

# Akutan Alaska



## City of Akutan

2022 / 2023

*Aleutian Islands—Archipelago between the Bering Sea and North Pacific Ocean*

## CITY SERVICES

- ◆ Planning and Zoning
- ◆ Electric Utility and Street Lights
- ◆ Hydro-Electric Dam and Power
- ◆ Boat Harbor Development/Services
- ◆ City Dock and Ferry Dock
- ◆ Skiff Moorage
- ◆ Community Fuel Farm
- ◆ Village Public Safety Officer Support
- ◆ Health Clinic Facility
- ◆ Garbage/Incinerator and Recycling
- ◆ Cable Services
- ◆ Public Library
- ◆ Daycare
- ◆ Boardwalk Maintenance and Repair
- ◆ Community Water/Dam Impoundment
- ◆ Community Sewage Service
- ◆ Akun Airfield Passenger Shelter and Helicopter Operations Support
- ◆ Surf Bay Lodge at Akun Island



## Community of Akutan

### Unangan (Aleut)

The Aleutian chain of islands have been inhabited by Unangan people for approximately 8,000 years. Akutan is the site of a traditional Unangan village. The Westernization of Akutan began in 1878 as a fur storage and trading port for the Western Fur & Trading Company. The company's agent established a commercial cod fishing and processing business that quickly attracted nearby Unangan to the community. A Russian Orthodox church and a school were built in 1878. Alexander Nevsky Chapel was built in 1918 to replace the original structure. The Pacific Whaling Company built a whale processing station across the bay from Akutan in 1912. It was the only whaling station in the Aleutians, and operated until 1939. After the Japanese attacked Unalaska in June 1942, the U.S. government evacuated Akutan residents to the Ketchikan area. The village was re-established in 1944, although many villagers chose not to return. This exposure to the outside world brought many changes to the traditional lifestyle and attitudes of the community. The City was incorporated in 1979. Trident Seafoods operates one of the largest land-based seafood processing plants in north America in Akutan: <http://www.tridentseafoods.com/>.

## Location and Travel

### Aleutian Islands—Between the Bering Sea and North Pacific Ocean

Akutan is located on Akun Island in the eastern Aleutians, one of the Krenitzin Islands of the Fox Island group. It is 35 miles east of Unalaska, and 766 air miles southwest of Anchorage. It lies at approximately 54d 08m N Latitude, 165d 46m W Longitude (Sec. 11, T070S, R112W, Seward Meridian). The area encompasses 14 sq. miles of land and 4.9 sq. miles of water. Akutan lies in the maritime climate zone, with mild winters and cool summers. Mean temperatures range from 22 to 55. Precipitation averages 28 inches per year. High winds and storms are frequent in the winter, and fog is common in the summer.

### Flights

The village of Akutan is located seven miles over open water from the airport on Akun Island. Regular flight service is provided by regional air carriers. Akutan can be reached by flying from Anchorage to Dutch Harbor (Unalaska) via RavnAir Group. Then fly Dutch Harbor to Akun Island with Grant Aviation, and from Akun Island to Akutan on Maritime Helicopters.

Tickets to Dutch Harbor can be purchased from the RavnAir Group website: <https://www.flyravn.com/>

Tickets from Dutch Harbor to Akun Island can be purchased on the Grant Aviation website: [www.flygrant.com](http://www.flygrant.com)

Tickets from Akun to Akutan via Maritime Helicopters can be purchased here: <https://maritimehelicopters.com/akutan-booking/>

Please note that air carriers/fares may be subject to change. Make sure to check websites for current information. Inclement weather may cause delays or cancellations. Luggage size and weight limits are restricted by each airline.

### Marine

Seasonal Ferry service may be available seasonally through the Alaska Marine Highway system. Contact 1.800.642.0066. <https://dot.alaska.gov/amhs/>

## POPULATION

The Akutan community consists of two distinct populations: The traditional Alaska Native village; and the Trident Seafood Processing plant workers. The village population is about 100 people. There are approximately 400-600 year-round Trident employees, with seasonal workers bumping that up to 1,400 to 2,000 people.

## ECONOMY

The subsistence economy includes fishing, hunting and food gathering. Also, Akutan hosts a number of businesses, primarily subsidiaries of the Akutan Corporation (an Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act village corporation) including a well-stocked store, hotel, and equipment rental. Jobs at the post office, school, city, bar, City operated daycare, lodge on Akun Island and Trident Seafoods provide cash income.

## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

### Completed Projects:

- ◆ Airfield on adjoining Akun Island
- ◆ New Lodge Facilities at Akun Airport
- ◆ Electric Generation Improvements
- ◆ Hydro-Electric Projects
- ◆ Harbor Development and Construction
- ◆ Harbor Electric Project
- ◆ Harbor Float A
- ◆ Geothermal Test Wells Drilling
- ◆ City Office Building
- ◆ Daycare Facility/Teacher Housing Duplex
- ◆ Duplex Apartments: VPSO/Health Provider
- ◆ Ferry Dock Improvements
- ◆ Solid Waste Incinerator Replacement
- ◆ Water Dam Impoundment Project



*The Water Dam Impoundment project during the 2018 construction season helps provided safe, clean water source for the Akutan community. Partners providing funds include the City of Akutan and the US Department of Agriculture Rural Development grant and loan program.*

*Additionally, funds were provided by the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC). ANTHC also provided engineering and construction management services. This was a force account project through the City, meaning we were responsible for ensuring the hiring and training of local labor.*

## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (CIP) IN THE WORKS

The City of Akutan works with a number of organizations that help us create a vital and sustainable community. Two of our major partnerships are with the Aleutians East Borough and Trident Seafoods.

Other partners include: the Aleutian Pribilof Island Community Development Association; the Akutan Corporation; the Akutan Traditional Council; the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium; Eastern Aleutian Tribes; US Department of Defense Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) program; US Department of Agriculture Rural Development; Alaska Energy Authority; US Department of Energy; Bureau of Indian Affairs; Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities; the Aleutian Trust/Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association; the State of Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development Division of Community and Regional Affairs and the Rural Utility Business Advisor program; Federal Aviation Administration. Additionally, many community members provide their time, expertise and help. Without them none of what we do would be possible.

### Projects In-Progress

- ◆ Harbor Access Road Planning, Engineering, Permitting and Construction
- ◆ Airport Equipment Shelter
- ◆ Boardwalk Realignment, Boardwalk Repair and Maintenance
- ◆ Tsunami Shelter / Community Center
- ◆ GCI Alaska United Aleutians Fiber Project (<https://gci.com/aleutianfiberproject>)
- ◆ Harbor Water Scoping, Permitting and Development

### Planned Projects

- ◆ Harbor—Additional Floats/Finger Piers and Support Infrastructure/Utilities
- ◆ Water and Sewer Distribution Lines Replacement
- ◆ Marine Link to Airfield and Akun Breakwater
- ◆ Health Clinic Replacement
- ◆ Street Lights Improvements



# City of Akutan

Serving our community since 1979

The City of Akutan provides year-round airport ramp worker support for the helicopter operations between the community of Akutan and the airfield at Akun Island. In that spirit, in 2015, the City developed the Surf Bay Lodge facilities to ensure any travelers to our village have access to a warm, clean place to bunk and have meals in case of weather delays on Akun Island—or if you just want to visit.

Administrative management services are provided from Anchorage for the City, including: grants and project development/coordination; finance, accounting and full-charge bookkeeping and audit oversight; governmental contact and coordination; personnel/benefits processing; risk management/insurance; legal, contracts, leases, land management and planning

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