

Seldovia Village Tribe

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Missing Tribal Members

go to www.svt.org help us locate members

Housing

Need housing assistance contact Rod Hilts at rhilts@svt.org (907) 435-3260

Seldovia Conference Center

Planning a conference? (907) 234-7898

Energy Assistance

Applications are now available at the SVT Admin offices.

BINGO

Wednesdays 7pm Seldovia Conference Center. Come join the fun!



2015 Open Enrollment

Seldovia Village Tribe's Open Enrollment closed September 1st for 2015. The Seldovia Village Tribal Council met September 25, approving the Enrollment applications for 2015.

A BIG WELCOME to the following new members:

Caleb Buffaloe
Noah M. Bullis
Shelby A. Caven
Alexandro R Cetina Jr.
Shade T. Christin
Brooklyn S. Clark
Ronald J. Francisco
Lucas S. Gallien
Addison H. Giles
Melissa D. Hertz
Jasmin N. Liwanag
Devin N. Moonin
Linda J. Russell
Andrew M. Suydam
Caleb R. Suydam
Isabella G. Suydam
Karl L. Thiele

New members should have received a Tribal Enrollment card in the mail. If you or a family member have not received a Tribal card please contact Trinket Gallien Enrollment Clerk as soon as possible.

If any Tribal member has misplaced or need corrections made to Enrollment cards feel free to contact Trinket Gallien, Enrollment Clerk at the Tribal Offices (907) 435-3248 for a replacement card.

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2016 Tribal Council Election

SVT's Election Committee will be sending out Notice of Election and Tribal Council Job descriptions the beginning of December 2015 for our 2016 Election.

There are three (3) seats up for election in 2016. Current Tribal Council Members that hold those seats at this time are Kim Collier,

Trinket Gallien, and Don Kashevaroff.

One of the benefits of being a Tribal Member is the opportunity to participate on the Tribal Council. The following are the minimum requirements for Tribal Council.

- A demonstrated interest in the Tribe
- Recommended experience and/or knowledge in at least one element: administration, finance, personnel, program development, evaluation, public relations, or communications.
- Member of the Seldovia Village Tribe IRA and at least 18 years of age or over.
- Available time.
- Participation on Committees
- Travel funds are available to attend the council meetings, teleconference option is available. A meeting stipend is also available to Council Members.

Food Distribution Program



Seldovia Village Tribe's Food Distribution Program is a federal program that provides commodity foods to low-income households residing in the Seldovia area. Each month participating households receive a food package to help them maintain a nutritionally balanced diet. Participants may select from over 70 products. Applications for this program are available through Debbie Cameron CHR (907) 435-3255.

Chimney Brushes for Use.



With winter in full swing, wood stoves are being used to heat our homes. Seldovia Village Tribe has Chimney brushes in several sizes available for free use. Contact Tina Yuth at the SVT Admin Offices, Monday thru Friday or call (907) 435-3246.

Ice Cleats

SVT's Injury Prevention Department offers a great deal on several types of ice cleats that may be pur-



chased from our Admin Offices in Seldovia. Velcro Toe Stabilizers: \$40 pair, Jogger Stabilizers \$30, Lite Stabilizers \$18 per pair, Overshoes Stabilizers \$70 per pair. Feel free to stop in the offices or call (907) 234-7898 for these great winter safety items.

Energy Assistance 2015



Seldovia Village Tribe has applications for 2015 Energy Assistance. Those households residing in the Seldovia area that are having trouble meeting their heating bills this winter are welcome to apply.

For more information and an application contact Debbie Cameron at 435-5255 Monday through Friday 9am-5pm.



RECYCLING

use of them now that we have been doing this program for a few years. Tracie Merrill collects and sorts the recyclables and is seeing far less trash in them. The amount, in terms of weight, of recyclables we have saved from the landfill over the years now is up to 485 pounds.



SVT Housing Programs

Our Housing Dept. would like to remind everyone about our year round programs.

Home Improvement Program known as HIP allows AN/AI residing in Seldovia to apply for funding to purchase supplies for needed home improvements. There are income qualifications, but we can help single persons with total annual income under \$42,650 and a family can qualify if total family income is under \$60,900.

