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Our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of

**Kent Logan**

## Top Stories

### The Silver Salmon Smolt are HERE! *by Mary Glover*

*All 114,000 of those tasty little fighters . . .*

Silver Salmon Smolt at the Fish Creek Dam! Last Tuesday (06/06/06) the M/V Tustumena unloaded the trailer belonging to Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association loaded with 8 large containers filled with 114,000 Silver (Coho) Salmon smolt. These "little fishies" began their life in October, 2004 when the eggs were fertilized and incubated at the hatchery in Moose Pass. Cook Inlet Aquaculture is responsible for the management and operations of growing Sockeye Salmon stocks and Coho Salmon stocks.



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Seldovia Boat Slips for Rent  
The Seldovia harbor has 32 foot and 42 foot slips for



Their motto is "Providing and Protecting Your Salmon Resource." Truly, this business lives up to its slogan! Robert Blankenship and Tom Prochazka from Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association supervised and executed the planting of the smolt at Fish Creek Dam. Steve Kroll assisted Robert and Tom in the operation. Also instrumental in the process was Kar-A-Van Transfer (Floyd Newkirk, drove the Kar-A-Van's truck that transported the trailer.) [View Cook Inlet Aquaculture's interesting web site.](#) They grow and seed smolt in many areas in Alaska, including Port Graham.



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**School**

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Robert Blankenship stated the smolt would imprint in about one week at Fish Creek Dam location and then they would be released to return to salt water. Surprisingly, they must be voracious eaters of plankton, herring, squid and other fish because they will return August 2007 weighing in at 8-10 lbs. The survival ratio expected to return as an adult is only about 8,000 out of the 114,000 released.

Seldovia needs to know that planting came about largely as a result of Mayor Richard Wyland's efforts in pressing the legislators to fund a Coho Salmon planting in Fish Creek Dam. We can also thank Alaskan lobbyist, Joe Hayes (2005 Honored Old Crab), for his involvement in this movement. Also Rep. Paul Seaton and State Sen. Gary Stevens were involved in this process. We also wish to thank Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association!

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## Megabit DSL Comes to Seldovia

by Tom Glover

### Thank you ACS!

In January 2003, after much begging, groveling, and pleading through every possible political channel by more than a dozen Seldovians, ACS finally supplied Seldovia with DSL broadband. Speed choices were either 320k down/80k up or 320k down/240k up and the service was priced such that virtually everyone with internet in the Seldovia area signed up for the service.

Late last year, Seldovia's microwave ran out of bandwidth (for both phone and DSL) and it became necessary for ACS to upgrade and modify the system. Upgrades were completed and as a result of those upgrades, the network was now capable of providing 1 megabit DSL to Seldovia . . . the problem, of course, was that we had to go through the begging / groveling / pleading process again to get ACS to ALLOW us to sign up for the Megabit DSL service. That process was completed last week and Megabit DSL is now available in Seldovia. I would like to personally thank Dave in the Internet Services Office at ACS for helping us work through the approval process.

Greg (Seldovia's ACS field tech) completed the first installation in our home last Thursday and it works beautifully! Actual internet connect speeds will vary depending on your location in town and the condition of wire and hardware, but our Megabit connection averages about 760k down and 500k up. That's an increase of 2.3 times for the downlink speed and it will make a lot of difference to those used who have more than one computer connected to their DSL line. The additional cost over regular DSL is supposed to be about \$20/month . . . we haven't got our first bill for the service yet, so we'll let you know if there are any "gotchas".

If you want to sign up, it's simple, just call ACS Internet Services at 800-808-8083 and tell them you want to upgrade to Megabit DSL.

## P&Z Regular Meeting - June 5

by Tamara Blodgett

P&Z convened together with the following members present: Dan Blodgett, Paulie Carluccio, Jenny Chissus, Jim Hopkins with Bobbi Sweat having an excused absence. City Clerk Ronda Haynes was in attendance taking minutes.

over the past year

### Classified Rates

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### Corrections

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## Consideration of Site Plans

1. *Matthew Gallien, Request for Lot Line Vacation Replat, Lots 4&5, Block 6, Waterfront Resubdivision No. 2.*

Per commercial code the fire Marshall will require a Lot Line Replat to conjoin the two lots, with the latter being the recently purchased lot adjacent to the current Tidepool Restaurant property.

