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NOME, ALASKA GOLD INTELLIGENCE BULLETIN

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Current to 29 August 2026

Search area: Nome and Seward Peninsula first; then Alaska-wide and selected Lower 48 listings relevant to Nome operations.

Executive Summary

KP Mining Gold Intelligence Bulletin — This edition reports on current gold mining and suction-dredging activity around Nome and Norton Sound, the rules governing offshore and public mining areas, major 2026 developments, and mining/prospecting equipment advertised for sale. It is written for miners, prospectors, equipment buyers and readers following the Nome gold industry.

DIRECT-ADVERT LINK POLICY: Blue underlined equipment names in this edition open the individual advert/product page. Where the exact individual advert URL was not independently captured, the item is deliberately not linked and is marked DIRECT ADVERT NOT CAPTURED. This avoids sending KP Mining to a generic search/category page.

- Nome offshore mining remains active. Recent Alaska DNR notices show operator amendments and suction-dredging applications in Norton Sound through the end of 2026 and, in some cases, beyond.
- The Port of Nome is entering a major construction period. A 27 August 2026 federal market-research notice describes Phase 2 dredging of roughly 578,000 cubic yards for a new -40 ft deepwater basin, plus an optional 346,000 cubic yards for the outer basin. Heavy mechanical dredging is anticipated.
- The public equipment market contains several genuine Nome-related opportunities, but online search titles can be misleading. Two Craigslist advertisements labelled '(Nome)' were verified as physically located in Auburn, California. This report corrects that point rather than treating them as Nome inventory.
- The strongest verified Nome-specific complete dredge advertisements are the 24-foot, 7-inch Nome ocean dredge at US\$19,000 and the 50-foot, 10-inch Dola Mae at US\$155,000.
- For small equipment, Alaska-wide listings currently include a complete 3-inch Keene package with new suction/pressure hose and swivel nozzle, a 4-inch Keene with T80 hookah system, a 2-inch Keene dredge, and a US\$1,000 wash-plant package including 100 ft of suction hose and two pumps.
- Facebook Marketplace and Facebook groups were searched through publicly indexed web results. No current Nome equipment listing could be independently verified from Facebook because Marketplace/private-group inventory is generally login-gated or not indexed. Facebook should therefore be treated as a manual supplementary source, not as a verified source in this edition.

1. Nome Mining & Dredging Developments

Arctic Sea Mining / Norton Sound amendment

Alaska DNR published APMA F20222327 Amendment 1 on 11 August 2026. Applicants are Arctic Sea Mining LLC, David Young, George Young and Randall Smith. The requested amendment adds Randall Smith as an operator; proposed use runs through 31 December 2026. The public-comment deadline was 25 August 2026.

Our assessment: Watch for the adjudication outcome and evidence of actual field deployment.

Cape Nome Mining / Pomrenke-related amendment

APMA F20229700 Amendment 4 identifies Craig Coggins, Cape Nome Mining, Shawn Pomrenke and Greg Jackson. The requested activity is suction dredging and addition of Greg Jackson as an operator on an offshore lease, with proposed use through 31 December 2026.

Our assessment: Relevant because operator changes can indicate active partnerships or deployment on leased ground.

Palmerosa deep-water ROV proposal withdrawn

BOEM records Palmerosa Mining LLC's 2026 Norton Sound geological-prospecting application as withdrawn on 20 April 2026. The proposal involved a tracked ROV with suction dredge working in about 60-90 ft of water and collecting the upper 1-3 ft of seabed.

Our assessment: Not proceeding under that permit, but technically important as evidence of interest in deeper offshore ground.

Port of Nome Phase 2 dredging

A Sources Sought notice dated 27 August 2026 describes about 578,000 cubic yards of dredging for a new Deepwater Basin to -40 ft MLLW, plus an option for about 346,000 cubic yards to expand the Outer Basin to -28 ft. Material includes sands, gravels, cobbles, boulders and dense glacial till; heavy mechanical dredging is anticipated. Estimated contract award is January 2027.

