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## Vehicle Accident in Atka

**Anchorage, Alaska** – Aleutian Pribilof Island Community Development Association (APICDA) is deeply saddened to announce that Atka Pride Seafoods' employees were involved in a serious vehicle accident. The accident occurred on Tuesday evening, June 14, when the employees were traveling from the processing plant to the bunkhouse for dinner. The number of people injured, the seriousness of the injuries and the cause of the accident are not known at this time. The Coast Guard is medevacing the injured to Anchorage this evening. The Alaska State Troopers will be onsite in Atka tomorrow morning to investigate.

“We understand there may be fatalities. We are devastated by the news of this accident and will do everything possible for our employees and their families. Right now the most critical thing is for the injured to receive medical care. We are very grateful to the Atka Village Health Aide, the Village Public Safety Officer and the community of Atka for mobilizing immediately to help the injured.” said Larry Cotter, APICDA CEO.

Atka Pride Seafoods is a subsidiary of APICDA. APICDA's purpose is to develop stable local economies based upon the fishing industry in each of our communities. Stable economies provide employment opportunities for local residents, tax revenue for local governments, economic growth in the community and region, a higher standard of living and a reduction in social problems.

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APICDA is one of six Western Alaska Community Development Quota (CDQ) Corporations established in 1992. The CDQ program allocates a percentage of all Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands quotas for groundfish, halibut and crab to eligible CDQ Groups. APICDA and its subsidiary companies generate proceeds through the management of those quotas and uses proceeds to achieve its charitable purpose. APICDA's member communities are Akutan, Atka, False Pass, Nelson Lagoon, Nikolski and St. George.