Other housing offerings are First and Last month payment for new renters, College housing help and general housing Emergencies help.

For housing assistance programming contact Rod Hiltz Mondays thru Friday from 9am to 12pm, or make an appointment by calling 435-3260, email rhiltz@svt.org.

Seldovia Village Tribe put out the community recycling bins again this summer season within the city limits and are seeing much better

News and Updates from the Environmental Dept.

by Michael Opheim, Environmental Coordinator

This has been a very busy year for the Environmental Department. SVT is working with the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC)'s Fish Monitoring Program to get samples run through their lab in Anchorage for contaminant testing. We purchased coolers, GPS's and other supplies for the communities of Port Graham, Nanwalek Tyonek and Seldovia for phase II of our Fish Consumption survey we conducted 2 years ago. As of today 9 red salmon and 10 dolly varden trout have been collected from all communities accept Tyonek who still needs 3 dolly varden. AK State lab



started running Nanwalek's fish a few weeks back and we hope to hear the results in 3-4 months. Tracie Merrill and Stephen Payton went out to the communities to train the samplers and tried to be on site when the communities did the first samples to help them with any problems they might encounter. . This project has become a very big deal in the state of Alaska because it is the only one ever done by a Tribe. One other Tribe that is doing a similar project is the Sunaq Tribe in Kodiak, working to survey 5-6 other tribes in the Kodiak Island Archipelago.

With the successful work of our fish surveys and fish tissue monitoring the State of Alaska has asked SVT to be apart of the Human Health Criteria (HHC). SVT will participate in meetings for water quality standards as well as the technical work group of the state of Alaska's triennial review for revising fish consumption rate. The state is looking at raising the fish consumption rate from 6.5 grams per day to something more realistic to what Alaskans eat on a daily basis.

HHC work group will meet monthly for a couple hours to discuss where the state is in the process and ask for feedback on varying related topics. A small note that some may want to take notice of is the state may not use salmon species in the figuring of the grams per day in the fish consumption rate for the state of Alaska. The reasoning is salmon are not resident species and are unlikely to be picking up local toxins that would affect the amount of toxins you are consuming. However, salmon could be picking up toxins in the open ocean that you may then ingest. The fish generally used in calculating fish consumption rates come from within 3 miles of shore, which is considered "state regulated" waters. Therefore, deep water fish (such as black cod) that you may also eat would not be considered in revising the fish consumption rate used in the state's HHC for water quality standards. If we speak up, these fish may make it onto the list of fish used to come up with the fish consumption rate. It will take people speaking out to the state to ensure this happens.

SVT has also been working on the Kingfisher lake and stream coho population and habitat assessment. We received trained in May by KAI Environmental with the new equipment we purchased and also on limnology that we do in the lake collecting data. We have been going out weekly and doing minnow trapping in the stream and tributaries to see where the minnows have been moving as well as to see what types of fish are using the system as rearing habitat. Once a month in the stream we do macro-invertebrates and habitat assessment work as well as limnology, macro-invertebrates, and minnow trapping in the lake itself.



This fall we started doing stream walks to count the adult coho salmon returning to the stream and lake. Next spring we hope to tag the outmigrating coho smolt with coded wire tags so we could then in a few years find out what the return is like for adult coho. We have temperature data loggers in the stream and lake that will be there year round. One of the great resources we have found for this project is Steven Hughes who has a small cabin on Kingfisher Lake. Mr. Hughes has been kind enough to let us use his dock and his canoe for the work we are doing and also to talk to us on his knowledge of the fish and also of the lake and stream systems.



Seldovia Village Tribe worked with the communities of Port Graham and Nanwalek to get electronic waste (e-waste) out of the communities under an EPA tribal hazardous waste grant. We were able to go into both communities, help them create powerpoint presentations, flyers, and e-waste recycling plans. Tracie Merrill went to each community for a day to help do this. One person from each community was hired to collect the e-waste, get it palletized and shrink wrapped before the landing craft came into each community to pick everything up. We collected approximately 5,400 pounds from all the communities combined this year. We are on schedule to have even more than this by next spring. We were able to purchase totes, shrink wrap, and tarps for each community. We just received notice that we can purchase a twenty foot connex for each community. We hope to purchase and get them into the communities this winter.

