

BBNA Calendar Events

Event/Location	Date	Who to contact for more information
Curyung Tribal Meeting Dillingham- Tribal Office	December 10, 2008	Dorothy B. Larson 842-2384
Knowing Who You Are Dillingham-BBNA	December 11-12, 2008	Lucille Johnson 842- 4139 Ext. 344
BBNA Executive Meeting Dillingham-BBNA	December 12, 2009	DeeDee Bennis 842-5257 Ext. 312
Christmas Vacation NO School-Head Start	Dec. 23-Jan. 9, 2009	Anne Shade 907-842-4059 Ext 385
Alaska Marketplace 4th Competition Deadline	January 15, 2009	Alaska Federation of Natives 907-274-3611 www.alaskamarketplace.org
Alaska Ocean Film Festival Dillingham-BBC	January 16, 2009	Bristol Bay Campus (BBC) 907-842-5109
SWAMC Annual Meeting	January 29-30, 2008	SWAMC 907-562-7380 www.swamc.org
Rural Small Business Conference-Anchorage	February 10-12, 2009	Alaska Village Initiatives 907-274-5400 or 1-800-478-2332 or www.akvillage.com
BBNA Executive Meeting Dillingham-BBNA	February 13, 2009	DeeDee Bennis 842-5257 Ext. 312
Village Presidents & Administrators Workshop Dillingham-BBNA	February 24-26, 2009	Ida Roehl 842-5257 Ext. 329

To see more community events go to BBNA's interactive Community Calendar at <http://plus.calendars.net/bristolbay>

BBNA Job Openings

- **Vocational Rehabilitation Case Management Specialist**
- **Tribal Energy Program Manager**
- **Elderly Services Care Coordinator**
- **LMS Program Assistant**
- **Classroom Substitutes**
- **Bus Driver Substitutes**

- **Village Public Safety Officers**
- **Temporary Workers**
- **Youth Activities Coordinator**
- **The Family Centered Services of Alaska Agency in Fairbanks is recruiting for positions in Dillingham.**

For more details or to apply for any of these positions, contact Personnel Training Office. Bristol Bay Native Association, Box 310 Dillingham, Alaska 99576. Phone 842-5257 or toll-free in Alaska 1-800-478-5257. Fax 907-842-5932. Email rosef@bbna.com or okropoff@bbna.com

Wondering if you're qualified? Call and ask... It's always worth the call...you can ask for Personnel, or talk directly to a Program Manager and really find out about the job that caught your eye. An entry level job can get your foot in the door and pave the way to more responsibility and higher pay.

Need to prepare a resume, find out about training, or access other help to get a job? Call Workforce Development at 1-888-285-2262 (locally 907-842-2262.)

Familiarity with the Bristol Bay area, people, and culture is considered in meeting qualifications for BBNA jobs. To ensure equal access to all, those applicants requiring reasonable accommodation to the application and / or interview process should notify a representative of BBNA's Personnel/Training office. EEO/Indian preference in hiring under P.L. 93-638



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Christmas Angel Tree

A gift for a child

By Lucille Johnson

The Christmas Angel Tree Project is starting again this year in Dillingham. BBNA's Social Service Department will be using lists from our assistance programs to determine where the gifts will go this year- leaving it open for all communities BBNA serves.

The Social Service Department has teamed up with Workforce Development (WFD) for this project. Evelyn Wassily is Social Services team lead and Mark Solano is WFD team lead.

The trees are up at other agencies and various community members and organizations who work with us again in providing gifts to children throughout the region. If you see an Angel Tree at one of the local stores, be sure to take one and buy a gift for a child or two!



N&N's Giving Tree.

Story Corps

The conversation of a lifetime

By Amy Marsh

Listening is an act of love: Story Corps Alaska will be visiting Dillingham through the end of April.

Story Corps is a national non-profit oral history project that aims to bring families, friends, and neighbors closer together by listening to each other's stories. They started in New York City and have traveled across the country. Since 2003, 20,000 everyday people have shared their stories in a Story Corps session.

