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Petersburg celebrates their win in the 2A boys state basketball championship game at the UAA Alaska Airlines Center in Anchorage, AK on Saturday, March 15, 2024. Petersburg won the championship game 41-33.

Vikings earn 2A state title

By **LIAM DEMKO**
Pilot writer

The Petersburg Vikings took down the number one seed Hooper Bay to win the state at the 2A boys state basketball championships in Anchorage last weekend.

The team beat both Ninilchik and Cordova in close matches leading up to the championship match, where they took control after some adjustments in the second half and maintained a strong hold on the game throughout.

"To win a state title is extremely challenging, it's hard, it's difficult... I'm very happy," said head coach Rick Brock.

"We talked a lot about doing things together as a group—playing together is one of our models—and we really did win this state title together."

Heading into the tournament Brock expected they would have a tough road to the top.

Just as he predicted, every game in the tournament was competitive throughout with close scoring and game deciding fourth quarters.

Thursday's game pitted the Vikings up against Ninilchik, who they had lost to in the previous year's semifinals.

"We started out a little bit slow," said Brock.

"I think that even though we had been there before, our nerves got to us. We didn't shoot the ball very well and had some unnecessary turnovers."

The team was down 12-4 in the first quarter, but after a

timeout they regained their composure and entered the second quarter 12-8.

Senior Rik Cumps cited the team's past experience as a great aid in keeping their cool when behind.

"Being a senior and having the prior two years really helped with being mentally ready and knowing what to prepare for," he said.

The team was able to make an adjustment on the defensive end and had a great second quarter, keeping Ninilchik to three points while scoring 11 themselves.

The score was 19-15 at halftime with the Vikings in the lead.

They stretched their lead even further in the third quarter, with the

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Photo courtesy of Heather Conn

Coach Brock completes the ceremonial cutting down of the net after the Vikings win the championship game.

State proposes clear cutting old growth acres on Mitkof Island

By **OLIVIA ROSE**
Pilot writer

Over the next five years, the Division of Forestry & Fire Protection (DOF) is proposing to harvest timber on thousands of acres of state lands in southern Southeast Alaska — including 1,213 acres on Mitkof Island.

This preliminary plan was revealed in a Five-Year Schedule of Timber Sales (FYSTS) scoping document outlining the timber sale activity on state land in southern Southeast proposed by DOE, which is available for public comment until early April. It can be viewed at the Petersburg Public Library or online.

According to the scoping document, most of the timber harvests will be by the clear-cut method in old growth forest stands.

The FYSTS outlines small, medium and larger timber sales proposed to occur for fiscal years 2025 through 2029 on Southeast State Forest (SESF) lands available for timber harvest on islands throughout southern Southeast Alaska and locations on the mainland from Tracy Arm to Hyder.

One of the sales on Mitkof Island could happen as soon as FY26; two more are slated for FY28.

The first is the Frederick Point Salvage sale in FY26. The proposed 219 acres are composed primarily of old growth timber and located in the State Forest opposite the road from Frederick Point East Subdivision.

It is in the same area where recent testimony for an ongoing ordinance regarding

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Mazzella buys Ocean Beauty property

By **OLIVIA ROSE**
Pilot writer

Fierce Allegiance officially bought the Ocean Beauty bunkhouse at 18 Harbor Way on Friday, March 15. Owner Andrew Mazzella, 37, confirmed that he is set to buy all property Ocean Beauty has in Petersburg.

"Friday was a huge day," he said. "I closed on [the bunkhouse property] and the stipulation to close on this ... was that I wanted to buy everything Ocean Beauty has in Petersburg."

Mazzella negotiated with Ocean Beauty for eight months and now has entered into a contract to purchase all of their waterfront property across the street in addition to the bunkhouse — including the pier, waterfront cannery and plant buildings, as well as the loading dock. The Petersburg Borough Assembly also approved to transfer Ocean Beauty's longstanding lease for several parking spaces adjacent to the loading dock.

Mazzella said the



Pilot Photo

The green bunkhouse on Harbor Way that housed employees of the Ocean Beauty cannery was bought by Fierce Allegiance last week after years standing vacant.

bunkhouse will be used for fish processing, a restaurant, and upstairs dwelling.

Fierce Allegiance is a development company that finds the project, buys the property, designs it, builds it, and in this case leases it to carry out the project vision.

Mazzella's company is the developer and property owner; he made the agreement with the unidentified tenant earlier last fall.

The building plans — or "tenant improvements" — are tailored to this shared business vision.

When operations are up and running, the sign put up at the future business will take on a name other

than Fierce Allegiance — named after a 180 foot Bering Sea crabber boat featured on the first season of "Deadliest Catch."

The tenant is local.

Ocean Beauty permanently closed its Petersburg operation in 2018. The bunkhouse today is filled with remnants of the past.

Posters of wildlife still cling to the walls of the former mess hall that is lo-

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Yesterday's News: News from 25-50-75-100 years ago

March 21, 1924 – Since Petersburg has been having such splendid weather and all of the snow has gone, and the frost is out of the ground, considerable building, improving of land and clearing of lots have started. Chris Wick has enlarged his house and built a splendid basement. Hans Zahl has been assisting Mr. Wick. Jack Matison and Billy Worth have built new houses and are now finishing the interiors. Anton Noried is clearing his lot and laying the foundation for his house. Mr. Noried’s lot is beside the lots of Thomas Lando and Louie Severtson, who are clearing their lots and laying foundations for woodsheds. Jack Matison, Billy Worth, Thomas Lando and Louis Servertson’s lots are all past the Standard Oil dock. J.E. Sales is clearing his land for a large shed and at the same time is adding an extension to his chicken house. Mr. Sales says if the good weather keeps up for another week or two he then will begin work on his garden. Mat Martins has cleared a lot and is laying the foundation for his home. Martin Kildall is having a lot cleared to build a warehouse for his working gear. Both pieces of property are past Charley Mann’s lots. Many persons claim Petersburg, as it grows larger, will grow out along the waterfront towards Scow Bay and consequently are building out that way. The ground is rich and splendid for growing certain vegetables, as can be testified by J.E. Sales splendid cabbages, turnips and carrots, also the large sweet strawberries he grows.

March 18, 1949 – A great adventure started when Ed Hope, officer in charge, U.S. Coast Guard, Petersburg, nosed his ship out of the harbor with course set for Wrangell. A bigger crowd than was expected had signed up for the trip and new arrangements were made to carry the champions and friends to their goal. The Coast Guard’s boat did the job. The skipper also

made a delicious meal of beans for his guests, and the gang knew how to appreciate them. Everything went along fine until the fury of the Stikine River hit the ship and the meal of beans came up faster than it went down – yes, the champions and their friends had a bad case of sea sickness. But all bad things have an end and the gang arrived Wrangell with sunshine and great spirits. And it stayed that way during the rest of the trip. None of the active sportsmen of our city had to stay at the hotel. Friendships were made through sports, friendships that should bring a better and greater understanding of what friendship is. It is hoped that the Wrangell visitors will find the same hospitality when they come to our shore for a return visit. We want to inform the parents of our traveling youngsters that their champions behaved and conducted themselves with great honor. A lady at the American Legion feast after the show gave our boys a good compliment by stating that the troupe behaved better than any she had seen before. The show started with a weight lifting exhibition, followed by a wrestling match and finally the boxing bouts. This meeting was not arranged to see how a boy could beat another, but rather how two boys could play the game together. The public knew how to applaud the real sportsmanship better than the aim of winning the contest. The play in the ring went along with the boys when our boys went home with their opponents for a rest and good breakfast in the morning. The

return trip did not produce any seasickness; the gang landed in good healthy condition and a good time was enjoyed by all.

March 20, 1974 – The state of Alaska’s new ferry LeConte is scheduled to begin service in late April following her 9,340-mile journey from Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, where she was built. The 235-foot ferry will be one of two new ships put into service with the Division of Marine Highways this summer. The 418-foot Columbia, built in Seattle, is scheduled to go on the run beginning in late May. The LeConte will serve Haines, Kake, Sitka, Hoonah, Auke Bay, and Petersburg. The Columbia will be on the Seattle-Skagway run with stops at Ketchikan, Wrangell, Petersburg, Juneau, Sitka and Haines. The new ships will be taking over duties against the background of growing tourist and business travel between Alaska and Seattle. Officials said all staterooms and most vehicle space is already booked on the Columbia through September of 1974. The Columbia will be the only ferry making the Southeast-Seattle run unless pressures to keep the Wickersham in operation are successful. The state has been attempting to sell the foreign built vessel. The LeConte has accommodations for 250 passengers and space for 47 automobiles and is designed for operation by a crew of 24. There is a cocktail lounge and accommodations for buffet style food service. There is a solarium with infrared heating. The LeConte is named for the glacier located on the mainland between Petersburg and Wrangell and

will join the Malaspina, Taku, Matanuska, Chilkat, Tustumena, Bartlett, and perhaps the Wickersham, in the state’s fleet. The ship has twin screws and twin rudders and is powered by two 2,150 horsepower diesel engines. The Columbia will be the largest of the state ferries with a capacity for 1,000 passengers and 184 automobiles. It has 91 staterooms, five sitting rooms, a restaurant, a snack bar, and a cocktail lounge.

