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ACE to the rescue:

ACE and Aces team up for Dillingham



Alaska Aces defenseman Louis Mass clowning around after school at the Dillingham Boys and Girls Club on Monday March 7, 2005. Mass and teammate Mike Scott spent the day in Dillingham talking to students about the importance of reading and getting an education.

Photo credit: Courtesy of ACE air cargo.

Alaska Aces right wing Mike Scott and defenseman Louis Mass spent their Monday off reading to Dillingham elementary school students and telling older students that education is key to scoring goals in life.

The players woke up early after a weekend of nail-biting victories against Long Beach to fly to Dillingham and spend the day with k-12 students. They crammed a lot into the day, from school assemblies to reading books to kindergarten and first graders, playing pool at the Boys and Girls Club and munching burgers and hot dogs with Dillingham hockey players.

ACE air cargo arranged the visit after director of sales Todd Wallace saw a Bristol Bay Times story about the Dillingham Sockeyes, the town's youth hockey team. The hockey league needed equipment for its players and Wallace hit upon the idea of teaming up with the Alaska Aces to collect some hockey equipment and put on a hockey clinic for the town of 2,400.

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Pacific Grey Cod Milt

by Steve Melchert, Director Cargo

Ever wonder what is in all those fish boxes we have been shipping lately. Shipment after shipment of Pacific Grey Cod Milt has been flow on our ACE aircraft this season. Cod "Milt" is the sperm sacs of the male Pacific Grey Cod which are very rich and highly valued in some cuisines, such as Japan where the cod sperm sacs are know as Shirako. Shirako has been considered a delicacy in Japan for many years. However, it is now becoming a staple of the winter season's diet with the population understanding its rich protein and mineral values.

Cod Milt has a very short shelf life and must be transported from the Aleutians to Anchorage in under three days to avoid spoilage. Some people might say "three days, No problem" However these people have never moved excessive amounts of Cod Milt from the Aleutians to Anchorage without experiencing spoilage. With limited load capacities and constant weather changes, moving the milt from the Aleutians to Anchorage becomes a challenge.

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Sales and Customer Service Update

by Todd Wallace, Director Sales and Customer Service

The first quarter of the New Year is now over and in the books. In Alaska by tradition this is the slowest time of the year. However thanks to a new industry of fresh cod milt being flown by air destined to the orient it is a very busy time for ACE. A big thanks to Steve Melchert Director of Cargo who has his cell phone glued to his ear this whole time our flights were full on the scheduled back haul or on reroutes or straight charters. Thanks to the flight crews who flew all these missions and helped load all this high value product. Our Anchorage and Dutch Harbor crews loaded and unloaded thousand and thousand of pounds of fish boxes. We even had a Monday morning Director's meeting where we all took a turn unloading some boxes. Customer Service and accounting processed many many airway bills during this time frame. Flight dispatch and maintenance always had aircraft available for these flights. This revenue is a real boost to our first quarter.

The busy summer season is fast upon us and our normal freight and mail volumes are picking up with product going through our warehouse. The same old Alaska

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