



# Northwest Arctic Borough

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## SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF:

Ambler Buckland Candle Deering Kivalina Kiana  
Kobuk Kotzebue Noatak Noorvik Selawik Shungnak

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Walter Sampson, President, NAB Assembly  
Hendy Ballot, Vice-President, NAB Assembly  
Assembly Members

**FROM:** Reggie Joule, Mayor

**CC:** NAB Staff Members

**DATE:** March 13, 2013

**RE:** Monthly Updates

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide current updates regarding the operational activities of my Administration. It has been a busy and productive time since my last report. The following discussion highlights some of our activity.

### **Current Activity Highlights:**

We have been busy doing outreach and working with different government agencies to make them aware of the needs of the NAB. In a recent trip to Anchorage the Mayor and Christine Hess meet with the following:

- Institute of the North, Nils Andreassen: Discussed my appointments to the Board of the Institute of the North and the Arctic Policy Commission and the responsibilities and duties that will be required by these appointments. Talked about the use of hydro power and other renewable energies in Iceland and the possibility of collaboration with Iceland on energy issues in the NAB.
- Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, Dan Fauske: Christine Hess and I met with a group of AHFC staff that work on VPSO and teacher housing and weatherization issues. Mayor Joule outlined the needs of VPSO housing in the region and Mr. Fauske committed some of his staff to assist the NAB in pursuing VPSO housing funds. A follow up meeting will occur on March 13 in Juneau with Christine.
- State Assessor's Office, Steve Van Sant: Discussed the state's assessing process that was utilized to value property in the NAB, resulting in the large increase to the NAB's assessed values. State assessor informed us that the NAB is only reassessed every 4 years so we should not see another increase for a while. There was also a general discussion about other available taxes.
- Office of Senator Murkowski, Miles Baker, State Director: Mayor Joule discussed some of the needs of the NAB with Mr. Baker including erosion and energy funding, resource development, job training and education.
- Office of Senator Begich, Schawna Thoma, Deputy State Director, and Agatha Erickson, Rural Liaison: Mayor Joule again discussed some of the needs of the NAB including erosion and energy funding, resource development, job training and education.
- Christine Hess met with Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) and received an update on work in our area. ANTHC will brief the Assembly in April on their work. ANTHC is also going

to look for additional funding to complete one or two unfinished projects in our area. Kivalina also requested that we look into whether there were funds to pay for hauling sewage. ANTHC reported that there are no funds for operations of that nature and that in general funds for projects are down from prior years and are forecasted to continue on a downward trend.

- Christine Hess continues to monitor the legislature as it heads into the final weeks; the Juneau Report from Christine is provided for your information and follows my report as attachment # 1.
- Christine Hess and I also attended an Arctic Policy Symposium at the University of Alaska which talked about the emerging Arctic.
- Chukchi Library: Drena McIntyre, Pauline Harvey and Stacey Glaser met regarding support for expanding the library as part of construction of the Magnet School.
- We have two staff members who will be on extended leave for 2 – 3 months and we will be required to ensure coverage of duties while they are out of the office.

### **Department Highlights:**

#### **Office of the Mayor:**

- During the prior Assembly meeting a question was raised regarding the number of active Boys and Girls Club's there are in the region as it relates to our financial contribution. For your review and information, the 2012 Boys and Girls Club Report is provided as Attachment # 2.
- It was previously reported that we provided disaster assistance funding to the City of Ambler when their community ran out of gasoline. The temperatures were very cold and residents were running out of firewood to heat their homes. The City of Ambler approached the Borough for assistance because they had funds to purchase the gasoline; however, did not have an established account at Crowley for that purchase and did not have funds to pay for the charter to transport the gasoline from Kotzebue to Ambler. The Borough purchased the gasoline and arranged a charter for transport. We did invoice the City of Ambler for the cost of the fuel and we have received payment from them.
- Under the AKEELA Grant, the Harmful Legal Products (HLP) program is progressing as planned with the continuation of sending HLP materials to families that are requesting them, discussing HEPs with local retailers, distributing information to teachers and students. The next major milestone is to have an in-serve session with the teachers during the April in-service sessions and host a family night event, which is being advertised via community flyers and a PSA on KOTZ Radio Station.
- A regional teleconference was held on 3-4-13 which was facilitated by ANTHC. In attendance were Desirae Roehl and Oxenia O'Domon from ANTHC; Annabelle Alvite and Yiyuk Henry from the NAB; Shannon Melton of Buckland; Maija Lukin of Maniilaq Association; Anahma Shannon of Kawerak and Tina Moto of Deering. These were IGAP representatives/employees from their respective areas. Issues included, but not limited to, were IGAP training needs, plastic grocery bags ban and reusable bags, how to include younger students to participate in environmental issues, backhaul of recyclables, and using clean trash to do art work.
- Annabelle Alvite met with Maija Lukin of Maniilaq TEP/IGAP Manager and Matt Mead, borough attorney on drafting an agreement between the Borough and Maniilaq regarding any issues on what a sub-grant contract should include and what needs to be monitored and by whom. Once this is completed, this sub-grant contract/agreement would be used as a base for future sub-grant contracting/agreement.