March 25, 1999 – While most traffic stops in Petersburg are unpleasant for the motorists, the majority of them are fairly congenial due to the fact that the officers usually know the folks they are stopping. Last week, however, a traffic stop conducted in town seemed as if it was directly out of the Fox television program ‘Cops or Real Stories of the Highway Patrol.’ Fortunately, according to police, everyone involved turned out to be innocent. According to Captain Bruce Westre of the Petersburg Police Department, a call came into police dispatch last Wednesday evening at 9:25. The caller reported to the police that some youths were in front of the National Bank of Alaska building on Main Street. The caller said the kids had a weapon in their possession and that one of them had just fired the gun before getting into a car and leaving the area. The officer on duty requested and received backup. After a short search officers came to find the vehicle, which had been described by the caller, in front of the Homestead Cafe. “Because of the nature of

the call the officers conducted a high-risk traffic stop, which involves all occupants of the vehicle to exit and lay facedown in a prone position until they and the vehicle have been searched for weapons,” Westre reported. In high-risk traffic stops, officers’ guns are drawn and Westre said that the officers involved followed all steps consistent with high-risk traffic stop training courses. The youths were ordered to get out of the car and to lie facedown on the ground while officers searched them and the vehicle. Westre said that after the vehicle and its five occupants had been searched no gun was found. The police department then re-contacted the complainant, who told police that they never actually saw a firearm as they had originally reported and that they had only heard an explosion which sounded like a gunshot. “Fortunately, no weapons were found,” Westre said. “With further investigation, it was revealed that the explosion that was heard by the caller was a seal bomb thrown into a storm drain.” Westre said that the officers who conducted the stop took the time afterwards to explain to the youths why they had used the techniques they had in the stop. “Even though I’m sure they were scared,” Westre said, “the driver and most of the occupants were very cooperative and conducted themselves appropriately in the situation.” Westre added too that there were no “dovetailing charges of any kind” levied against the youths.

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EATHER

Date	High	Low	Precip
Mar 13	41	32	0.73
Mar 14	47	39	1.33
Mar 15	48	39	0.23
Mar 16	57	34	0.00
Mar 17	51	39	0.13
Mar 18	49	37	0.12
Mar 19	49	32	0.00

This Week's Precipitation: 2.54"

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DAYLIGHT

HOURS

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
Mar 21	6:50a	7:07p	12:17hrs
Mar 22	6:47a	7:09p	12:22hrs
Mar 23	6:45a	7:11p	12:26hrs
Mar 24	6:42a	7:13p	12:31hrs
Mar 25	6:39a	7:15p	12:36hrs
Mar 26	6:36a	7:17p	12:41hrs
Mar 27	6:34a	7:19p	12:45hrs

PETERSBURG HAPPENINGS

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THURSDAY, March 21

Stories In Motion, ages 0-3 with caregiver: 11:00am, Public Library

Free Dinner Get Together: 5:30pm, Lutheran Church- Holy Cross Hall

Amphibians in our Neighborhood: 6:30pm, Public Library

Ragnarok Rollers Practice: 7:30pm, Parks & Rec Gym

FRIDAY, March 22

Early Childhood Education Task Force Meeting: 9:00am, Municipal Bldg.

Al-Anon Support Group: 12:00pm, Episcopal Church

Suicide Prevention Training: 12:00pm, John Hanson Sr. Comm. Hall

Bingo: 6:00pm, Sons of Norway Hall

AA Candlelight Meeting: 7:00pm, Episcopal Church

SATURDAY, March 23

Community Health and Safety Fair: 10:00am, PMC

SUNDAY, March 24

Narcotics Anonymous Meeting: 7:00pm, Holy Cross House basement

MONDAY, March 25

Seward's Day

Tai Chi: 7:00am, Mountain View Manor Social Hall

SHARE Coalition Meeting: 12:00pm, Dorothy Ingle Conf. Rm. at PMC

Burger Night: 5:30pm, Moose Lodge

TUESDAY, March 26

AA 12x12 Meeting: 7:00pm, Holy Cross Classroom

WEDNESDAY, March 27

Tai Chi: 7:00am, Mountain View Manor Social Hall

Rotary Club Lunch and Fellowship: 12:00pm, Salvation Army Hall

Free Super For All: 6:00pm, First Baptist Church

American Legion Meeting: 6:30pm, Upstairs Elks Lodge

Narcotics Anonymous Meeting: 7:00pm, Holy Cross House Basement

The Petersburg Science Series: National Weather Service talks about predicting landslides: 7:00pm, Borough Assembly Chambers

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TIDE TABLE

MARCH 2024

	HIGH TIDES				LOW TIDES			
	A.M.		P.M.		A.M.		P.M.	
	Time	Ft.	Time	Ft.	Time	Ft.	Time	Ft.
21 Thu	0:19	13.2	12:04	14.4	6:13	4.3	6:36	0.6
22 Fri	0:51	14.1	12:44	15.1	6:50	3.1	7:08	0.1
23 Sat	1:19	14.9	1:19	15.6	7:23	2.0	7:37	-0.1
24 Sun	1:44	15.6	1:52	15.8	7:53	1.0	8:04	-0.1
25 Mon	2:09	16.2	2:23	15.8	8:22	0.3	8:31	0.2
26 Tue	2:33	16.6	2:55	15.6	8:52	-0.1	8:57	0.8
27 Wed	2:58	16.7	3:27	15.1	9:21	-0.3	9:23	1.6

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WED 4/10	HUBBARD	04:30	P.M.
FRI 4/12	KENNICOTT	08:30	P.M.
FRI 4/19	KENNICOTT	10:45	P.M.
FRI 4/26	KENNICOTT	07:30	P.M.

SOUTHBOUND DEPARTURES

MON 3/25	KENNICOTT	03:45	A.M.
TUES 4/09	HUBBARD	02:45	P.M.
MON 4/15	KENNICOTT	02:15	A.M.
MON 4/22	KENNICOTT	02:30	A.M.
MON 4/29	KENNICOTT	03:30	A.M.

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Ocean Beauty plant purchase

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cated on the first floor at the tail of the L-shaped green building. The mess hall is slated to be converted into custom fish processing.

He called the business “bou-

tique” meaning about 20 employees processing and packaging local fish for a high-quality product to sell to visiting store customers, distinct from the mass-produced canned salmon that was done at Ocean Beauty. The processor will buy fish and sell the finished product from its store and from the restaurant menu.

“The harbor is right here so the fish can relatively easily get in. They’ll clean ‘em, process ‘em, freeze them ... there’s some freezers in here, they can store some stuff there,” Mazzella described. “And then we’ll kind of utilize this kitchen for the restaurant. It’s a huge kitchen.”

The massive kitchen area on the L corner between the mess hall wing and bunkhouse wing is packed with miscellaneous equipment, from leftover seasonings to freezers large enough to walk inside.

“All this equipment was just perfect for the project ... it just checked every box ... honestly, I didn’t even know it had all this stuff because I hadn’t seen it yet ... all the numbers and everything looked good to me ... I flew in a few weeks later to look at it and then seeing all this, it was just like the cherry on top ... better than I thought.”

Walls of the first floor’s bunkhouse wing will be removed to open up the space for a restaurant eating area; business offices will potentially be on this wing as well.

Along with the required logistics like finalizing permits and the design, the project to establish the fish processing business and restaurant will take about a year of construction to come to fruition, Mazzella estimates.

Meanwhile, the two floors above will be used to house seasonal workers for other projects around town and employees working on the first floor renovation.

“The tenant on the first floor is looking at about half of one floor for their people, so that basically leaves me a floor and a half to provide additional housing,” he said.

“There’s a little bit of stuff to do,” like inspecting fire sprinklers, “But it is basically turnkey, ready to go as a bunkhouse.”

In the future, Mazzella wants to turn the top two floors into apartments. “That actually was the original plan, but I have to get the downstairs done for the fish processing. It’s a big project. So basically we’re going to tackle the downstairs first, keep the upper two floors as [bunkhousing], and then as soon as I can, we’ll try and work on converting these to apartments.”

He said the apartments are a couple of years away from fruition, and there are still a few ideas for how they may turn out.

The plan for the plant across the street is “still at 50 ideas.”

At this time, the upper floors of the bunkhouse contain dozens of rooms still furnished with bunk beds and tables; the laundry room is still stocked with sheets for the housing; one room in particular is filled with leftover storage from bunkhouse residents, boxes and piles of miscellaneous items — much of which, Mazzella thinks, came from a place like Salvation Army.

A painting sorted out from the pile leaned against the wall by the door. “Another person who’s

“I was going through the storage room [and] I found this,” he said, holding up a white blanket with different national football team helmets on it. “This was me and my brother’s blanket.”

Before moving to Montana, Mazzella grew up in Petersburg from second grade through high school, graduating in 2005. He said his mother used to volunteer at the Salvation Army, and she confirmed that the sheet was the piece of the set that Mazzella still has.

“I have the matching pillowcase at my house in Montana, but not the sheet. This is the sheet. I said Mom, this has to be ours from Salvation Army, right? She said, I mean, it has to be,” Mazzella recounted. “Crazy, right?”

“I just found that ... in this box right here.”

Petersburg is the place where Mazzella got his start.

“My first actual job, the day I turned 14, legal age to work, was at Hammer and Wikan sweeping floors,” he recalled. “And then I started commercial fishing...”

