

Koliganek Community Development Plan

2015

*Developed by the Residents and Leadership of Koliganek
With Support from New Koliganek Village Council and
Bristol Bay Native Association*



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The updated Koliganek Community Development Plan is the direct result of the vision and commitment of the people and leadership of Koliganek.

MISSION STATEMENT

Local input reflects the importance of our Tribal entity, New Koliganek Village Council. Local and Tribal employees and Tribal members are needed to help set the direction and scope of all our planning efforts.

Community participation in identifying key issues and concerns and determining desired outcomes and goals will give our Community Development Plan a sense of local ownership.

New Koliganek Village Council, Board of Directors:

President, Herman F. Nelson Sr.	Vice President, Gust Tunguing Jr.
Secretary, Anuska Wysoki	Treasurer, Robert Larson Sr.
Member, Nick Johnson Sr.	

The 2005 Koliganek Comprehensive Plan was developed by the Koliganek Planning Team, New Koliganek Village Council, and the residents of Koliganek.

With assistance from Agnew::Beck Consulting, LLC and the Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation, as part of the Bristol Bay Community Planning Project.

This current, 2015, Koliganek Community Development Plan was prepared with support and financial assistance from Bristol Bay Native Association.



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INTRODUCTION

In December 2014 New Koliganek Village Council was given the opportunity to participate in Bristol Bay Native Association's Community Planning program along with three other Tribes. New Koliganek Village Council hired Frances A. Nelson as a Community Planning Specialist and established a Community Development Office in Koliganek.

March 4, 2015 Steering Committee Meeting – 4 members, 1 student
Introduced project to Steering Committee and they approved household survey.

March 7 & 8, 2015 Household surveys.

March 9, 10, & 11, 2015 Collected more household surveys in Community Development Office.

March 14, 2015 Community Planning Meeting – 22 residents, 5 students

April 2, 2015 Steering Committee Meeting, invited entire community.

17 residents, 2 students

Set goals and priority actions for Land, Housing, Environment, Culture, Education, and Wellness.

April 13, 2015 Met with school principal Cody McCanna and school teachers; Anastasia Ishnook, Curtis Jensen, Rich Harrelson, Anuska Wysoki, and Diane O'Riley. Discussed Wellness, Culture, and Education with school staff.

May 7, 2015 Community Planning Meeting – 22 residents

Set goals and priority actions for Infrastructure, Economy, and Leadership.



Community Planning Specialist Frances A. Nelson meeting with Koliganek residents on March 14, 2015. Community input and participation was a key factor in the development of our Community Development Plan.

STEERING COMMITTEE

The Steering Committee is a group of residents from Koliganek who assisted with planning efforts in updating Koliganek's Community Development Plan.

Members of the Steering Committee include:

Natalia Ishnook

Myrtle Ishnook

Brianna Nelson

Brian Apokedak Jr.

Perez Tunguing, Student

Special thanks and recognition to all the members of our Steering Committee. Their valuable input and assistance is appreciated.

PURPOSE OF PLAN

- Villages, regional organizations and statewide entities all recognize the need for communities to clearly state their goals and visions for the future.
- Uniting our community, we can achieve goals through building consensus and clearly pursuing a direction that all community members support. This is the key to self-sufficiency and self-governance. “A federally recognized Tribe has the right to self-determination. We have the right to self-government. We have the right to determine our own relations with other nations and other peoples. We have the right to preserve our culture, language, and spirituality.” - Frances A. Nelson
- Community goals can range from constructing facilities, such as housing or a community center, to expanding infrastructure, creating jobs, protecting subsistence areas and sustaining cultural traditions.
- By planning ahead, we can act on new opportunities and be prepared for challenges associated with economic and demographic changes.
- In Alaska, community plans are mandated of all organized municipalities by Title 29 of the Alaska State Statues. Koliganek is not covered under that mandate, since we are not part of a borough and we do not have municipal, city government. We are a federally recognized Tribe and a community plan is useful in helping guide community development.
- A community plan is also a requirement for funding. In other words, funding agencies require Koliganek to have a community plan as part of application, when applying for funding.

THIS COMMUNITY PLAN IS INTENDED TO:

- Identify an overall vision and supporting goals that will set the direction for community development.
- Examine and evaluate existing documents and reports pertaining to current Economy, Land Use, Culture & Tradition, Transportation, Education, Housing, Public Facilities, Wellness & Safety and Environment.
- Identify future development projects.
- Respectfully coordinate with community members to solicit input and guidance.
- Build project development partnerships inside and outside of the community.
- Develop data collection activity in such a way as to support future funding requests.
- Provide a document, well grounded, in research that communicates a strategy for future economic and community development.

The 2015 Koliganek Community Development Plan builds on the 2005 Koliganek Comprehensive Plan. The plan helps the community of Koliganek to set the direction and scope of planning efforts for the next 5 to 10 years. Also, in regards to updating, it gives us the opportunity to see which goals have been accomplished and which goals need more work.

VISION

We, the Yup'ik people of Koliganek, are determined to maintain our strong cultural identity. Our faith and devotion to God continues to sustain our people. We continue to practice our traditional subsistence lifestyle, providing for our families through hunting, fishing, trapping, and gathering on the lands and waters of our ancestors. We are the traditional stewards and caretakers of these rich and beautiful lands and waters. We care for all the fish, wildlife, plants, and berries. We believe that our home and abundant natural resources are all a gift from God. We continue to have high standards for education and a strong economy. Our Tribe, New Koliganek Village Council, and Tribal members work together to meet all the basic needs of our people.



*Residents of Koliganek
standing together to protect our
valuable resources.*

VALUES

We, the Yup'ik people of Koliganek, value our people, our traditional Yup'ik way of life, and this beautiful place we call home.

People

Important basic needs for all community residents.

Good Housing

Water & Sewer

Electricity

Healthcare

Public Safety

Good Education: Pre K thru 12th grade

Public Transportation: roads, beaches (for river access), and airport.

