

Shareholder

A bimonthly newsletter from Sealaska Corporation

Welcome New Shareholders

Sealaska Corporation welcomes these new shareholders to the Sealaska family:

Melany S. Brewi, Valdez, AK
 Animisha Durgan, Ketchikan, AK
 Tina M. Durgan, Ketchikan, AK
 Raven S. Eakin, Redondo, WA
 Savannah S. Eakin, Redondo, WA
 Devyn Howard, Seattle, WA
 Klæe L. Howard, Seattle, WA
 Roan A. Howard, Seattle, WA
 Kathryn O. Hoyt, Bellingham, WA
 Timothy L. Katasse Jr., Juneau, AK
 Wilbur J.D. Katasse, Juneau, AK
 Violet R. Lalanne, Corning, CA
 Joseph M. Manning, Juneau, AK
 James W. Mercer, Everett, WA
 Michael C.M. Miyasato, Juneau, AK
 Mary K. Moreno, Anchorage, AK
 Ryan R. Olson, Rock Springs, WY
 Elizabeth Reiswig, Valdez, AK
 Jenifer F. Reiswig, Valdez, AK
 Branden J. Rickard, Shelton, WA
 Samuel P. Shorty, Juneau, AK
 Amy Skeek, Juneau, AK
 Arnold Skeek, Douglas, AK
 Cora L. Skeek, Juneau, AK
 Shirley Skeek, Juneau, AK
 Thomas L. Skeek Jr., Juneau, AK
 Katherine Ward, Juneau, AK
 Chauncey P. White, Hoonah, AK
 Donnita C. White, Hoonah, AK
 Louie F. White Jr., Hoonah, AK
 Aaron K. William, Sitka, AK
 Aiko Williams, Ketchikan, AK

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Descendant Latseen Benson Receives Purple Heart



Latseen Benson and family with General Cody at the awards ceremony.

Shareholder descendant and U.S. Army Specialist, Latseen Benson, was awarded the Purple Heart on Tuesday, December 20, 2005. General Richard Cody presented the award to Benson at the Walter Reed Military Hos-

pital in Washington, D.C. where Benson is recovering and visiting with other injured soldiers. "He's doing very well," said his aunt, Sylvia Carlsson.

A Tlingit from Anchorage, Benson was critically injured on November 13, 2005 while serving a second tour in Iraq.

The nature of his injuries will not permit him to return to service. Benson is married to his wife, Jessica and has a four-year-old son, Gage.

"My son is a brave and dedicated soldier and he served his

country with honor," said Diane Benson. "We are blessed because he was able to return to us."

The Purple Heart is awarded in the name of the President of the United States to any member of the Armed Forces who, while serving in the U.S. Armed Services, has been wounded or killed. General George Washington established the original Purple Heart, designated as the Badge of Military Merit, in 1782.

In the Tlingit language, latseen means strength of body, mind and spirit. Sealaska honors Latseen Benson for his courage and outstanding achievements. He is a role model for us all.

Sealaska Remembers Joseph Demmert Jr.

Sealaska board member and lifetime Alaskan, Joseph Demmert Jr. passed away on November 28, 2005 after a prolonged battle with cancer. Demmert, who was lovingly called "Captain John" by his friends and family, was a member of the Teeyeeneidi (Dog Salmon/Raven) clan of Tuxekan.

In addition to serving since 1983 on the Sealaska board, Demmert also served on the Alaska Fish and Game board, the

North Pacific Fisheries Council, Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indians and as chair of the Sealaska Timber Corporation board. Demmert was a lifetime member of the Alaska Native Brotherhood where over time he served as sergeant-at-arms, treasurer, vice president and Camp council. He was elected to the Ketchikan Indian Corporation board and also served as its president.

Demmert attended Sheldon



Jackson high school and took boat-building classes at Mt. Edgecumbe following his service in the U.S. Army. He will be remembered for his thoughtfulness, leadership and generosity. Joe will be greatly missed at Sealaska.