Although not from a fishing family, he found work on the docks and got a job on the F/V Kimber seining in the summer and fished on the F/V Odin as well.

He moved to Montana for college at Montana State where he earned a degree in engineering.

During his studies, Mazzella became fascinated by real estate. Without a mentor, he spent time in the library reading up on the subject independently. At 19, he bought and rented out a townhouse; at 20, he designed and built a house of his own.

Then, taking his experience fishing on boats around Petersburg, “By the time I was 21 ... I went up to Dutch Harbor and became like a real-deal crab fisherman.”

He continued buying and selling real estate ever since.

“Once I retired from crab fish-

ing in 2013 ... I just was full-on real estate construction,” he said. “I still have the construction company but ... I mostly just do these real estate deals.”

In 2019, Mazzella wanted to be involved in Petersburg’s market and bought a couple of smaller properties. Separate from his Mazzella Construction company, Fierce Allegiance is currently completely dedicated to property in Petersburg.

Months of research and a tremendous amount of time and money are dedicated toward a project of this size. Having done



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Andrew Mazzella holds back the plastic curtain of a large freezer left behind in the kitchen of the former Ocean Beauty bunkhouse.



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Fierce Allegiance owner Andrew Mazzella holds a blanket from his childhood that he rediscovered inside the bunkhouse the day after purchasing the property from Ocean Beauty Seafoods.

come in here, a local in town, she’s almost positive that was in their family ... at one point.”

The day after closing the deal and taking ownership of the bunkhouse, Mazzella was looking through some of these boxes; much to his surprise, he discovered an item from his own past.



OLIVIA ROSE / Petersburg Pilot

An Ocean Beauty sign hangs above a leftover fridge in the mess hall on the first floor of the bunkhouse. The mess hall will be transformed into a fish processing business.

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Capitol Updates

Dear Friends and Neighbors:
In a frantic week last week, and a busy day Monday, the House met twice in joint session with the Senate. Yesterday we held a joint session for the purpose of overriding Governor Dunleavy's veto of SB 140, the omnibus education bill, and last Tuesday we held a joint session to consider a dozen Executive Orders the governor introduced at the beginning of session.
As you have likely heard, Governor Dunleavy vetoed SB 140 last week, and Monday afternoon, by a vote of 39 for to 20 against the legislature failed by one vote to override the Governor's veto of SB 140, the omnibus education bill. The constitution creates a very high bar for overturning a bill veto and an even higher bar for overturning a budget item veto. The vote yesterday came after Governor Dunleavy vetoed SB 140 Thursday evening, a few hours before the midnight deadline. As you can imagine, I was saddened by the Governor's veto and the legislature's inability to override the veto. Alaskans expect more from their government!
In a press conference that lasted about an hour on Friday, the Governor explained that he vetoed SB 140 because it did not include his proposed teacher bonus program or sufficient provisions to support charter school growth in Alaska. While

the bill did not have everything the Governor wants, it did include many of his priorities including a provision to increase support for correspondence schools, additional funding to support reading improvement plans, as well as language that creates a charter school coordinator and allows charter schools to appeal to the Commissioner of the Department of Education and Early Development if a local school board terminates a contract with a charter school. These components of the bill are in addition to a compromise BSA increase of \$680, support for schools to increase internet speeds in rural Alaska, and additional funding for pupil transportation. Everyone had to compromise in order for the bill to pass the legislature by a vote of 56 - 3.
It is clear we need to provide relief to our schools after seven years of basically flat funding. In the same time period, some state agencies have seen increases above 40%. While I generally prefer to work with folks regardless of whether we share the same opinions, I am frustrated that after the Governor received SB 140 he did little to work out a compromise with legislators. Furthermore, during the press conference the Governor indicated that he may have still vetoed a portion of the funding in the budget for the BSA increase regardless of

whether or not we overrode the veto. This created additional uncertainty for schools and lawmakers alike.
I am disappointed, but I am not done working to support educators, families and public schools in Alaska. I will continue to work with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to find a compromise and increase the state's support for education in Alaska. Unfortunately, because we were not able to resolve this issue early in the session, even if there is ultimately a resolution and a funding increase, teachers will be getting pink slips and some of these teachers will understandably find work elsewhere in the country, further exacerbating our education crisis.
Interestingly, the vote on most of Dunleavy's Executive Orders went differently than the vote on the SB 140 veto override. The legislature voted to overturn 8 of 12 of Governor Dunleavy's executive orders. This is partly because the threshold to overturn an EO is a simple majority whereas for the veto override threshold for a bill is 2/3 of the legislature and support of 3/4 of the legislature is needed to overturn a veto of a budget item.
I was glad to hear from a large number of constituents on these issues and felt confident in my votes. Thank you for contacting me.

If there is a bill or budget item you would like to share your position on, a district issue you would like to bring to my attention, or if you will be Juneau, please contact my office by phone (907.465.3732) or email (rep.himschoot@akleg.gov). To learn more about what is going on in Juneau, you, your friends, and neighbors can subscribe to my weekly newsletter, which contains the contents of this column and much more, by emailing rep.himschoot@akleg.gov



Rep. Rebecca Himschoot

Sincerely,
Representative Rebecca Himschoot
Alaska House of Representatives

The Pilot would like to wish a warm welcome to the approximately one hundred visitors in town this week for the Alaska - Hawaii Moose Association Conference.

Welcome!

We hope you enjoy a wonderful stay and we appreciate you bringing this week of sunshine with you.

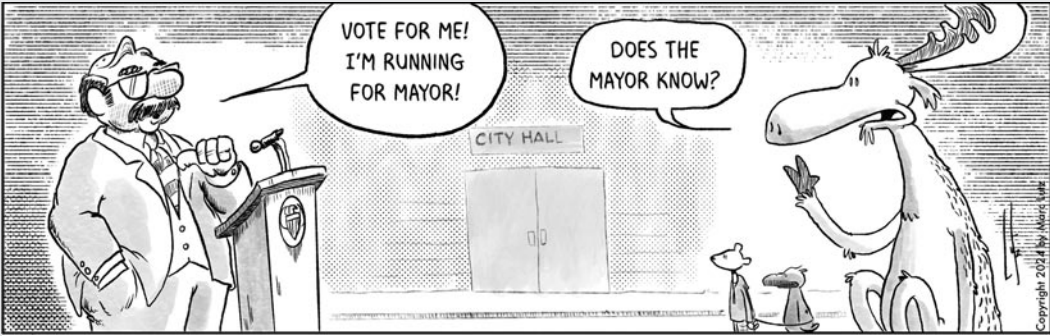
We would also like to applaud the officers and staff of our local Moose Lodge for all the extra effort it takes to host a sizeable conference.

Your efforts give a boost to your neighboring downtown businesses during this less touristy month.

Hosting conferences and bringing in visitors in numbers is a smart way to showcase our beautiful town and it's an area where Petersburg has lots of room to grow. We hope to see more and more of this kind of hospitality.

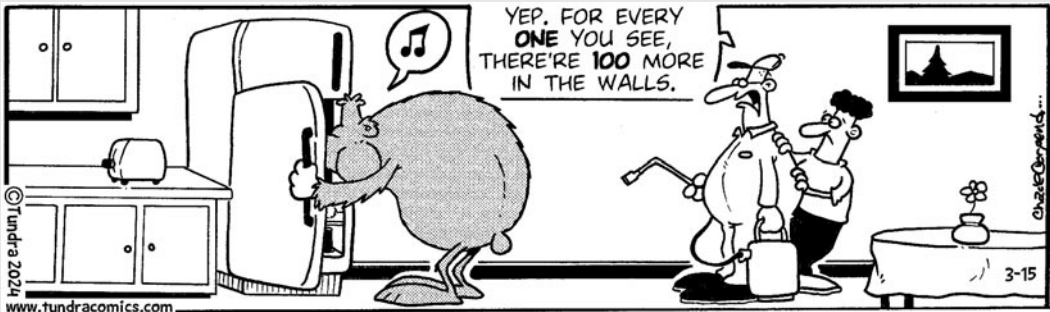
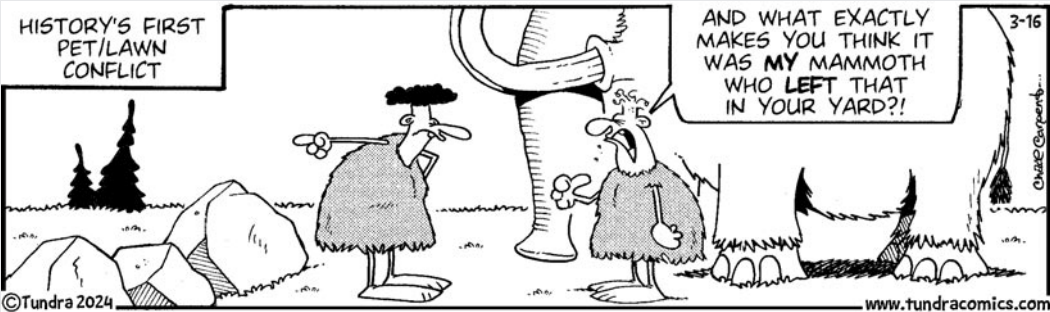
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by Marc Lutz



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by Chad Carpenter



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Trident names E.C. Phillips & Son as buyer of Petersburg plant

By OLIVIA ROSE
Pilot writer

E.C. Phillips & Son Inc. is taking ownership of Trident Seafood’s plant in Petersburg. The sale will be completely finalized in April.