Strong local economy

Land, Water, and all the Abundant Natural Resources

As Yup'ik people, our connection to this land, water, and natural resources is a huge part of our identity. Many say, "This is our land, it belongs to us." Others say, "We belong to this land," so our connection is so strong, deep, and engrained in every fiber of our being. The love and respect that we have for our environment and everything in it has been passed on from generation to generation for thousands of years.

"We take care of it, it takes care of us." Gust 'Bossy' Johnson

We choose to protect and continue to take care of, like our Yup'ik ancestors before us, the land, water, and all the abundant natural resources found near and around our village for future generations.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Social Issues

Youth and Elders

1. Kids don't have enough to do. Not much activities and/or opportunities for youth.
2. Kids aren't learning our culture.
3. Concerned about youth using, abusing, and becoming addicted to alcohol and drugs.
4. Some elders are struggling and need assistance.

Drugs and Alcohol

1. Bootleggers and Drug Dealers. We never had this problem before, but bootleggers and drug dealers are now a part of our everyday life. It's there. It's available, every day and it's hurting our families and our children.
2. Children, parents and grandparents are afraid of losing parents, children, and grandchildren to addiction, jail, and worst case scenario, death.

Infrastructure

Aging infrastructure needs maintenance, repair, or in some cases needs to be completely replaced.

1. Water main and water lines, water station and pump houses, sewer lines, lift station, and sewer lagoon.
2. Light plant facility and upgrade power lines throughout village.
3. Street lights need to be repaired or replaced and we need more street lights throughout the village.

New Infrastructure

1. Tribal Offices and Community Hall.
2. All homes connected to village water and sewer. Homes past Kivilila Kapatak's house and Gust 'Bossy' and Carol Johnson's house.

3. Emergency Response Vehicle for Clinic, Health Aides, and First Responders.
4. Vehicle to deliver heating oil to homes, businesses, and Tribal buildings.
5. Vehicles and equipment for Search and Rescue Team.
6. Fire truck.

Housing

1. Homes aren't adequate to live in. People are struggling to maintain their homes. More than 1/2 the homes are not adequate to live in.
2. Overcrowding in homes. In some cases there's more than 1 family living in a home. About ½ of the homes are overcrowded.
3. Make sure all homes have fire extinguishers and smoke alarms.

First Response Teams

1. Fire Response Team needs fire training.
2. Search and Rescue Team need EMT and/or ETT training.
3. All First Response Teams need to be organized and have regular meetings.
4. All community residents should know who their first response teams are and how to contact them.

Transportation Safety

1. Water safety.
2. Underage driving.
3. More than 4 people on a 4 wheeler.
4. People traveling when the weather is bad, traveling alone, and not telling others where they're going and when they'll be back. Not using common sense when traveling.

We Don't have Certain Services

1. Housing Maintenance; basic housing maintenance, electrical, boilers, heating vents, and heating lines, plumbing.
2. Youth Service Worker.
3. Elder Service Worker.
4. Behavioral and Mental Health Worker.

Workforce Education and Training is very important throughout entire community. Good for all public service providers to be 'Highly Qualified'.



Ketok Mountain, also known as Koliganek Mountain.

BACKGROUND of KOLIGANEK

History & Culture

The Yup'ik people have occupied the land along the Nushagak River for thousands of years. We are known as 'Iilgayarmiut', Nushagak River People, amongst our Yup'ik brethren to the east and west of us. Our Yup'ik traditions, abundant natural resources, and our faith in God has sustained us for thousands of years and many generations.

Traditionally, we are hunters, fisherman (subsistence and commercial fishing), trappers, and gatherers. Our primary sources of meat are moose, caribou, beaver, porcupine, geese, ducks, ptarmigan, and spruce hens. We fish and harvest all five species of Pacific Wild Salmon; Chinook, Sockeye, Coho, Pink, and Chum. We also fish and harvest pike, white fish, grayling, rainbow, dolly varden, and lake trout. From the land we gather black berries, blue berries, salmon berries, low and high bush cranberries, huckle berries, raspberries, sour dock, fiddlehead, tundra tea, and medicinal plants.

There is only a handful of men who trap for fur, but in the past some men were able to provide for their families through trapping.

Most of the people in Koliganek are Russian Orthodox Christians and there are a handful of families who are Pentecostal Christians. There is church service every week at each of the churches, so our people continue to practice their faith and devotion to God.

Koliganek, Qalirneq in Yup'ik means 'the village farthest up the river'. The first Old Koliganek was located on the Nuyaraq River, which drains into the Nushagak River from Tikchik Lake. The second Old Koliganek is located about 4 miles above the current location. Elders say that at one time, there was a settlement at Tikchik Lake.

There are different areas along the river that families settled or utilized primarily for hunting, fishing, trapping, and gathering in the past. Some families continue that tradition of going to their family fish camp, others remain home.

