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NSED C Mission Statement

"NSED C will participate in and encourage the clean harvest of all Bering Sea fisheries to promote and provide economic development through education, employment, training and financial assistance to member communities and Western Alaska, while protecting subsistence resources."

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Coast Guard Bill Signed

On July 11, President Bush signed into law H.R. 889, the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2006, which in part amends the Magnuson-Stevens Conservation and Management Act and more specifically, the federal Community Development Quota Program. The signing of the bill marks the end of a long-fought battle amongst the 6 CDQ groups that involved the State of Alaska, the National Marine Fisheries Service, the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, and ultimately the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate. NSED C has long pushed for program reform that provides more autonomy for our company both in administrative operations and, more importantly, the ability to choose what type of projects we administer within the Norton Sound region. There is still a lot of work to do to finalize this process but we're moving ahead rapidly to embrace the new laws.

One of the most significant aspects of the bill is the modification of the allocation process. The legislation locks in allocations at the current levels until 2012, and then subsequently goes to a ten-year cycle. Further allocation cycles can only adjust a group's allocation a maximum of 10% in the negative; however allocation decisions will be determined using a group's own performance against its own criteria weighting as a metric (no competition against other groups), so the allocations are essentially "fixed" at the current levels.

Another important component of the legislation is the codifying of the ability to perform non-fisheries project work within the region. NSED C has long advocated for the ability to assist communities both with and without potential for commercial fisheries development with programs that do not require some tangible link to fisheries. The NSED C Board and staff are working together at this time through joint visioning meetings to determine how to best convey benefits from the CDQ program to residents of member communities via economic development projects; fisheries-related or not.

Other major aspects of the new program include a major change in oversight of the program (including drastic reductions in day-to-day state oversight), elimination of many reporting requirements, the legislatively-mandated increases in certain fishery allocations to the CDQ program over time, and the formation of a CDQ Panel, which has a single representative from each of the CDQ groups. The panel was formed in theory by Senator Stevens as a body that would administer program regulation (other than what was included in the legislation) using a unanimous decision-making process. The CDQ groups have been working diligently to officially incorporate the panel.

Ultimately, one of the most important effects of this legislation and the subsequent end to allocation battles, increased ability to direct
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2006 Chef's Tour

On July 8, 2006 forty-two people from all over the country arrived in Nome to enjoy three days of amazing sun and fun. The Crab Broker, a major distributor of Norton Sound Red King Crab, organized the trip and asked NSEDC to help host the event. The majority



Tour guests checking out a fresh delivery of Norton Sound Red King Crab

of the guests were chefs but there were people from all areas of the seafood industry.

The trip was orchestrated to showcase Norton Sound Seafood Center's (NSSC) product – primarily Norton Sound Red King Crab, how it is caught, processed and delivered. A cameraman from the Deadliest Catch traveled with the group to capture the many highlights of the trip.

The cameraman and a small group of chefs went straight from Alaska Airlines to Bering Air for a flight to Golovin and then by boat to fishing grounds. The owner of the boat, Paul Johnson and his crewmember Don Stiles, both NSEDC board members, showed the tour group the "ropes" and gave them the opportunity to help pull pots.

Those that stayed in Nome were given a tour of Nome. At the mouth of the Nome River they enjoyed an impromptu demonstration by Phoebe Omelak on how to cut fish for drying. The tour ended at the seafood center where they were able to observe crab being delivered, graded and processed.

That evening, July 8th, a crab feast was hosted at the beautifully restored Old St. Joes. NSSC provided the crab and Patty Anderson and her crew prepared the incredible meal. The Crab Broker planned an auction with items donated by guests. Auction items ranged from t-shirts to a full



Demonstration by Phoebe Omelak on how to cut fish for drying

course dinner at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas. From the proceeds, a \$1000 donation was given to the Bering Sea Women's Group.

On July 9th, Richard Benneville gave a more extensive tour of Nome complete with gold panning. For dinner, the Safety Roadhouse welcomed the group and many locals. The chefs jumped in to prepare salmon, steak and crab tails. The "Ice Cream Lady", Kerry Webster, showed up to provide ice cream courtesy of NSEDC.

Our last full day with the tour group, another gorgeous day, was spent at Pilgrim River. Everyone at camp that day enjoyed and provided tons of fun. After a huge barbecue, the tour group headed up river with the Merchant family, Earl Martinson, Jerry Miller, Roger Thomas and "Buffy" to help seine for red salmon.