A Story Corps interview is a 40-minute conversation between two people who know each other. You and your partner conduct your own interviews, with a trained facilitator present to help you throughout the interview process and to handle all technical aspects of the recording. Story Corps is not a research project; it's a way for everyday people to share and preserve stories.

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Energy Options in Alaska

* Wind * Water * Solar *

By Norman Anderson



Each year the U.S Department of Energy, in Golden Colorado hosts an annual Tribal energy conference in Denver. The Golden Colorado Office manages and administers the financial assistance for renewable energy and energy efficiency on tribal lands. This years conference speakers were from tribes in the lower 48 plus four regions of Alaska, AVEC, The Alaska Village Electric Coop. The Aleut Pribilof Island Association, The NANA region and the Fort Yukon Region.

We are all aware that in most of the Bristol Bay Region, wind can be used as an energy option. Other alternatives are also being looked into, such as, geothermal, and biomass (wood), hydro (water) is also an option, but ice is a factor that disallows this for now.

Discussions from the Lower 48 tribes discribed their use of solar and photo voltaics and explained how concentrated solar energy works and where the long hours of sun light are available. Other tribes presented on how they're uses of renewable resources have improved their quality of life by using a combination of wind and geothermal, or wind and solar energy. One tribe's use of energy heated 55 homes, and another used geothermal energy and heated a 14 thousand square foot building with an annual savings of 60,000 dollars a year in heating fuel.

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Brownfields

What is a brownfield?

By Arla Johnson

Brownfields..... what the heck is a Brownfield? One definition of Brownfield is: a contaminated site (or perceived contamination) of a site that has been used commercially and has potential for reuse if it is cleaned up. The EPA funded Tribal Response Program aka Brownfields Program is new at BBNA and Arla Johnson was hired in October to manage it.



Pilot Point's Brownfield.

Does your village have contaminated sites that have redevelopment potential? For example, Pilot Point and Chignik Lagoon plan to reuse their old canneries. The Chignik Lagoon cannery will be redeveloped for fish processing and tourism and Pilot Point's cannery will have a museum and information center as well as metal-smithing and woodworking shops.

Some examples of contamination (or perceived contamination) may be: old dump sites with petroleum based contaminants such as oil barrels, ATV's, automobiles, etc. Additional Brownfield sites may be generator buildings or other old buildings that have redevelopment use after the removal of contaminants. Lead-based paint, asbestos materials, or PCB bearing ballast in old lights in addition to petroleum based products are other examples of contaminants. We will have a BBNA Brownfields webpage up soon and Arla is available to answer questions at 842-5257 Ext. 328.



Energy



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The Department of Energy strongly encourages Alaska Tribes to become registered, this process is available at, www.eere.energy.gov/golden or call 303-275-4700. The Tribal Energy Project Manager, Lizana Pierce can assist you in getting registered and you can contact her by email at lizana.pierce@go.doe.gov. Please look over their web site for programs and grants that can be available for your energy projects.

BBNA is also willing to assist Bristol Bay residents with any Energy ideas they may have for their village. Bristol Bay residents can contact Norman Anderson, BBNA -Economic Development Planner by email at nanderson@bbna.com or by phone at 1-800-478-5257 ext 323 or 907-842-5257 ext 323.

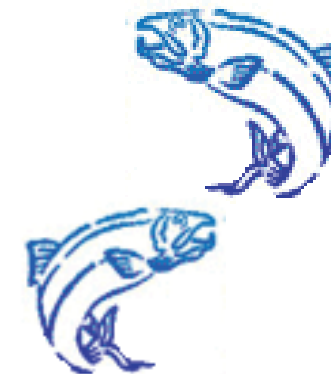


2009 Bristol Bay Sockeye Salmon Forecast - 33.78 Million

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game Division of Commercial Fisheries released the 2009 Bristol Bay sockeye salmon forecast and harvest projections November 12, 2008. To see full news release go to <http://www.cf.adfg.state.ak.us/region2/finfish/salmon/bbayhome.php>.