**Action:** Approved unanimously.

2. *Chuck Gillick, Request for Lot Line Vacation Replat, Lots 11&12, Block 3, Waterfront Resubdivision No.1.*

**Action:** Approved unanimously.

3. *Gary Bader, Building Permit Application for Lot 6-A, Block 2, Illiamna Street Vacation, Plat 83-3.*

**Action:** Approved unanimously.

4. *John and Vivian Mickelson, Building Permit Application, Lot 19, Block 10, Seldovia Townsite.*

Drawings for home structure were submitted on the 31 st of May. A prior building permit was submitted and approved in 1998. Due to mitigating circumstances, construction could not be initiated at that time. The Mickelson's have now resubmitted a new building permit to begin construction as early as possible.

A member from the public that has property on an adjacent lot holds opposition for the proposed building permit. Her stance is that Mickelson wishes to build on a non-conforming lot that is only 2,700 square feet when the current minimum building lot size is at 5,000.

Another member of the public came forward and noted that if Mickelson was conforming to the proper codes and restrictions that P&Z has established they should be allowed to move forward with their plans.

A third member of the public gave a brief history of the lot's ownership and prior building permit approval. Councilman McInnes was in attendance and could vouch for the history of the lot and the progress of the first building permit approval and subsequent circumstances that stalled its progress.

Chairwoman Carluccio noted that the revisions to the original building permit were significant but could be worked with. Carluccio thought it might not need a variance because it was already grandfathered. She was concerned about easement, right-of-way, parking and access is addressed. Mickelson would need to obtain easement access from the Russian Church Property or request a variance for no parking spaces (two, off-street parking spaces are currently required).

P&Z Member Blodgett noted that the lot was originally platted and approved as a buildable lot and sold with that intent. He did not want to see an injustice

carried out by not allowing a homeowner the right to build on their property, conforming to all P&Z Codes disallowed because a later, higher minimum size standard was adopted. A variance for parking may be in order.

P&Z Member Chissus mentioned that she would like to make sure the front of the lot is safe to build close to the edge (as the lot is directly above and follow the bluff down towards Lollypop Park). Chissus also thinks it may be asking too much to require this particular lot to conform to the 2 car, off-street parking when the access is ambiguous.

P&Z Member Hopkins is confident that the new retaining wall that will be built for Lollypop Park will be installed shortly and would negate the bluff issue. He felt that the application met all the codes and P&Z should entertain a motion.

**Action:** Building Permit approved subject to submission and approval of variance for parking.

*5. Building Permit Submitted by Dan Blodgett, Lot 38A, Seldovia Townsite 2005 Replat.*

This is a building permit for an attached deck to the existing structure.

**Action:** Approved unanimously.

*6. Recommendation of Building Height Amendments to Council.*

**Action:** Approved unanimously to amend the current building height restriction from the current 35' to the new maximum building height of 32' with a maximum of 2 ½ stories with the exception of Industrial areas which shall remain 35'.

*7. Whitham and Karen Reeve, Fleming Giles Estates #3 Road, water, Sewer, Replat Proposal.*

**Action:** No action required, informational only.

*8. Gerald Stranik, Personal Use Dock Corps Permit for Lot 29, Tideland Survey #219.*

**Action:** No action required, informational only.

*9. Public Usage of Main Court and Adjoining Land.*

**Action:** Approved unanimously for P&Z to 'recognize the subject property as a Public designation with a recommendation to city council for further investigation for a Park.'

Next Meeting: July 3, 2006

Meeting Adjourned: Time elapsed 2 hours, 36 minutes and 16 seconds.

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## **SBE Silent Auction Held**

*by Tamara Blodgett*

### **SBE sells student-made sheds...**

Two sheds will be available to the highest bidder through silent auction that ends on June 20th. These sheds were constructed during the high school wood shop class as a semester-long instructional project. The dimensions of the sheds are 6' x 8'. They will be sold "as-is" and from where they are currently located. Each shed comes complete with a metal roof, cedar trim, paint and siding. Window glass is available and will need to be installed by the new owner after transport. Doors for the sheds are not included and will need to be purchased separately.