The experiences this group had will not soon be forgotten. Many of the participants have promised to return on another tour. NSEDC gives our great thanks to the residents of Nome for their hospitality and to the Crab Broker for organizing the trip.

New Hires

William "Middy" Johnson was hired in April of 2006 as the Unalakleet Plant Manager. With his 24 years of commercial fishing experience, both as a fisherman and processor, he has seen both sides of the operations. Middy has held two other positions in the past with NSEDC, as a fish buyer in



Kotzebue for two summers and then as a Fisheries Development Coordinator. Most recently he worked for two years at a small fish plant in New Zealand processing all sorts of species and exporting fish.

On the other side, he has participated in the summer red king crab, halibut and salmon fisheries. He has also marketed his own salmon, freshwater fish and herring roe on kelp.

He is happy to be home in Unalakleet and working for the region. NSEDC is happy to have someone managing the plant who is dedicated to its efficient operation for the benefit of the fishing fleet and the company. Welcome aboard Middy.



Iced fresh salmon ready to be processed in Unalakleet



Unalakleet Plant salmon processing line



Education

Via phone poll of the NSEDC Scholarship Committee, six post-secondary scholarships were awarded in the second quarter of 2006 to Rebecca Atchak, Stebbins, Laureli Kinneen, Nome, Victoria Kotongan, Unalakleet, MacKenzie Oles, Nome, Zacharia Olson, Nome, and Wilma Osborne, Nome. Nine vocational awards were made to Tyson Asick-sik, Anchorage, Brian Cannon, Nome, Scott Kingeekuk, Savoonga, Ivan Larsen, Golovin, Derek and Martin III Nanouk, Koyuk, Russell Saccheus, Elim, David Slwooko, Unalakleet, and Jason Veara, Unalakleet.

The NSEDC Scholarship Financial Summary reflects \$260,000.00 budgeted for 2006 with a contribution of \$4000.00 from Glacier Fish Company for a total of \$264,000.00. With \$132,288.50 awarded in the first quarter and \$19,635.00 awarded in the second quarter, this leaves a total of \$112,076.50 in the scholarship fund as of June 30, 2006. With a tremendous level of scholastic interest for the fall semester of 2006, our entire scholarship fund looks to be used for this year with the possible need to increase this line item in the NSEDC EET Budget for 2007.

Employment

A Unalakleet Resident worked with Icicle Seafoods in the second quarter of 2006 and brought home \$7,642.51 in wages with a total for the year of \$15,285.02.

Eighteen Norton Sound Residents worked with Glacier Fish Company on the F/T Pacific Glacier during this quarter bringing home \$125,183.21 in crew share wages, eight residents worked on the F/T Northern Glacier bringing home \$42,266.08, two residents on the F/V Norton Sound brought home \$29,059.39 in crew share wages, and no activity on the F/V Glacier Bay. This brought the cumulative total for the second quarter of 2006 to \$196,508.68 in Glacier Fish Company Crew Share Wages and for the year \$590,032.83. This brought the cumulative total of Glacier Fish Company Crew Share Wages to \$10,427,113.14 paid to Norton Sound Seafood Processors, who successfully

made it through the fisheries safety orientation class at AVTEC in Seward.

The total from all companies paid to our processors reached \$10,550,358.58.

Training

A NSEDC Fisheries Safety Orientation Class was held at AVTEC in Seward on April 23-May 4, 2006 with Epraim Bouchan Jr., Stebbins, Dwayne Thrasher, Stebbins, Morgan Annogiyuk, Savoonga, William Cooper, Unalakleet, Letia Martin, Stebbins, John Nashoanuk, Stebbins, Shane Iknokinok, Nome. In Anchorage, Adaline Pete, Stebbins, Vincent Matthias, Stebbins, Cyrilene Mike, Stebbins, and Justin Nanouk, Unalakleet, successfully completing the class with a total class expense of \$34,869.73. A CPR/First Aid was held in Nome on April 22, 2006 at the Northwest College Campus with Adam P. Boeckmann, Adam K. Boeckmann, Howard L. Farley, Howard Farley, Julie Farley, Johnnie Noyakuk, Eric Osborne, Josh Osborne, Rose Outwater, Phillip Pryzmont, Crystal Taxac, and Robin Thomas successfully completing this class with a total class expense of \$1476.00.

