

CIAP WEAR Trip Report
False Pass (population 40)
August 14, 2013



Alaska Department Environmental Conservation (ADEC) Solid Waste Program (Doug Huntman and Jamie Gorman) conducted a Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP), Waste Erosion Assessment and Review (WEAR) site visit for the Village of False Pass on August 14th, 2013. The following narrative is a brief description of our findings during the August inspection.

WEAR Sites

- **Landfill, 54.873562/-163.413943 (Active)** – The False Pass Landfill is a permitted Class III landfill that is owned and operated by the City of False Pass. The landfill began its operations in August of 2011. The roughly 5-acre site is fully fenced with a locking gate and legible signage. The facility utilizes a Summit burn unit and places the ash, along with metals and white goods, in a trench behind the burn unit. The site operates as a self-haul facility with most residents dumping and burning their own refuse onsite. The operator actively maintains the site by frequently emptying the burn unit and periodically covering the waste pile with local sands. The landfill is located about 3500 feet north of the harbor and crab pot storage and is 140 feet away from Ungamoon Creek.



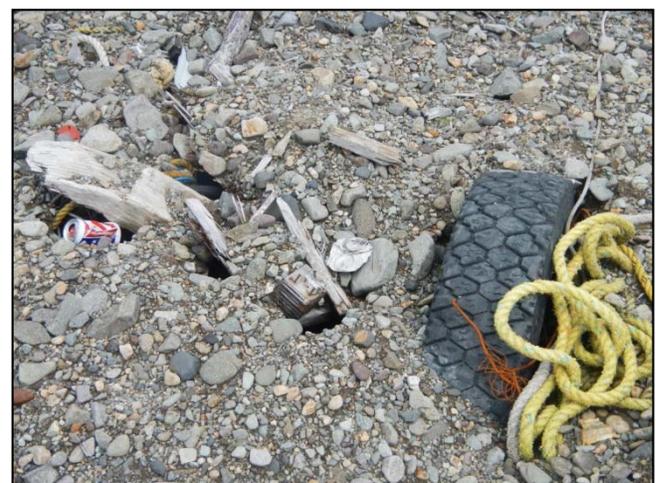
- **City Tank Farm, 54.862990/-163.413693 (Active)** – This tank farm was built in 2004 as an Alaska Energy Authority Project in conjunction with the Denali Commission. It contains three diesel tanks with a 65,000 gallon total capacity. The site is fully fenced and is located across Unimak Drive from the original city dock. The bulk fuel facility is operated by the City of False Pass and is 220 feet from Isanotski Strait which is classified as critical habitat.



- **Septage Disposal Cell, 54.850765/-163.430384 (Closed)** – This site was formerly used for disposal of septic tank sludge and is located at the entrance for the closed Isanotski Drive Landfill. Both the landfill and the Septage Disposal Cell were operated from 1982-2011. During the inspection, it was observed that the septic disposal area was covered and revegetating well. The site is located 1,500 feet upgradient of Round Top Valley Creek, which is prone to erosion, and 560 feet upgradient from berry-picking areas.



- **Isanotski Drive Landfill, 54.851129/-163.429982 (Closed)** – This closed landfill was operated from 1982 until 2011, when the new False Pass Landfill was opened. The site is located west of the community along Landfill Road and has an approximate footprint of 1.5 acres. According to ADEC files, the landfill consisted of two main waste disposal cells, one of which had been covered and closed long before the closure of the entire site. The older, closed cell had good vegetative regrowth at the time of inspection. The newer cell was covered with gravel but had waste rising up to the surface and little vegetative regrowth. A large pile of metal was uncovered and in open air on the edge of a hill, at the newer cell's boundary. The entire site is located 670 feet away from a berry picking area and 1,545 feet away from Round Top Valley Creek.



- **55-Gallon Drums, 54.867640/-163.408482 (Removed)** – During the visit to False Pass, a large collection of abandoned 55-gallon drums were witnessed at the crab pot storage area on the north end of the community. Most of the drums were stored on wooden pallets, but some of the drums were resting directly on the ground. In total, there were roughly 25 rusting drums present and soil staining was visible. Many of the drums were labeled as containing Jet A Fuel and to be property of Delta Western. The drum collection was estimated to be no more than a few years old and was located 125 feet from the Isanotski Strait.

On November 12, 2014, ADEC Prevention and Emergency Response Program determined these drums to be removed with no evidence of stained soil in the area per photos sent by Isantoski Corporation.



- **Former Peter Pan Seafoods Tank Farm and Drums, 54.853313/-163.409861 (Inactive)** – Located at the Peter Pan Seafood Processing site on the south end of False Pass, this site is comprised of a tank farm and 55-gallon drums. The tank farm’s capacity and contents are unknown, but it was shut down by Peter Pan at the end of 2012; at least one of the five tanks was labeled as ‘Out of Service’. The tanks are located within a concrete walled border with attached fencing. Outside of this compound sit the 55-gallon drums. The tank farm was the site of an August 2012 fuel spill that was responded to and cleaned according to PERP guidelines (PERP Spill #: 12259906401). The drums at the site contain the cleaned up fuel. There were roughly 30 drums located along the tank farm wall mostly resting horizontally on either wooden pallets or directly on the ground. Near these drums, there was a geotextile containment cell with raised walls that contained eight upright drums. These drums were raised above the containment cell by wooden or plastic pallets. About 170 feet down the road from the tank farm was another geotextile containment cell that housed six upright drums, also sitting on wooden pallets. The case was closed with no further action required on 8/13/2012. The site is located 300 feet from Isanotski Strait.