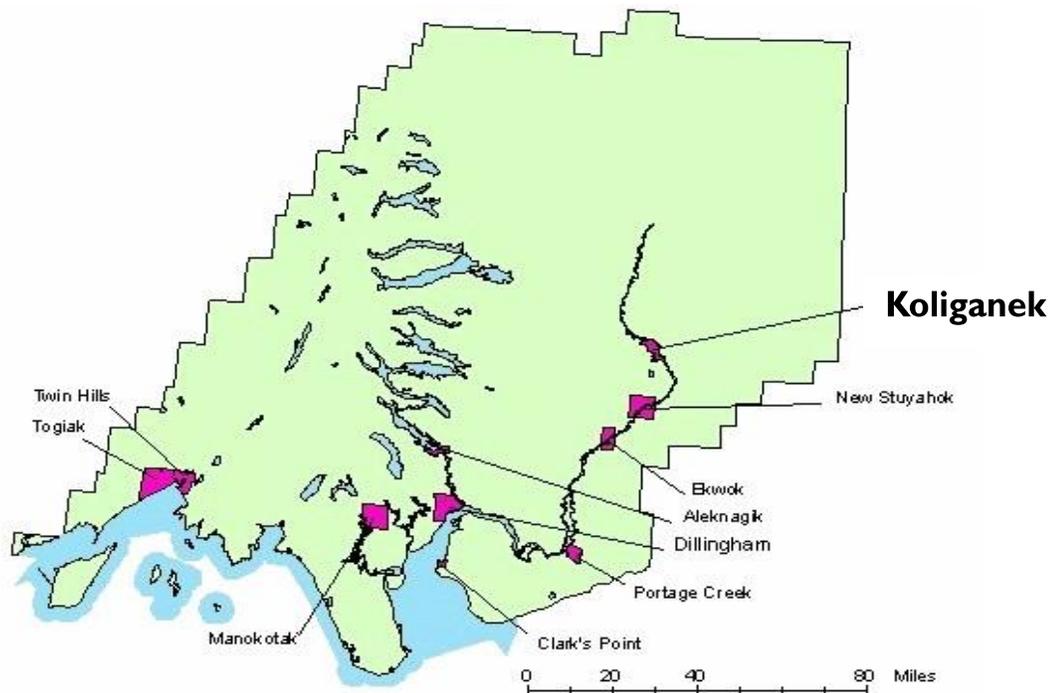


Saint Michael Russian Orthodox Church

Location & Population

Koliganek is the uppermost community on the Nushagak River, located on the left bank of the Nushagak River, about 65 miles northeast of Dillingham. It lies at approximately 59.728610° North Latitude and -157.28444° West Longitude in (Sec. 21, T005S, R047W, Seward Meridian). Koliganek is located in the Bristol Bay Recording District and Dillingham Census Area. The village encompasses 12.5 sq. miles of land and 0.1 sq. miles of water.

Location of Koliganek, Alaska



Source: Alaska Department of Labor And Workforce Development, Research and Analysis and US Census Bureau, 2000 Tigerline files.

Koliganek has moved four times during the past 150 years. Residents moved in 1938 or 1940 because of a shortage of firewood at their original site at the mouth of the Nuyaquq River. This site is now referred to as "Middle Koliganek." Then in 1964, they moved downstream to their current location because of recurrent flooding problems in "Middle Koliganek." New homes and a new school were constructed in the summer of 1964.

2010 United States Census

2010 Total Population 209

Population by Race

American Indian and Alaska Native	200	95.69%
White	7	3.35%
Two or More Races	2	0.96%

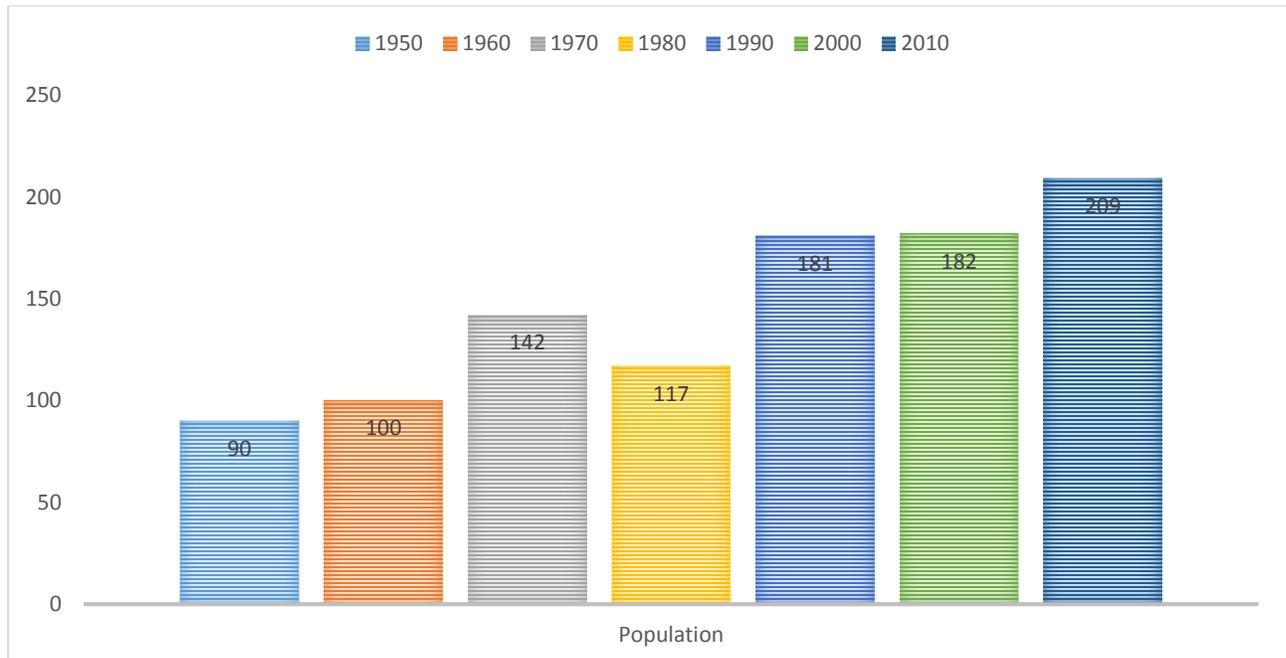
Population by Gender

Male 109 Female 100

Population by Age

Age 4 and Under	24	Age 20 - 64	101
Age 5 - 19	73	65 - 85 and Over	11

Population History



ECONOMY

Subsistence

Subsistence plays an important role in our community. We continue to depend on hunting, fishing, trapping, and gathering to provide for our families. Much of the food that we harvest throughout the year, we freeze fresh for later consumption. We also continue our traditional Yup'ik techniques and modern techniques to process and cure wild game, fish, berries, and plants.

There is a good, healthy supply of wild game, fish, berries, and plants near and around Koliganek. We haven't seen a drop in the harvest of chinook, king salmon. Other areas, rivers, in Alaska have had huge drops in chinook, king salmon, catches and escapements. Chinook is the prized salmon in all of Alaska, because of the rich flavor and fat content. We are a bit worried and concerned, but are hopeful that the chinook, king salmon, will return and we will continue to harvest and process like we have for thousands of years and many generations our much loved 'kings.'

Most of the homes use wood stoves as a back-up heat source, especially during the long, cold winter months. There are a few homes that are built out of logs harvested from the land. Steam baths, dry racks, smoke houses, and such are also built out of logs and we use wood for our steam baths, maqi. We love to maqi!