Internship Highlights

Tera Cunningham

*Mana-manaa! Akii-suq-paaq! Ana-qbaa-
lii!* This phrase was shouted by the youth



of Unalakleet every week at Game Night to start one of their favorites, Mana-manaa. I had the privilege of working as a Youth Programs intern for NSEDC in June, July, and August. A typical night included both traditional and contemporary games with youth ranging from 5-15 years old. We played Maq, Bat, and Caribou Caribou, among others. The focus of the program was simple: encourage physical activity and positive interaction

among all age groups. There were many highlights, but what I found most impressive was listening to the older kids cheer on the younger ones, creating a supportive and upbeat environment.

This internship has provided me with an opportunity to reconnect with the youth and has encouraged me to return to rural Alaska and participate in community development. I am grateful to all who made this experience possible.

Yvonne "Galsy" Ashenfelter

It was a great experience and wonderful opportunity to work with the Anchorage office this past summer. Working with and



helping the people who carry out the decisions made by the Board gave me a better understanding to how all the projects that occur in the Norton Sound region come to be.

As an Administrative Intern my tasks were to help in the office in any way I could. I spent a lot of my time helping plan and organize for the Crab Broker Chef's Tour and the three Fishermen's Fairs. It was very rewarding to see the happy smiling faces of the children in the communities when they played on the inflatables and enjoyed the food provided by NSEDC.

I am in my 4th year at UAA, as a pre-major for Radiologic Technology. I hope to one day be an X-ray technologist. I am applying for the program this school year, with hopes to get in and start the 2-year program in the Fall 2007. I also started a side career at Alaska Airlines as a Customer Service Agent. So far, it's going very well, I am catching on to all the programs pretty easily. When I am not busy with school, work, and studying, I enjoy spending my time with friends and family, and I enjoy it even more if the activity is outdoors. Thank you NSEDC for the opportunity to work with projects to benefit our member communities!!



NSEDC Research Vessel *Pandalus* in the Region to Conduct Trawl Survey

The arrival of the research vessel *Pandalus* in Norton Sound signaled the beginning of a new era of research for NSEDC Fisheries Research and Development Department (FR&D). The *R/V Pandalus* was in Norton Sound to conduct the Norton Sound Red King Crab Trawl Survey and Northern Bering Sea/Bering Straits Trawl Survey. The two surveys were conducted cooperatively between the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) and NSEDC.

The *R/V Pandalus* arrived in Nome from Homer on July 24. The Norton Sound Red King Crab Trawl Survey was conducted from

July 25th until August 8th. The Northern Bering Sea/Bering Straits Trawl Survey was conducted from August 9th until August 19th. The *R/V Pandalus* left Nome for Homer on August 21st. During the two surveys 125 trawl tows were completed making this the most extensive survey of Norton Sound/Bering Strait since 1976. Stations were towed from eastern Norton Sound west to the southeast corner of St Lawrence Island and north to southwest of Wales.

ADF&G is currently working compiling data to generate a biomass estimate for red king crab. FR&D is currently compiling data and working on collected on other species during the survey. Findings from these surveys will be highlighted in future issues of this newsletter.

The overall survey was conducted in cooperation with the Alaska Department

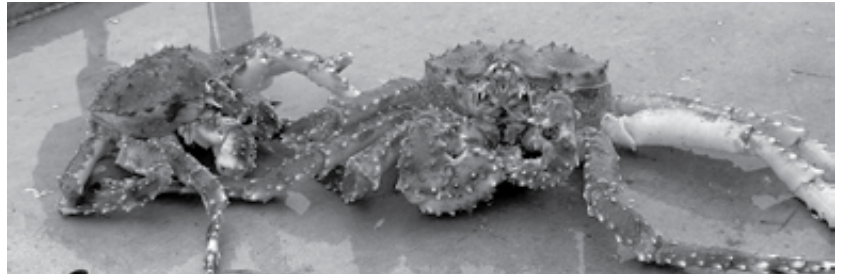
of Fish and Game, Division of Commercial Fisheries. We are also working with ADF&G, Division of Wildlife, Marine Mammals; University of Tennessee, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology; and Point Stephen Research to collect samples to further their research. Samples collected for ADF&G, Division of Wildlife will be invaluable to their seal and walrus research work. By working with the University of Tennessee we will be able to look at the Spring 2006 Healy Survey that worked from the southwest side of St Lawrence Island on north to south of Diomed Island. Also we will be able to consult with several University of Tennessee professors that are experts in areas of study that we are interested in. Samples sent to Point Stephen Research are to document species that were caught in Norton Sound/ Bering Strait Region.



