family involvement in Head Start programming and support families and parents as their child's first teacher.

Still Available

Head Start/Early Head Start Home Visitor (*Shishmaref*)
Tribal Coordinator (*SHH*)
Help Desk Technician
Head Start & Early Head Start Teacher (*Nome*)
Client Advocate
Translator/Transcriber
Building Maintenance Technician
Community Planning & Development Program Director
Maintenance/Laborer Assistant (*On Call & Regular; Elim, Gambell, Shishmaref, Teller, Brevig Mission*)
Early Childhood Coach Mentor
Tribal Research Coordinator
Climate Change Mitigation Director
Head Start Assistant Director
Project Remote Digital Literacy Instructor

Pilgrim Hot Springs Caretaker
Program Specialist, Head Start (any Head Start location)
Child Advocacy Center Manager
Yup'ik/St Lawrence Island
Yupik/Inupiaq Language Mentor (3 positions)
Early Childhood Teacher Trainee
Wellness Development Specialist
Culture & Language Coord & Curriculum Specialist (*Any Head Start Location*)
Early Childhood Teacher Trainee Instructor
Tribal Family Coordinator (*GAM, SMK, WAA, SVG, SKK, KI*)
Community Development Specialist
Family Advocate (*OME*)
Village Public Safety Officer (*Brevig Mission, Diomedea, Elim, Gambell, Koyuk, Shaktolik, Shishmaref, St. Michael, Stebbins, Teller, Unalakleet, Wales*)

Don't miss out on your chance to apply for these jobs!

>>>*Some positions are eligible for a \$2500 sign on bonus!<<<

www.kawerak.org/jobs • 907-443-4348

*COVID-19 vaccination required. Kawerak is an equal opportunity employer. ADVANCING THE CAPACITY OF OUR PEOPLE AND TRIBES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE REGION

JOIN OUR WORK COMMUNITY!
We work together to thrive



SERVING THE COMMUNITY OF NOME



Dr. Kamey Kapp & Dr. Marcy O'Neil

907-443-3553

309 Bering St, Nome www.lastfrontiereyecare.com

Sitnasuak Native Corporation
(907) 387-1200
Bonanza Fuel, Inc.
(907) 387-1201
Bonanza Fuel call out cell
(907) 304-2086
Nanuak, Inc.
(907) 387-1202
Nome Outfitters
(907) 387-1219

THINKING ABOUT PURCHASING
OR REFINANCING A HOME?Call me at 888-480-8877
or apply online at HomeLoansYouCanUse.comRESIDENTIAL
MORTGAGE

Hilde Stappens
Mortgage Loan Originator
stappensh@residentialmtg.com
NMLS #193345
100 Calais Drive
Anchorage, AK 99503

BERING SEA
WOMEN'S
GROUP

Everyone has the right to be respected and to live in a safe home and community. BSWG provides safe shelter and services for women, children and men experiencing domestic violence.

24-Hours Crisis Line: 1-800-570-5444 or 907-443-5444
Donations can be made through [Pick.Click.Give](https://www.pickclickgive.com) and [AmazonSmile](https://www.amazon.com)!

Alaska Court System's
Family Law
Self-Help
Center

A free public service that answers questions & provides forms about family cases including divorce, dissolution, custody and visitation, child support and paternity.
www.state.ak.us/courts/selfhelp.htm

(907) 264-0851 (Anc)
(866) 279-0851 (outside Anc)

Aurora Inn **STAMPEDE**
Vehicle Rentals
302 E. Front Street
P. O. Box 633
Nome, AK 99762
(907) 443-3838 (800) 354-4606
www.aurorainnome.com

Builders Supply

704 Seppala Drive

Appliance Sales and Parts
Plumbing – Heating – Electrical
Welding Gas and Supplies
Hardware – Tools – Steel

443-2234

1-800-590-2234

443-5211



Checker Cab

Leave the driving to us

Q Trucking Company

Locally, Family Owned & Operated since 1953

For all your hauling
and gravel work needs.

Call 443-2388

or Email:

qtrucking@gci.netUPS
DELIVERY

text Ramon Gandia 304-1053

24 hours
a day
7 days/wkALASKA
POISON
CONTROL

1-800-222-1222

ARCTIC CHIROPRACTIC
Nome

Dr. Eric Ortman, D.C.

Over 11 Years of Experience

"Life is good when
you're pain free."

113 E Front St, Ste 102
Nome, AK 99762
(In the Federal Building next to the Post Office)

Treating:
~ headaches and neck pain
~ muscle and joint pain
~ back pain and stiffness
~ sprains and strains

With:
~ chiropractic adjusting
~ myofascial release
~ physical therapy
and rehabilitation
~ conservative care

907.443.7477

Tundra Toyo, Sales and Service
Nome, AK

State-Wide Shipping Available!
Call 907-434-1577



All Toyo stoves, boilers and water
heaters, parts.