There is only a handful of men who trap and hunt wolves. Prices for fur are decent, so money can definitely be made from trapping. Lately it's been difficult to do any wolf hunting, since we haven't had much snow. The low snow fall and mild conditions makes it real difficult to hunt, fish, gather, and trap like we've done in the past.

The last few years, we haven't had much berries due to the low snow fall. We normally have an abundance of blueberries and cranberries and some years salmon berries and black berries are plentiful.



Gust Tunguing III with a 62" rack Bull Moose that he caught 1 mile above Koliganek along Goose Creek. Fall, 2014

Employment

There are few year round employment opportunities in Koliganek and there are even fewer full time, year round employment opportunities. Most of the jobs offered in Koliganek are part time. The main employers are the New Koliganek Village Council and Koliganek School.

Like other villages in Alaska, we depend on seasonal employment to make ends meet. There are 19 commercial salmon permit holders in Koliganek. Others work as deck hands and fish processors.

In 2013, 15 of the 19 commercial salmon permits fished. The 15 local fisherman brought in \$521,422.00 into our local economy. Commercial fishing impacts our local economy in a very large way. We want to keep these commercial salmon permits in local hands.

Currently, a new school is under construction, the old school is being torn down, and the airport is also under construction. The new school is just about completed and demolition will start on the old school and gymnasium when school is out for summer break. Construction on teacher housing is expected to start right after the new school is completed.

The 3,000 ft. X 75 ft. airport is also under construction. The airport upgrade is a federally funded project that will rehabilitate and extend the runway, upgrade the lighting, repair settlement and drainage issues, and upgrade the other airport structures. There will be a 500 foot extension to the runway, making it possible for cargo planes to land.

Many people in Koliganek have taken advantage of these excellent employment opportunities. A lot of local people were and are being hired for these projects and we are very thankful for that. Quyaanaqvaa, thank you very much. (We've been taught to be grateful, when we've been offered or given an opportunity or a gift.)

**U.S. Census Bureau 2009 – 2013 American Community Survey
(5 year Estimates)**

Income

	Koliganek	Dillingham Census Area	Alaska
Per Capita Income	\$ 17,097.00	\$ 21,498.00	\$ 32,651.00
Median Household Income	\$ 63,333.00	\$ 54,150.00	\$ 70,760.00
Median Family Income	\$ 68,750.00	\$ 56,089.00	\$ 82,870.00

Poverty Rate

	Koliganek	Dillingham Census Area	Alaska
Population for whom poverty status is determined	217	4,896	710,231
Persons below poverty	8.30%	18.10%	9.9%
All individuals below 125% of poverty level	42	1,236	97,582

***Income and Benefits in 2013
(Inflation-Adjusted Dollars)***

Total Households	46
Less than \$10,000	0
\$10,000 to \$14,999	1
\$15,000 to \$24,999	7
\$25,000 to \$34,999	2
\$35,000 to \$49,999	1
\$50,000 to \$74,999	19
\$75,000 to \$99,999	8
\$100,000 to \$149,999	4
\$150,000 to \$199,999	0
\$200,000 or more	4

Current Businesses in Koliganek

Business Name	Business License Number
Johnson & Sons	285606
Johnson's Educational Consulting	10209915
M & H Variety Store	12756
McCanna's Fish on Lodge	295088
Snowmobile Plastic Windshield Gizmo Stabilizer	739101
Uppa and Gram's B & B	923041
Wolf Tracker	903043

Currently, there are 8 business licenses in Koliganek. The current business licenses are on file with the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development – Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing.

One of the longest running businesses in Koliganek is M & H Variety Store. This fall, 2015, after fishing, will be their 45th year in business. M & H employs 3 part-time employees and the B.B.N.A. Summer Youth Program workers work throughout the summer months.

Goal

Maintain and strengthen local economy.

Objective: Youth and adults continue to educate themselves.

- Local jobs staffed with local people.
- Ensure that all the basic needs of the people in Koliganek are met.

Objective: Keep commercial fish permits in local hands.

- Encourage local people not to sell commercial fish permits and commercial fishing vessels.
 1. Pass down to next generation of Bristol Bay Salmon Fisherman.
 2. Keep commercial fish permits in each family.
- Assist residents purchase fish permits through the B.B.E.D.C. Permit Loan Program.

Objective: Identify and develop new job and business opportunities in the community.

- Local jobs staffed with local people. Here are some basic services that the community would like offered at a local level. It is nice to have basic services offered right in our village.
 1. Housing Maintenance; basic housing maintenance, electrical, boilers, heating vents, and heating lines, plumbing.
 2. Youth Service Worker.
 3. Elder Service Worker.
 4. Behavioral and Mental Health Worker.
 5. Grant Writer.
- Have a snack and coffee shop in the new Community Hall.
 1. When building the Community Hall, reserve an area for a snack and coffee shop.
 2. Decide if the snack and coffee shop will be run by the Village Council or the space will be rented/leased out to a private business that is a resident of Koliganek.



The Native Village of Koliganek along the majestic Nushagak River, Iilgayaq.

GOVERNANCE

New Koliganek Village Council is the elected governing body in Koliganek. We do not have a municipal, city government, only Tribal. That decision was made by our leaders and elders when revenue sharing with the State of Alaska came out, first started. The reason for that was because they felt that it wasn't good to have two governing entities in such a small community, only one.

Board of Directors

Each of the board members serve 3 year terms. They are referred to as 'the Village Council,' in Koliganek. They meet the 3rd Thursday of every month. Meetings are open to the public, but there are times that they need to meet in 'Executive Session,' when dealing with personnel and other issues. There is also an Annual Village Council meeting, every May.

Currently, there are 6 full time positions, 15 part time positions, and 6 on call positions through the Village Council. New Koliganek Village Council administers and manages Public Safety, the Charlie H. Nelson Health Clinic, Children's Services, Environmental Program, Electric, Water & Sewer, Fuel, and the United States Post Office.

