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### Seldovia Slammed by Storm by Tamara Blodgett

*An unseasonably warm and wet fall sets the stage for widespread damage...*

What should have been a day of Thankfulness turned into a day of forced busyness in which the community of Seldovia saved boats, roofs and trees in a storm with gusts of sixty plus miles per hour.



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Photos courtesy of Andy Anderson

Local law enforcement was running around with proverbial turkey-with-its-head cut off mode, responding to trees down and possible hot electrical lines across roads in addition to roofs trying to sail themselves off like kites. The Russian Trailer Court sustained two fallen trees with one precariously perched against an existing power pole. On the edge of town, one residence had trees that fell around it, cutting off the power supply through Thanksgiving and into the next day. In that same stretch, local Treetops Lodge sustained three "leaning" trees with damage to the trolley track that is utilized for transfer of goods back and forth from the road to the lodge. Felled trees clobbered two boats but sustained minimum damage and a total of five boats broke loose of their moorings at the harbor, some of which jerked the new harbor cleats right out of the dock!

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Photos courtesy of Sunni Hilts

*Jakolof Bay floods...*

Local Policeman Andy Anderson was the hardest hit on time having to respond to all storm-related calls. With a twenty-two foot tidal event on Sunday and the high winds still at its back the bay became flooded, filling parked cars with water.

One witness stated that the ground appeared to “breathe” as each subsequent gust of wind would appear to “lift” the ground around the base of trees before it “settled” back down. This apparent visual would be caused in large part by the complete saturation of the ground that preceded the storm with an unseasonably warm period of sustained rain. This circumstance is also the perfect precursor for frost heave and freeze-thaw cycles so typical of this warmer southern region.

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*A secondary storm adds to the mess...*

Having only a day and a half of power without generator back up was curtailed when a second storm blew through and did even more damage to existing problems on the lines. Currently, Seldovia will have been on generator fueled power for the better part of the week until Homer Electric Association can find and resolve the problems that occurred with these subsequent storms. HEA employee and local Gerry Willard has practically staked a tent at the generation facility to man the generators day and night.

*Protect appliances from brownouts...*

These recent storms perfectly illustrate with variations in voltage caused by blackouts, line damage and other occurrences <brownouts> of the past week, it would be wise to emphasize once again that battery back ups are the best way to protect residents' large appliances (computers, freezers, refers, etc.). It is important to note that low voltage causes what is referred to as "electric rust," effectively shortening the life span of the appliance. Further, the worst offender is the "wild voltage" that precedes permanent power restoration. Appliances are better equipped to handle *gradual* voltage fluctuation. However, the surges and spikes when power is first restored can be very damaging to the appliance and can result in failure. Taking time to unplug sensitive appliances that have motors that spin and can overheat with too little electricity would be prudent until permanent power has been restored for a few minutes.

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## City Council Meeting - November 28

*by Tamara Blodgett*

The Seldovia City Council convened together to include the following members present: John Carluccio, Keith Gain (presiding), Walter McInnes, Allison Miller, and Gerry Patrick; Tom Glover had an excused absence. City Clerk Ronda Haynes took minutes and City Manager Howard Davis was in attendance.

### Public Presentation Prior Notice

#### **Mike Beal, CEO Seldovia Native Association, Kachemak Bay Ferry Project**

Mr. Beal chose to not attend this rescheduled presentation.

### Public Presentation for Items not on Agenda

A member of the Public, *Michele Bieri* presented his idea for cultivating a fish manufacturing business by utilizing one of the lots located on the Old Cannery Property. Plans have been made for a commercial building. Mr. Bieri recently attended a fish manufacturing/industry expo in Seattle where his plans and goals were fine-tuned. Bieri endeavors to manufacture and process skinless pink salmon and has buyers for his product. This manufacturing would necessitate an adjacent ice/cold storage facility. Council responded positively to this endeavor and would like to see financials, a business plan and 'letters of intent' from buyers.

### Committee and Advisory Reports

SOS had their regular meeting on Nov. 20 with updates on budgets, financials, and profit and loss. Additional discussion was repair to the skiff, ongoing Hazzwopper training in Homer, and the purchase of an outboard motor. Councilman McInnes reported on the meeting and encourages anyone that wishes to be involved in SOS to contact him.

**Planning and Zoning Commission** had a special meeting on November 19 in which a resident submitted a permit request to install a private dock. It was found that the property is listed as “private” on the Borough tax rolls. This installation of a dock would have to comply with Commercial Marine Zoning. This request would require a change of designation (to CM) for this permit request to be approved.