### **Some history on SBE carpentry class...**

In the prior 2004-05 school year the project that was chosen was skiffs. These were all constructed using recycled materials from the original SBE Douglas Fir bleachers. Students determined how they finished their skiff. Some students chose to sand down their material completely to make it appear brand new, while others chose to leave that "historic" 30-year old gum and pen marks!

### **Sustainability marks the spot...**

Sheds were chosen as the project this year as they had already been planned, built and sold at another Kenai Peninsula school and it had been successful. Guest teacher Paul Chissus had eleven students taking carpentry, with 1 student at the intermediate level and the remainder being in various stages of beginner levels. Two sheds were chosen as opposed to one so that two, smaller groups could get more hands-on work time. There was a student foreman each day that delegated tasks along with supervising. There was a learning curve this year that was successfully hurdled and Chissus looks forward to his returning students mentoring the new carpentry students.

### **Not just a shed...**

These sheds are a multi-purpose item. They could be an addition to someone's house (such as an arctic entry/mud room), a photo lab, potting shed, garden shed, bunkhouse, and playhouse. Buy the box and think about a use that is

outside the box! Chissus is hoping that with the sale of these sheds it will help fund next years' wood shop project. Sustainability is very important for the future years.

The minimum bid will be **\$1,600.00** with check, cash or money order due by the 24th of June. Silent bid should be sent to:

Susan B. English School  
PO Box 171  
Seldovia , AK 99663  
Attn: Shed Guys

The shed plans can be viewed online at Popular Mechanics~ Supershed. Please contact Paul Chissus at 234-7245 with and questions.

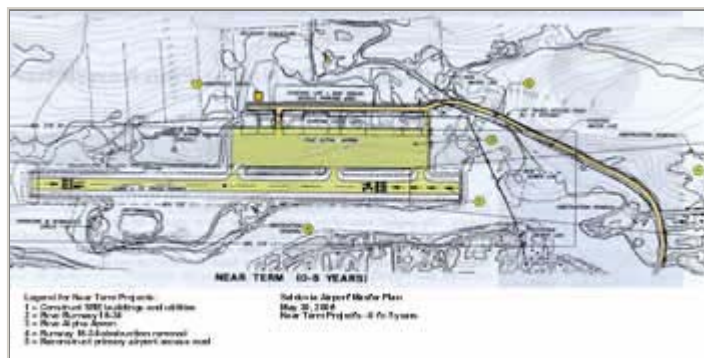
Thanks for your support!

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## **Seldovia Airport Master Plan - Update** *News Release*

### *May 30 Newsletter outlines scheduled work*

"The purpose of this newsletter is to update the community of Seldovia regarding changes made to the draft Environmental Assessment (EA) in response to comments received at the July 13, 2005 public meeting in Seldovia. The original intent of the proposed project was to upgrade the Seldovia Airport to Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) standards for an A-II airport and to Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF) community class airport standards. However, the community had significant environmental concerns about the Runway Safety Area extension into the Seldovia Lagoon that this would have required. Discussions led to a decision by the ADOT&PF to re-evaluate the aircraft activity forecast. The new forecast showed that the Britten-Norman BN-2A Islander was no longer being used by the air carriers enough to justify and A-II classification for the airport. Due to the new A-I classification, *the Runway Safety Area extension into the lagoon has been removed from the project.*"



The draft EA addresses those improvements expected to be implemented within the next 5 years. Those projects are:

- **Construct Snow Removal and Equipment Building and Utility**

### Improvements

- Pave Runway 16-34 and Interlinks
- Pave Alpha Apron
- Runway 16-34 Obstruction Removal
- Reconstruct Primary Airport Access Road

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## Fraud Alert - Alaska USA Federal Credit Union email

*by Tom Glover*

Be advised that there is an email circulating in Alaska that says it is from the Alaska USA Federal Credit Union Fraud Department. The email states that your Visa card has been deactivated and you are requested to go to their UltraBank website to re-activate it. THIS IS A FRAUD. Do not go to their website and do not call the phone numbers included in the email. The Credit Union has been notified.

Using some tech tools I was able to determine that the email originated in Balotesti, Romania. Maybe I'm overly paranoid, but this is probably not a group of individuals that you want to turn over to credit card number and bank account info to!