The cod end is weighed before being dumped on deck during the 2006 NSEDC and ADF&G Trawl Survey.



Contents of one haul during the 2006 NSEDC and ADF&G Trawl Survey.



Two blue king crab caught during the 2006 NSEDC and ADF&G Trawl Survey.



The cod end of the net is brought aboard the *R/V Pandalus* during the 2006 NSEDC and ADF&G Trawl Survey.



The *R/V Pandalus* leaves the Nome harbor on July 25 to begin the Norton Sound Red King Crab Trawl Survey.



A few of the fish set aside to be frozen for biologists with ADF&G Division of Wildlife-Marine Mammals, University of Tennessee and Point Stephens Research.



NSEDC Consolidated Bulk Fuel Program

At the July 2006 NSEDC Board of Directors meeting, staff was directed to move forward with coordinating a Consolidated Bulk Fuel Program for any interested member communities. The intent behind the Consolidated Bulk Fuel Program is that by consolidating fuel orders of all fifteen NSEDC member communities and the member communities working together with one coordinator, NSEDC will be able to negotiate the best price possible on fuel deliveries. NSEDC acts as the purchasing agent for the participating

communities and arranges to pay in advance for the fuel. By paying for the fuel in advance, fuel suppliers should not have to factor credit risk into their bid prices, resulting in lower costs for participating communities. NSEDC does not charge a markup for the fuel or a fee for any services, but participants are required to pay NSEDC in full for the fuel.

A total of nine organizations in seven communities participated in the 2006 Consolidated Bulk Fuel Program. Those organizations included the city governments in Elim, Gambell, Koyuk, Savoonga, Shaktoolik, Stebbins and Unalakleet, the Koyuk Native Corporation, and the Shaktoolik Native

Corporation. NSEDC was able to negotiate with Delta Western, Inc. for an average price of \$3.07 per gallon for 230,000 gallons of heating fuel and \$3.15 per gallon for 76,000 gallons of unleaded gasoline.

The Consolidated Bulk Fuel Program will be coordinated by NSEDC again in 2007. More participants and a larger order will allow NSEDC to negotiate a better price resulting in greater savings for member communities. NSEDC looks forward to working with your community on the 2007 Consolidated Bulk Fuel Program. Questions and comments can be directed to Janis Ivanoff, NSEDC Vice President & Community Benefits Director.

NSEDC Fisherman Spotlight

Franklin Paniptchuk was born May 20, 1924 to Reuben and Katherine Paniptchuk at Pitmatalik, a campsite located between Unalakleet and St. Michael. He was raised in Unalakleet.

He married Jessie Sockpealock on March 30, 1947 and together they raised 10 children, Leeta, Ruth and Isabelle are deceased, Franklin Jr., Lillian, Kathy Fagerstrom, Matilda Hardy, Ebba, Saul and Reuben.

Franklin has fished in the salmon fishery since it began in the early 1960's and the herring fishery since it began in the late 1950's. He fished herring in the Norton Sound and salmon in both the Norton Sound and, from

1967 to 1971, in the Lower Yukon area.

Throughout his years of fishing, he says there were years that were real good and years that were real bum. He feels he profited a lot more with other companies he has fished for. Some of the changes he has seen are lower prices and bigger boats. His latest boat is called the *50 Mobile*.

The worst season, he recalls, was when herring prices began dropping and the roe percentage was added. The best season was when herring prices were \$1500 a ton straight up with no roe percentage. His late wife, Jessie Paniptchuk, used to have a ball with those checks.



From left to right, Reuben, Silas, Cody and Franklin Paniptchuk

2006 NSEDC FISHERMEN'S FAIR

(GOLOVIN • STEBBINS)

In honor of NSEDC fishermen, their hard work and commitment to the local fisheries NSEDC hosted Fishermen's Fairs in the communities of Stebbins, St. Michael, and Golovin throughout the month of July. All community members were invited to enjoy an afternoon of food, activities and door prizes. Fair activities included: sumo wrestling, a moon bounce, an obstacle course, a bungee basketball challenge, and a fish pond.

