

large Hospital Building went out and most pipes in the building froze and burst. The building was left inoperable and now in disrepair.



### Bishop Rowe Chapel Arctic Village

The log Bishop Rowe Chapel in Arctic Village is an iconic structure, renowned not only in the sub-Arctic region bordering the East Fork of the Chandalar but indeed, across the state of Alaska. In the past several years local villagers have done their best to maintain the property. It is the Number 1 tourist attraction in the village

### Bristol Bay Boats Naknek

This historic collection of Bristol Bay fishing boats are all constructed with wood—in



order to preserve and maintain them, they must be stored under cover and out of the elements. A number of our boats are stored under cover in warehouses, but others are stored outside in the elements and thus are subject to deterioration that comes with exposure to wind, rain, and snow.

### Hi Yu Stamp Mill Fairbanks

The Hi-yu mine property is situated relatively out of the way, however in recent years the Kinross Fort Knox projects planned expansions loom dangerously close to the historic

mine. Although it is the biggest threat, Fort Knox is not the only danger to Hi-yu, since it closed vandalism has been rampant at the mine.

*Full Descriptions and photographs of each property can be found online at: [www.AlaskaPreservation.org](http://www.AlaskaPreservation.org)*



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# 2023 TEN MOST ENDANGERED HISTORIC PROPERTIES



Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties since 1991





### **SS Nenana Sternwheeler Riverboat Fairbanks**

Built in 1932 in service to the Alaska Railroad, the boat was in operation until 1954. She once burned a cord of wood an hour, with storage space for 230 cords of wood. The boat rests in Pioneer Park in a state of massive wood decay. The last structural repair was completed in 2011. Extensive repairs are needed. It is on the National Register and is an Alaska Landmark.

### **Ascension Church of Our Lord Karluk**



The church is located on the far side of Kodiak Island and is the oldest existing Russian Orthodox church in Alaska. It is also one of the most professionally designed. Built in 1888, the church is in danger of sliding off into the Karluk River due to erosion. It was moved inland about 80 feet pending moving to a new location. It is in dire need of restoration.



### **Chitina Emporium Building Chitina**

Original Building 1912, Current building was built on the site in 1922. The building has a

long history of being an anchor to the community, including a hotel, bar, retail store, and power/heating source for the community. (Originally it had a Copper River and NW Rail Road steer wheeler's boiler used to heat the building with lines to other buildings. Currently, the building is uninhabitable, and the foundation wood posts are collapsing.

### **Eldred Rock Lighthouse Lynn Canal**

This iconic lighthouse, located about 17 miles south of Haines, is seen by more than a million passengers annually. Built in 1905, it is the oldest lighthouse in Alaska and the only remaining example of the octagonal frame structures from that period.



### **Pilgrim Hot Springs Nome**

All of the buildings in the immediate vicinity of the Mission were constructed

between 1910-1930. The church and the nun's quarters are still structurally stable and retain most of their original architectural at-

tributes, though they have been diminished through weathering and some vandalism. Other structures at the mission have not fared as well. Stabilization of the buildings and the development of interpretive signage would add greatly to that experience and would preserve the ambiance and history of this important place in Alaska's history.



### **Pioneer Hall Ketchikan**

The building needs considerable rehabilitation to meet health and safety stand-

ards that would enable the Pioneers to continue to use the property. The building needs immediate attention to its foundation and structural deficiencies as well as extensive upgrades to its mechanical and electrical systems.



### **Fort William H. Seward Hospital Haines**

The Hospital Building suffers from decades of deferred maintenance. However, it was open and usable until the winter of 2019. That year, during a particularly harsh freeze, the heating system of the