On the Borough level there is a booklet, five years in the making, that encompasses the beautiful watershed of the Kenai Peninsula. Ms. Carluccio advocates the possibility of Seldovia having a booklet reasonably similar to this to showcase the new Comprehensive Plan. A professional representation is needed of Seldovia. The Borough recently granted money for comprehensive plans for Homer (at 50K), and Soldotna (25K). Seldovia received \$7,500 in 1993 for the last CP. Carluccio stated that the Borough likes to see a CP about every decade.

### Old Business

#### Resolution 08-09, FY08 Legislative Priorities List

This priority list will be submitted to the Borough to be included with their lists for the Kenai Peninsula.

Three of the “big ticket” items will be:

\* Water Bay Improvements for City Ferry Dock Rehab, Sheet Pile Dock, and 100 ton Travel Lift for 15 million,

\*Additional Funds for the completion of the Small Boat Harbor renovation project at 1 million,

\*Water Filtration Plant as recommended by DEC for 3 million.

The list has another nine items that will be available for review by the Public early next week at the City Office.

A member of the Public, *Jere Murray*, had a question about terminology for street upgrading (one of the list items). Council responded that the terminology would be left “broad” as the first phase of street upgrading (typically including surveying).

**Action:** Unanimously approved.

#### Cannery Property Conceptual Design Review

The long process of the conceptual design is nearing completion and partial and final payments to Michael L. Foster and Associates were discussed. However, through Council discussion it was determined that this matter would be tabled until the next regularly scheduled meeting after proper time for Council review of the one copy in the possession of the City.

**Action:** Tabled until next Council Meeting.

**Kachemak Bay Ferry Project (possible Executive Session)**

This reoccurring item was placed again on the agenda, after the presumed meeting with Mike Beal (CEO SNA) was to take place. Councilman Gain reiterated this, and elaborated by saying that Beal's refusal to present/attend negated this items discussion.

*Action:* None.

**New Business****Resolution 08-11, A resolution of the City of Seldovia Adopting an Alternative Allocation Method for the FY08 Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program**

This allocation amount will be 50% of funding to be divided equally among all communities and 50% divided on a per capita basis.

*Action:* Unanimously approved.

**Liquor License Renewal Application, Tide Pool Restaurant**

This standard renewal was summarily approved (non-objection) by the Council.

*Action:* Unanimously approved.

**Temporary Use of City Vehicle by City Manager**

This request to use the City Vehicle for activities related to city employment was discussed and approved. Councilman Gain clarified that it was a *temporary* usage that would be reviewed in the next few months. City Manager Howard concurred and said that when his wife joined him there would no longer be a need. CM Howard purchases his own fuel for the vehicle.

*Action:* Unanimously approved for temporary use.

**City Manager's Report, see below.**

Manager, Council and Mayor Comments Concerning Items Not on the Agenda:

*Councilman McInnes* thanked the City employees for their diligence with regard to the conceptual design.

*Councilman Carluccio* had a question about time line for a watershed issue. Additionally, he felt that the City should put a bid in for the dump road contract (for maintenance) saying that could be added revenue for the City.

**Next Meeting** December 12, 2007 @ 7:30pm

**Adjournment:** Time elapsed: 2 hours and 3 minutes.

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**Rep. Paul Seaton Newsletter - November****Alaska's New Petroleum Production Tax**

After a month of listening to and discussing the tax changes with consultants,

industry, the public, the Administration, and other members of the Legislature, we passed a new and improved production tax on the last day of the Special Session.

I am pleased with the 25% base rate that Legislature approved, as I voted for the net 25% rate when we were considering the original PPT during the previous legislature. The .4% per dollar progressive tax that triggers at \$30 per barrel net allows the state to capture a greater portion of high oil prices than did the old progressive tax of .25% per dollar triggered at \$40 per barrel net. Because the progressive tax is on the net, the higher the tax rate, the greater the amount of deduction that a company may take against the tax. However, for the upcoming three years we approved a standard deduction for large legacy fields that will require companies to write off costs for operations at Prudhoe, Kuparuk, and Alpine fields at a flat rate.

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## Sen. Gary Stevens Interim Report

Hello from Kodiak. I am pleased to be back home after a month in Juneau for the special session on oil taxes and a brief trip out of state with my family.

### Special Session

As you know, the Legislature this month concluded the special session by passing Governor Palin's Alaska's Clear and Equitable Share (ACES) legislation. The new law includes a 25 percent tax on the net value of oil. It also calls for a charge of 0.4 percent for each new dollar the price of oil rises above \$52 per barrel. According to the administration's estimates, surplus revenue of approximately \$1.6 billion could be realized this year. It is my intention to put as much of the windfall surplus as we can back into savings for the future, such as the Constitutional Budget Reserve, forward fund education, add to the Earnings Reserve Account in the Permanent Fund, or pay down some of the \$10 billion debt in the state public employees and teachers retirement system programs (PERS/TRS).