Trident announced on March 15 that the Ketchikan-based seafood processing company is buying the Petersburg plant along with its main bunkhouse, cookhouse, and two housing units.

A spokesperson from Trident told the Pilot in an email that Trident and E.C. Phillips are “fully focused on completing due diligence and finalizing the transaction.”

Trident and E.C. Phillips declined to comment before the sale closes in April.

Executives from E.C. Phillips came to Petersburg over the weekend to visit the facility, assess next steps to open for operation, and meet with the employees and Trident representation.

E.C. Phillips is a seafood producer with a long history serving in Southeast.

Their seafood processing operations are year-round and their Ketchikan plant remains open for fall and winter fisheries.

If E.C. Phillips mirrors their Ketchikan plant’s year-round operations at the plant here in Petersburg, it could potentially create more year-round jobs locally.

“The Petersburg plant could enjoy a longer season than it did under Trident’s banner, with an operator more focused on variety and direct distribution. This approach should set the Petersburg fleet up as a great hub in the Southeast region,” Jeff Welbourn, senior vice president of Alaska operations at Trident, said in the March 15 press release.

Trident had provided a significant gillnet market in Southeast. Sources in the industry told the Pilot that it seems E.C. Phillips looks to

take on that role for gillnetters throughout the different districts in Southeast, noting that the company wants to keep the gillnet fleet as it was run out of Petersburg.

According to industry sources, the company is likely interested in having more than just fin fish at the facility in Petersburg, noting E.C. Phillips showed interest in buying a significant quantity of longline fish in Petersburg.

Trident’s Petersburg plant used to buy more longline fish several years ago, but over time they narrowed their focus to salmon.

E.C. Phillips buys longline fish like black cod and halibut.

For years, Petersburg boats have run fish all the way to Ketchikan to sell at E.C. Phillips due to their strong pricing, a result of the different markets that the company has developed.

E.C. Phillips buys and processes halibut, black cod, rockfish, shrimp, geoduck, sea

cucumbers, herring, pacific cod, and ling cod — as well as all five species of wild Alaska salmon including king, sockeye, coho, chum and pink.

E.C. Phillips’ reputation for buying multiple different species, including longline fish, is a “huge, huge thing for us ... because we are so diversified for our fleet,” said Harbormaster Glo Wollen.

She added that, for a fishing fleet that “does it all” and fishes multiple species, E.C. Phillips’ diverse operations is “the exciting part.”

“I don’t know how they’re going to use this facility, that remains to be seen, but we hope that they do use it more than just the summer months,” said Wollen.

A few hurdles remain before E.C. Phillips can buy and process fish in Petersburg; the sale needs to finalize, and there are logistics like permit transfers that must happen.

In the meantime, locals and members in the industry feel

positive about the ownership transfer.

“I certainly have [met] with our local team, and I think they’re all real happy about the transition,” Wollen said.

“To have an operating business like this right in the heart of downtown, to have it working and operating really lends itself to everybody in our community, realizing that Petersburg’s healthy and that we’re a thriving community,” she emphasized. “Just having this operation being up and running is going to work its way into the fabric of our community.”

Dave Ohmer, recently retired longtime manager of the Trident plant in Petersburg, said E.C. Phillips is “excited about the products available out of Petersburg and the opportunity to build relationships with the Petersburg fleet...”

“For me personally, I’m very glad the plant will be working this summer,” he added. “It’s very good news for Petersburg.”

Police report

March 13 - An officer assisted an individual with a power problem.

A driver was issued a warning for failure to illuminate license plate.

March 14 - Jared Nicholas Burns, 22, was arrested on a

warrant.

Evelyn Anderson, 20, was arrested for allegedly hindering prosecution in the first degree.

An officer assisted Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

March 15 - Petersburg Police

Department (PPD) received notice of a sunken skiff. The Alaska State Trooper (AST) was notified and responded.

An officer assisted with a lock-out.

An individual reported a lost wallet.

An officer assisted a citizen.

March 16 - Officers assisted EMS.

An officer issued a warning for an extinguished tail light.

March 17 - An officer responded to a report of suspicious activity.

PPD received a report of birds getting into trash. The owner was notified.

PPD received a report of fuel on the roadway. The owner was notified.

An individual reported their vehicle had broken down and agreed they would move it by morning.

March 18 - An officer responded to a report of suspicious activity and determined it was unfounded.

March 19 - An officer conducted an extra patrol.

An officer assisted an individual.

An officer conducted a traffic stop.

Found property was turned into the PPD.

Papers were served.

Court report

February 29, 2024

At arraignment, Elizabeth Seslar entered a guilty plea to driving with no motor vehicle liability insurance. The judgement was a \$500 fine and \$100 police surcharge.

March 4, 2024

At a change of plea proceeding, defendant Matthew Wiegand entered a guilty plea to the charges of Assault 4 and Criminal Mischief 4. The sentence included 12 months of jail with 6 months suspended, 3 years of probation, orders to complete a substance abuse assessment and follow its recommendations, to have no contact with victim, to not return to victims residence, to have no alcohol during probation, and pay restitution if any will be filed within 90 days, and a \$100 police surcharge, \$150 jail surcharge with \$100 suspended, and \$200 attorney fees. A guilty plea was also entered to the charge of Reckless Driving with a sentence of a \$100 police surcharge. Remaining charges of Burglary 1 and two counts of Violating Conditions of Release were dismissed by the prosecution.

March 5, 2024

At arraignment, Steven Thomassen Jr. entered a plea of no contest to the charge of violating king crab pot storage requirements. The sentence for the minor offense included

\$1,000 with \$750 suspended, a \$20 police surcharge and 1 year probation.

Defendant Jay Thomassen entered a plea of no contest to the charge of violating king crab gear marking requirements. The fine was \$500 with a \$20 police surcharge.

Defendant Justin Welch entered a guilty plea to the charge of using king crab pots that do not permit escapement of undersized crab. The sentence included a \$1,000 fine with \$500 suspended, \$20 police surcharge, and one year of probation.

March 6, 2024

At arraignment, the defendant Christopher Haerling entered a no contest plea to the charge of driving with no motor vehicle liability insurance. The sentence was a fine of \$250, \$20 police surcharge, and orders not to drive unless legally licensed and insured. The state has 90 days to file for restitution.

At a change of plea proceeding Marc Martinsen entered a guilty plea to Failure to Stop at the Direction of a Peace Officer. The sentence included 90 days jail with 87 days suspended. 1 year of probation, orders to obey all laws, not drive unless legally licensed and insured, consume or possess no alcohol, obtain a substance abuse assessment and provide proof to the court, \$100 police surcharge,

and \$150 jail surcharge with \$100 suspended.

At a change of plea hearing Jose Eudave-Ruiz entered a guilty plea to DUI. The sentence included 30 days jail with 27 days suspended, a fine of \$1,500, \$150 police surcharge, \$150 jail surcharge with \$100 suspended, \$330 cost of imprisonment, alcohol classes with proof provided to court, drivers license revoked for 90 days, ignition interlock device for 6 months, and 1 year probation.

March 7, 2024

At a change of plea hearing Lindsey Castles entered a guilty plea to Criminal Trespass 1. The sentence included 90 days jail with 90 days suspended, 2 years probation, orders to consume or possess no alcohol, substance abuse assessment proof filed with the court, and to have no contact with victim or victim’s residence. A guilty plea was also entered to the charge of violating conditions of release.

March 11, 2024

At a minor offense trial the court found defendant Jose Jesus Acuna guilty of driving with a license suspended. The sentence included a fine of \$150 with \$150 suspended, a \$20 police surcharge, 6 months of probation, requirement to provide of proof of valid drivers license and not drive unless legally licensed.



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Legislature fails by one vote to override of governor's school funding veto

By LARRY PERSILY
Wrangell Sentinel writer

Alaska lawmakers fell one vote short Monday in an attempt to override the governor's veto of a comprehensive school funding bill, which included a permanent increase in the state funding formula for K-12 education.

The vote in a joint session of the House and Senate was 39-20. A two-thirds majority of 40 votes of the 60 legislators was required for an override.

All 20 of the votes to uphold the governor's actions came from Republicans. A dozen Republicans voted with Democrats and independents in the failed attempt.

Even if lawmakers had succeeded in overriding the veto, the governor still could have used his veto power to reduce or eliminate money from the state budget when it reaches his desk at the end of the legislative session. Republican Gov. Mike Dunleavy last week essentially threatened just such an outcome.

"You could override and have

this bill, but it doesn't guarantee money in the budget in the end," Dunleavy said at a news conference last week.

Money to cover the state's contribution to local school district operating budgets is subject to appropriation by the Legislature each year and a potential veto by the governor each year.

Lawmakers last year approved a one-time increase in state funding to school districts, which Dunleavy reduced by half with his veto pen. The Legislature is likely to try again for a one-year boost in school money, even with the defeat of the permanent increase in the formula in state law.

The Legislature faces a mid-May adjournment deadline.

In addition to objecting to the bill's sizable, permanent boost in the funding formula, the governor had demanded that legislators also approve two of his education priorities to win his support for a funding increase.

