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Firewood Program Benefits Residents of Prince of Wales Island

Juneau, AK—Sealaska Corporation is joining forces with Viking Lumber on Prince of Wales Island to provide firewood to island residents this winter. "We recognized the enormous economic challenges and the increased demand for affordable energy on island residents during the winter months," said Chris E. McNeil, Jr. Sealaska president and CEO. "Sealaska and Viking are in a position to help."

"I'm pleased to be working more closely with Sealaska this winter and very excited that the program is benefiting all of Prince of Wales Island," said Kirk Dahlstrom Viking Lumber general manager.

All island residents are welcome to take advantage of the free firewood according to Nathan Soboleff, Sealaska natural resource planner. "Nobody on P.O.W. should have to choose between feeding their families or heating their homes," he said.

Firewood is available at the following locations on Prince of Wales Island:

Klawock

Klawock City Fire Station

Craig

Craig Public Works Site at 202 Cold Storage Road behind the Coho facility

The Cities of Craig and Klawock opened their facilities to host the firewood pits for the program according to Albert Kookesh, chair of Sealaska's board of Directors. "Sealaska Corporation would like to publically thank Viking Lumber for donating their trucking time and wood to the program and the cities of Craig and Klawock for providing space for distributing the firewood," said Kookesh. "Sealaska is committed to continue to find ways to positively impact our tribal member shareholders and the communities where we operate, especially in these trying economic times."

About the program

The firewood program is intended to benefit all Prince of Wales residents. Free firewood is available on a "you-cut you-haul" basis. The program is not intended to support commercial firewood purposes. In Craig and Klawock, the wood will be resupplied when needed throughout the winter, until the snow melts. Residents participating in the firewood program should bring their own tools such as a chainsaw.

About Sealaska Corporation

Sealaska is an Alaska Native corporation weaving business with culture for the benefit of communities and the environment. Formed under federal law in 1971, Sealaska is owned by nearly 20,000 tribal member shareholders of Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian descent. The corporation operates successful businesses in diverse industries in Southeast Alaska and worldwide. Learn more at www.sealaska.com

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