Letter from the CEO

Just over a year ago the Sealaska board and management identified challenges for the 2005 fiscal year. We anticipated a lackluster economy, fluctuating financial markets and rising fuel costs. This led us to a cautious outlook. The board and management were prepared with a solid plan. However, key investments matured in 2005. This led to

another year of substantial profitability, and we captured opportunities in most investment sectors and are exceeding income projections. Sealaska is in a strong financial position and we are ready to meet the challenges of 2006.



Chris E. McNeil, Jr.
President and CEO

Some highlights from 2005 include: exceptional growth of the Permanent Fund; \$12.7 million in dividends and distributions paid to shareholders (\$8.08 per share compared to \$6.00 per share in 2004); continued support of the Sealaska Heritage Institute (SHI) for cultural and scholarship programs; strong business development and growth within our operating subsidiaries; and substantial legislative progress regarding shareholder descendants, Landless Natives settlement, and finalization of Sealaska land entitlements.

The Sealaska board is leading an effort to develop sustainable regional economies through their call for a Southeast Alaska Native Summit, held in November 2005. The summit gathered Native leaders together to address the energy and economic crisis in our region, and created a Coalition which will continue to meet.

During this Summit I announced a reduction in future harvest volumes from the Sealaska land base. I also emphasized that our land entitlement must be completed now to avoid severe disruptions to southeast economies and other benefits provided by our timber activity. Sealaska has refashioned its strategic plan to replace lower timber revenues with other income as we reduce our harvest volumes. The board's commitment to grow the Permanent Fund, SHI contributions and shareholder dividends will occur by focusing on ANCSA minority contracting advantages and our minority status to expand our existing businesses and target new investment sectors. We continue to gain excellent returns in the financial markets with investments in energy, and now in real estate, and we will continue to look for similar opportunities to meet our aggressive income goals.

The revised Sealaska timber harvest represents one of many challenges to the forest industry as a whole. It is time to bring industry stakeholders and state and federal agencies together to redefine resource management within the region. I am encouraging discussion about the creation of a Native Land Trust as a new model for forestry in southeast Alaska. The concept is gaining momentum and has generated worthwhile discussion. This model, managed by Sealaska, would revitalize the industry and benefit shareholders and all Americans into the future.

I believe 2006 will be an important year in our history. Resolution of our legislative initiatives, a possible vote on enrolling shareholder descendants and new investment opportunities could change the makeup of Sealaska in a positive way. I'm looking forward to working with the Board and shareholders throughout the coming year to accomplish our goals.

Sincerely,



Chris E. McNeil Jr., President and CEO

Sealaska Petitions for Possible ANWR Oil Revenues to be Shared Under Section 7(i)

To meet both the intent and spirit of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA), Sealaska is petitioning Congress to require that the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation (ASRC) share resource revenues according to Section 7(i) provisions in any legislation authorizing oil and gas development in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR).

ANWR, a remote area of northern Alaska, has been in the news. In December 2005, Congress debated whether or not to open up ANWR to oil development. In this legislation, there was a provision permitting ASRC to develop its subsurface estate in ANWR without any reference to Section 7(i) revenue sharing. The legislation failed, but will be reconsidered starting February 2006, when Congress reconvenes.

In 1983, ASRC obtained subsurface land within ANWR in exchange for surface lands received under ANCSA.

ASRC and the Secretary of Interior structured the "Chandler Lake Exchange Agreement" expressly to avoid sharing ANWR oil and gas revenues under Section 7(i). If Congress authorizes development in ANWR, oil and gas revenues to ASRC would be completely retained, resulting in (conservatively) hundreds of millions of dollars being exempt from Section 7(i) sharing.

The Sealaska Board of Directors believes it is in the best interest of all Alaska Natives to share ANWR oil and gas revenues from Native-owned lands among all Native corporations and At-large shareholders. Section 7(i) of ANCSA is a fundamental rule requiring all regional corporations to share 70% of the net profits of subsurface estate and timber revenues with other corporations and At-large shareholders.