#### **Planning Department:**

- Approved permit for Teck American Incorporated's proposed exploration activities. Teck American Incorporated (Teck) proposes to conduct mineral exploration activities (to include drilling, geophysical surveys, geologic mapping and sampling), which will be helicopter-supported on both state and NANA-owned lands. Mineral exploration activities will support Teck's Noatak District Exploration project, north and west of the Red Dog Mine, in both general conservation and subsistence conservation zones. These activities are outside of the borough master plan permit for ongoing Red Dog Mine operations and require a use permit under borough code 9.04 and 9.12.

- Researched and reviewed two separate NAB permits for the Kobuk Road project, one by Nova Copper and one by the Native Village of Kobuk.
- Noah Naylor traveled to Kiana with Kristin Walker to update the City of Kiana on the new administration staffing and listened to the community concerns.
- Reviewed four proposals for the Community Profile Mapping Project. The best responsive bidder was G.P.S. and a resolution approving the contract will be included for your consideration.
- Chaired a planning meeting between the Chukchi Campus of the University of Alaska, Fairbanks (UAF) and the Northwest Arctic Borough's workshop on improving local involvement in research. Other partners include the U.S. Arctic Research Commission, NANA Regional Corporation, and the Northwest Arctic Borough School District. This workshop is funded by the National Science Foundation. The 3-day workshop will occur during the first 2 weeks of April 2013 in Kotzebue, Alaska.
- The Planning Department is pleased to welcome the new Social Anthropologist, Damian Satterthwaite-Phillips and our new Land Specialist, Charlie Gregg. Additionally, John Goodwin, Traditional Knowledge Specialist resigned effective March 11, 2013.

#### Economic Development:

The Economic Development Department (EDD) is comprised of three programs, Economic Development-Fred Smith and Kim Franklin; Energy Development-Ingemar Mathiasson, Adam Meyers and new hire Brendon Ryan; and Sulainich Arts Center-Vika Owens.

- The department has been holding a series of meetings to communicate the status of existing and planned energy grant activities, hire and transition of a new employee, Brendon Ryan, as the Energy Coordinator and Grants Manager, and plan CIAP related grant activities and reporting over the next quarter.
- The department has engaged in 3 meetings with the City of Kotzebue Economic Development initiative to promote increased coordination and economic opportunity in Kotzebue, a wide range of items are being discussed there. The cost of fuel is an important discussion item.
- Participated in 3 meetings between Noatak, NANA and WHPacific regarding Noatak's intent to purchase all terrain winter equipment. The near term plan is to take Cruz Construction on a reconnaissance of the Noatak-Red Dog Road winter trail then look at equipment options to utilize the \$425K from the State that will flow through the Borough.
- Attended one meeting, with additional ones planned, by State-DCRA, ASRC and Kawerak on Northwest Alaska and Arctic Cultural Tourism pilot project. The Borough has received \$173 CIAP federal funds to promote a multi-year regional tourism effort in the region. Deering has an interest in looking at local tourism opportunities.
- Met with NovaCopper UKMP regarding the history of the project, future exploration planned and coordinating a presentation from NovaCopper during the Assembly's April Work Session.
- Met with the federal Economic Development Administration that funds a part of the Economic Development Dept. budget to begin addressing program and financial status of grant.

