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Interns for the Qawalangin Tribe — Get Ready!



By Chris Price

Environmental Director

It's that time of the year again. Summer is just around the corner. The smells of salmon drying and beach fires smoldering around town. We all love summer in Unalaska. Soon the college kids will be returning home looking to do their laundry and eat home cooked meals. And

looking for jobs too!! This summer we will be looking for at least three full time intern positions to be filled working here at the tribe. We encourage everyone who is interested in working for the tribe this summer to come by the office and pick up an application, or you can go to www.theqawalangintribe.com and download one. We had an amazing summer with our interns last year, creating video content for the tribe and Channel 8, archaeology out at Summers Bay, and helping with Camp Q Kayak building at Humpy Cove. And lots of other fun and some maybe not so fun projects throughout the summer. APICDA has been a great support for our interns and in providing financial support year round in many cases to our youth in college and those needing practical work experience in the summer.

Russian Easter: Why it's celebrated at a later date

By Shayla Shaishnikoff

Newsletter Editor

In contrast to this years April 1 celebration, Russian Easter falls on Sunday, April 8. Why are there two different dates of celebration in our community?

The Orthodox church bases their Easter date on the Julian calendar, which often

differs from the Gregorian calendar, used by the United States. Because of this, Russian Orthodox Easter occurs later than what is celebrated in today's Western cultures.

This year, be sure to bake some tasty Kulich and spend time with family and friends!



New Tribal Administrator: Meet Nicole Johnson!



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Nicole Johnson stepped into the role of Tribal Administrator at the end of January. Originally from North Carolina, Nicole has been living in Anchorage with her husband for about 3 years before taking this position.

Nicole holds a Bachelor Degree in Meteorology from UNC-Charlotte and performed her undergraduate research at NASA Ames Research Center, where her research focus on climate adaptation and resilience, and provided assistance on several air quality projects. Nicole has also provided localized air quality, meteorological, and climate resilience services to small companies and individuals prior to moving to Tribal

Air Quality services.

Nicole Johnson currently serves on the Tribal Air Monitoring Support (TAMS) Center Steering Committee as the Alaska Representative. She was appointed to this position in October 2017 and will serve through 2020. During this time she has made a strong effort to ensure that the air quality training and support concerns of Alaskan Tribes are being heard and considered in the creation of the TAMS Center Air Quality training classes.

In addition to her environmental experience, Nicole also has extensive experience with direct grant procurement and management. She has also engaged in economic development, community revitalization, and strategic planning. Nicole also regularly interfaces with Federal, State, and local governmental entities to facilitate a variety of projects.

Outside of the office, Nicole enjoys hiking and camping. She is really looking forward to getting to explore more of what Unalaska has to offer.



New Environmental Assistant: Meet Steven Olds!



Born in California, Raised in Washington. Steven first came to Unalaska in 1985 and again in 1996. He later moved to Oregon to help Tammy Lekanoff with her father, but recently came back

to Unalaska in May of 2016.

Steven started working for the Tribe part time in July 2017 for Camp Qungaayux, and began a full time position as the Environmental Assistant / Solid Waste Coordinator. Steven works closely with Environmental Director Chris Price, and helps with cleanup efforts in the Aleutian Islands. Steven looks forward to learning more.

Steven's hobbies are metal work, such as welding, fabrication, plasma cutting and photography.

Memory Eternal



Eva Tcheripanoff
1928 - 2018

Eva Tcheripanoff was born in the village of Kashega in 1928. Her mother, Sophie (Borenin) Kudrin, was from Chernofski but had moved to Kashega as a child. Eva lived in the village until the wartime evacuation. Following the war, she married John Tcheripanoff of Akutan and soon afterwards settled at Unalaska.

-Source: The beginning of Memory: Oral Histories of the Lost Villages of the Aleutians

Eva's Funeral was on Saturday, Mar 31 at 1:00 pm at the Holy Ascension Cathedral in Unalaska. Eva is loved and missed by many. Memory Eternal.



Image provided by Janice Krukoff

What is NALEMP all about?