The other regional corporations have honored Section 7(i) sharing requirements, positively impacting over 200

corporations and over 100,000 Native shareholders. Sealaska alone has paid out over \$300 million in Section 7(i) revenue sharing to the other regional corporations. Sealaska believes ASRC's Chandler Lake Exchange is not consistent with the ANCSA Section 7(i) revenue sharing policy as passed by Congress.

Sealaska urges you to contact Senators Ted Stevens and Lisa Murkowski and Congressman Don Young by letter, phone or email, urging them to adopt an amendment that would assure that ASRC's ANWR subsurface revenues are shared with all Alaska Natives under Section 7(i) of ANCSA. Please visit our website at www.sealaska.com for a sample letter and contact information for each legislator. Congress wields both the power and the responsibility to make this sharing a requirement for all ANCSA corporations.

Business News

Microsoft Hires Synergy Systems for XBOX 360

As a preferred vendor of Microsoft, Synergy Systems, a wholly owned subsidiary of Sealaska Corporation, worked on the visual design development for the XBOX 360, which was recently released to the public.

Synergy worked with the Microsoft design group to create three-dimensional solid parts for the possible XBOX design. "Synergy worked from solid data files provided by Microsoft and created tangible parts that were then studied and evaluated," said Don Williams, president of Synergy Systems. "The process involved

several renditions of the visual components to determine the best make up for the XBOX and its peripherals."

"The XBOX has been a demanding project and was highly confidential until its release," said Williams. "To see our efforts turn into an exciting new product is very rewarding."

Synergy was also involved in various Microsoft sales and marketing efforts for the product including color development, trade show booth components and photo realistic models.

Sealaska Sponsors Potlatch Fund Gala

Sealaska was one of the three major sponsors for an annual gala held by Potlatch Fund on November 19, 2005.

Potlatch Fund is a Native grantmaking foundation and leadership development organization. Potlatch works with Northwest Native groups to promote economic development, natural resource protection, education, cultural preservation, civic participation and the overall health of Native

people and their communities.

More than 400 people attended last year's event. The audience enjoyed dance performances by the Haida Heritage Foundation, and listened to speakers from the foundation, as well as the American Resources Institute and Suquamish Tribe. Sealaska is proud to be a sponsor of the organization and the work it does.

SES Presents Native Solutions to the Indigenous Summit of the Americas

Derek Frederiksen, general manager for Sealaska Environmental Services (SES), recently spoke at the Indigenous Summit of the Americas in Argentina.

Sealaska was viewed as a model for success as a minority-owned business that is culturally responsible while still providing

economic return to its Native people. Frederiksen spoke specifically about Sealaska's 35-year commitment to Alaska Native communities, its emphasis on Native education and involvement with broader Native political issues.

The Summit of the Indigenous, loosely

Dividends Paid: Urban and At-large shareholders receive \$5.00 per share, Village shareholders, \$2.38 per share

The Sealaska Board of Directors approved a dividend that was paid to shareholders on December 6, 2005 from operations, Permanent Fund earnings and 7(j) revenues.

The board authorized a \$.73 per share dividend from operations and \$1.60 per share dividend from the Permanent Fund according to Sealaska Board Chair Albert Kookesh. "Sealaska continues to be profitable. We have had positive operational income in recent years and through our careful management the Permanent Fund has significantly outperformed the market."

A \$2.67 per share ANCSA Section 7(j) revenue sharing payment was also made at the same time according to Sealaska President and CEO Chris McNeil Jr. "Section 7(j) payments are made directly to Urban and At-large shareholders and to all Southeast Village corporations," said McNeil.

The fall dividend totaled about \$7 million bringing the year's total dividends and distributions paid to shareholders to over \$12 million.

associated with the Summit of the Americas, is intended to unite all indigenous people of the Americas to guarantee their rights and inclusion in political and governmental organizations that make decisions regarding their lives.