Administration

Provides financial management for the Tribe; payroll, federal funds, PCE, Electric, Water & Sewer, Fuel, Nahasda, Road Maintenance, IGAP, and Community Development. Offices are open 8 a.m. - 4:30 Monday thru Friday, except for holidays. Public is allowed to use the fax and copy machines during office hours.

Mary Lou Nelson, Tribal Administrator

Mary Lou has been working for 5 years. She came into this job with hardly any knowledge about Tribal financial management. "My work experience is mostly on the job training." She is certified in PCE and Quickbooks.

"Subsistence is a vital part of our lives here in Koliganek. I enjoy working with family, being together as a family is very important to me. It makes us closer."

Shawna Tunguing, Tribal Clerk

Everything Shawna learned is all on the job training. She does clerical work, like answering the phone, operating the copier and fax machine, filing, billing, and

assisting Tribal Administrator with various office procedures.

“We live off of subsistence. It is our daily life. We depend on it for our survival, for our meals and for our children.”

Margo Hiratsuka, Janitor, Village Council

Margo’s been a janitor for 17 years. She’s responsible for cleaning the main Village Council office and Post Office.

“I like being here, it’s quiet and clean. I like doing the subsistence. I learned a lot subsistence wise since I moved here.”

Frances A. Nelson, Community Planning Specialist

The funding for this position came from B.B.N.A. Frances attended the Community Development Workshop in Dillingham at the UAF, Bristol Bay Campus January 22-24, 2015. The purpose of this position/project was to help the Tribe update the Community Development Plan. This position lasted only 4 months.

“I enjoy putting up salmon in the summer with my dad, kids, nieces, and nephews. I like cutting and drying white fish and pike in the spring and fall too. My favorite time of year is fall time. That’s when I pick berries. I started going out berry picking with my mom’s brothers and sisters when I was a baby.” Other activities that Frances enjoys are traveling by snow machine and skiff, ice fishing, camping, and going out hunting and fishing with her family.

Public Safety

1st Sgt. Gust Tunguing Jr., Village Public Safety Officer

When Gust first became a V.P.S.O. in 1994 he went to a 10 week training in Sitka, Alaska at the Alaska State Trooper Academy. He is certified in Search & Rescue, Fire Response, Emergency Medical Services, E.M.S., gun safety, water safety, and he is a Field Training Officer. He is in his 21st year of service for the village of Koliganek.

“We do it (subsistence) every year, it’s like a natural thing for us. We do everything in season, like the fish, when we put up smoked salmon or fresh water fish (white fish and pike) in the spring and fall. Berry picking, hunting, we provide for our families.” Gust is a lifelong commercial fisherman. “Been fishing every year since I was a kid. We do it as a family and I taught my kids how to commercial fish, now I’m teaching my grandkids. I’m helping the next generation get fishing permits. I want to see the commercial fishing permits in local hands, rather than outsiders having permits.”

Health

We have 3 Community Health Aides, CHP. The clinic is open 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Monday thru Friday. They are closed on weekends and holidays, but open only for emergencies. There is always 1 health aide on-call.

Our current field doctor is Dr. Tuomi and she comes out to Koliganek 2 to 4 times a year for up to a week at a time. The dental team comes 2 times a year and the eye doctor comes every 2 years. The Diabetes Prevention Team comes once a year. The Infant Learning Program and Behavioral Health Therapists come out when needed.

Charlie Kapatak, Community Health Practitioner, EMT II

Charlie has been a health aide for over 20 years. He worked as an itinerant health aide for B.B.A.H.C. for 18 years before becoming a permanent health aide in Koliganek. He's been working in Koliganek just over 2 years. "I care for the health and wellbeing of my people."

"I value my subsistence way of life and enjoy helping people with their health needs."

Cheryl Goodell, Community Health Practitioner, EMT I

Cheryl has been a health aide for 6 ½ years. "I enjoy my job and like helping people." Like Charlie, Cheryl too said, "I care for the health and wellbeing of my people."

"We depend on it and do all types subsistence activities throughout the year. We fill our freezers with meat, fish, and berries for the long winter months."

Elena Norbert, Janitor, Clinic

Lena has been a janitor for 11 years. She cleans both the clinic and V.P.S.O. building.

"We rely on subsistence lots. It's something that's in me, I feel like I have to go out and do it. Like when the berries are ready, we go pick berries. When the fish are here, we cut, dry, and smoke fish for the winter."

Children Services

Sally is employed through Bristol Bay Native Association Social Services Program. She is supervised by B.B.N.A. and the Village Council. She works closely with Office of Children's Services on Child in Need of Aide cases. "B.B.N.A.'s Family Services works to help keep families together, and contribute to efforts to end domestic violence."

Sally Kayoukluk, Tribal Children Service Worker

Sally has been working as a T.C.S.W. for New Koliganek Village Council for 17 years. Sally studied the Indian Child Welfare Act, I.C.W.A., Early Childhood Development, and 'Knowing Who you Are' through B.B.N.A. Before working for the Tribe she worked as a preschool teacher for 7 years at Koliganek School.

"I like putting up fish, picking berries, and hunting." She enjoys her 'subsistence way of life.'

Mary Gumlickpuk, Janitor

Mary has been a janitor for 1 1/2 years. She is happy to have this job, the money that she makes helps her provide for her and her family.

Environmental Program

We live in a pristine and natural environment. We are people who take care of our surroundings to protect our subsistence resources. Every summer and fall, hunting and fishing camps set up along the Nushagak River. This raises concerns about impacts on air and water quality from human and solid waste disposal. Additionally, a mining operation is currently in the permit application and exploration stages. Participating in the Nushagak/Mulchatna Watershed Council will help address these issues. Doing research, developing and implementing projects and activities on alternatives and renewable energy resources to help lessen environmental pollution and negative effects on natural resources.

Delores Larson, Environmental Coordinator/Grant Writer

Delores started as the Environmental Technician in September 2007 and later became the Environmental Coordinator/Grant Writer in August 2010. During all that time, Delores has worked very hard on managing the Environmental Program. She is highly trained and dedicated to environmental management in the areas of Solid and Hazardous Waste/Recycling, Grant Writing, Water Quality and Monitoring, Air Quality, Hazwopper Training, Rural Alaska Landfill Operator (RALO), Energy Efficiency and Renewable Resources, and 7 Generations.