Total forecast of the 2009 Run:	Forecast in Millions	Forecast Range in Millions
Total Run:	33.78	24.66-42.90
Escapement	8.74	
Commercial Common Property Harvest	25.04	
Bristol Bay Harvest	23.99	
South Peninsula Harvest	1.05	
District Forecasts	Millions	
Naknek-Kvichak (Kvichak 5.30, Alagnak 2.03, Naknek 4.79)	12.11	
Egegik	9.59	
Ugashik	2.38	
Nushagak (Wood 5.01, Igushik 2.26, Nushagak 1.66)	8.93	
Togiak	0.77	
Total Run:	33.78	



The **Mission of BBNA** is to promote self determination of Tribes of the Bristol Bay region, and the betterment, well-being, culture and interests of the Native People of the Bristol Bay Region.

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To find out current information about BBNA go to our website at www.bbna.com.

A little note from the Kitchen

Whole Grains

By Billie Heyano

This year has hit it off with a big bang. We are successfully implementing the new requirements of having at least half of all grains served to the children wheat. Here at Head Start we were a little weary of how the children would react but to our surprise they have opened their minds and accepted the idea of whole grain. The kids seem to enjoy the wheat's. This is a great healthy way of helping our children have healthy eating habits. Also it is a great attempt of ensuring that when prompted we hope the children make the better food choices.

On a side note we are all looking for some fun seasonal activities to do with our children during the holiday season. Here is a great activity the whole family to enjoy for the christmas holiday and have a great keepsake at the same time. Below is a recipe for making christmas tree ornaments.

Making a Tree Ornament

Ornaments are not eatable!

Items needed:

Wax paper
Cookie cutters
Sequins, buttons, or beads
Pencil
Paper clips
Baking Sheet
Paints
Brushes
Mixing Bowl
(optional) Spray Shellac



Ingredients

4 cups of flour
1 cup of salt
1 1/2 cups water

Instructions:

- 1) Mix the flour, salt, and water in bowl. 2) Knead mixture. * Add water if it is too dry. *
- 3) Roll out and cut with cookie cutters. 4) Decorate with sequins, button, or beads.
- 5) Poke hole with pencil and insert paper clip. *To hang on tree.* 6) Bake at 200 degrees for 1 hour.
- 7) Paint. 8) Spray with Shellac to preserve. 9) Dry and hang on tree.

****note****

Make sure that your children understand that these are NOT Cookies and ARE NOT TO BE EATEN.

40-Minute Conversation

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StoryCorps would like to work with groups such as BBNA to reach out to Dillingham, and StoryCorps facilitators will travel to sites around Dillingham to record. All participants receive a copy of their 40-minute recording on CD. When participants agree, additional copies will be sent to the Library of Congress, the University of Alaska Fairbanks, and local Dillingham archives, and excerpts of selected interviews may be broadcast on public radio, including KDLG.

To learn more, please visit www.storycorps.net. To schedule an interview, please call 528-8558 or email moconnor@storycorps.net. Your local facilitators are Megan O'Connor, Tom Tilden, and Pat Walsh.

Small Businesses in Rural Alaska

Need help starting a Business?

By Gwen Wilson

BBNA's Program Development Department just completed a business training class at the UAF Bristol Bay campus. The South West Alaska Municipal Conference (SWAMC) was the agency conducting the training. SWAMC has gathered information for people who are interested in starting a business in rural Alaska. If you have a business idea BBNA and SWAMC are willing to help.

SWAMC has offered three small business workshops this fall, first in King Salmon near the end of August, King Cove at the end of October, and most recently in Dillingham in mid-November. These were part of four workshops scheduled to take place in the Southwest Alaska region. The three-day workshops focus on three core areas important to Southwest Alaska entrepreneurs: business plan writing and general business principles; the business of fishing; and tourism business development. The final workshop is scheduled to take place in Kodiak next February 17-19, 2009. If you are interested in attending any of these free business workshops, please contact the SWAMC office.