SVT received a mini air grant from Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium and were able to borrow two Dust Trak II aerosol monitors as well as one Dust Trak DRX aerosol model this summer. These air monitors were stationed at mile 3 and 4 along Jakolof Bay Road and a new site on Fritz Road in the Barabara Heights Subdivision to monitor dust levels. Towards the end of the season we collected the DRX model, which collects data down to much smaller particles than dust, so we could see what the make up of particle sizes were at the miles 3 and 4 sites. We were also funded under this mini grant to do some road bed sampling to see what kind of toxins are in the road and possibly getting kicked up in the dust. We have received the lab report but have not put the data into a form that is easily readable just yet.



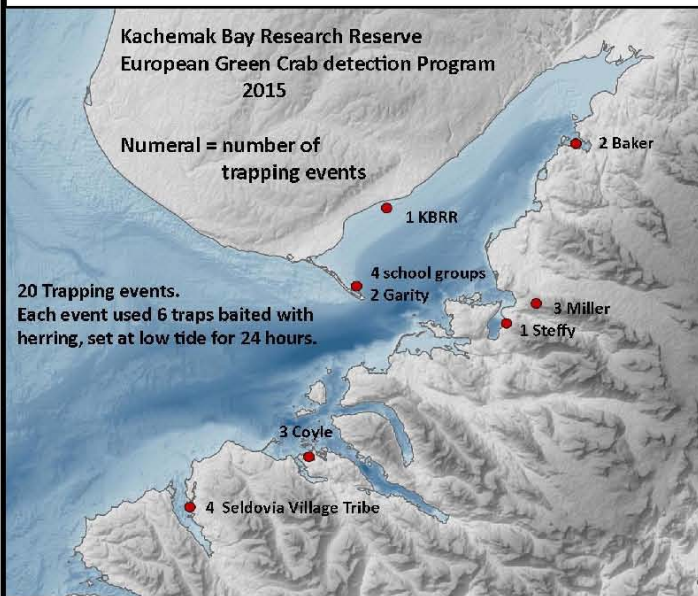
KACHEMAK BAY RESEARCH RESERVE

European Green Crab Monitoring

2015 Progress Report

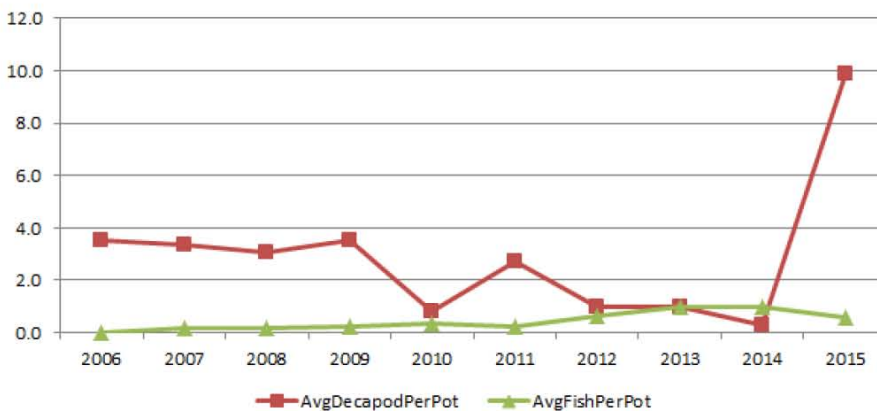
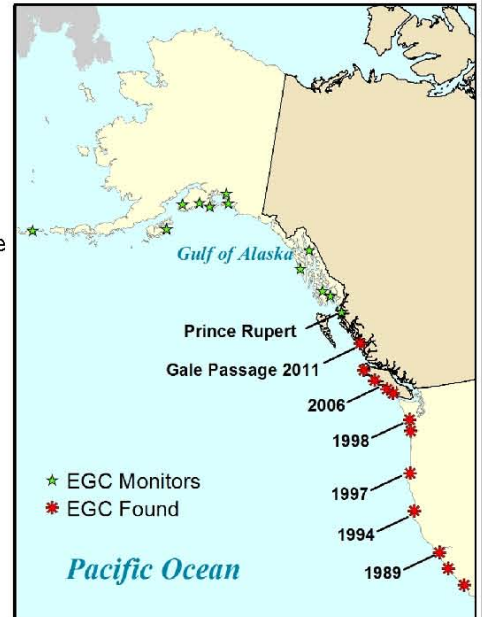
Early Detection European green crab (EGC) monitoring in Kachemak Bay has been underway for 10 years to detect the arrival of invasive EGC. No European Green Crab have been found in Kachemak Bay or Alaska to date.