#### Sulainich Arts Center:

- Sulainich Arts Center is established as a 501c3 non-profit, with a Board of Directors. The Borough, Nana and others have supported this operation for a number of years. The long term intent has been to start up and support a viable and economic Alaska Native Arts enterprise. We will begin exploring areas of the operation where Sulainich would begin carrying some of their operating costs. We may need to tweak the business model and bring in additional revenues to better support itself.
- The troubled Point of Sale system is nearly back up and running. There were a number of damaged software files that created the problems.
- While the website inupiaqart.com is ready to launch we need to put a plan in place for the ongoing operation and management of an active website with items moving through for sale.

Energy Program:

The energy group currently is engaged in 6 active projects and is looking at 2-3 more that merit additional attention and should be pursued.

Alaska Energy Authority funded the necessary update to the Regional Energy Plan. The Borough has entered into contract with WHPacific to coordinate tasks and draft energy options for each community. The Plan will list all viable options for all borough communities. The Alaska Energy Steering Committee prioritized the type of projects following the 2008 Energy summit. This is the order of energy priorities: Village Interties, Wind energy systems, solar energy, hydroelectric energy, natural gas, combined heat and power systems, geothermal energy, district energy distribution systems.

It was recognized by all stakeholder that Interties would provide the greatest benefit to the region. It is the recommendation from the Steering Committee, that "Right-of-Ways" be created as soon as possible to establish a path forward for the interties and appropriate funding resources could be targeted.

- Alaska Energy Authority funded Wind/Diesel projects for Buckland, Deering & Noorvik. The intent is to add wind turbines to the local power grid and utilize this renewable resource to decrease dependence on diesel generated electricity. Besides AEA we are working with AVEC-Noorvik, KEA-Buckland and Ipnatchiaq Electric-Deering to determine the equipment needs at each utility to integrate power into the local grid.
- Federal CIAP funded Solar PV Arrays to reduce electricity costs at the water treatment plants in all 11 Communities. The first one was installed in Ambler and as daylight has increased the unit has generated most of the water plants electricity. Data is being collected now to determine the next 5 villages to work with during the remainder of this year. The remaining villages will become the second year target.
- CIAP TED and ECO meter Energy awareness project. (Brenden Ryan ) Most of the villages now have TED meters installed into many of the households that track electricity usage each month. The intent is to support energy conservation and helping the households try and operate within the 500 kilo watt hour per month allowance under the State PCE program. If used properly this can help households keep their electric bills lower.
- ETF fund Renewegy Wind turbine to field test new technology and its abilities in an arctic environment. We are awaiting signed grant documents and receipt of funds to place order of wind turbine to get it up here on the summer barge and install late summer or early fall. If successful in a full year operation in the arctic, this technology can be placed in villages with good wind resource at a lower cost than current systems. The cost savings would come from installing these units without having to use and mobilize heavy equipment to install.
- Upper Kobuk Biomass project, assumed from NIHA. The project intends to place one Bio-Mass heater into the local water/sewer treatment plant and heat the water/sewer lines to keep from freezing during the winter. Currently meetings are being scheduled to meet with the three upper Kobuk communities and residents who currently get wood for household use. The assembly asked the department to understand the land status surrounding each of the villages and identify state or federal lands as locations to harvest wood for the project. We did obtain land status maps and will use those in the project to determine wood harvest areas. The Assembly asked the department to research other rural Bio-mass projects and understand the effect in those communities. We will study Tanana's project and provide that to the Assembly in a future report.
- The energy program is looking at additional projects we believe would be valuable to residents and communities. One product we have found is a wood fired hydroponic boiler that can be connected to the existing home heating system. The cost is about \$3000 per unit. For those communities and households who have a history of using woodstoves, this unit can replace using stove oil for home heating. It would be more efficient than a woodstove because it can be tied into the baseboard heating and water heating system. The second product we are studying is a waste to heat/energy system. This

unit costs about \$1.3 million dollars. It burns dumpsite/landfill trash and can convert into heat or electric recovery systems. Shearwater is a subsidiary of Old Harbor Village Corporation on Kodiak Island. They have successfully deployed these units and the one in Old Crow, Yukon Territories, Canada is the most similar to our communities and environment. Shearwater is interested in providing a presentation to a future Borough work session. This unit has the potential to change how we deal with our landfills and local trash.