Dunleavy wants legislation that would allow new charter schools to bypass local school boards and come to the state for

approval, and he has campaigned for one-time teacher bonuses to recruit and retain staff rather than a permanent increase in state funding for districts.

Most lawmakers have been reluctant to accept the governor's demands, responding that charter schools should be a local issue, and that a permanent increase in state aid for school operating budgets would help more than one-time teacher bonuses.

Neither of the governor's proposals have won enough legislative votes for passage.

Lawmakers have been working since the start of the session in January to craft legislation to raise the state's per-student funding formula, known as the base student allocation, which has not changed more than half a percent in seven years.

Though school districts and public education advocates across Alaska pushed for an increase to cover the years of inflation, the Legislature settled on about an 11% boost in the base formula, which would cost the

state an estimated \$176 million for the 2024-2025 school year. That represents about 2.5% of the state general fund budget.

The vetoed legislation also included a larger state contribution to districts for their school bus expenses (\$7 million), additional funds to assist in reading improvement programs (\$5 million), more money for correspondence programs used by homeschoolers (\$13 million), a new charter school coordinator position at the Alaska Department of Education, and a provision to increase internet speeds in rural schools.

The legislation did not include Dunleavy's proposal for teacher bonuses, nor did it go as far as the governor wants for new charter schools to bypass local school boards.

The bill passed the House and Senate in February by a combined 56-3 vote. Though education supporters expected to lose votes, they has hoped they could still muster 40 for the override on Monday.

The labor federation Alaska AFL-CIO and teachers union NEA Alaska asked supporters to send letters, calls and texts supporting an override. The Alaska Council of School Administrators ran internet ads targeting possible swing legislators.

The Alaska chapter of Americans for Prosperity, a limited-government group, had praised the veto and asked legislators to sustain it.

All of the House and Senate members from Southeast voted to override the governor's veto.

Dozens of school advocates lined the hallways in the Capitol ahead of the Monday vote, wearing red to signify their support for schools and chanting "Override."

Nikiski Sen. Jesse Bjorkman said he expected schools on the Kenai Peninsula to lay off at least 60 teachers and cut back on programs if the veto were not overridden.

The Anchorage Daily News and Alaska Beacon contributed reporting for this story.

Sitka Herring Fishery on 2-Hour Notice

By GARLAND KENNEDY
Sitka Sentinel staff writer

The Department of Fish and Game placed the Sitka Sound sac roe fishery on two-hours notice as of 8 a.m. Wednesday, signaling seiners will have two hours to get ready for the first fishing period in this year's commercial herring harvest.

F&G said surveys continue in the process of locating schools of marketable fish in areas suitable for an opening.

Though aerial surveys conducted Tuesday detected no fish, the department spotted large numbers of predators, such as humpback whales and sea lions, along the eastern shore of Kruzof Island, the agency said in a release late Tuesday.

Also Tuesday, a test set conducted off Mountain Point, on the east side of Kruzof south of Brent's Beach, pulled in 100 tons of fish with 9.6 percent mature roe. Another set caught nearby

at Inner Point contained only 1.3 percent mature roe.

Herring with about 10 percent mature roe are considered marketable.

ADF&G's research vessel, the Kestrel, arrived in Sitka Wednesday to begin conducting herring surveys of its own. Today, the vessel spotted schools of herring around St. Lazaria Island, south of Kruzof, but the fishery was not opened and no spawn on beaches was noted, Fish and Game management biologist Aaron Dupuis said this afternoon. At the time he spoke with the newspaper, a test set was in progress.

The guideline harvest limit (GHL) this year is 81,246 tons out of a returning biomass estimated at 406,226. Both are record highs for Sitka Sound since the 1970s when large scale seine boat fishing started there, targeting the roe of herring returning to their spawning grounds. This year, the department expects the fishery to be noncompetitive.



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Erik Hulebak, PA-C (PMC)
- 12:30pm Understanding Health Fair Blood Draw Results
Dr. Alice Hulebak (PMC)
- 1:30pm Gut Check: Nourishing the Mind through Gut Health
Janet Peterson, DrPH, RDN, WEMT (guest speaker)
- 3:00-6:00pm Stewards of Children: Preventing Child Sexual Abuse
Coleen Hedglin (WAVE)

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score 33-25 heading into the fourth.

“We went into the fourth quarter with a little bit of a margin,” said Brock.

“It was good that we had as big of a lead as we did because we made a few mistakes, turning the ball over and giving them some easy baskets. It became a one possession game with a couple of minutes left.”

Luckily, close fourth quarters had been a theme throughout the season for the Vikings and their experience helped them to stay calm under pressure.

“[During] our first few close games we were nervous about finishing them out, just from not being used to it. But I think those [experiences] helped prepare us for these close games at state. It kind of eased the nerves for us compared to some other teams,” said Cumps.

In the last few seconds, the Vikings set up a play in a time-out, but Ninilchik switched up their defense.

Thanks to some quick moves from senior Elijah Whitacre, the team made the final shot, winning them the game 44-42.

“Elijah Whitacre made the game winning point in traffic. Tough basket, it was awesome. But the thing is that there was no panic there. They knew what they needed to do,” said Brock.

Knowing that they could show up when it matters most, they went into Friday’s game against Cordova with a confidence boost.

The game followed a similar pattern to their last match with Cordova shooting extremely well in the first half, leaving the Vikings behind at halftime up 23-17.

However — once again — the Vikings kept their cool and made some critical adjustments.

“We were still close — it was still a two-possession game — but I just didn’t think that we were playing as well as we could defensively. We talked about that at halftime and then had another good third quarter. We outscored them 10-4,” said Brock.

With the score tied up 27-27 heading into the fourth, it all came down to another tense final quarter.

“There’s a lot of pressure in that semifinal game,” said Brock.

“[If] you win you go to the fi-



The Vikings, coaches, fans, and families who made the trip from Petersburg to Anchorage for the state tourney gather for a photo.

nals, [if] you lose you go to the loser’s bracket. But again I thought our composure from all the close games that we had helped us down the stretch.”

Thanks to some clinching free throws from Whitacre and some great team play across the board, the Vikings once again took home the win in the final moments defeating Cordova 38-34.

And finally, the Vikings had made it to their final match of the season against first seed Hooper Bay on the main court of the Alaska Airlines Center.

Despite facing the pressure of thousands of viewers, the Vikings felt empowered as they entered the championship matchup.

“It was a huge stadium, lots of people. Also lots of people rooting against us for Hooper Bay. We were underdogs for sure, but I think the team handled it well. [We] liked the underdog role and proving people wrong. I think we played pretty confident in ourselves,” said Cumps.

The game started off with the teams going back and forth, with Hooper Bay making a few three-point shots to keep up with the Viking’s offense.

“At the end of the first quarter we were down 11 to 10, and the second quarter [followed] kind of the same pattern. We were down 22-20 but I thought that

we were making good looks at the basket and I also felt that we were making them make tough shots,” said Brock.

However — similarly to their previous games at state — a critical halftime adjustment put them in control of the match.

The Vikings made an adjustment to their press break, sending the ball and giving the reins to Kieran Cabral on offense.

They had a fantastic third quarter, setting the precedent for how they would play heading into the fourth with the team up 30-24.

The team stretched their lead at the beginning of the final quarter, but Hooper Bay cut it back to a one possession game.

Without losing their hold on the match, the Vikings scored right away and transitioned back into control.

“In the last couple of minutes we made some critical free throws and made some defensive stops. We ended up winning 41-33. We just had a great game,” said Brock.

And with that, the Vikings were crowned state champions.

“[Winning] was probably one of the best feelings ever,” said Cumps.

“We’ve had struggles the last few years, getting really close at state and just falling short. Getting to where we wanted to be this year was just a really awesome feeling. And doing it with the team we had and all the coaches and support was just really awesome.”

Brock was especially proud of the team-wide effort displayed



Rik Cumps, of Petersburg, defends as Latrell Lake, of Hooper Bay, drives for the basket in the 2A boys state basketball championship game. With a great all around performance, Cumps finished the night with a double-double, notching 14 points and 14 rebounds. Cumps and Lake were each named Player of the Game. Cumps was also recognized this week by Anchorage TV channel KTUU as Alaska’s athlete of the week.

by the Vikings in the final match, saying that each of the team’s members stepped up to give them the win.

“We brought 10 guys up and all tournament all 10 players contributed in a positive way, either on the defensive end or with scoring... It really was a team effort for the whole tournament,” he said.

“I had a blast coaching these guys. Every season has its challenges, but what an easy group to coach and travel with... One thing that’s hard to coach is heart, and these guys had a lot of heart and a lot of grit.”

Brock additionally made sure to highlight the team’s seniors, Kieran Cabral, Hunter Conn, Rik Cumps, and Elijah Whitacre.

“The seniors set a great example, they’ve been leaders throughout the season,” he said.

The Vikings also earned some individual honors during the tournament.

Logan Tow won the state three-point shooting contest, Elijah Whitacre and Noah Pawuk won good sports awards, and Rik Cumps and Hunter Conn were named to the all-state tournament team.

With such a successful year under their belt, both Brock and the team were especially thankful for the community support they received all season long.


“[The win] means a lot. We’re fortunate to live in a community that cares about their kids, they support them in all activities and things they do... We have dedicated parents that traveled there, we had a great Petersburg contingency there... We’re just fortunate,” said Brock.