907-434-1577 • tundratoyo01@gmail.comCONNECTING ALASKA TO THE
WORLD AND THE WORLD TO ALASKA

KUAC
TV 9 • FM 91.3
www.kuac.org and www.alaskaone.org

Golden Sands Stables & Lodging



We offer both bed and breakfast
accommodations as well as equestrian
care and lessons.

Contact us to find out more information, or
book rooms and lessons on our website.

907-434-6878
info@goldensandsnome.com
www.goldensandsnome.com

HOUDINI'S BED BUG SERVICES

"We make them disappear"

GREG DAVIS
houdinisbedbug@gmail.com

P.O. Box 2023
Nome, AK 99762
907-434-1161

all major credit cards accepted



Advertise in

The
Nome
Nugget

newspaper

Call us at
(907) 443-5235 or
send an email to
ads@nomenugget.com

FIMON TRUCKING

Keith Fimon

P.O. Box 1095
Nome, AK
99762

320-760-2717



Gravel, Landscaping and
Special Project needs.

Leave a detailed voicemail
or text for more information.

Please call/Text
907-304-0137



George Krier

Professional

Land Surveyor

P.O. Box 1058

Nome, Alaska 99762

(907) 443-5358

Cell: (360) 722-1987

surveyor@nome.net

PROPERTY, MORTGAGE & SUBDIVISION SURVEYS • YEAR ROUND ANYTIME & ANYPLACE



FISHING — A fly fisherman enjoys a beautiful afternoon on the Nome River on Sunday, July 16.

Photo by Nils Hahn

ADF&G Fish Report: Commercial crab season is over

By Kevin Clark
ADF&G Area Manager

Crab

The open access red king crab commercial fishery closed at noon Wednesday, July 19. The final harvest will be in next week's fish report. The crabs look good this year with a high percentage of new shell crab being delivered and the catch rates remained strong all season.

Winter king crab subsistence permits are overdue and are required to be submitted whether the permit holder fished or not. Permits can be turned into the Nome office, either to staff or the drop box located at the Front Street entrance, or reported on line at <https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fishingSubsistence.main>. Failure to report will result in the loss of being able to obtain a future permit and/or fines.

Salmon

Escapement projects in southern Norton Sound have become operational with more projects setting up in the coming week in northern Norton Sound. Here are the counts for projects currently operating:

Unalakleet River Floating Weir – Cooperative project; Fish & Game, Native Village of Unalakleet, United States BLM and NSEDC. Major funding provided by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service – Office of Subsistence Management.

The weir was fish tight on July 1 and has passed 17 kings, 1,300 chum, 130 pink, and 42 sockeye salmon. Recent rains have caused the river to rise to such an extent that counting operations at the weir were suspended Monday, July 10. Operations should resume this week if the weather cooperates.

North River Tower – Camp J.B. – Escapement goals: King 1,200-2,600; Pink 25,000; Silver 550-1,100 (aerial survey goal) – Cooperative project; NSEDC with assistance from Fish & Game.

The tower has been operational since June 24 and has passed 69 kings, 111 chum, 9 coho, and 1,080 pink salmon. The tower has remained operational for most of the season with the exception of a two-day period (July 10-11) when high murky water halted operations.

Shaktoolik Tower – NSEDC project.

The tower began operations on June 26 and has estimated 760 king, 2,900 chum, 5,900 pink and 9 sockeye salmon passed the tower site. Chum salmon is about one third of average passage and currently pink passage is poor with only 2 percent of average passage. The tower has been inoperable since July 9 but is expected to restart counting operations this week.

Ungalik River Tower – NSEDC project

The tower became operational on Jun 28 and has an estimated passage of 51 king, 3,000 chum, and 2,300 pink salmon. The tower operation has experienced high water events that have caused days of missed passage.

Inglutalik River Tower – NSEDC project.

The tower became operational on June 28 and has an estimated passage of 200 king, 1,800 chum, and 200 pink salmon. High water halted operations at the tower on July 10 and operations are expected to resume this week.

Kwiniuk River Tower – Fish and Game project.

The Kwiniuk River tower began operations on July 5. Initial escapements, coupled with an aerial survey conducted after the tower began operations to assess missed passage, indicated that chum escapement was on track to meet or exceed the escapement objectives at the project. Current escapement is 18 kings, 1,500 chum, 520 pinks, and 12 sockeye salmon. Escapements have lagged behind expectations and commercial fishing has been delayed in an attempt to get more fish to the spawning grounds.