"I grew up in a strong subsistence and traditional Yup'ik lifestyle. I am a commercial fisherwoman and lifelong subsistence user. I fished for 3 summers in Bristol Bay. Every year I put up fish, salmon and fresh water fish, for my family. We gather wild plants and berries during the summer. I also enjoy hunting caribou, moose, geese, and ducks. My family and I haul a lot of wood for maqi and to heat our home."

Mary Apokedak, Environmental Technician

Mary's been working as an Environmental Technician since November, 2013. She is trained in Water Quality and Monitoring. In the past, Mary worked as a Tribal Administrator for 7 years and a Community Health Aide/Practitioner for 6 years. She was also a Bilingual Teacher and served as a CSC Board Member for Koliganek School for several years.

"I remember and enjoyed doing the Native dances with all of our elders and love and hope to continue our traditional subsistence hunting, fishing, and gathering, cause it's a big part of our culture and our lifestyle. Pass the knowledge onto our kids to preserve our culture and our lifestyle." She feels that it is important to protect and preserve our environment that provides us with all these important natural resources that we depend upon.

Peter Petla, Solid Waste Operator

Peter has a Rural Alaska Landfill Operator certificate. He is a certified Rural Waste Management & Spill Response Technician and Rural Community Technician. He's been working for the Tribe since October, 2010.

"Subsistence is my livelihood. It is very import to me."

Gust 'Bossy' Johnson, Solid Waste Operator

Gust has worked as an on-call Solid Waste Operator in the past, but is now a regular employee. He is a certified Rural Alaska Landfill Operator.

"I thinks it (subsistence) is important. We rely on it and it provides at least 50% of our diet."

Electric

Our Tribe provides electricity to all the homes, businesses, community buildings, school, and airport. Electricity is provided through 3 diesel generators. Herman maintains the light plant generators daily and upgrades them every few years. Sarina reads meters once a month.

The waste heat from the light plant generators provide heat to the Clinic and School.

Herman F. Nelson Jr., Light Plant Operator

Herman has been working as a Light Plant Operator for 6 years. He has done a lot of on the job training.

Herman is a commercial fisherman. He's been fishing in Bristol Bay for 16 years. He

enjoys hunting for moose, geese, and ducks. He also enjoys subsistence fishing with his family. “Me and my family hunt, fish, and gather, not for sport, but to put food on the table.”

Sarina Merlino, Meter Reader

Sarina has been working as a Meter Reader for just over a 1 ½. She learned how to do her job on her own. She basically learned from written instructions.

“It (subsistence) means everything. It is who we are. We love what the water and land provides. If we didn’t, we wouldn’t take care of it (environment and natural resources).” Sarina is very independent. She hunts, fishes, and gathers with her son Jacob. Not many woman are as independent as Sarina. She is a very strong and confident woman. “My son is very observant and watches everything I do when we’re out and he is so eager to learn how it’s done.”

Water & Sewer

Water and Sewer is provided to all the homes, businesses, public buildings, and school in the main part of the village. There are 12 homes that have their own wells and sewer septic tanks. Charlie operates and maintains the pump house, pumps the septic tanks from the 12 homes, septic tanks throughout the main village, and the lift station. He uses a sewer truck to carry the waste to the sewer lagoon. He also does maintenance and repairs on the water and sewer systems and sewer truck.

Charlie ‘Boyaq’ Nelson, Water & Sewer Operator

Charlie had Operator in Training on Water and Waste Water. He also worked as a Gasman and on-call Light Plant Operator. He had Bulk Fuel Operator and Light Plant Operator training through Alaska Energy Authority at Alaska Vocational Educational Training in Seward.

“I live the subsistence way of life and support it 100%. In other words, I use it and take care of it for future generations. Whenever possible I teach it to younger generations, by taking them with me hunting and fishing and showing them how to navigate on the water and operate outboards safely.”

Fuel

Provides oil, gas, and propane to locals, surrounding villages, and sports hunters and fisherman. Open every day of the week.

Eric Wassillie, Gasman

Eric has a hazwopper certificate and C.P.R. training. He’s been working for the Tribe for over a year. He also does maintenance for the Tribe and he is the local dog catcher.

“Back when I was younger we were able to hunt whenever we wanted. Now there are too many regulations.”

Post Office

Provides United States Postal Service from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Monday thru Friday, 11 a.m. - 12 noon on Saturday, and closed on Sunday.

Dianna L. Ishnook, Postmistress

Dianna started working for the Tribe October, 2013. Before that she was an on-call postmistress. She learned how to manage and operate the post office on her own, on the job training.

“Subsistence is an important part of our life. Teaching my kids is a #1 priority.”



LANDS and WATERS

There are 5 ways that land is used in and around Koliganek. Let's start with land in the village. There is 14c3 lands that is used for development, whether it is housing or public infrastructure. Koliganek School is on land that is owned by Southwest Region School District. Koliganek Airport is on State land and there are Native allotments on the west and east sides of the village. South of Koliganek is marsh and tundra.

Land and development is very important to all the residents of Koliganek. People need decent housing, water and sewer, electricity, roads, public school, healthcare, Postal Service, fuel, and an airport, but there is also one very important, critical, and key element that we need and depend on, subsistence.

We are the traditional stewards and caretakers of the land and waters surrounding Koliganek. A healthy environment, clean and pristine water aquafer, and healthy stocks of wild game, fish (salmon and fresh water fish), plants, and berries are very important. We traditionally hunt, fish, and gather and continue to practice our traditional Yup'ik way of life on the land and waters of our ancestors. Our connection to this land, waters, and other natural resources is still very strong and in tack. We are as much a part of our environment as it is a part of us.

Goal

Protect and maintain land, water, and all natural resources. Utilize land, water, and all natural resources in a healthy manner.

Objective: Protect traditional lands and waters for subsistence hunting, fishing, and gathering. Also for trapping and hauling wood.