Participants may attend one or all of the business sessions. Each workshop allows for free one-on-one consultation time with the trainers. These workshops are made possible by USDA Rural Development through a Rural Business Enterprise Grant.

News from the Wellness Desk

BBNA * Head Start By Jeanie Timmerman

Head Start would like to thank all the parents as we have healthy and happy children in our classrooms as we are nearing the mid-year mark. Most of you have made the effort to have your child's exams and screenings done to ensure your child is healthy and ready to learn. If some of the requirements are missing, you will be reminded in the next couple of weeks of what is missing and still needs completion.

The dental team from BBAHC has been seeing children in most of our classrooms. The Dillingham students got to dress up like the dentist and discuss how their teeth need to be brushed and flossed. It was a fun and interactive time and prepared them to see the dentist for their exams the next day. The Togiak students have been working with the dental aid and learning the right way to brush. Thanks to all the staff at the dental department for teaching and checking our children.

The influenza season is here and I hope everyone that wants to reduce the risk of becoming ill with the disease has been vaccinated to prevent it. Vaccination is especially important for certain groups because they have more susceptibility to influenza and its serious complications such as high fever, diarrhea, and seizures. Head Start age children are in that group so hopefully you have had or plan to have your child vaccinated. We were able to coordinate with Gina Carpenter, Community Health Nurse from BBAHC, to work with the Togiak and Dillingham Head Start sites to give FluMist® to the children that had parental consent. FluMist® is the flu vaccine that is given not by shot but by spraying it into the nostrils. Studies have shown that it is more effective than the injectable vaccine for preventing flu. Vaccinations are available from BBAHC, the Dillingham Health Center, and other health care providers.

If you have any health concerns or questions, please feel free to call or email Jeanie Timmerman RN, Wellness Content Manager at 842-6290 or email jtimmerman@bbna.com

Need Help getting a Job?

Jobs, Training, Higher-Education--and Helping a lending hand on the road to employment--is what BBNA's Workforce Development Programs are all about! Give us a call!

907-842-2262 or 1-888-285-2262 (Fax 842-3498)

Knowing Who You Are

Service Providers for Families

By Lucille Johnson

The State of Alaska's Office of Children's Services made the commitment last year to provide training to all workers, from line workers to administrators, using the Knowing Who You Are curriculum. OCS had 12 statewide trainers trained this spring to facilitate the Knowing Who You Are curriculum- 3 in each of the 4 OCS regions. There OCS, Tribal, and Family & Youth Services Training Academy trainers. The curriculum provides for at least two trainers of diverse backgrounds to facilitate the Knowing Who You Are training with OCS and Tribal ICWA Workers statewide. The idea is to expand to other lateral service providers/agencies who work with children/families of color. The training events that occurred this fall included OCS workers, ICWA Workers, CASA's, GAL's, court personnel, mental health service providers, attorneys, district attorneys, etc.

For OCS's South Central Region (SCR), BBNA's Lou Johnson has been trained as a facilitator and the Knowing Who You Are training event for SCR is set for December 11 & 12 here in Dillingham! It is exciting to know that the 3 other statewide training events could barely maintain 20 participants and we have a waiting list for Dillingham- maxing out the participants at 30! The feedback from Bristol Bay service providers has been overwhelming! For the Dillingham Knowing Who You Are event we will have 10 OCS workers, including the Director of OCS in attendance. BBNA's Children's Services staff will be in attendance- all 13 of them. We also have representatives from Dillingham Health Center, BBAHC Social Services, Southwest Regional Schools, BBAHC Child Advocacy Center, BBAHC Behavioral Health Program, Rural Alliances For Teens, and SAFE. If the training event goes well, we may just ask for a second one here in Dillingham in the near future!

Natural Resources At AFN

Enhancing Alaska Native Leadership in Natural Resource Management

By Courtenay Carty

BBNA's Subsistence Fisheries Scientist- Courtenay Carty traveled to Anchorage to the 2008 AFN Elders & Youth Convention to present on "Enhancing Alaska Native Leadership in Natural Resource Management." She was joined by past BBNA Fisheries Intern, Shelley Woods as well as Tanana Chiefs Conference Partner's Fisheries Biologist, Brandy Berkbigler and TCC Fisheries Intern Lisa Kangas.