Our assessment: Long-term positive for heavy freight and vessel access; short-term construction may increase marine traffic, staging pressure and operational complexity.

Nome regulatory reality

Current Alaska guidance continues to require APMA permitting for suction dredging in the public mining areas regardless of dredge size. Nome has 89 offshore lease tracts plus claims and two public mining areas; access to productive ground remains as important as the equipment itself.

Our assessment: Do not mobilize a dredge before confirming ground access and the applicable equipment limits.

2. Verified Nome / Nome-Specific Major Equipment Listings

Equipment	Advertised / actual location	Price	Seller contact	Key details	KP Mining view
24' Nome ocean gold dredge — DIRECT ADVERT NOT CAPTURED	Nome-specific listing; confirm present storage location	US\$19,000	Phone: +1 916-862-5082	7" x 30' hose; 23 hp Vanguard; Dahlke 1200; fine-gold side box; side-scan sonar; Lowrance 10" GPS; five years of gold waypoints; full-face mask/comms; hot water; 90 hp Evinrude.	Highest-priority complete small-commercial dredge to inspect. Verify hull, engines, pump and transferability of GPS data.
Dola Mae — 50' catamaran — DIRECT ADVERT NOT CAPTURED	Advertised as NOME	US\$155,000	Wes: +1 928-710-8404; ICMJ also provides an email-contact function	10" suction; two new 115 hp Yamaha four-strokes; 5.9 Cummins; 6x8 Berkeley pump; Garmin 6212; 16-wheel trailer; sleeping quarters.	Serious commercial platform. Ground/lease access and mobilization economics are essential.

3. Listings Labelled 'Nome' That Are Actually in California

This is an important correction. Craigslist search results display the following advertisements as '(Nome)', but the body of each advertisement states that the equipment is located in the Auburn, California area. They may still be useful if freight to Alaska is acceptable, but they should not be treated as local Nome inventory.

Equipment	Displayed search location	Verified actual location	Price	Contact	Details
Keene 3-stage aluminum sluice box	Nome	Auburn, California	US\$7,500	Steve / West Coast Mining Pros: +1 530-999-1101	Like-new/never-used; 72" x 22"; advertised for 6" or 8" dredge. Seller also advertises pontoons, flares, jets, dredge hose, venturi nozzle, motors, crash boxes and foot valves.
Two heavy-duty aluminum dredge pontoons	Nome	Auburn, California	US\$4,500	Steve / West Coast Mining Pros: +1 530-999-1101	Two aluminum pontoons, each about 12 ft x 2 ft x 1 ft, with frame attachment brackets and additional frame metalwork.
Custom 8-inch 'Marty' dredge	Nome	Auburn, California	US\$26,500 in current search result; ad text has shown differing figures	Steve / West Coast Mining Pros: +1 530-999-1101	Geo Metro 3-cylinder engine; twin-jet flare; two 20-ft hoses; three nozzles; custom sluice/nugget trap; extra three-stage sluice; hot-water diving system; trailer. Seller offers delivery for a fee.

4. Small Prospecting & Dredging Equipment — Current Alaska Listings

These are the smaller, practical items and packages that were specifically requested. Location is shown clearly because freight to Nome can dominate the economics.

Item	Location	Price	Seller contact	Included small equipment	Date/status	KP Mining view
3" Keene dredge	Girdwood, AK	US\$2,100	+1 407-606-4499 (call/text)	15 ft NEW 3" suction hose; swivel nozzle; 15 ft NEW high-pressure water line; foot valve; new 5.5 hp B&S; Keene P180 pump; 14" sluice.	Updated 22 May 2026	Very useful prospecting package. Good benchmark because hose/nozzle/pump are explicitly included.
4" Keene suction dredge	Soldotna, AK	US\$2,700 OBO	Local number shown as 252-1959; also +1 407-606-4499	5.5 hp Honda; T80 air pump; hookah air line and tank; optional	Updated 22 May 2026	Attractive complete diver-dredge package if mechanically sound.