This year we had 12 volunteers/groups who conducted a total of 20 trapping events. Thank you so much for your effort and dedication to this project!



The map to the right shows where European Green Crab have been found (red) and where people are currently looking for them, but have not found them (green).

There was very warm water along the West Coast this summer. Did this help the EGC larva float further north? We'll find out if folks keep trapping.



This graph shows a huge increase in the number of NATIVE crab caught in our traps this year. Most of them were Helmet crab, but we did see a few more Dungeness as well.

Perhaps helmet crab food, water temperature, and predators worked in their favor recently. Will they continue to thrive? We'll find out more when we trap next year!



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Kachemak Bay Research Reserve
For more information contact Catie Bursch
907-235-4799 cmbursch@uaa.alaska.edu



Prevention Program Updates:



In October, Prevention sponsored Red Ribbon Week and the Halloween Carnival at Susan B. English School. For Red Ribbon Week, Prevention presented a Jeopardy game for the Middle School and High School students around the topic of drug and alcohol prevention. The many programs that we provide are one way to show the community that they can have a good time and be engaged, without the need for drugs and alcohol.



Shannon Custer, SVT Prevention Director
Celebrate a Drug Free Life!!!

Healthy Chatter

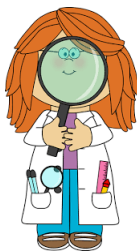
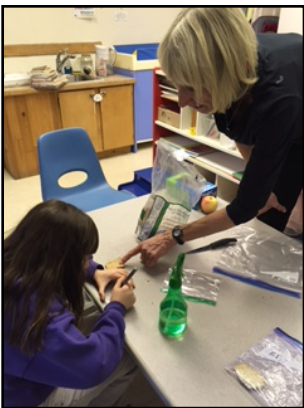
Sharon Bond continues preparing meals for our weekly Healthy Chatter, where we discuss relevant topics pertaining to overall health and wellness. One of our notable speakers was Representative Paul Seaton of Homer, who came to talk to us about the need for Vitamin D in Alaska when we begin to lose sunlight.

Join this group on Facebook. Healthy Chatter

Science with Tania.

Below: Tania Spurkland and Jessica

Right: Elenor Godwin



CH'ANIK'NA "CHILDREN'S HOUSE"

Ch'anik'na continues take weekly hikes, this year on Mondays. Tania Spurkland has joined Camille Turner on these hikes and always shares her scientific knowledge with the kids along the way. She also joins them Thursday afternoons to teach about what is in the world around us in Seldovia.

Current Career Opportunities

Physician (Homer)

The physician is a clinical leader within an integrated care team and provides primary care medical services. The physician will serve a panel of up to 2000 individuals and will provide care, which is holistic, and coordinated across the healthcare spectrum.

Nurse Practitioner / Physician Assistant (Homer)

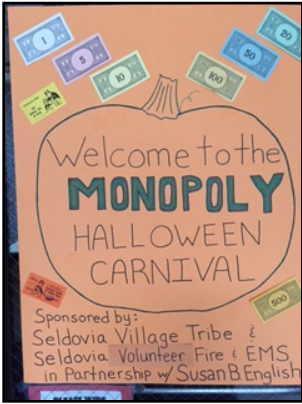
Responsible for the provision of direct primary clinical health, wellness and preventative health care for Native Beneficiaries and community residents presenting as SVT Health and Wellness patients and their families in an ambulatory primary care clinic.