Sealaska Dividend Distribution Process and How to Prevent Delays

Sealaska Corporation would like to explain the process for generating dividend checks to shareholders and causes for delay in receiving your dividend check.

Once a dividend distribution is approved by the Sealaska Board of Directors, a record date as required by Alaska State Law is set. A record date puts a "freeze" on the records and the corporation can make no further changes to information it has on file for its shareholders. It is very important your address is current prior to the record date, generally three weeks before a dividend is scheduled to be mailed.

Direct Deposit – Accurate account data is equally important for those shareholders who choose to receive their dividend check via direct deposit. If your

account number has changed or your bank account is closed, Sealaska needs this information prior to the record date. Notify Sealaska Corporation of any changes to your direct deposit information. More than 100 direct deposit shareholder accounts were inaccurate in the December 2005 distribution and dividend checks were delayed.

Change of Address – Shareholder addresses must be updated prior to the record date. More than 17,000 checks are prepared and making changes to information leaves room for error. Keep Sealaska Corporation informed of your current address at all times. There were 800 shareholders on return mail and their checks were not deliverable.

You can access and complete the forms necessary to make a name change, change

of address, or to sign up for direct deposit, by visiting the Sealaska Corporation website, www.sealaska.com. Click on the Shareholder Records link on the left side of the site, and click on Forms. You can also receive these forms by calling the Shareholder Records department at (800) 848-5921 or (907) 586-1512.

We hope that all Sealaska shareholders will take the time to update their information with Shareholder Records and help us to deliver your next dividend check as efficiently as possible.

135-Day Notice of Annual Meeting

This is the first notice to shareholders of the Sealaska Corporation Annual Meeting to be held on Saturday, June 10, 2006 at The Westin Bellevue, 600 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue, Washington beginning at 1:00 PM Pacific Time.

Our election procedure rules provide that the corporation notify shareholders of the date, time and place of the annual meeting 135 days before the annual meeting to give shareholders interested in becoming candidates for the board of directors time to file the required documents with the corporate secretary.

If you are interested in running as an independent candidate for Sealaska Corporation's Board of Directors, call or write to the corporate secretary's office and request a nominee's packet. The nominee's packet will be available January 26, 2006. The deadline for receipt of the nominee forms by the corporate secretary is March 13, 2006.

If you wish to submit an advisory resolution to the corporation for a shareholder's vote, the deadline for receipt of resolutions is on or before February 10, 2006. Instructions for submitting resolutions are contained in the nominee's packet, bylaws of the corporation, Article II, Section 2.13.4.

If you have questions regarding this notice, or if you wish to receive a nominee's packet, please write the corporate secretary's office or call our toll free number, (800) 848-5921. You may also download a copy of the nominee's packet in PDF format from our company website at www.sealaska.com.

In Memory

Sealaska pays tribute to shareholders who have recently passed on:

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| Romeo Alin - Ketchikan, AK (94) | Bessie Kitka – Sitka, AK (82) |
| Russell William Attwood Jr. - Lancaster, CA (65) | Fred Chester Lange – Cordova, AK (87) |
| Donald John Bombard Jr. - Worcester, MA (44) | Anna Lazanas – Anchorage, AK (87) |
| Clyde Henry Boyd Jr. - Metlakatla, AK (50) | Marie Thelma McLane – Medford, OR (83) |
| Frederick Boyd - Tacoma, WA (79) | Chester John Miyasato Sr. – Sitka, AK (77) |
| Harry W. Brouillette – Kake, AK (43) | Kwians Kyaiu Mooney – Seattle, WA (26) |
| Arlene Dolores Bryson – Taholah, WA (70) | Patricia May Moore – Anchorage, AK (71) |
| Idabelle D. Bryson – Juneau, AK (84) | Henry Moy Jr. – Sitka, AK (77) |
| Gladys June Burkhart – Redding, CA (77) | Arthur James Nelson – Nass River, BC (64) |
| Patricia Mae Caruso - Spokane, WA (64) | Mary H. Paddock – Haines, AK (67) |
| John E. Caskey – Stanwood, WA (69) | Karen June Patotzka – Craig, AK (62) |
| William I. Churchill Jr. – Eagle River, AK (48) | William S. Peters – Haines, AK (45) |
| Charles H. Connacher – Cloverdale, CA (73) | Carolyn A. Pickering – Ketchikan, AK (50) |
| Victoria Regina Cox – Tacoma, WA (76) | Dorothy Elenore Price – Salem, OR (86) |
| Verna Marian Cummings – Oregon City, OR (86) | Walter Duane Reyes – Paul, ID (43) |
| Carl W. Cunningham – Milton, WA (75) | Lloyd Matthew Scott Jr. – Seattle, WA (69) |
| Franklin Daniel Demmert, Sr. – Ketchikan, AK (84) | Katherine Shangin – Anchorage, AK (63) |
| Joseph Demmert – Ketchikan, AK (79) | Abbie Jane Sheldon – North Pole, AK (69) |
| LeRoy Ellingson Ferreira – Rio Linda, CA (70) | Wally Charles Sherwood – Laytonville, CA (33) |
| Sheila C. Franklin – Hot Springs, AR (41) | Angela Emily Stewart – Prince Rupert, BC (42) |
| Genevieve Ann Goldbach – Anchorage, AK (66) | Valerie I. Stipe – Petersburg, AK (33) |
| Gail Hartley – Anchorage, AK (90) | Monti Michelle Thorne – Everett, WA (48) |
| James Evans Hunter – Everett, WA (55) | John Joseph Tobin – Seattle, WA (74) |
| Carol Jean Jackson – Anchorage, AK (45) | Frederick N. VanHorne, Sr. – Seaside, OR (77) |
| Mona Katherine Jackson – Kake, AK (92) | John Waid – Crescent City, CA (53) |
| Hans Ingvald Johansen – Lake Stevens, WA (65) | James A. White – Homer, AK (69) |
| Irene Nellie Johnson – Haines, AK (69) | Barney Gregory Willard – Juneau, AK (53) |
| Mildred Alice Kipp – Browning, MT (88) | |

Shareholder News

Pamela Roberts Reaches 5th Degree Black Belt



Pamela Roberts, a Raven shareholder from Brooklyn, New York recently received her fifth degree black belt in karate.

Roberts, who works as an assistant vice president at a reinsurance broker in Manhattan, began training in Seido Karate in 1984. She is one of a very few women to reach the fifth degree black belt rank in the international Seido organization.

In addition to practicing karate, Roberts, with her husband who is a fourth degree black belt, also leads a karate program at the YMCA in New York City for children and adults.

There are 10 degrees of black belt ranking, and Roberts plans to continue training as long as her body allows. "I have no plans to stop any time soon," she said. "Karate is a way of life and I especially enjoy sharing my knowledge through teaching."

Israel Shotridge Completes Totem for U.S. Forest Service



A master carver and Sealaska shareholder, Israel Shotridge recently completed a Native totem pole that is now on display in the U.S. Forest Service's Hall of Nations exhibit in Washington D.C. Shotridge, originally from Ketchikan, Alaska, was commissioned by the Forest Service to carve the pole in honor of the

Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) carvers. CCC carvers are Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian carvers and artists from Southeast Alaska who replicated numerous traditional Native poles for the U.S. Forest Service in the 1930s. Shotridge said, "It was an honor to the Civilian Conservation Corps totem carvers. In a lot of ways I feel I have connections to these guys. They are like my teachers — even though most of them are no longer alive."

More information about Shotridge and the CCC honorary totem pole can be found at www.shotridgestudios.com.

Shareholder Passes Bar Exam and Weathers Hurricane Katrina



Jason Bigelow, a Tlingit shareholder from New Orleans, Louisiana, graduated from law school in the spring and passed the bar exam to become a practicing attorney just before Hurricane Katrina swept through New Orleans, displacing him, his family and his new law firm.