Public Services Department:

- PSAs have been airing to update residents on trail staking activities and trail conditions. SAR Coordinator has been contacting the SAR Presidents and City/IRA offices to encourage VHF announcements about local ice and traveling conditions.
- Feedback on the Carsonite Trails (portage behind Kotzebue and Singuarak Shelter Cabin to Selawik) has been overwhelmingly positive.
- Carsonite installation has been completed between Noorvik – Selawik and between Buckland - Selawik. The remaining Carsonites in the current inventory are getting installed between Selawik – Ambler in a very poor section of trail. 2000 (approx. 39 miles worth of trail) Carsonites were recently ordered and will be installed as soon as possible.
- The new Iridium Satellite Phones have been distributed. The SAR Presidents in each community are using them when needed in SAR missions with success.
- SPOT units are being used on SAR missions with success. The Borough has units for residents to check-out as needed. The check-out program is being utilized.
- Three new freight sleds have arrived and were distributed to Kivalina, Deering and Kotzebue SAR groups.

Search & Rescue Missions:

2/18/13	Overdue	ORV to BKL	Person found safe and warm.
2/22/13	Overdue	OTZ to ORV	Persons found safe and warm.
2/22/13	Overdue	WTK to OTZ	Persons found safe and warm.
2/25/13	Overdue	ORV to OTZ	Person found safe and warm.
3/4/13	Overdue	OTZ to BKL	Person found safe and warm.
3/10/13	Overdue	OTZ to BKL	Persons found in BKL.

- The shelter cabin has been placed on the Kotzebue to Noorvik trail at the west Shore of Kobuk Lake by members of the Arctic Circle SAR group based in Kotzebue. The work to finish the cabin continues. A new stovepipe and chimney is being installed by the Kotzebue SAR group. The Riley Channel cabin is getting evaluated this week for any repairs needed.
- There are currently 6 VPSO's in the Borough. VPSO Coordinator John Peratrovich based out of Kotzebue and Michael Gagliano is a VPSO Rover also based out of Kotzebue. Otis Rolls based out of Shungnak. Richard Eunice based out of Kiana. Michael Morris based out of Noorvik, and Allen Jones is based out of Buckland. There are three Non-Native male VPSOs and three Native male VPSOs.
- There are currently 10 Village Police Officers. These positions are funded by pass-through monies appropriated from the Borough's general fund.
- VPSO Coordinator John Peratrovich worked with Maniilaq Association to apply for the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) grant. If awarded, this grant will be used to purchase vehicles and equipment for VPSO's in our region. The grant application was submitted on March 13, 2013.
- We are continually working on funding possibilities for new facilities in the villages.
- For new hire VPSO's, the State Troopers will provide four wheelers, snow machines, office furniture and fax machines.
- We received an additional \$115,000 from AST for improvements to Kiana, Noatak, Noorvik and Shungnak. Part of the money will be used to purchase a VPSO vehicle for Kotzebue.

**Future Schedule:**

Tuesday, March 19, 2013:

- Evan Rose in Anchorage, AK
- AIDEA Meeting in Anchorage, AK

Wednesday, March 20, 2013 (in Juneau, AK):

- Representative Thompson
- Representative Hawker, Legislative Council, Council
- Key Bank Representatives, Urbina's
- Heather Brakes, Governor's Office
- Representative Gattis
- Representative Munoz

Thursday, March 21, 2013 (in Juneau, AK):

- Representative Reinbold
- Senator French
- Representative Costello
- John Bitney
- Glenn Gray
- Representative Millet
- Representative Kertulla
- Ed Fogels, Deputy Commissioner, Dept. of Natural Resources

Friday, March 22, 2013(in Juneau, AK):

- Rear Admiral Ostebo, US Coast Guard
- Senator Fairclough
- Senator Micciche

Saturday, March 23, 2013 (in Juneau, AK):