Prevention Aide (Seldovia)

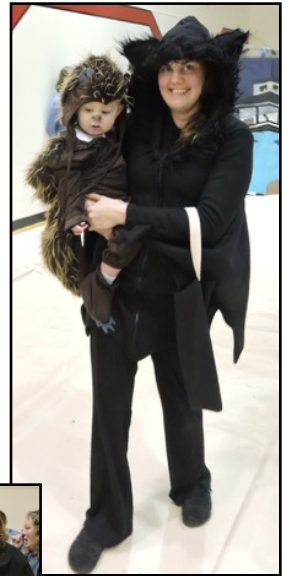
Assist Prevention Specialists in collection of target audience data to help focus programs and activities, partner with Prevention Specialists for Teen Night (Every Friday from 9pm to Midnight) and help with other Prevention Program Activities as needed.

Please visit our website at www.svt.org for full job descriptions and to apply.

2015 Annual Halloween Carnival



*Tribal Members
Lucas & Laurie Gallien*



*Tribal Member Sharon Bond
Deviled Egg!!!*



*Tribal Members
Ariel & Bently Anahonak*

*Tribal Members
Tyler & Cory Tucker*



Welcome to Our Team



Dr. Cole Stapp D.D.S

Dr. Stapp and his family recently relocated from Las Vegas, Nevada where he had just finished his doctorate. Dr. Stapp hails from North Pole and has lived in Alaska most

of his life. His wife is from the exotic island of Sicily and they met while studying at the university. Together they have three children, Antonino, Aurora, and Lucrezia. They are very excited to be living in Homer and have felt the warmth and friendliness from everyone that they have met.

Emily Read joined SVT Health & Wellness in mid-August as Director. She worked in a variety of development and management roles in the Alaska Tribal Health System for almost 20 years, most recently serving as Interim Senior Director of Community Health Services at the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium. Emily was raised in Alaska and has lived here most of

her life, so when the opportunity arose to live and work in Homer, she jumped at the chance. She is joined in Homer by her husband Mark and their red Standard Poodle, Ruby.



Emily Read, SVTHW Director

By Laurel Hilts.



SVT
Health & Wellness *Partnering in the Journey!*

~Homer~

**Open Mondays 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesdays-
Fridays 9 a.m.-5 p.m.**

To make an appointment or have questions regarding services please call (907) 226-2228.

~Seldovia~

**Open Mondays - Friday
9 a.m.- 5 p.m.**

If you would like to make an appointment or have questions regarding services please contact Shirley Hughes, (907) 435-3262.

~Homer Dental~

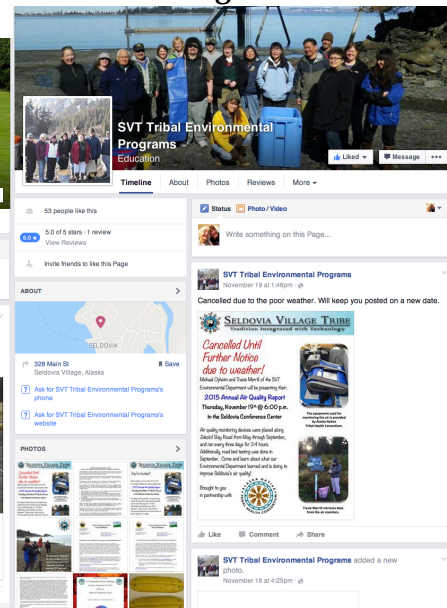
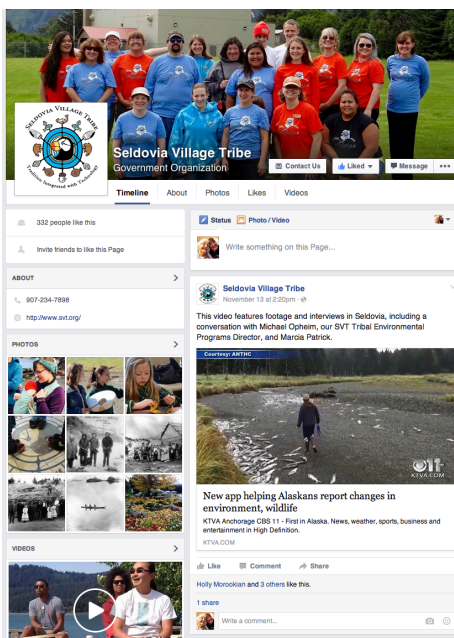
**Open Mondays - Thursdays
8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.**

Fridays 8:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.

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