- Eliminate trespass on Koliganek Natives Limited lands.
- Enforce bans on hunting moose on KNL lands.
- Support River Patrol.
 1. Sports fisherman aren't allowed to anchor out when fishing and they're anchoring out.
- Lobby the board of Game to restrict sport hunting along the Nushagak River corridor to ensure adequate game populations for subsistence users.
 1. Enforce restrictions for sports hunters and fisherman.
 2. Set limits for sports hunters and fisherman.
 3. Inform sports hunters and fisherman and their guides not to waste, but give meat and fish to local people in a timely manner, so meat and fish don't spoil, rot. Sport hunters and fisherman that waste meat and fish, should pay a hefty

fine when caught with wasted meat and fish and they should not be allowed to hunt and fish.

- New Koliganek Village Council co-manage lands, waters, fish, and game with Alaska Department of Fish and Game and United States Department of Fish and Wildlife.
 1. Contact Steven Village Tribe to see how they co-manage their traditional lands, waters, fish, and game.
 2. Study their plans and educate community and leadership, so that they can make a good, sound decisions on how to manage our lands, waters, fish, and game resources.

Objective: Oppose large scale development in Bristol Bay, mining and offshore oil and gas drilling.

- Continue to work with and support Nushagak-Mulchatna Watershed Council, Nunamta Aulukestai, and United Tribes of Bristol Bay.

Objective: Keep Native allotments in local control.

- Encourage land owners not to sell their land, but to keep for their children and grandchildren.
- Work with and support the Nushagak-Mulchatna Land Trust.

Objective: Continue subsistence hunting, fishing, and gathering. Continue trapping and hauling wood.

- Community subsistence activities.
- Teach traditional food preparation and preservation.
- Create a traditional recipe book.
- Entire family units continue to work together to provide for all their subsistence hunting, fishing, and gathering needs. Families also continue to utilize wood for constructing, heat, smoke houses, and maqi.
- Teach younger generations to trap and hunt wolves.



Kristin Tunguing helping her Uppa and Gram cut white fish. Spring, 2015



Nastasha Nelson cut her first salmon with the help of her Gram Elena Olsen. Summer, 2013

ENVIRONMENT

New Koliganek Village Council has an Environmental Program through the United States Environmental Protection Administration's Indian General Assistance Program. The program started January 2000 and has an approved grant for continuation of funding through December 2017. Jeffery Paul Romie Sr. wrote the first I.G.A.P. grant for Koliganek. He also wrote New Stuyahok and Ekwok's first I.G.A.P. grants. He was instrumental in the start of all the Environmental Programs in all the Upriver villages.

The Environmental Program is successful in improving the environmental health of our community. The Environmental Program has developed, planned, and established environmental protection programs for the village and has allowed New Koliganek Village Council to build the basic capacity to administer an Environmental Program.

The overarching goal of the program is to become more educated on environmental issues, develop and implement pollution prevention measures, and respond to environmental issues as they arise. We want to continue to educate the Environmental

Program staff and community to better protect our environment like our ancestors and keep our environment safe and healthy for future generations.



2012 Annual Spring Clean Up

Left to right; Charlene Larson, Samantha Ishnook, Alfred Brown, Environmental Coordinator Delores Larson, and Brenda Norbert.

Koliganek has a strong and very successful Environmental Program. Here are some accomplishments:

- Successfully established and maintained an Environmental Program from 2000-2015.
- Environmental Coordinator applies for, manages, implements, and closes out the I.G.A.P. grant. The Environmental Technician assists the Environmental Coordinator.
- Environmental Program staff is fundamental in helping establish the Nushagak/Mulchatna Watershed Council. Continues to participate in evaluating and protecting the watershed.
- Assists with oil spill response.
- Assisted with Traditional Ecological Knowledge studies.
- Applied for funding for weatherization on 13 homes and assisted in implementing project in 2003.
- Closed old landfill and built a new landfill in 2006.

- Solid Waste Management Plan.
 1. Solid Waste Operators pick up trash at homes, local businesses and all public buildings/offices Monday – Friday.
 2. Recycle pop cans, batteries, and electronics and send to recycling center.
 3. Purchased a burn box to extend the life of our landfill.
 4. Started a Solid and Hazardous Waste Collection Fee Program.
- Water quality monitoring and coliform testing.
- Developed and publishes a Quarterly Newsletter.
- Educational outreach at the school and a week-long Celebration of Salmon Class in the summer.
- Education outreach on Large Scale Development within the Bristol Bay Region.
- Annual Spring Clean Up since settling at current village in 1964, keeping Koliganek clean for 51 years.
- Clean up the landfill.

Goal

Protect and maintain a safe and healthy environment.

Objective: Ensure all residents have access to water and sewer.

- Extend water and sewer system to serve entire village.
- Keep good record of water sampling and comply with Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation.
- Continue to support Water & Sewer Operator positions. Make sure they are certified and continue Water & Sewer management education/training.
- Upgrade water and sewer system throughout entire village.



*Jaylene Larson ice fishing
at Sivaangaq with her
mom and dad. Winter,
2011*

Objective: Manage and implement solid waste management plan.

- Continue to manage the Solid and Hazardous Waste Collection Fee Program.
- Continue to support the Solid Waste Operator positions. Make sure they are certified and continue solid waste management education/training.
- Continue Annual Spring Clean Up, keeping the land around the landfill clean, recycling, and educational outreach.
- Continue to participate and work with Nushagak/Mulchatna Watershed Council.
- Continue to manage Spill Response Team.
 1. Make sure members of Spill Response Team have updated hazwopper training.
 2. Have adequate amount of supplies prepared and ready in case of an oil spill.

Objective: Sites, areas that need to be cleaned up. For some or all of the sites we can apply for the Brownsfield Study/Assessment.

- Old dump site by Kavalila Kapatak's house.
- Harris Creek, lots of old, rusty drums up there.
- Lead acid batteries by the Village Council and at the Landfill.

Objective: Community members participate, support, and encourage all safe and healthy environmental practices.