Eldorado River Weir – NSEDC project.

The Eldorado River weir was fish tight the evening on June 30 and has passed 7 kings, 5,848 chum, 3 sockeye, and 182 pink salmon. The project is projected to meet or exceed the escapement goals for chum salmon.

Pilgrim River Weir – NSEDC project

The Pilgrim River weir has been fish tight since July 6. Passage has been slow so far with 6 kings, 550 chum, 260 sockeye, and 44 pink salmon passed the weir.

Currently, assessment project that have been inoperable due to high and murky water are expected to come back online this week if the weather cooperates.

Nome Subdistrict

The third commercial opening occurred last week with a 24-hour opening in the Nome Subdistrict with mesh restricted to 6 inches or less. Total commercial harvest for Subdistrict 1 is 520 chum and 6 sockeye salmon. With chum salmon escapement goal projected to be met or exceeded at the Eldorado River weir the department has scheduled two 48-hour fishing periods in Subdistrict 1 from 9:00 p.m. through 9:00 p.m. Monday-Wednesday and Thursday-Saturday with mesh restricted to 6 inches or less.

The Nome Subdistrict's subsistence fishing schedule remains in effect in fresh waters and marine waters west of Cape Nome on a weekly basis from 6:00 p.m. Wednesdays to 6:00 p.m. Mondays. Marine waters east of Cape Nome remains open 7 days per week. Dip nets and cast nets can be used as a subsistence gear type when open for subsistence net fishing. Additionally, beach seining is allowed in the Nome Subdistrict when the area is open to other subsistence net fishing.

Golovin Subdistrict

The Golovin Subdistrict opened last week for 24 hours to commercial

salmon fishing. Total harvest to date is 8,418 chum, 73 sockeye salmon, and 109 pink salmon. Catch per unit effort dipped this last week compared to the nearly double catch rates seen the previous week to near average. A 48-hour commercial period is scheduled from 6:00 p.m. July 18 through 6:00 p.m. July 20 with mesh restricted to 6 inches or less.

There are currently no restrictions on subsistence fishing in the Golovin Subdistrict.

Elim Subdistrict

Elim opened for a 24-hour commercial fishing period last week. Total harvest is 1,023 chum, 26 sockeye, and 12 pink salmon. Escapements have been lagging at the Kwiniuk River tower recently and the department is forgoing a commercial opening this week for the Elim Subdistrict to bolster escapements into the system.

There are currently no restrictions on subsistence fishing in the Elim Subdistrict.

Norton Bay Subdistrict

The Norton Bay Subdistrict's commercial harvest is confidential. Norton Bay will remain closed to commercial fishing this week to allow for additional escapement into the local area rivers as escapements have been lagging recently. There are currently no restrictions on subsistence fishing in the Norton Bay Subdistrict.

Shaktoolik and Unalakleet Subdistricts

The Unalakleet Subdistrict opened to commercial fishing for 10 hours on July 14 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. with nets restricted to 4 ½ inches or less and the harvest is confidential. Shaktoolik and Unalakleet will remain closed to commercial fishing this week in an attempt to get more salmon on the spawning grounds.

The Shaktoolik and Unalakleet Subdistricts remain closed to subsistence fishing in the marine and fresh

waters in order to provide for conservation of king salmon returning to those subdistricts. The department planned relax restrictions in July after the bulk of the king salmon had migrated through the area; however, weak chum and pink runs in the Shaktoolik and Unalakleet Subdistricts has prompted the department to extend the subsistence fishery closure to allow for additional escapement into those systems. As of July 14, the Unalakleet and Shaktoolik Subdistrict are closed to net fishing for salmon in the marine and fresh waters of those subdistricts, except for set gillnets with a mesh size of 4-inches or less in the Unalakleet River above the North River confluence to target non-salmon species.

Port Clarence

The Pilgrim River will remain closed to subsistence net fishing. Escapement of sockeye salmon to the Pilgrim River has been weak in recent years and has not met escapement goals. The department will monitor escapement in the Pilgrim River closely and may relax restrictions if inseason run assessment indicates that there is a surplus above escapement needs; however, recent escapement trends point to the closure of the Pilgrim River extending into August at the earliest.

General Information

Obtaining subsistence fishing permits and reporting subsistence harvests can be done at the Fish and Game office in Nome during regular business hours Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m. or online at <https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fishingSubsistence.main>. Harvest reports can also be returned to the drop box located near the Front Street entrance of the Nome office. Additional information can be found by calling Nome Area staff at (907) 443-5167 or from villages at (800) 560-2271.

Stay safe and good luck.



Photo by Nils Hahn
KIGLUAIAK MOUNTAINS — David Creek flows cold and clear on Sunday, July 16.