NSEDC purchased sandwiches from Subway Sandwiches and pizzas from Peace on Earth and Airport Pizza. NSEDC also provided fresh watermelon and pineapple, pasta salad, chips and beverages. Door prizes were purchased by NSEDC from numerous regional and local businesses.

In Stebbins, the fair was greeted with sunny weather and tons of participation.

In St. Michael, unfortunately due to wet weather, the fair had to be held in the school gymnasium. There was still an excellent turnout.

In Golovin, again there was pretty good weather and plenty of smiling faces.

NSEDC will host a few fairs each year until each member community has been visited. We look forward to seeing you. Thanks again for your support!



Future fisherman - woman of Golovin



From top to bottom



Kids in Golovin on the moon bounce



Little boy catches 'the big one' in Stebbins



Stebbins' residents enjoyed great

SHERMEN FAIRS

(INS • ST. MICHAEL)



om, Mary Lou Amaktoolik, Irene Aukonguk and Willa Ashenfelter of Golovin



In St. Michael, board member Victor Joe and his wife Bernadette get ready to rumble.



weather, food, activities and door prizes at the NSEDC Fishermen's Fair.



Look for us in your community!



In Stebbins, a young boy stretches to reach the basketball on his side of the Bungee Basketball challenge.



NOME

The name “Cape Nome” was given not after a famous discoverer or politician, but as a result of indistinguishable writing. In the 1850’s when a British officer noted that a prominent point on the coast of Alaska was not identified on a manuscript map. He wrote “? Name” next to the point. When his map was recopied, another draftsman thought that the “?” was a “C” and that the “a” in “Name” was an “o”.

Forty-eight years later Nome was founded in by the “Three Lucky Swedes”, Jafet Lindberg, Erik Lindblom and John Brynteson. They had discovered gold in Anvil Creek. Word reached the Klondike and by 1899 Nome had a population of 10,000. Gold was soon found in the beach sand. Once word got back to the lower United States and when steamships from Seattle and San Francisco could reach Nome in the spring of 1900, thousands more people arrived. Estimates of Nome’s population reached as high as 20,000 between 1900 and 1909. The U.S. census of 1900 recorded 12,488. The population mainly lived in a 30 mile stretch between Cape Rodney and Cape Nome. Nome’s population as of the 2000 census was 3,505.

Nome today consists of an area of 21.6 miles, with only 12.5 miles of that being land.

In 1899 a group of men tried to rename the new mining camp “Anvil City” to avoid confusion with Nome Creek and Cape Nome. The United States Post Office refused to change its name to Anvil City. Residents worried that the post office might move to Nome City, a mining camp on the Nome River, so they voted to change the name back to Nome.

Nome suffered through violent storms in 1900, 1913, 1945 and 1974. Between the early storms and the fires of 1905 and 1934 much of Nome’s early architecture was destroyed.

Other interesting events in Nome’s history:

- The “Great Race of Mercy”, the serum run to halt a diphtheria epidemic among Eskimos, took place in 1925. The first Iditarod Sled Dog Race, in honor of the serum run, was held in 1973.
- During World War II, the current airstrip was built and troops were stationed at what was then called Marks AFB. This was the last stop on a ferry system for planes flying to the U.S.S.R.
- In 1949 Congress appropriated \$1 million

in funds for construction of the seawall.

- Wyatt Earp and his third wife, Josie, managed and were part owners of “The Dexter” saloon during Nome’s Gold Rush days
- The billboard-type antennas on top of Anvil Mountain were part of the \$140 million White Alice Communications System. Construction began in 1955. The project took three years to complete with 3,500 people working on it. It provided the only reliable long-range communications in Alaska until the advent of satellite communications in the 1970s.

Gold mining is still an important source of income for Nome today. Hunting, fishing and the beautiful untouched surroundings make tourism another major industry. Nome serves as the main hub for freight and people traveling to the surrounding communities.

The information for this article was found online at the following websites.

<http://www.nomealaska.org>
<http://www.elmendorf.af.mil>
<http://en.wikipedia.org>

Another great site to visit is www.tomsnome.com. He has a lot of great pictures, information and links.