By Chris Price
Environmental Director

A picture is worth a thousand words, right? The photos below show some of the work and projects we are doing under our NALEMP Program. Our beautiful island home has many remnants of the past military occupation during WWII. Our NALEMP funding comes from the Department of Defense and goes to help categorize, clean up and to ensure areas of importance to the tribe and OC are safe and protected. Some of

the old military debris are not considered harmful or allowable for removal for a variety of reasons. But there are many potentially dangerous and harmful materials out in our local environment that we need to be more aware of. This is a basic snapshot of what our NALEMP Program is all about. We clean up old military stuff on the Island! If you would like to learn more or give the Tribe information about potential sites that may still need to be addressed, please give us a call. We would love to talk shop with you about NALEMP.



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—Melissa Good—

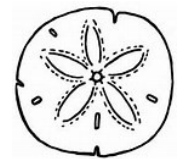
Ringed Seal Appearances in Unalaska



The seal in this picture is a ringed seal. They are an ice associated seal normally found further north. This is the time of year that these seals want to haul out to molt, mate, build dens, and rest. With the lack of sea ice this winter, these guys are finding other places to haul out and rest.

Being on the land or docks does not mean that something is wrong with them. Because they are rare for this area, we (Marine Mammal Stranding Network) are asking for reports when people notice ringed seals in Unalaska/Dutch Harbor. You can contact myself locally at 581-1876 or melissa.good@alaska.edu or the Network 1-877-925-7773. Please do not approach the seals but take pictures if possible and make note of the location, time, and day they were observed.

-Source: Image & Story provided by Melissa Good, Marine Advisory Agent



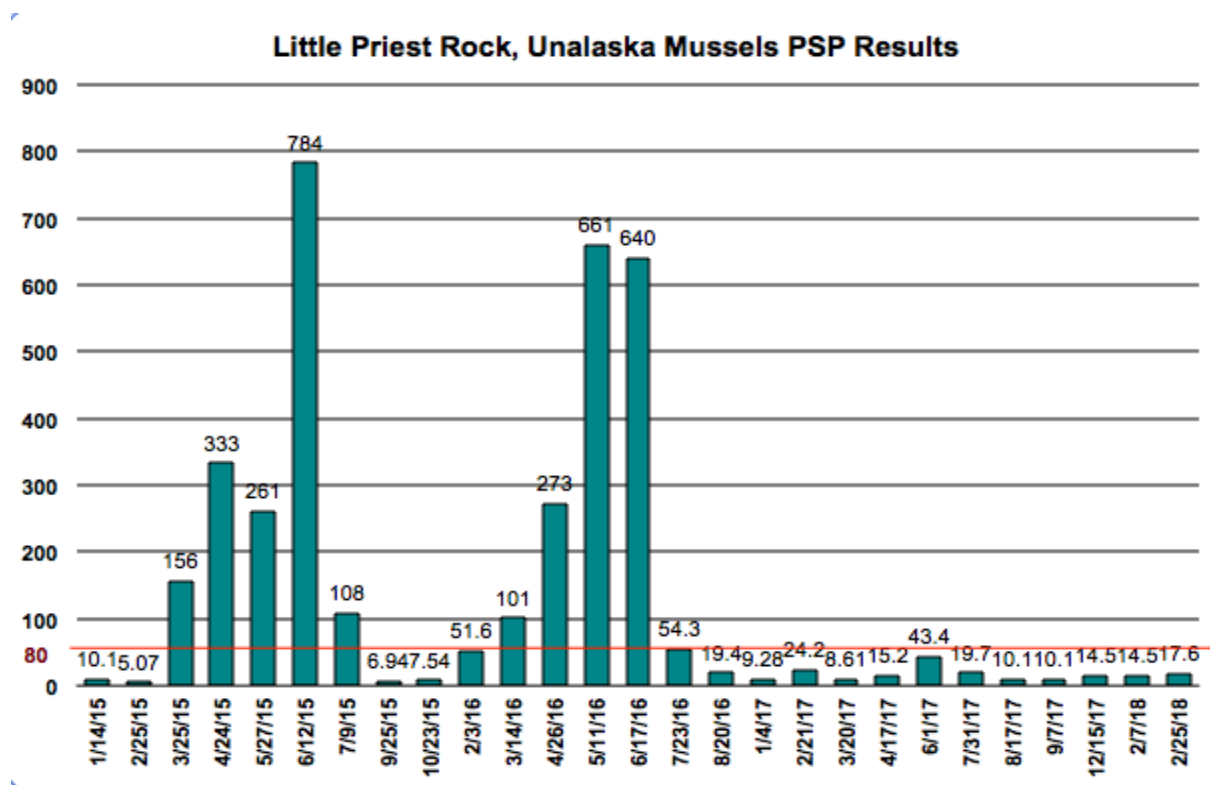
2018 PSP Toxin Results for Little Priest Rock