Bigelow, who spent most of his young life in Juneau, Alaska, attended college at Rice University in Houston, Texas before moving to New Orleans where he attended Tulane Law School. After graduation he joined the defense law firm McGlinchey Stafford PLLC as an associate attorney.

When Hurricane Katrina hit the gulf coast on August 29, 2005 Bigelow's firm was forced to relocate to Baton Rouge, where it has another branch. In November, he was able to move back

to his New Orleans office, however he is still working to rebuild his home, which was flooded with five feet of water after the storm. In the meantime, Bigelow, his wife and eight-month-old son are staying with relatives.

"Everything in the house below five feet was ruined by water or mold," he said, adding, "We were lucky though. All of our family photos were on the top shelves."

Bigelow, who was a Sealaska scholarship recipient, interned with Sealaska during college and hopes to work with the company again.

Alexis Fay Receives Native Award and Looks Forward to College

Alexis Fay recently received an honorary award from the Native American Women's Association of Colorado. Fay, an 18-year-old Eagle Killerwhale, was born in Anchorage,



Alaska, and moved to Colorado Springs, Colorado with her family where she is currently a senior in high school. She was nominated for the award after attending a unity conference in Denver, Colorado, with members of the Native American Women's Association.

Fay said she was surprised by the nomination and described the interview process as nerve-racking. "I had never done that sort of thing before," she said. "I was nervous and just kept laughing through it."

This award is exciting for Fay because it helped her gain acceptance to William Jewel college in Liberty, Missouri where she will begin in the fall as a bio-chemistry major. Fay plans on becoming a doctor and then moving back to one of Alaska's small island villages. "I want to be like the town doctor," she said.

Shareholders in the Military

Donald Hotch Jr.



Age: 31
Hometown: Klukwan, Alaska
Tribe/Clan: Raven Yeil Ganaxteidi - Xixch
Military rank: (E5) 2nd Class Petty Officer;

Informations Systems Specialist 2nd Class USN Reserve

Currently stationed: Sacramento, California

Why joined: To help his country fight the war on terrorism

Cory Evan Stewart



Age: 20
Hometown: Fort Bragg, North Carolina
Tribe/Clan: Tlingit/Eagle
Military rank: Private First Class in the 82ND Airborne Division

Currently stationed: Iraq

Why joined: To serve his country

Richard William Summers



Age: 20
Hometown: Seattle, Washington
Tribe/Clan: Haida/Eagle
Military rank: Corporal
Currently stationed: Cherry Point, North Carolina

Why joined: To serve his country, continue his education, make his family proud

Karen Michelle Youngblood



Age: 26
Hometown: Ketchikan, Alaska
Tribe/Clan: Kaagwaantaan, Kook Hit
Military rank: Army Staff Sergeant

Currently Stationed: Iraq

Why joined: To have an active role in serving her country

Do You Know of a Shareholder in the Military?

Sealaska is proud of the Native men and women serving our country. If you are in the armed forces, or know of a shareholder or descendant who is, we want to hear from you. Please e-mail the following information along with a current photo to kate.kokotovich@sealaska.com to be recognized in our newsletter:

- Full name
- Age
- Hometown
- Tribe/Clan
- Military rank
- Where you are stationed
- Why you joined the armed forces

Sealaska Hosts Holiday Open House



Bunny Mercer enjoys her photo with Santa (Ken Perkins)

Sealaska hosted its annual shareholder holiday open house on December 16, 2005 at the Sealaska Plaza in Juneau. Approximately 400 people attended the event and enjoyed visiting with Sealaska management and staff, catering provided by ANS/ANB Camp 70, and photos with Santa. Nicole Hallingstad, Sealaska shareholder as well as the company's vice president & corporate secretary, said of the event, "It was a wonderful open house this year. Sealaska Plaza is a true landmark in Juneau, and we invite our shareholders in

to visit all year long. But adding the warmth of the many shareholders who attended the open house to the spirit and good cheer of the holiday made it a special celebration."