Photo of Nome courtesy of Peggy Fagerstrom



DON STILES

NSEDC Board Member • Nome



For the past ten years I have been involved with Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation as a board member representing Nome. One of the most memorable and notable business dealings was the 50% purchase of Glacier Fish Company in 1998. At the time many residents from the region opposed and questioned NSEDC's involvement with a high seas trawl company, not fully understanding the dynamics of the Bering Sea fishery. One resident threatened NSEDC executives with a lawsuit, called Glacier's vessels "rust buckets", and cursed the decision. NSEDC Board Members from the region went into a special meeting determined to suppress any effort to partner with Glacier Fish executives. Last year (2005) the company we purchased in 1998 provided a record \$18 million profit for NSEDC and over \$1 million in wages for Norton Sound residents. A difficult decision at the time turned out to be the right decision for the region.

The profits generated by NSEDC investments have helped member communities in the region maintain municipal operations, support search and rescue activities, and continue community activities through the Community Benefit Share Program. The royalties from CDQ harvests have helped hundreds of regional students attend secondary education institutes and programs through scholarships, they have helped start a local crab fishery, a local halibut fishery and rejuvenate the salmon fishery in Eastern Norton Sound, providing hundreds of people with employment and income.

Hello, I'm Don Stiles, I was born in Anchorage, Alaska and attended Covenant High School in Unalakleet, Alaska. Sue Luke and I have four children, Thurston 20, Cameron 18, Hilary 14, and Raechel 12. We love our family and each one of our children is a exceptional individual who is respectful of

elders. They may not always make sound choices but they are our family and we stand behind each one of them. As a Board Member/Representative for Nome I have endured personal attacks against me and my family for making decisions endorsed by the majority vote of the NSEDC Board of Directors. Like any other elected position, I knew taking on the responsibility of being a board member was not always going to be easy and that not everyone in the region would always be pleased with decisions made by the board. And, although difficult at times, working with other people from around the region has its rewards in developing friendships, in helping others, and making a difference in the economy of Nome and the region. As the board member from Nome, and Nome being the regional hub, I believe in development throughout the region. If the surrounding community economies are moving and healthy, Nome's economy is positively affected.

NSEDC recently changed its investment strategy to further impact the economy of the region; in the future I see greater benefits from this change that will extend further out to the needs of each community through programs like the bulk fuel purchase that will help reduce the cost of living in rural Alaska. I see the possibility of NSEDC's involvement in providing a local barge service to help reduce the cost of freight and in turn, help build quality homes for residents.

NSEDC's future will be a balance between maintaining strong partnerships within the Bering Sea fishing industry and providing

much needed income for regional residents. Research and enhancement are important components for the development of the the region's natural resources, and NSEDC has the very best in Simon Kinneen, Charlie Lean, and Wes Jones leading the way in fisheries biology. The successful implementation of a salmon rehabilitation program has helped produce record returns for sockeye salmon on the Pilgrim River. There is an abundance of renewable resources available and with the right mindset, NSEDC can provide the jobs and funding needed within each of its communities. I also feel that value added products produced from the regions renewable resources need to be made a priority and NSEDC can take this on in part through their commercial fisheries division Norton Sound Seafood Products.

Tourism is a \$2 billion a year industry in Alaska. Only a small portion of that money is brought into the Norton Sound region each year. Each of our member communities have something exceptional and unique to offer for people seeking the ultimate Alaskan experience. NSEDC is in the position to possibly provide the funds in the future to start small businesses for those with the interest in providing a service oriented to hosting guests from afar.

NSEDC's future is promising and exciting, but it will take courage by its Board of Directors and management to continue to endure and implement change that will bring about quality programs to enhance the quality of life in our member communities and diversify the regional economy.



Photo of Nome courtesy of Peggy Fagerstrom



BREVIG MISSION

Brevig Mission is located in the Northern Seward Peninsula, at the mouth of Shelman Creek. It sits on the shores of Port Clarence Harbor, adjacent to Grantley Harbor. "Brevig is" 75 miles Northwest of Nome Alaska. We are 6 miles away from Teller, Alaska. Port Clarence Coast Guard Station is 11 miles distance. When we pass Point Jackson, we have access to the Bering Sea and all its bounty.