The presentation covered a brief history of the Partner's for Fisheries Monitoring Program and the USFWS Office of Subsistence Management; fisheries management, resource projects and internship programs. A major presentation theme was how the Partner's program enables local subsistence fishers to be involved in management of their subsistence fisheries resources on federal lands in Alaska. The audience was then engaged in a facilitated dialogue on Alaskan natural resource management issues, subsistence resource concerns in their regions, how global climate change is affecting their resources, as well as educational and internship opportunities.

The presentation was successful and included active participation from audience members including representatives from Bristol Bay villages. AFN EYC Coordinator Gloria Yates stated that the workshop was well attended in comparison to other workshops at the Elders & Youth Conference.

For more information on the Partner's for Fisheries Monitoring Program, the management of subsistence fisheries resources on federal lands in Bristol Bay, and/or upcoming internship opportunities, please contact Courtenay Carty at 907-842-6243 or ccarty@bbna.com



Shelley Woods, Partner's for Fisheries Monitoring Program, Intern with some dried salmon.

Free Legal Service that Travels

Alaska Legal Services

By Christina Reigh

Alaska Legal Services staff will be traveling with BBNA's Land Management Services throughout 2008-2009. Alaska Legal Services' Bristol Bay office (located in Dillingham) provides free legal assistance to tribes, elders and low-income individuals in civil matters. Assistance is available for legal issues such as family law, domestic violence, special education, housing and public assistance (Medicaid, food stamps, Social Security, etc.). Alaska Legal Services will conduct legal clinics in collaboration with BBNA's LMS department during their village travel. In order to get help, there is an application process which includes verifying income and assets and conducting a conflict check. If you need help immediately or would like more information about Alaska Legal Services, contact Earlene George at 842-1452 or (888) 391-1475.

D.A.R.E.

Drug Abuse Resistance Education

By Carla Akelkok



The D.A.R.E. VPSO graduates with Carla Akelkok, BBNA VPSO Program Manager.

The D.A.R.E. Alaska Officer Training (DOT) is an option for VPSO's to apply for after completion of 2 years of service as a certified commissioned/sworn police officer or VPSO. D.A.R.E. involves a great deal of personal commitment. It begins with an intensive 80-hour seminar. The seminar will require many out-of-classroom hours for preparation. All classroom sessions are mandatory for certification. Each seminar participant will be required to make several formal presentations. Failure to meet minimum standards will result in non-certification. Upon certification, the VPSO will return to teach the D.A.R.E. curriculum to the children. VPSO's will learn that this assignment demands a great deal of their time and energy. Proper preparation for each classroom presentation is essential. VPSO's are to spend out-of-classroom time with the children to provide them informal time to interact with the VPSO. This time with the children is most important to the rapport-building process. VPSO's will also be

asked to devote time to parent meetings on a regular basis. Experienced D.A.R.E. Officers claim that they have never worked so hard. However, they are also quick to add that they have never had a more rewarding assignment! But the rewards require a great amount of personal commitment. It is very important that the VPSO has support of the agency and school district. The classes are usually taught to the 5th graders as they leave elementary to transfer onto middle school.

Dillingham Native Allotment Thinning Project

December 2008 - February 2009

By Harold Andrew

The Dillingham Native Allotment Thinning Project is a fuels reduction/tree cutting project designed to reduce the fire hazard on Native allotment home sites by removing or cutting dead or dying trees surrounding the homes.

The budget will allow 15 to 20 preselected Native allotment homes in the Dillingham-Aleknagik areas for operation. The selection of Native allotments were completed through Firewise surveys.

The project will hire 5 local people and is scheduled to operate between the months of December 2008 through February 2009. For more information about this project you can contact Harold Andrew, BBNA Forestry Program Manager at 907-842-5257 Ext. 360 or email at handrew@bbna.com.