				weight belt with 50 lb weights.		
2" Keene dredge — DIRECT ADVERT NOT CAPTURED	Sterling, AK	US\$1,500	Contact via Alaska's List advertisement	Dream Mat recovery; lightweight 2" Keene package.	Current in Alaska's List index	Portable prospecting unit; obtain full engine/pump/hose details before travel.
Medium-size wash plant package	Palmer, AK	US\$1,000	+1 407-606-4499	Belt feeder, classifier and sluice; brand-new 2" gas pump; 2" electric pump; 100 ft suction hose and intake foot.	Updated 22 June 2026	Potentially strong value if the plant condition is good. Heavy and requires trailer transport.
Keene 4" dredge with hookah air pump — DIRECT ADVERT NOT CAPTURED	Anchorage, AK	US\$1,300	Contact through Craigslist reply	Search result confirms 4" Keene dredge with hookah air pump.	Current Craigslist search result	Price is interesting; needs immediate verification because detailed page/contact number was not exposed in search.
Mining pumps and hoses — DIRECT ADVERT NOT CAPTURED	Trapper Creek, AK	US\$1,234 advertised	Contact through Craigslist reply	Listing title specifically advertises mining pumps and hoses.	Current Craigslist search result	Exactly the category KP Mining wants to track. Detailed sizes/brands were not exposed in indexed result; contact seller before judging value.

5. Lower 48 Parts Worth Knowing About

These are not local Alaska purchases, but they show what is currently available and provide negotiating benchmarks. Freight to Nome must be added before comparing them with Alaska stock.

Item	Location	Price	Comment
8" gold-dredge flare — DIRECT ADVERT NOT CAPTURED	Auburn, CA	US\$550-750 in recent Craigslist search snapshots	Contact through seller/listing; West Coast Mining Pros appears in related Auburn listings.
Six matching Keene dredge pontoons — DIRECT ADVERT NOT CAPTURED	Auburn, CA	US\$750-1,500 in recent search snapshots	Useful rebuild stock if freight works.
3" Keene sluice box — DIRECT ADVERT NOT CAPTURED	Sacramento area, CA	US\$150	Small enough that freight may be practical.
Keene sluice-box recovery kit — DIRECT ADVERT NOT CAPTURED	Sacramento area, CA	US\$150	Potential spare/rebuild component.
Frame/pontoons for gold dredge — DIRECT ADVERT NOT CAPTURED	Sacramento area, CA	US\$250	Cheap purchase price; freight is the deciding factor.

6. New-Equipment Price Benchmarks

Used prices should be compared with current replacement cost, especially for pumps, nozzles, hose and fine -gold recovery equipment.

Benchmark	Current advertised price	Notes
Keene 4 hp Beach Prospector power sluice	US\$4,537.50	Designed/tested for Nome beach ultra-fine gold; 6 ft x 24 in sluice; PHP1604 pump; 50 ft pressure hose.
Keene 2.5" compact dredge	US\$3,350	Honda GX50/P90; 2.5" x 15 ft suction hose; high-flow bull-nose nozzle.
Keene P-101 dredge pump (dealer listing) — DIRECT ADVERT NOT CAPTURED	US\$200	Useful used-pump benchmark.
Keene P-280 dredge pump (dealer listing) — DIRECT ADVERT NOT CAPTURED	US\$300	Useful used-pump benchmark.
5" Keene oversize power jet (dealer listing) — DIRECT ADVERT NOT CAPTURED	US\$550	Useful jet/venturi benchmark.
Blue Bowl concentrator (dealer listing) — DIRECT ADVERT NOT CAPTURED	US\$65	Cleanup-equipment benchmark.

7. Facebook Marketplace & Facebook Groups

Public web searches were run specifically for Facebook Marketplace, Facebook groups, Nome gold-mining equipment and Alaska prospecting equipment. No current equipment advertisement could be independently verified from a public Facebook result in this search. This is mainly an access/indexing limitation: Marketplace and many buy/sell groups require an authenticated Facebook session and private-group posts are not exposed to normal web indexing.

