



Bristol Bay Regional Vision

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Talking Points

What is the Bristol Bay Regional Visioning project?

- ⊛ The project is a process that will give voice to the shared values in the Bristol Bay region.
- ⊛ Community meetings will be held in every community in the region.
- ⊛ A group of facilitators and commissioners will be at the community meetings to listen and record what the people of Bristol Bay have to say.

What happens at the end of the project and why is the vision useful?

- ⊛ The vision that is created from this project will be used by the Bristol Bay partners as a guide and a measure against which they consider future activity and development.
- ⊛ There are many outside interests in Bristol Bay, from fishing to tourism, renewable resource development to natural resource extraction. It is important that the people who live in the region help determine the future of the region; it will be easier to make people listen if we are speaking with a unified voice.
- ⊛ If a project is suggested in the region, the decision makers in the region will need to ask themselves if it fits with the values and the vision of the region as spoken by the people.

Who are the commissioners?

- ⊛ The commissioners were chosen by the partnership of Bristol Bay organizations that are managing this project.
- ⊛ Commissioners are wise and respected residents from throughout the Bristol Bay region
- ⊛ Commissioners are:
 - Luki Akelok, Ekwok
 - John D. Bennis, Dillingham
 - Annie Christensen, Port Heiden
 - Helen Gregorio, Togiak
 - John D. Nelson, Kokhanok
 - Hjalmer E. Olsen, Dillingham
 - Erin Peters, Naknek

Who is paying for the project?

- ⊛ The project is being paid for with grants from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation and the Alaska Conservation Foundation.

Who is running the project?

- ⊛ The project is being managed by a partnership of Bristol Bay organizations that is comprised of BBNA, BBNC, BBEDC, BBHA and BBAHC.
- ⊛ The partners hired Information Insights, Inc. an Alaska firm in Anchorage and Fairbanks to design and facilitate the community meetings and to work with the commissioners to create the final vision.

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