Brevig Mission is about 85% Inupiaq. There are currently 324 residents. We have 96 students enrolled in the Brevig Mission School, which is operated by the Bering Strait School District. There are 17 students enrolled in Head Start, operated by Kawerak Inc. Most of our residents belong to the Brevig Mission Memorial Lutheran Church, and look forward to Fall Conference being held in "Brevig" on September 7, 8, and 9, 2006. Attendees come from Teller, Wales, Shishmaref, Nome, and Anchorage.

Brevig Mission is served by two government agencies, City and Traditional Councils. They work to provide; water and sewer, cable T.V, washeteria, social and economic developmental programs, youth and elder Services, VPO's, and also operate a Muiet Store, which provides staples, gas, stove oil, and propane for our local residents and anyone who visits our village. We are served by a local Post office. We belong to AVEC, which is our electric power provider. Mukluk Telephone Company provides our telephone and Internet services.

Brevig Mission is accessible by air, water, and land. Airlines serving us include; Bering Air, Frontier Air, Hageland Aviation, freight services from ATS and Bering Air. Persons wishing to visit may drive to Teller from Nome and either boat across or ride a Honda from Point Nuuk. Residents often boat to Teller, Wales, Shishmaref, Diomed, or Nome, all of course depending on the weather.

At present, the Brevig Mission School is undergoing the last phase of a major remodeling project. We look forward to enjoying a new and improved gym. Construction has begun on a Multi-Purpose facility, which will



Brevig Mission, photo courtesy of the State of Alaska website

house a new Post Office, an Adult Learning Center, Community Deep Freezer space, and a gathering place for community activities. There are ten new housing units being completed by Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority. AVEC will be installing a new bulk tank farm, and there is the possibility of an inter-tie with Teller's power station.

Brevig Mission enjoys a very strong subsistence lifestyle. Residents, young and old, partake in fishing, hunting, and gathering activities. We hunt from both land and sea, living off of moose, caribou, musk ox, from the land. Our men hunt for seals, walrus, belugas, and wild birds from the ocean. Fishing is enjoyed year round with the catch of several species of salmon, smelt, toad cod, white fish, herring, flounder and crab. We also gather several varieties of greens and salmonberries, blueberries, black berries and cranberries.

Commercial fishing activities have been hindered by local ice conditions, viable catch conditions, and substantial stock availability. A proposal is being developed locally to open red salmon to sport fishing. We have the potential to develop tourism to wildlife viewing, and eco-tours either by boat, snowmachine, or all-terrain vehicles. Brevig Mission is located in such beautiful country; we have waterways to Imuruk Basin and all surrounding areas. For those with stamina, there is also access to take snowmachine or all-terrain vehicle trips to our wild, open countryside. If you're interested, we invite you to come and visit our village.

Walter Seetot

NSEDC Board Member • Brevig Mission

Walter Seetot is the NSEDC Board Representative for Brevig Mission, and has held



this position since the inception of this organization. He is a brother in law of Johnnie Seetot, Brevig Mission's NSEDC Liaison. Walter was born November 6, 1955 to Elmer Sr. and Molly Seetot. He

has three brothers: Elmer Jr., Arnold, and Delbert. He has four sisters; Rita Olanna, Edna Telford, Ellen Ronimus, and Pauline Olanna. They also had three more brothers Roger, Carl, and Reuben. Walter has lived in Brevig since graduating from high school.

Walter and his life long companion, Delores Kakoona, have three sons; Alfred, Robert, and Louis Johnson Tungwenuk Weyapuk Seetot, who is named for both Walter and Johnnie's uncle, previous NSEDC Board Member from Wales. They have four daughters; Carla, Kiatcha, Debbie, and Lisa. They have five granddaughters; Helen Bruns, Amy, Jasmine, Davida Kakoona, and Josie Vaughn. They have two grandsons; Shane and Randy Bruns Jr.

Walter attended William E. Beltz high



school, graduating in 1974. He worked as a VPSO for a number of years. Walter also worked as a Tribal Coordinator, bringing in a number of social and economic development programs for the village. For the last several years he has been employed in seasonal construction jobs in Brevig Mission. Walter presently serves as a Director of Brevig Mission Native Corporation. He has previously served on the City Council. He has also been a member of the local Advisory Education Committee.

Walter and his sons, Alfred, and Louis are avid subsistence fishermen. They work together to build racks, set their nets, and properly take care of their catch. Walter and his family take part in subsistence activities together; picking greens and berries, gathering wild bird eggs, hunting for seals, walrus, and ducks.