“Our guys represented our community and our school and the program in such a positive way. It means a lot, it really does... It’s a tremendous accomplishment and I’m very happy for this group of young men.”

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Advocates hope seafood consumption survey leads to higher water quality standards

By BECCA CLARK
Wrangell Sentinel reporter

WRANGELL — Clean water advocates believe a seafood consumption survey among Wrangell residents might help in their push for higher water quality standards.

Together, the Wrangell Cooperative Association and the Southeast Alaska Indigenous Transboundary Commission will conduct a survey in Wrangell to determine the quantity and types of seafood community members consume.

The goal of the survey is to update the region’s outdated fish consumption rate, said Esther Aaltséen Reese, WCA tribal administrator. The metric is used by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the state to help determine water quality standards, as seafood is one of the ways people are exposed to contaminated water.

Currently, the state of Alaska uses an old, federally determined fish consumption rate of 6.5 grams per person per day, equal to roughly one bite of fish, in developing its water quality

standards. This number came from a national survey in the 1980s — a survey that did not include Alaska or Pacific Islands, said Guy Archibald, SEITC executive director.

Archibald said there have been efforts to get Alaska to change its fish consumption rate for 30 years. He also mentioned that because the state is so large, there might need to be regional values and water quality standards, as fish consumption likely varies throughout the state.

The upcoming survey will ask Wrangell residents how much

seafood they consume. Seafood includes everything that comes from the water: fish, shellfish, mollusks, herring eggs and beach greens.

WCA and SEITC are hoping to conduct the survey starting in May and continue it throughout the year. The demographics of those surveyed will reflect the age and other characteristics of the community, Archibald said. While participation in the survey is voluntary, participants will be offered a \$50 gift card toward groceries or fuel upon completion.

Seafood consumption surveys have been conducted in Kodiak and Cook Inlet communities, but this survey will be the first in Southeast Alaska.

concern. The mine is owned in part by Imperial Metals, a company that also owned Mount Polley, a mine that had a tailings dam failure in 2014, resulting in hazardous tailings and materials polluting surrounding bodies of water. The Red Chris mine is bigger than Mount Polley.

If Red Chris fails, Reese said it would have catastrophic consequences for Wrangell and other communities near the Stikine. The mine is about 130 miles northeast of Wrangell.

According to Salmon Beyond Borders, an Alaska-based campaign that works to defend transboundary salmon rivers, there are over a dozen British Columbia gold-copper mines proposed or in development in the Stikine-Iskut watershed.

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The puegh, also spelled pugh or pew, was a simple, yet effective tool used by fishermen and cannery workers to move fish. Its long-handle eliminated the need to bend over to get ahold of a fish. By stabbing the single-tined fork through the fish’s head, one could rapidly lift and fling a fish through the entire course of its processing – from the deck, to the hold, to the dock, and into the cannery.

But in 1919, the chief of the United States Bureau of Chemistry, Dr. C.L. Alsberg, toured the Southeast Alaska canneries to assess their compliance with federal pure food laws. Alsberg observed many salmon being stabbed through their body, some still alive so that hemorrhaging softened and discolored the meat, making it a less-appetizing product to the consumer. Furthermore, Dr. Alsberg concluded the puncture would introduce bacteria into the flesh which would soften the tissue if not processed promptly.

The industry responded quickly, ushering in an innovative period of creating alternative and less damaging ways to move fish. Chain driven, mechanized fish elevators with large buckets or troughs, chutes, conveyor belts and eventually pneumatic suction pumps each saved time, effort, moved the fish with less physical damage, and eliminated the need to handle the fish one at a time.

Information and photos for this column are provided by the Clausen Memorial Museum.

“Historically, tribes have been one of the few entities to be able to make changes with water quality,” Reese said, noting that tribes in Washington, Oregon and Idaho recently succeeded in updating their seafood consumption rates using similar surveys.

The survey comes at a time when concerns over water quality in Southeast Alaska are growing. Reese noted that Ketchikan has had major concerns recently — residents have observed changes in seaweed growth and fish populations and worry that it’s due to cruise ship traffic.

Concerns have also been growing over mining operations in the headwaters of the Stikine in British Columbia. Reese said part of WCA’s work with SEITC is to raise awareness. “Mining on the Stikine is extremely troubling,” Reese said.

The Red Chris mine plans to extend mining operations until 2057 by expanding and shifting mining practices.

Archibald also mentioned that in addition to higher water quality standards for British Columbia to meet, the seafood surveys could help bring about changes to regulations on cruise ship waste, Alaska mines and contaminated site cleanup regulations.

But Archibald noted that all SEITC and WCA can do is provide data, and they have no control over whether the state will act. Reese was optimistic that the results of the survey might help apply pressure to get water quality standards updated.

“I want to encourage people to eat more wild fish — it’s healthier, it’s higher quality and it’s available. I don’t want to insinuate that there’s anything wrong with the fish. I want to ensure it stays this way by having adequate water criteria,” Archibald said.

Archibald said the higher the water quality standards in Southeast, the higher the water quality criteria British Columbia must meet at the border. SEITC placed the Stikine as one of America’s top 10 most endangered rivers in 2019.

In February, SEITC filed a 112-page brief with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, arguing that Canadian mining operations are threatening their right to a healthy environment and that Canada has failed to adequately consult tribes of the Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian nations.

Reese noted that the border between British Columbia is a colonial border — a border never existed when only tribes inhabited the land. She wants the tribes to be included in permitting reviews of the mines.

Red Chris, a large gold and copper mine located in the headwaters of the Stikine, is of special

The survey is funded by the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs with a grant of about \$130,000, a budget that Archibald said has been difficult to stay within, as surveys like this typically take \$500,000 to pull off.

Archibald noted that ideally this survey would have started a year ago, but that it was delayed due to new rules requiring approval from the EPA and an institutional review board. Previously, surveys have only needed approval from the EPA.

Wrangell is a guinea pig in Southeast Alaska for surveys like this, especially with new regulations making the process more difficult. But Reese noted that WCA is excited about paving the way for other tribes and sharing any of the experience and knowledge they gain.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

The Pilot extends its best wishes to the persons listed on the Community Calendar.

Those with birthdays this week are: **March 22:** Lauren Rabago, Wally Swanson. **March 25:** Carrie Enge, Martha Trautman. **March 26:** Amzie Sokol, Fred Hisaw, Kenny Berkley. **March 27:** Dustin Delong, Elly Hegar, Joyce Bergmann, Mandy Kivisto, Sage Drilleovich. **March 28:** Barb Luhr, Blair Martens, Bridget Schwartz.

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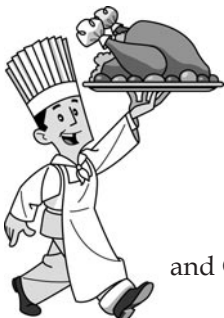
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Obituary

Seth Robert Perry, 48

Seth Robert Perry was born June 10, 1975, in Salinas, California. An accomplished wrestler throughout high school, he graduated Petersburg High School with the Class of 1993.

Seth was a loyal son, a loving father and devoted brother, once rescuing his younger brother from a house fire.

Commercial fishing became a mainstay in his life, as did all things aquaculture, marine photography, and recreation in the Tongass National Forest. He



Seth Robert Perry

was a talented cook and a natural host.

Seth was preceded in death by his grandfather, Robert Norris; grandmother, Ann Norris; father, Kevin Perry; and stepfather, Ted Weisenburger.

He is survived by his mother, Becky Weisenburger; brother, Colin Perry; sisters, Becky Luttrell; his children, Jaden, Adam, Gabriel and Cora; their mother, Kayla; his partner in life, Lynette; and a large extended family.

Seth is mourned by all who loved him.

Health Fair events happening this weekend, and more

By OLIVIA ROSE
Pilot writer

Hosted every other year to promote health and wellness in the community, the Petersburg Medical Center Health & Safety Fair takes place this weekend — and this year’s theme is “Nurture Your Health With Nature.”

The main health fair event will take place on Saturday, March 23 at the community center.

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. there will be over 25 fair booths available to visit in the community gym.

“We have a lot of local people, as well as some regional folks coming in from out of town that will be hosting booths,” providing information, services, programs and resources, said PMC Community Wellness Manager Julie Walker. “Pretty excited about the variety of people that we have represented.”

The theme that ties together health and nature has encouraged the presence of vendors that may not typically be considered under the health and wellness umbrella.

The Forest Service will be there to share about outdoor recreation opportunities and trials. Petersburg Police Department, Petersburg School District, and the rainforest festival will also be present. The Tlingit and Haida Navigators Program will be talking about traditional foods and providing samples of edible local plants and animals, which Walker said is “fun and exciting.”

There will also be a booth about the new PMC facility. A couple of vendors will offer information on massage. Southeast Alaska Independent Living (SAIL) will be there providing information about how to live independently and what services are available for seniors and community members living with disabilities.

Other booths will involve health and wellness services, public assistance programs, behavioral health services and resources, blood pressure

screenings, fall prevention information, dental and more.

There will also be door prizes every 30 minutes.

During the same timeframe, there will be three 15-minute fitness demonstrations in the fitness court for different fitness classes happening in the community. Walker described them as “an opportunity to kind of get a sneak peek of what it is, with no commitment, no pressure, you don’t have to do a whole class or anything, just ... a little demonstration.”