- Arctic Policy Commission Meeting at Centennial Hall

March 27 & 29, 2013: NAB Director's Meeting with Accounting RE: FY14 Budget Development

April 4, 2013: Round Table Discussion with NovaCopper in Kotzebue

April 8 – 10, 2013: Meetings in Juneau prior to the end of the Legislative Session

April 11, 2013: ADES Executive Committee Meeting in Anchorage

April 17, 2013: Luncheon with Chancellor Rogers & Chukchi Staff/Faculty in Kotzebue

## **Juneau News:**

Last week the House Finance Committee heard public testimony from all over the state regarding HB 65, the Operating Budget bill. This year there has been a great deal of concern at the legislature over lower projected oil revenues that are likely to result in the state's first budget deficit in years. During the first weeks of the session, Finance subcommittees for every state department took up Governor Parnell's proposed budgets and, after considering them in detail, made recommendations that in nearly every case pointed to lower spending. The subcommittee reports have not cut any budgets when you compare them to the FY13 operating budget, but the Governor's proposed increases have been significantly scaled back. This year state agency growth was contained to a 1.3 % increase which compares to a yearly 6.5% increase the last five years.

More people testified in the first day of public testimony than in 3 days of testimony in recent years. The main areas people testified about were reductions in the Governor's increases in the following areas:

- Behavioral health
- Best Beginnings
- Pre-Kindergarten
- K-12 Funding
- University Funding
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Therapeutic Courts
- Centers For Independent Living
- Trauma Care Fund
- Distance Learning
- Tobacco Education and Cessation Funding
- Community Revenue Sharing

By Wednesday the halls of the capital became quiet as a large number of legislators and staff headed to Washington, D.C. for the annual Energy Council.

### **Next Week in Juneau...**

Starting Monday, the House Finance Committee will begin considering amendments to HB65—the Operating Budget bill. The operating budget bill is targeted to be on the House floor by the end of the week. The capital bill which funds infrastructure around the state may be out later this week as well. This will be the first of many versions of both bills.

### **Monday, March 11**

House Education – 8:00 AM

HB 142 - Stipend for statewide Boarding School

HB 133 - School Const. Grants/Small Municipalities

House Resources – 1:00 PM

HB 158 - DNR Hunting Concessions

Senate Education & Early Development – 3:00 PM

Digitizing Education in Alaska Initiative

Mike Hanley, Commissioner, DEED

Carl Rose, Association of Alaska School Boards

Senate Judiciary – 5:00 PM

SB 49 - Medicaid Payment for Abortions; Terms

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**Tuesday, March 12**

State Affairs 9:00 AM  
HB 46 – Waive CDL Skills for Certain Vets  
SB 48 – PERS Contributions  
SB 44- Election Procedures  
House Fisheries 10:00 AM  
HB 110 - Barbed Hooks  
HB 143 - Commercial Fishing Crewmember Licenses  
House Resources – 12:00 PM  
Lunch & Learn: Mine Tailings – Past & Present  
Presentation by Les Galbraith, Knight Piesold Consulting

**Wednesday, March 13**

House Education – 8:00 AM  
HB 120 - Pupil Transportation Funding  
Senate Education -8:00 AM  
SB 47-Stipend for Statewide Boarding School  
SB 57-Literacy, Pupil Transp., Teacher Notices  
House Resources – 1:00 PM  
HB 89 - Aquatic Invasive Species  
Senate Judiciary – 1:30 PM  
SJR 9 - Const. AM: Education Funding  
Senate Resources 3:30 PM  
SB 69 Chinook Research and Endowment  
SB 60 Bounty on Sea Otters  
HJR 5 Oppose Genetically Engineered Salmon

**Thursday, March 14**

House State Affairs – 8:00 AM  
HB 3 - Photo Identification Voting Requirement  
SB 37 - Extend Suicide Prevention Council  
House Finance – 1:30 PM  
HB 50 - Multi-Unit Housing: Commercial Use  
HB 87 - Extend Special Education Service Agency

**Friday, March 15**

House Education – 8:00 AM  
HB 93 - Charter Schools  
HB 151 - School Grading Systems  
HB 129 - Oil & Gas Exploration/Development Areas

Monday through Friday Senate Finance will be reviewing SB 21 Oil and Gas Production Tax at 9 am and 1:30 pm. People have begun the countdown until April 14<sup>th</sup> the last day of session.