Practical consequence: this report does not invent or repeat unverified Facebook listings. Facebook remains worth checking manually for Nome because local equipment can change hands there without reaching Craigslist, Alaska's List or ICMJ. Any Facebook listing added to a future KP Mining report should be marked 'verified' only when the item, price, location and seller contact can actually be read.

8. Seller Contact Directory

Seller / item	Public contact	Source
24' Nome ocean dredge seller	+1 916-862-5082	ICMJ Miner's Market
Wes — Dola Mae	+1 928-710-8404	ICMJ Miner's Market
Steve — West Coast Mining Pros	+1 530-999-1101	Craigslist / wcmMiningpros.com; Auburn, CA inventory
Girdwood 3" Keene seller	+1 407-606-4499	Alaska's List
Soldotna 4" Keene seller	252-1959 / +1 407-606-4499	Alaska's List
Palmer wash-plant seller	+1 407-606-4499	Alaska's List

9. Equipment & Seller Follow-Up List

- FIRST: Call the 24' Nome ocean dredge seller (+1 916-862-5082). Ask exact present location, hull material/condition, engine hours, Dahlke pump condition, sonar model, whether all five years of GPS waypoints are included digitally, and whether the seller can identify actual production seasons.
- SECOND: Call the Girdwood 3" Keene seller (+1 407-606-4499). The package contains precisely the small equipment of interest: new 3" suction hose, swivel nozzle, pressure hose, foot valve, engine and P180 pump.

3. THIRD: Ask the same +1 407-606-4499 seller about the Palmer wash plant and Soldotna 4" dredge. The same contact appears on several Alaska's List mining advertisements and may have additional unadvertised parts.
4. FOURTH: Contact Steve / West Coast Mining Pros (+1 530-999-1101) specifically for an itemized list and prices for dredge hose, nozzles, jets, flares, foot valves, pumps, motors and pontoons. Do not assume his '(Nome)' Craigslist listings are physically in Nome; the ads state Auburn, California.
5. FIFTH: Follow the Anchorage Craigslist 'mining pumps and hoses' listing and obtain sizes, brands, lengths, condition and actual price. This could be more valuable than buying a complete dredge if the parts match existing equipment.

10. Sources Checked

- Alaska DNR public notices — Arctic Sea Mining APMA F20222327: <https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/View.aspx?id=224788>
- Alaska DNR public notices — Cape Nome Mining / Pomrenke APMA F20229700: <https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/View.aspx?id=224670>
- BOEM — Palmerosa Norton Sound G&G 26-01: <https://www.boem.gov/regions/alaska-ocs-region/alaska-ocs-region-geological-and-geophysical-survey-26-01>
- USACE — Port of Nome project background: <https://www.poa.usace.army.mil/Media/News-Stories/Article/4446254/assistant-secretary-of-the-army-for-civil-works-visits-nome/>
- ICMJ Miner's Market — equipment classifieds: <https://www.icmj.com/miners-market/classifieds/equipment/>
- Alaska's List — Mining & Diving: https://alaskaslist.com/1/posts/9_General/131_Mining_Diving/
- Craigslist — Anchorage/Mat-Su mining search: <https://www.craigslist.org/search/area/anchorage?cat=sss&query=mining>
- Keene Engineering — Beach Prospector: https://www.keene.store/mm5/merchant.mvc?Product_Code=176244&Screen=PROD
- Keene Engineering — current product list: <https://www.keene.store/>
- **Facebook / Marketplace:** Public web-index searches performed; no independently verifiable current Nome equipment listing obtained.

Important Verification Notes

Listings change quickly and may be removed without notice. Search-engine location labels are not reliable enough on their own; the advertisement body must be checked. Telephone numbers in this report are included only where sellers publicly advertised them. No private contact information has been inferred. Before paying a deposit, verify the seller, physical location, ownership, serial numbers where applicable, operating condition, included accessories and realistic freight cost to Nome.

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