At 10 a.m. Julie Anderson will lead a demonstration of “Bingo-cize,” which combines bingo and exercise and will have music and prizes. “Fun for all ages,” Walker said.

Tai Ji Quan, moving for better balance, will follow at 11 a.m. with Sarah Hofstetter.

Both classes are “evidence based programs that are proven to reduce falls,” said Walker. The facilitators will be present to show what is done and to answer any questions.

One of the local Zumba instructors, Kylie Watkins, will do a Zumba class demonstration at noon for an upbeat dance workout.

“It’s an opportunity to meet the facilitator, ask questions, get just a little taste for it but without feeling like you’re committing,” said Walker. “Come in for 15 minutes and check it out, or watch.”

New this year is a drop-off area at the racquetball court where kids can be dropped off while adults peruse the booths or attend a presentation.

Kinder Skog staff will provide supervision and activities for the kids, from obstacle courses to indoor snowball fights, “things like that just to keep the kids engaged and having fun while parents go check things out.” This will be available from 10 to 1 as well.

Six presentations will be hosted in the activity room next to the main gymnasium.

The first five will be about 30 to 40 minutes long, Walker

noted.

At 9:30, attendees of PMC nurse practitioner Angela Menish’s “High Blood Pressure, the silent killer” presentation will learn about the effects of high blood pressure levels on the heart and hear advice for monitoring and maintaining a healthy level.

At 10:30, WAVE executive director Everett Bennett and behavioral health clinical supervisor Samuel Steinbruegge will hold an introductory course about LGBTQ+ allyship and facilitate a conversation where questions can be asked in a safe space.

At 11:30, PMC physician assistant Erik Hulebak will talk about high cholesterol and how to mitigate the risk.

At 12:30, PMC physician Dr. Alice Hulebak will give a presentation to help attendees better understand their health fair blood draw results.

Blood draws discounted for the health fair wrapped up earlier this month, which Walker said “went really well.”

Paper copies of blood draw results will not be available for pick up at the health fair this year. Walker said patients should have already received their results via the patient portal “because they were processed within 24 hours,” and if not “they can call the Joy Janssen Clinic and request a paper copy of their health fair results.”

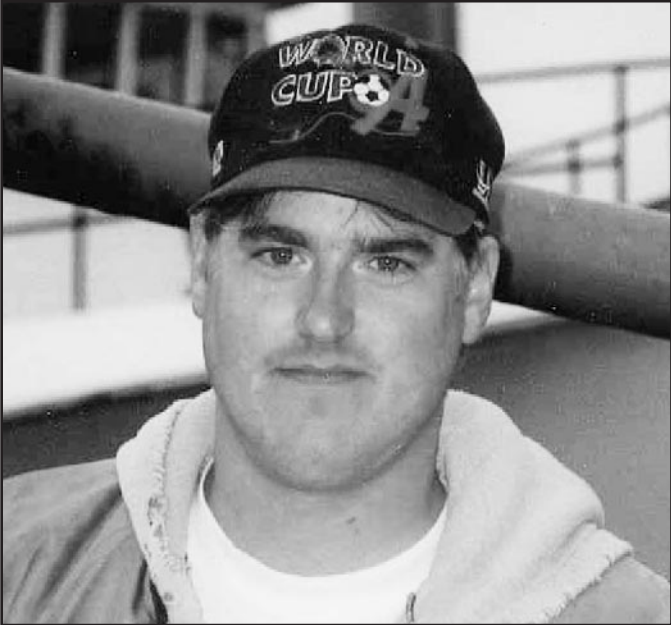
At 1:30, Dr. Janet Peterson will discuss how dietary choices affect the gut and mind; with a doctorate in preventive care and as a practicing Registered Dietitian, Dr. Peterson will teach practical tips for making informed dietary decisions so attendees can adopt a better balance for their physical and mental health.

Finally, WAVE is facilitating training to prevent child sexual abuse from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. with WAVE prevention director Coleen Hedglin. This is a free training for adults. Food will be provided and WAVE asks for attendees to register in advance, though walk-ins will be welcomed if there is space.

Dr. Janet Peterson has taught

Obituary

Andrew C. Greinier, 59



Andrew C. Greinier

Andrew C. Greinier of Petersburg, Alaska, passed away in his home of natural causes on February 04, 2024.

He was born in Wrangell, Alaska, to Bill and Barbara Greinier Jr. He moved to Petersburg in 1971 when the family resettled. He acquired lifelong memories, skills, and solid friendships over the many seasons he worked as a cook, shipmate, and video man documenting all events surrounding him. His shutterbug talents are now being viewed and appreciated by all.

He was a beloved son, father, grandfather, and just recently a great-grandfather.

Andrew was preceded in death by his father, William A. Greinier Jr; uncles and aunts, Tom Greinier Sr, Richard and Esther Harris, and Andrew and Zella Greinier; grandparents, William A. and Ruth Greinier Sr, and Hugh and Alice Harris.

He is survived by his mother, Barbara Greinier; two sons, Aaron (Stevie Glass) and Christopher (fiancé Sarah Otness) Greinier; grandchildren, Andrew, Aiden, Penny, and Henry; great-granddaughter, Gracie Grenier; sister, Cynthia (Timothy) Zimmerman and their children, William, Kathryn, and Samuel; brother, Joseph R. (fiancé Ana Bradley) Greinier; and many faithful and supportive uncles, aunts, cousins, nephews and a niece.

Andy’s unwavering resolve and steadfast loyalty to his family, friends, and those he embraced continue to be a testament of his love for life.

A Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date.

wilderness medicine courses, among many more subjects, for over 20 years. On Sunday, March 24 — the day after the health fair — Dr. Peterson and registered nurse Angela Henderson will facilitate a Wilderness First Aid course from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Wilderness First Aid course “prepares you with knowledge and skills to respond to an emergency while you’re out away from medical care, which could be anywhere here,” said Walker. “We could be out the road ... not have cell service ... out on a boat somewhere, so it just is giving you those practical skills to like assess somebody and to know what first steps you should take ... and how to improvise.”

“It’s gonna be a really neat class ... it’ll be fun because it’s going to be hands-on,” she added.

Following the eight hours of prerequisite online instruction, Walker said the course will start at the fire hall for in-person learning “and then we’ll go over to Sandy Beach after lunch, and we’ll do some hands-on realistic scenarios and practice our skills that we’ve learned in an outdoor setting.”

On Friday, March 22 — the day

before the health fair event — guest speakers from the Juneau Suicide Prevention Coalition will facilitate conversations about suicide prevention and how to support people in the Petersburg community. Learning opportunities will take place at the John Hanson Sr. (ANB) Hall; lunch and dinner will be provided and registration is required by calling PIA at 907-772-3636.

The QPR “Question, Persuade, Refer” training will take place from noon through 5:30 p.m. on Friday to learn how to help identify and reduce suicidal behaviors.

A “suicide safety planning workshop” to learn when to work with someone to create a safety plan to prevent suicide will take place from 6 to 8 p.m.; school-aged childcare is available for this session.

“Having some of our out-of-town guests, like the Juneau Suicide Prevention Coalition, come to the health fair ... has kind of allowed us to expand the health fair and offer these additional focused learning opportunities to the community,” Walker said.

“There’s a lot of different community organizations coming,” she added. “So excited.”

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The Petersburg School District is seeking quotes from licensed providers for itinerant special education-related services in the following areas: Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Educational Psychology. These services include screening, evaluation, direct service contact, collaboration, and training for the 2024-2025 school year. Contract specifications are posted on the school district website at www.pcsd.us and are available at the School District Office, 201 Charles W. Street, Petersburg, AK 99833. Contact Mara Lutomski at exec@pcsd.us or (877) 526-7656 ext 100 for additional information. Quotes are due by 4:00 pm on Friday, April 5th, 2024

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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT
Petersburg Borough
Public Hearing

on
Ordinance #2024-05 determining whether property obtained by the Borough in a tax foreclosure proceeding shall be retained for a public purpose

The Petersburg Borough Assembly will conduct a Public Hearing on April 1, 2024 at noon, at its regular Assembly meeting, on Ordinance #2024-05, regarding retention or disposal of the following described parcel, obtained by the Borough through a tax foreclosure proceeding:

- PTN of Lot 16, Block 2, Wrangell Narrows Subdivision, according to Plat 2003-3, of Alaska State Land Survey No. 81-7, Petersburg Recording District, First Judicial District, State of Alaska Parcel Number 02-283-130 in Petersburg, Alaska. Previous owner: Tomas E. Cole Jr.

If this Ordinance is adopted, the property would not be retained for a public purpose and would thereafter be sold by the Borough.

If you have any questions regarding this parcel or this Ordinance, please contact the Borough Finance Department at 907-772-5409.

Published: March 21, 2024



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Petersburg Municipal Power and Light has an opening for the position of Power Generation Mechanic/Operator. This is a regular full-time position, with a starting hourly rate of \$50.00 for PERS Tier 1-3 employees or \$48.00 for PERS Tier 4. This position performs maintenance and repairs on

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PUBLIC REVIEW
FIVE-YEAR SCHEDULE OF TIMBER SALES
STATE FISCAL YEARS 2025-2029

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry & Fire Protection (DOF) Preliminary Five-Year Schedule of Timber Sales for the Southern Southeast Area is available for public review. Per AS 38.05.113 this is a scoping document that outlines the proposed timber sale activity to be undertaken on State land over the next five years. The Five-Year Schedule of Timber Sales is not a decision document.