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS**  
ALASKA

**Northwest Arctic Borough  
Boys & Girls Clubs Alaska  
2012 Report**

Our Mission: To empower and inspire the diverse youth of Alaska to realize their full potential by offering them hope, opportunity and a safe environment.

**Membership and Attendance Figures:**

Club	Current Membership	Highest Average Daily Attendance
Kotzebue	121	38
Selawik	91	26
Noorvik	117	40
Kiana	96	48
Kivalina	75	42

Programs and activities facilitated at all Northwest Arctic Borough (NWAB) Boys & Girls Clubs in 2012:

**Education & Career Exploration:** Every Club facilitates Power Hour **daily** during the school year. Power Hour is a time when Members can come to the Club to receive help with their homework, engage in high-yield learning activities such as leisure reading or Scrabble, and use the Club's supplies to complete schoolwork (i.e. computers, paper, calculators, pens and pencils, etc.). The goal of Power Hour is to support the academic success of Members, and Club often partners with parents, teachers and other community partners to align goals with the School. Other activities and programs offered include Career Launch, Job Ready!, Money Matters, and Skill Tech.

**Character & Leadership Development:** The NWAB Clubs offered a variety of activities and programs in this area. Leadership Development programs include Torch and Keystone Clubs, and Youth of the Month. The Clubs also do many activities regarding character and leadership development such as community service projects, peer mentoring and cultural activities. These activities also add value to our Job Ready, Career Launch, Skill Tech, and Money Matters.

**Art:** The NWAB Clubs love art activities, especially ones that reflect their culture and values. Program funds are often spent on miscellaneous items youth need for sewing, drum-making, coloring, jewelry making and more. Club Members of all ages are artistic and Club Staff are very good at encouraging them and giving them the tools they need to express themselves.

**Sports, Fitness, & Recreation:** Every Clubhouse in the NWAB operates Triple Play. This program is designed to educate youth about all-things health and wellness related. Most of the Triple Play time is used to get kids active moving in fun, fitness-driven games (for example Daily Challenges, NYO games, jump rope, basketball, etc.). Also incorporated into Triple Play is education about how habits regarding exercise and diet impact health and wellbeing. Staff encourage Members to eat healthy foods, exercise regularly, treat others with respect, and to take care of their bodies.

**Health & Life Skills:** This program area is a priority for Clubs in the NWAB. Many of the villages have been negatively impacted by suicide and the influence of alcohol and drugs in the families of our Members. SMART (Skills Mastery and Resistance Training) are conducted year-round to give youth the skills they need to resist alcohol, tobacco, drugs, and premature sexual activity. Red Ribbon Week and Yellow Ribbon Week are important annual events for the Clubs when youth celebrate and encourage each other to live healthy and happy lives.

As you read through the activities below you will see how the curriculum gets delivered thru specific activities. Many of our clubs are active on facebook, so you can follow their activities and schedules by “liking” them. Some pretty terrific Club highlights are listed below:

**Kotzebue:**

- Currently there is one full-time and two part-time Staff employed at this Club. The community provides a facility.
- The Kotzebue Clubhouse received capitol grant funding this year for equipment, furniture and facility work. These funds have given the Club a much-needed makeover to the upstairs area.
- Hope Worldwide traveled to Kotzebue this summer to renovate the Clubhouse. Their volunteers spent many hours painting, cleaning and doing minor repair work. They also facilitated programs and spent quality time playing games and enjoying time with Members. We had more money to spend on club upgrades and renovations, but the City has asked us to hold off on any of those efforts, pending an assessment on the future use of the current location. We have honored that request with the exception of dealing with some safety and cleanliness issues.
- Power Hour is run daily, along with other mentoring activities
- The club hosted several out of town softball teams this year.
- The teen room was renovated. New TV’s, furniture, gaming systems and café tables were added to give the older members a place of their own within the club. The teens love the new space. We are looking forward to being able to serve many more teens in a more inviting space dedicated to them.
- Youth spent the summer doing community service work at the local gardens and did a great deal of trash pick-up throughout the community.
- Members had an active summer playing softball, competing in relay races, playing Frisbee and kick ball.
- NYO is being taught and practiced.
- Teen lock-ins are every other Saturday. Teen Time is every Friday from 9:00 to 11:00
- Mae and Augustine were new hires in May for Youth Development Professional positions, they have received training and are providing daily programing to the youth.