Thank you to everyone who took the time to share their thoughts on ACES during the special session. Your input was greatly appreciated.

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## Special Notices . . .

### *Booster Club Turkey Dinner Winner . . .*

Thanks to everyone who purchased tickets for the Booster Club Turkey Dinner Raffle. Between selling tickets during the volleyball tournament and the junior high basketball team going out and knocking on doors, \$218.00 was raised! THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT and many thanks to Main Street Market for the turkey (18-20#) and others who donated to complete the dinner!

Chris Oliveira was the winner of the Turkey Dinner drawing . . .  
Congratulations Chris!!

### *Boys & Girls Club Update . . .*

Don't forget that Sevea offers art classes on Thursday afternoons from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse to all members. This month, she is teaching a unit on drawing dinosaurs. Last week it was the Parasaurolophus and the Velociraptor, this week it will be the Pteranodon and the Segnosaurus – yes, extra bonus points if you can pronounce any of those names. Be looking for upcoming information of a National Fine Arts Competition for the Boys & Girls Club of America. Those art skills will come in handy.

Did you know that SVT's Play Group preschoolers visit the Clubhouse on Wednesday afternoons from 2:00 – 3:00 for a chance to be a "big kid?" The children play with the toys in the Club, spend time drawing or doing a craft, and have a little snack before heading on their way.

We greatly appreciate the continued support of the Seldovia Village Tribe in all our programming. Thanks for being there for Seldovia's kids.

**Clubhouse Hours:** Mondays – Fridays from 3-6 p.m.  
 Power Hour: Mondays – Thursdays from 3:15 – 5:15 p.m.  
 Pottery: Mondays from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.  
 Teen Open Gym: Tuesdays from 7-9 p.m.

#### ***Karate Classes:***

Beginners – Tuesdays & Thursdays from 5-6:30 p.m.  
 or Wednesdays & Fridays from 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
 Intermediate – Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays from 5-6:30 p.m. ***Music***

#### ***Lessons:***

Bass Guitar - Saturdays at 11:30 a.m.  
 Electric Guitar – Saturdays at 12:00 p.m.  
 Acoustic Guitar – Saturdays at 12:30 p.m.  
 Drums – Saturdays from 1:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Any questions, contact: Laurel A. Hilts, Unit Director Seldovia  
 234-7577 office; 234-2004 fax & kid phone during Clubhouse hours  
 lilts@positiveplaceforkids.com

### **Tidbits . . .**

**Hope you folks had as much fun as we did on Turkey Day!**



### City Manager's Corner

by Howard Davis

**Denali Commission:** According to Mike McKinnon of the Denali Commission the Grant is specifically for the Small Boat Harbor Phase I and II?

**AIDEA/AEA :** The Mechanic is here to perform the needed services on the City's Equipment used during the Fuel Tank Farm construction. He should be finished by 11/30/07 .

**AIDEA/AEA:** The plans are for Ron Brown to be in Seldovia with his people to perform the final inspection of the Fuel Tank Farm Project and to review the issues currently pending as to; is it necessary and if so, who is responsible for installing culvert between the fuel tank farm and English Dr. Who is responsible to locate and uncover the corner markers at Gerry Willard's house? What is going to be done about the lighting in the Ferry Staging area?

**Small Boat Harbor Pilings:** Guy Richards (President of Richards Pipe and Steel) and Gene Bickel (Plant Production Manager of Galvanizers Company) inspected the harbor pilings on 11/26/07 and 11/27/07 . They will send a team to Seldovia in the spring to make the needed corrections to the piling welds.

**Waterfront Marine Industrial Center :** The pre-application for the EDA Grant has been reviewed by Bernhard Richert and Shirley Kelley. Their findings were discussed with Howard Davis and another teleconference is scheduled the first or second week of December.

**Husky II:** Procedures to declare the vessel abandoned/derelict are progressing.

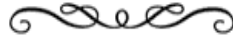
**Abandoned and/or Inoperative Vehicles:** Motorized vehicles are still a problem on our city streets and action to get them removed is in place. Anyone with a vehicle as described above should make every effort to remove it from the City Street before it is impounded.

**Pot Holes (everybody's favorite subject):** Now that the rain has stopped for a couple of days our DPW Department is out grading the streets again. Please try

to remember that mud does not pack into a hole, it just waits until a tire splashes it back out. Let's hope that the rains hold off for a few more days so the ground can continue to dry out and the grading will have a chance to pack down.

**Seldovia Police Report** by *A.W. Anderson, Seldovia PD*

**>> No Report this Week <<**



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