The public is invited to comment on any aspect of the Five-Year Schedule of Timber Sales. Comments should be mailed to the DOF and must be received by the close of business at the DOF's office no later than **April 8, 2024** to be included as comment to the file in the adopted schedule. This document can be viewed at the Area Office in Ketchikan, the public libraries in Craig, Edna Bay, Ketchikan, Petersburg and Wrangell, the State of Alaska's on-line public notice website <http://notice.alaska.gov/214508> as well as the DOF's website <http://forestry.alaska.gov/>.

After public comment has been received and reviewed, the Division of Forestry & Fire Protection may proceed with planning the proposed timber sales and associated developments. When each sale is prepared and ready for review, notice of the proposed decision and the opportunity for public comment will be given for that specific timber sale, as is required under state statutes and regulations.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SUBMIT COMMENTS CONTACT:

Alaska Division of Forestry & Fire Protection 2417 Tongass Avenue, Suite 213 Ketchikan, AK 99901	Contact: Phone: Email:	Greg Staunton 907-225-3070 dnr.dof.sse@alaska.gov
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The State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry & Fire Protection Complies with Title II of the American with Disabilities Act of 1990. Individuals with disabilities who may need auxiliary aids, services, or special modifications to participate in this review may contact the number above.

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Timber sale

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firearm discharge prohibition highlighted local interest in subsistence hunting in the area.

DOF states that recovering residual timber value resulting from the significant western hemlock mortality associated with hemlock sawfly observed in the area in fall 2023 is one of the objectives for this sale.

In FY28 on Mitkof Island, 625 mixed age acres in the South Mitkof Area and 369 acres of old growth timber in the Woodpecker Cove Area are proposed for timber sale.

The South Mitkof Area sale consists of a mix of old growth and young growth timber located in the coastal mountainous terrain on the southeast side of Mitkof Island.

The entire proposed timber sale for the Woodpecker Cove area is located on Southeast State Forest land. It consists of old growth timber. While merchantable timber is anticipated in the area, DOF has not yet verified operability. An estimated 0.9 miles of new road construction is likely necessary to access the sale area. The forthcoming Forest Service Woodpecker Cove cabin site is not located in this harvest area.

The timber harvest for these three sales proposed on Mitkof Island amounts to an estimated volume of 15 million board feet.

The schedule states that for all three sales DOF will coordinate with the Petersburg Borough “with respect to resources of concern in the area.”

DOF claims it will also coordinate with the Petersburg Bor-

ough for the lone FY2029 proposed sale of 901 mixed age acres at East Thomas Bay. Aside from merchantable young growth, a small stand of old growth exists on the northern end of the tract which DOF said had received interest from purchasers in the area for timber opportunities.

“Assuming the USFS offers the federal wood to the west for sale,” referencing the recent Forest Service Thomas Bay Young-Growth Timber Sale, “it may make portions of this stand merchantable if offered at the same time thus distributing the mobilization costs. Access to the area would likely use the remnants of the existing road system,” the description notes.

The State’s plans for these proposed timber harvests contrasts starkly to the recently published Forest Service timber sale decision in Thomas Bay.

The USFS shifted its management approach away from significant old growth harvesting in Southeast; in the Tongass National Forest, the Forest Service intends to harvest significant young growth instead.

Also, regional Native corporation Sealaska ceased its timber operations in 2021.

Consequently, DOF states, focus has turned to State sources like DOF-managed State lands and parcels managed by the Alaska Mental Health Trust for timber supply.

The University of Alaska is set to receive 360 thousand acres of land, with potential implications for the commercial timber market in Southeast; however, it remains uncertain whether the



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Shining some luck on the parade

A bright rainbow added to the green in Petersburg during Sunday’s annual Saint Patrick’s Day parade.

land will be used for commercial timber purposes in the region.

Factors like carbon sequestration and restoration projects “have influenced land owner’s readiness to contribute to the timber market,” added DOF.

DOF operates at the State level under the Department of Natural Resources.

It is required by Alaska State statute to manage its timber harvest on a “sustained yield basis” for continued production of renewable resources from the State land.

To meet the mandate of “sustained yield” for commercial timber, the DOF calculates an annual allowable cut, based on a 100-year rotation of the forested acres determined to be available

for commercial timber harvest.

DOF figures from 2020 found the total net timber base acreage is 33,216 acres; the annual allowable cut is 332 acres, around 9.15 million board feet.

“Total annual timber harvest volumes for this FYSTS are collectively higher than the Annual Allowable Cut. Timber volume estimates are necessarily coarse in nature for most of the sales listed but ... will be refined through future field reconnaissance and sale layout activities,” states the schedule document.

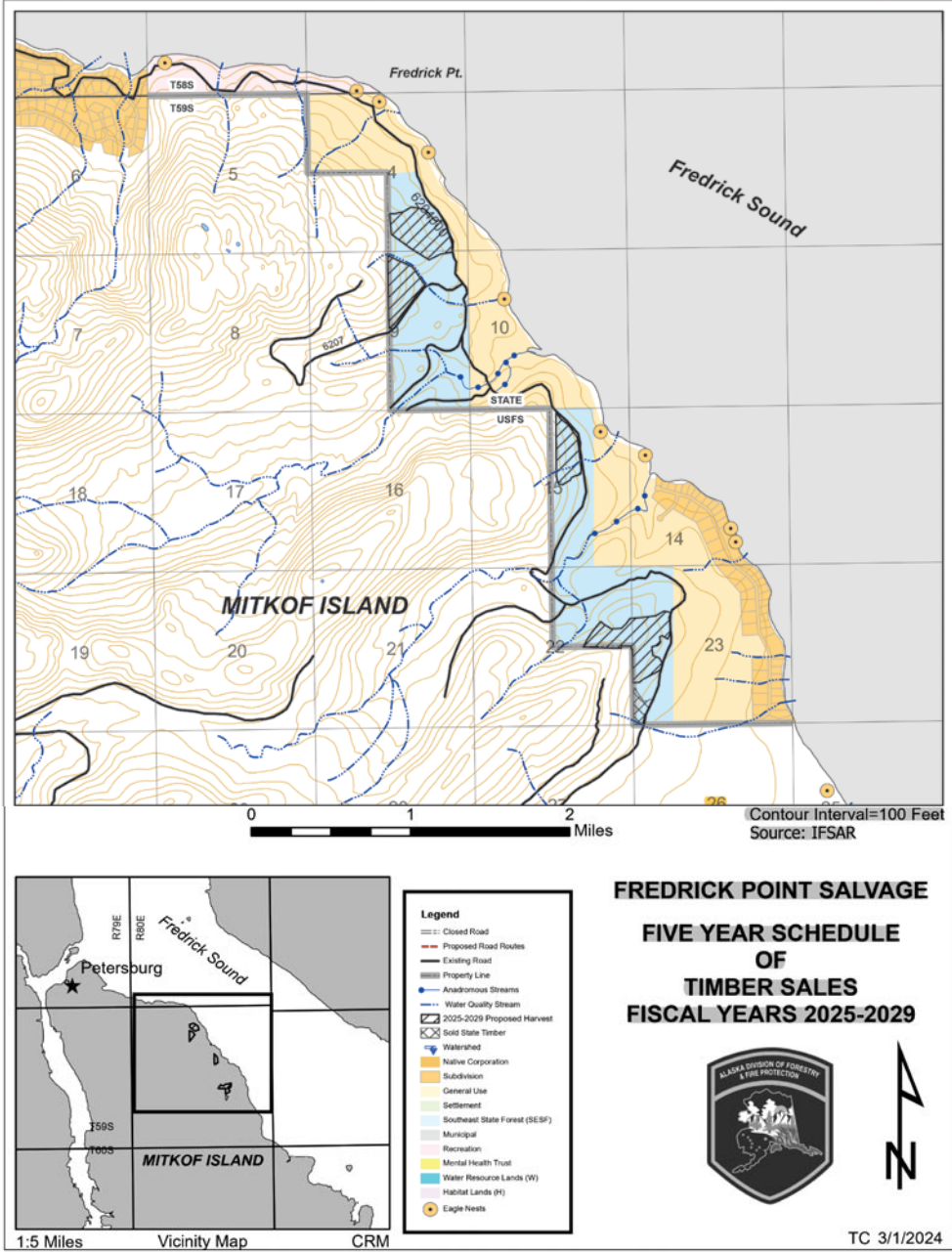
“Under no condition will the annual allowable cut be exceeded

as averaged over a ten-year period.”

The document states that “most of the sales in the last three years of this schedule are conceptual in nature” due to various uncertainties in the present.

The public is invited to submit comment on “any aspect” of the five-year schedule of timber sales by mail to Alaska Division of Forestry & Fire Protection at the following address: 2417 Tongass Avenue, Suite 213, Ketchikan, AK 99901.

Comments must be received by mail by April 8.



Map of the proposed Frederick Point Salvage timber sale. The boldly outlined, slashed through sections are the area where 219 acres of old growth timber are being proposed for harvest on state land.

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