**Selawik:**

- Currently, there is one part-time Staff at this Club. There has been two Staff for many years, but funding cuts forced the Club to layoff Chester Ticket, who has worked many years for the club and has been a very valuable Youth Development Professional. We hope we can develop a funding stream that will get him back in the club working with the youth.
- Recently, Boys & Girls Clubs America (BGCA) Staff flew to Selawik to meet the Manager and visit with community members. This site was selected for a gang prevention pilot program, and will receive additional funding this coming year from BGCA.
- Kirk Oviok has been the Manager at this Club for many years. He is well respected in the community and has been able to keep members engaged with activities and events such as the basketball tournament.
- Selawik now has it’s own clubhouse. Although we are still on school grounds we now have access around the clock. This allows us to provide extended hours for teen nights and to open for special events. Members enjoy having their own space to decorate and “hang out” in. The Club partners with the school for after school homework help (project learn) and open gym. Club staff oversees “open gym” hours making sure to honor the school list of youth that the school has put on restriction for grades or attendance.
- The Club is very involved in both “Red and Yellow” ribbon week activities. Staff spends a lot of time talking to kids about drugs, alcohol and suicide. Suicide is an all too common occurrence in this Village, club hours are designed around “idle time” for youth to provide them a place to go to hang out and spend positive time with other youth and elders. As noted, we have worked extensively with club members on issues of suicide-this is an area where suicide pacts exist. We work hard to make sure the youth feel safe, feel like they belong and have influence. And most importantly that they have someone to talk to when they need or want to. The club staff is always on the lookout for members who appear to need extra attention in this arena.
- The Club also partners with the local Fish and Game staff. Gun safety and water safety are on going topics at gatherings.
- This Club is also involved in many of the events going on in the Community. Youth and staff are often involved in fundraising activities and have hosted several potlatches.
- This is the first time in the last 5 years the Club has not been open for summer hours and summer food. Many have noticed and commented but no one was able to free up funding to support programs or activities.

**Noorvik:**

- Currently, this Club has one part-time Staff. With attendance averaging over 40 youth a day, Club Manager, Patricia Coffin has had to resort to splitting hours between younger and older members.
- This Club has difficulty maintaining steady hours due to issues with an aging monitor stove. We have ordered a new stove, and it is being installed. Paying for fuel is another issue, help from Nana is very much appreciated for some of that. When the doors are open, kids run from the school to the Club.
- The club has no indoor plumbing. The club continues to search for funding for water and sewer. Keeping the Club clean and the members on site for longer periods of time would be the next step in making this a great club.

**Kiana:**

- Currently, this site has one part-time Staff. However, there is no building for the Boys & Girls Club at this time.
- The Club continues to operate throughout the community wherever space is available. Glenda, the Club Manager is very good at coming up with resources and activities to keep members engaged. Members and staff continue to be a part of the local dance group, learning Native dance and drumming.
- This Club operates all the essential Club programs like Power Hour, Triple Play, SMART activities and Art, even though they don't have a building. The Tribal Office and School are the locations where the majority of activities take place. This could be such a good club if we had dedicated space to operate in.

**Kivalina:**

- Currently, there are two part-time Staff at this Clubhouse. The community provides the facility.
- TekAlaska funded the recent renovation of this Club. The installation of new doors, flooring, windows and the construction of an arctic entry were recently completed by volunteers from Hope World Wide. Volunteers also organized supplies and did a thorough cleaning of the facility.
- This Club was open for the summer providing kids a year round safe, positive place to attend. Summer food was served five days a week and programs were conducted each day. This is one of the few Clubs that were able to operate over the summer.
- The Manager, Judy Sage, is excited about running games room tournaments, Power Hour, and opening up the new "tech center" as youth earn privileges/points for computer time.
- This is an exciting time for Kivalina as their renovated clubhouse gets going.