Sealaska Building Assistant Fernando Rado greets shareholders

Christine Jenkins Wins AFN Education Award



Sealaska shareholder Christine Jenkins was presented with the Alaska Federation of Natives Eileen Panigeo MacLean Education President's

Award on October 22, 2005. Named for the late State Legislator, elementary and bilingual teacher, the prestigious award

recognizes an Alaska Native who has demonstrated strong commitment, competence and sensitivity in the education field.

Jenkins is Tlingit Raven/Frog and is Kik' sadi from the Sun House. Born in Wrangell, Jenkins is a well-respected educator whose passion for the past 30 years has been assisting Native students to achieve in the Wrangell School District. Securing scholarships, regularly volunteer-

ing after hours to tutor, and successfully advocating for the rich Native culture to be incorporated into the local school curriculum has made a significant impact on the success of Alaska Native students.

Jenkins is the youngest of seven children, born in Wrangell to Otto and Susie (Cooday) Feller. She has three children and six grandchildren. Sealaska congratulates Jenkins on her accomplishment!

Cultural Corner

SHI Posts Collection of Historical Photos Online

In its most ambitious archival project to date, SHI has posted a large collection of historical photos on the internet. The project, funded through a grant from the Institute of Museums and Library Services, is an effort to make the images accessible while protecting the originals from the damage caused by repeated handling. The site, located at www.sealaskaheritage.org/photoarchive, so far features 540 photos, including some of the first Celebration. The image database is searchable and SHI will continually update it to include more photos, historical documents and new



The database includes images of Celebration from 1982 to 1998

information. SHI hopes people will contact the institute if they recognize the people in the database. The Institute's archivist will add the information, which will enhance the search capabilities of the site. SHI encourages people to donate photos to the Institute, which also accepts digital photos to sorrel.goodwin@sealaska.com

SHI Posts Interactive Language Tools on Internet

SHI has posted several interactive tools to learn Tlingit on its website. The tools allow



people to click on images to learn the Tlingit words, then take a quiz. The tools so far include projects that teach words for salmon, ocean animals, and things you would find in a classroom. The tools are posted at www.sealaskaheritage.org/programs/language_resources.htm

The tools allow people click on images, hear the Tlingit words, then take a quiz

SHI Receives Grant to Digitize Historical Documents

SHI has received a two-year grant to digitize a large collection of historical documents donated to the Institute by southeast Alaska Native leaders. The collection includes documents tracing the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, the Native civil rights movement and political activities of the Alaska Native Brotherhood and Alaska Native Sisterhood. "They offer us an opportunity to look at events from a Native point of view. Too often our historical accounts are from other-than the Native point of view," said SHI President Rosita Worl of the \$140,000 grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

SHI Co-Sponsors Free Haida Classes

SHI sponsored a free Haida language program in Juneau this winter. Students who took the three-week course, taught by SHI Linguist Jordan Lachler, had the option of earning four academic credits through the University of Alaska Southeast.

Old Chilkat Brown Bear Tunic Returned to Klukwan

SHI has repatriated an old Chilkat Brown Bear tunic on behalf of the Klukwan Kaagwaantaan Clan. The Institute accepted the clan treasure from the Phoebe Hearst Museum in California, then immediately turned it over to Kaagwaantaan Clan Leader Joe Hotch. At a Juneau reception for the tunic, Hotch described what he said to museum officials when he picked up the tunic. "My grandfather's item. I have come after you. We miss you and you will be our strength when you return. We're waiting for you in Klukwan," said Hotch, who later led a ceremony to welcome the tunic back to Klukwan.



Klukwan Kaagwaantaan Clan Leader Joe Hotch and other Kaagwaantaans with the tunic in Juneau

SHI Awarded Grant to Document Human Migration Ancient History

SHI has received a \$40,000 grant to document human migration oral traditions. The grant from the National Park Service will allow SHI to collect songs pertaining to origin and migration stories. The Institute will record the information, transcribe it in Tlingit and translate and transcribe it in English. SHI will archive and protect the materials so they may be of use to Native educators and scholars while acknowledging clan ownership of their intellectual property.