Walter presently serves as the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee for NSEDC. His term will be up for re-election in 2007. He has enjoyed serving Brevig Mission, and protecting our subsistence fishing and hunting activities. In closing, he encourages the youth and adults in our northern region to take advantage of their educational opportunities and apply for scholarships, for either a college or vocational training.

Johnnee Seetot

NSEDC Liaison • Brevig Mission

I was born October 27, 1955 to Silas and Maggie Komonaseak, who are originally from Wales, Alaska. I am also known as "Candy" to many of my relatives and friends. I was born at Sand Spit, now Port of Nome, in my Grandmothers' house. Silas's sister, Sarah Wellert, later adopted me. Sarah and her sister, Frieda Larsen, raised me after their husbands passed away. Many people have asked me which one was my "Mom" to



which I replied "both", as I called my Aunt Frieda "Mama".

I have four brothers; Luther, Terry, and Sean Komonaseak, and John Wellert. I also have three sisters; Carrie Jeanne Koenig, Lucy Kitchen, and Terry's Twin Jeri. We had three more brothers and one more sister, which included another set of twins. As of yet, our family has not been blessed with another other set of twins.

I am married to Elmer Seetot Jr. who was born and raised in Brevig Mission. We have three daughters; Ada, Shauna, and Sara. We have one son, Elmer III. At this point, I have four granddaughters and two grandsons. They are Tyler, Johnelle, Jerilyn, and Amy Wellert and Ida Maggie and Scott Elmer Seetot. The oldest is 13, and the youngest just turned 1. My lively, beautiful grandchildren are enough to keep me busy for the time being.

I attended high school at Mt. Edgecumbe, graduating in 1973. One of the upperclassmen was none other than NSEDC CEO, Eugene Asicksik. I appreciate having met quite a few individuals from throughout our region and great state of Alaska. I attended college in La Grande, Oregon for two years, at Eastern Oregon State College. As the present Chairperson of our Local Advisory Education Committee, I stress the importance of education and all its opportunities to our youth.

This has been my first year as NSEDC Liaison for Brevig Mission. We have a strong subsistence lifestyle, of which fishing is very important. There have been few opportunities for the development of commercial fishing activities. The community is considering the possibility of opening sport fishing for red salmon. Besides fishing for salmon to dry, salt, or smoke; our residents fish for trout, flounder, tom cods, smelt, herring, pike and ling cod. I enjoy picking greens and berries and everyone knows I love playing bingo.

I look forward to working with NSEDC to develop and protect our fish resources, for not only my children and grandchildren, but for generations to come.

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non-fisheries programs within our regions, and formation of the CDQ Panel, is the new motivation for all 6 groups to work as a team for the benefit of western Alaska. The CDQ Panel will be a very powerful political force in many venues, including the North Pacific Council, with the State of Alaska, and the federal legislative bodies. The 50 other communities in the CDQ Program (outside of NSEDC) will be lobbying alongside of NSEDC towards common goals, rather than the argumentative front that we've been viewed on for so many years.

At a Glance

The Coast Guard Bill makes the following changes to the CDQ Program:

- Freezes allocations at current levels
- Provides for non-fisheries projects
- Reduced oversight (more autonomy)
- More transparency to communities of company operations
- Formation of a 6-group CDQ Panel for future program regulation, which will also create unity and increase the ability of the groups to address Western Alaskan needs
- Provides for increases in most species allocations to 10% over time

Mark your calendar!

- NSEDC will hold their 3rd Quarter Meetings, Annual Meeting of Members & Annual Meeting of Directors on October 17, 18, 19 & 20, 2006 at the Bering Straits offices in Nome.

At-Large Committee Members for the Scholarship and Finance committees will be selected at the Annual Meeting of Directors.

- Deadline for financial donation applications is November 15, 2006

All applicants must complete and submit the NSEDC Application for Financial Donations by November 15, 2006

All applications will be reviewed and prepared by NSEDC staff for the Board of Directors.

Eligible applications will be reviewed by the Board at the January Meeting.

You may obtain an application from your community liaison or through the NSEDC office (800) 650-2248

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- Don Stiles, Vice Chairman
- Dean Peterson
- Harvey Sookiayak
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