[Click here to view the contents of one of these emails \(pdf\)](#)

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## Special Notices

### *Come Fiesta With Us - VBS in Seldovia Next Week!*

All children preschool age through 6th grade are welcome to come to the annual Lutheran Vacation Bible School. It will be held from Monday, June 12th through Thursday, June 15, from 9 a.m. - 12 noon each day. This year VBS will be at the Green A-Frame Catholic Church. The theme is 'Fiesta, Where Kids Are Fired Up About Jesus'. If you have any questions, please call Rose McInnes at 234-7887 or 234-7816.

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### *Team Hollywood coming to Seldovia*

*News Release*

SVT will be hosting the professional, celebrity streetball team "Team Hollywood" this Fathers Day (June 18) for a Community game. Tickets are priced at \$4.00/person or \$10.00/family.

The celebrity players will include Clay Johnson (1982 LA Lakers), Jeff "Windchill" Coffman (from the movie "Hoops"), Pretty Boy Jason Pitts (pro streetballer and actor), "DT" Dave Thornton (Native American pro streetballer), Brandon "Seldom Seen" Steward (NBA Slam Dunk

Championship finalist) and Mark "Latino Heat" Ginitian (pro streetball player and actor.)

Contact Alene Hidecker at 907-234-7898, ext. 229 or Sue Russel at ext 221 for additional information. Come join the fun!

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### *The Fourth of July is a'comin sooner than you think!!*

Now is the time to consider your opportunities to sell your great food item at the Chamber FOOD booth.

If you are the first to request a certain item, you'll be the only one to carry that item. We have the forms for your use to get the DEC permit, which must be turned in **NO LATER THAN JUNE 1st**.

Please contact Darlene Crawford to get the permit form, let us know your menu item, (and whether you need electricity) or if you'd like a different type of booth - i.e. Sales, games, or whatever.

Phone 234-7625 days at SNA or 234-7668 evenings

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## Tidbits . . .

**The new CityDock WebCam is up and running. Go to [www.seldovia.com](http://www.seldovia.com) to view the WebCam . . . image updates every 20 seconds. Click the image below to view the first shot of the Tusty docking last Tuesday.**



### City Manager's Corner

by Kurt Reynertson

Repeating what I wrote last week is not usually what I like to do, but this is an important topic. Mark Massion (City Councilman) will be departing Seldovia for an extended period of time. As such his seat on Council will become open

and we are currently looking for people that would want to fill his seat until the next regular scheduled election in October. If you have an interest in serving on the Council and helping set the direction for Seldovia, please submit a letter of interest to the City Office. In order to qualify for the seat you must be a registered voter in Seldovia and have lived here for at least the past 6 months. The City Council will choose the new member to temporarily fill Mark's seat. There are several large projects the City is undertaking (harbor renovation, water filtration system, bulk fuel tanks and pipes, dock repairs) and with that the new Council member would be involved, helping the City set its direction.

The Silver Salmon smolts have arrived and are currently residing in Fish Creek as did the Kings (the Kings were set free last Monday). The City has again closed off the dam in order to facilitate imprinting and letting the smolts grow a little prior to release. There were a total of 114,000 smolt delivered. They will return next year (get the fishing poles ready). The estimate I have heard is that approximately 10% will survive and return to the Slough. That is still a lot of fish that will be coming back!

Calcium Chloride was put down, courtesy of George Oliveira, this week. George put it down and the next day it drizzled, which helped seal the calcium chloride. This has helped the dust problem tremendously. The City applied for funding next year's Calcium Chloride, but the State, in their infinite wisdom and time of huge surplus, has decided that dust is not a problem in Seldovia. So they did not provide funding for next year's application. If you are so inclined, a letter to our legislators may be in order.

Finally, there have been numerous reports of 4-wheelers on the beach racing up and down. Additionally 4-wheelers have been spotted on the walking trail between Outside Beach and the RV Park. Both of these activities should stop immediately. The walking trail is just that....a walking trail. Tearing up the beach is not acceptable either. There are campers and sightseers as well as many locals that do not appreciate having to dodge 4-wheelers. Hopefully this activity will stop without having to instruct Mr. Anderson to issue tickets.

**Seldovia Police Report** by *A.W. Anderson, Chief of Police*

**>> No Report this week<<**