SHI Publishes Tlingit Phrasebook and CD

SHI has produced a phrasebook and CD of commonly spoken Tlingit phrases as

one of the Institute's multiple efforts to revitalize the endangered Native language. The phrasebook, *Lingít X'éínáx Áx!* Hear it in Tlingit, was adapted from *Lingít X'éínáx Sá!* Say it in Tlingit, which was published by SHI in 2002. The CD offers new phrases and topic areas and allows users to hear the words. The phrasebook and CD is available through SHI for \$10.



CD booklet features Tlingit speaker John Marks, who recorded the Tlingit phrases for the project

Scholarship Applications Available in January

Scholarship applications for the 2006-2007 academic year will be available in January. SHI will post the applications online at www.sealaskaheritage.org. The website also has information on the documentation required. Applications must be postmarked on or before March 1, 2006.

Calendar

February

- 8 Native Issues Luncheon Forum - 11:45AM - 1PM, Juneau, AK
- 11 Seattle T&H Elizabeth Peratrovich Day Celebration, Seattle, WA
- 14 St. Valentine's Day
- 15 AFN Board of Directors Meeting, Anchorage, AK
- 15 Shareholder Resolutions due
- 16 Elizabeth Peratrovich Day (Observed 2/17/06)
- 20 President's Day
- 22 Native Issues Luncheon Forum - 11:45AM - 1PM, Juneau, AK
- 27 2/27-3/1 NCAI Executive Council Winter Session, Washington, D.C.

March

- 8 Native Issues Luncheon Forum - 11:45AM - 1PM, Juneau, AK
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 19 3/19-3/22 6th Annual Civics & Conservation Summit, Juneau, AK
- 22 Native Issues Luncheon Forum - 11:45AM - 1PM, Juneau, AK
- 26 3/26-4/1 Juneau Lions Club 2006 Gold Medal Tournament, Juneau, AK
- 27 Seward's Day
- 27 3/27-3/30 Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians Joint Economic Development Summit and 12 Annual Tribal Transportation Symposium at Umatilla nation, Pendleton, Oregon

Stay Connected with Sealaska!

Communicating with our shareholders is extremely important to us, and in 2006 Sealaska will make more of an effort to communicate with

you electronically! Email is a great way to receive up-to-date information and ask questions with the click of a button. If you have email and

would like to be added to our list, please send a request to records@sealaska.com.

Recruitment Notices

Alaska Coastal Aggregates, LLC

(ACA), a wholly owned subsidiary of Sealaska Corporation, is recruiting for a General Manager (GM) to be located in Juneau, Alaska. The ACA GM is responsible for all operations and for promoting the use of Sealaska subsurface materials. Qualifications include a bachelors degree in operations or related field with an advanced degree highly desirable. Minimum seven years of progressive management experience including mining production and operations. Send resume and application to: Sealaska Corporation, Attn: Human Resources Manager, One

Sealaska Plaza, Ste. 400, Juneau, AK 99801
www.sealaska.com/opportunities_jobs.htm.

Apprenticeship Program for Machinist

Synergy Systems in Redmond WA, a wholly owned manufacturing facility of Sealaska, is seeking shareholders interested in participating in a two-year, non-accredited apprenticeship program for machinist. No experience will be required but a mechanical aptitude is a plus. Please contact Ken Southerland, Human Resources Manager at ken.southerland@sealaska.com if you are interested or have additional questions.

Entry Level Bench Machinist
Synergy Systems in Redmond, WA is recruiting an entry level bench machinist. This position will learn to use hand tools to finish and assemble machined components. Applicant must possess good hand-eye coordination and the ability to sit at length. All training and equipment will be provided. Please call Nancy Fetch at 425-820-2250 or email nancy.fetch@synergyproto.com. You can also visit www.synergyproto.com.

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