The most recent 2018 paralytic shellfish toxin (paralytic shellfish poisoning PSP) results for Little Priest Rock, Unalaska, Alaska (mussels collected 2/07/18 and 2/25/18) had PSP toxin levels of 14.5 and 17.6 micrograms/100 grams, respectively. These levels are below the FDA limit for PSP which is 80 micrograms/100 grams, the red line on the attached graph. March samples are pending analysis, but please be aware that we have seen increases in toxin levels starting in March the past couple of years.

Paralytic shellfish poisoning (PSP) is a serious illness caused by eating shellfish contaminated with dinoflagellate algae that produce harmful toxins. Shellfish harvesters should be advised that PSP is a serious health risk when consuming personally harvested shellfish. All bivalve molluscan shellfish including clams, mussels, oysters, geoducks, and scallops can contain PSP toxins. Crabs feeding on toxic mussels, clams or fish

(sand lance) can accumulate PSP toxin in their digestive system, so it is recommended that before cooking, remove the back shell of the crab and clean out all the dark soft tissues that comprise the digestive system and crab butter. The same may be true for shrimp; clean them before cooking. Bivalves (clams, mussels, oysters, scallops) sold at wholesale and retail markets require PSP testing and are considered safe for human consumption. Forage fish, such as sand lance (AKA needlefish, candle fish, sand eels) can become toxic with PSP as well.

The samples for this project were analyzed by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Environmental Health Laboratory using approved analytical methods (HPLC, AKA high performance liquid chromatography) and testing was funded by the Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association.



-Source: Story provided by Melissa Good, Marine Advisory Agent



The Qawalangin Tribe of Unalaska, a federally recognized sovereign nation of the United States since 1989, vows to exercise its powers to further the economic and social well-being of all its members, and in doing so, will safeguard and support the Unangan language, culture, customs and traditions for those generations to come.

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Qawalangin Tribe of Unalaska



Ringed Seal Images by Melissa Good

Announcements:

- ♦ All Tribal members welcome to attend monthly meetings— Join us the last Thursday of every month!
- ♦ Accepting intern applications for summer 2018! Apply today!
- ♦ All Tribal members attending College, serving in the US Armed Forces, or outside of Unalaska for Medical Treatment, please remember to update your contact information with the Tribal Office in order to receive all Tribal Correspondence and remain eligible to participate in Tribal Elections.

Aleut vs. Unangan: What a Name Means to Me

By Shayla Shaishnikoff

Newsletter Editor

I do not find the term Aleut to be derogatory, but I do believe that it sheds light on a piece of our history that should primarily be remembered in sorrow. Alaska Native cultures were undeniably changed by outside explorers who “discovered” them. With their arrival came the commencement of broad labels on the people and their things. Native populations were placed within regional boundaries formed by linguistic features, and the Unangaᖅ were renamed with the foreign term,

Aleut. This insertion of dominance stripped many of their indigenous identity, and was one of the first acts of oppression against us. With my personal choice to identify as Unangaᖅ, I am acknowledging my ancestors and their boundless history in my home of Unalaska. I am respecting the name that they have given us and the cultural values they have set- in a similar way that America respects the Founding Fathers for the standards they established in this country. While the inheritance of the Aleut name will always remain rooted in our history, I find stronger connection, meaning and pride in identifying as an Unangan.