- Keep oil and gas off land and out of all water sources.
- Bring back solid waste from hunting, fishing, and camping trips.
- Report oil and gas spill to the Village Council.

Other protective measures:

- Apply for water reservation rights.
- Empty out oil and gas tanks on all old, unused vehicles.
- Indoor and outdoor air quality. Concerned about smoke from wood stoves and road dust.
- Fencing and warning signs for dangerous/hazardous areas. Ex. around the propane storage area.

HOUSING

Submitted by the Bristol Bay Housing Authority

“New Koliganek Village Council has chosen Bristol Bay Housing Authority (BBHA) as their “Tribally Designated Housing Entity.” The Bristol Bay Housing Authority was created by Alaska Statute AS 18.55.955 in 1974 to administer Low Income Housing programs funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The programs are governed by the terms of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act. In 1996, Congress revamped Indian Housing Programs with the passage of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act (NAHASDA).

BBHA passes through to the Council one half of the “Need” funds provided by a formula allocation under NAHASDA. BBHA maintains a “Regional Pool” with the other half of the funds from each village participating in the “Pool,” and constructs new homes on an annual basis from a ranked Village list. BBHA monitors sub-recipient activity for provision of housing services and programs administered by the individual tribes who use BBHA as their Tribally Designated Housing Entity.”

Currently there are 66 housing structures in Koliganek. 64 are homes and 2 Bed & Breakfast rentals. 4 homes are vacant.

18 of the homes are HUD houses that were constructed by Bristol Bay Housing Authority in 2000. Those 18 HUD homes are the first and only HUD homes ever built in Koliganek. B.B.H.A. came up, spring 2015, to do weatherization on the 18 houses, but found out that the foundation on all 18 homes need repair/work. So, before weatherization work can be done, the foundation for all 18 houses needs to be corrected. It is unsure when that will be done and Koliganek will not be eligible for new HUD homes or weatherization projects until work on the 18 HUD homes is completed.

11 of the homes are BIA houses that were built through New Koliganek Village Council. NAHASDA did work on 8 homes throughout the years and 13 homes got weatherization work done in 2003. There hasn't been any repair/work done on any homes for several years. Our NAHASDA monies have gone to heating assistance for Tribal members.

Goal

Provide safe, adequate, affordable housing for all residents.

Objective: Need new housing.

- Assess demand for new housing.
- Set aside a portion of our NAHASDA monies for new HUD homes.
- Ensure road, water, sewer, and electrical access for 10 or more new HUD homes.
- Apply for new housing.

Objective: Weatherize homes and make them energy efficient.

- Assess homes for draft, mold, poor air quality, inadequate insulation, and bad doors and windows.
- Apply for weatherization.
- Weatherize all the homes for households that qualify.

Objective: Identify homes that need repair and maintenance.

- Create a point system, so that homes that score higher on the point system can get service first. Also, note who has received assistance in the past, so it can be fair for everyone. People shouldn't be completely dependent on Village Council for all their housing needs. Home owners need to have some personal responsibility and invest in their own homes.
- Provide basic housing maintenance; electrical, boilers, heating lines and vents, monitor/toyostove assistance/repair, and plumbing.

WELLNESS

Wellness is a big issue/concern for everyone, the community and the leadership of Koliganek. In the past, our kids have done very well in school. Although Koliganek School has a 100% graduation rate year after year, many are concerned that there aren't enough activities and opportunities for youth in Koliganek. Since there is not enough to do or offered, kids have a lot of free time on their hands and drug dealers and bootleggers are benefitting from that.

There are 2 churches in Koliganek, St. Michaels Russian Orthodox Church and Koliganek Assembly of God. There is church service on Saturday, Sunday, and holidays at the Russian Orthodox Church and on Sunday and Wednesday at the

Assembly of God Church. There's a priest and a pastor that reside in Koliganek with their families. When there's a tragedy or a celebration, all the people come together to help and assist the families that are in need. Our faith and devotion to God is very important in our everyday life and for entire families. It is critical to our wellness, our wellbeing.

Here are a list of current service providers in Koliganek:

- Charlie H. Nelson Health Clinic provides primary health care for all residents. There are currently 3 Community Health Aides/Practitioners. The Health Aides receive assistance and supportive services from Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation and Kakanak Hospital.
 1. First Response Team assists Health Aides during an emergency. There are currently 3 trained EMTs on the First Response Team.
 2. Infant Learning Program provides diagnostic and therapeutic services to children with developmental disabilities.
 3. WIC, Women, Infants, and Children, provides nutritional support for expecting mothers and children.
 4. Behavioral and Mental Health is provided through the Family Service Worker in Ekwok and the Counseling Center in Dillingham.
 5. All other health care services are provided through B.B.A.H.C.



- Public Safety is provided by the Village Public Safety Officer. There is a VPSO office and a jail. The VPSO receives assistance and supportive services from Bristol Bay Native Association and the Alaska State Troopers stationed in Dillingham.
 1. Fire Response Team responds to fires in and around Koliganek.
 2. Search & Rescue Team responds to anyone that is lost, stranded, and/or injured on land or water.
- Children Services is provided by the Tribal Children's Service Worker with assistance and supportive services from Bristol Bay Native Association and the Office of Children's Services.
 1. Works closely with Office of Children's Services on Child in Need of Aide cases.
 2. Provides support to families.

Goal

Strengthen support systems for youth, families, and elders.

Objective: Utilize service providers and volunteers in the community to provide/offer opportunities for youth, family, elder, and community events/activities.

- Need more people in the community volunteer to help with activities and community events/activities.
- Want family nights, arts and crafts, and movie nights like we had before.

Objective: Provide more public services.

- Youth Service Worker to assist with youth activities.
 1. Assist with B.B.N.A.'s Summer Youth Employment Program.
 2. Assist with lunch program during the summer.
 3. Explore opportunities for year round employment opportunities for youth in Koliganek.
 4. Explore internship opportunities for youth and young adults that already graduated from high school and/or are in college.
- Family Service Worker to assist families and elders and also offer behavioral and mental health counseling and drug and alcohol counseling.
 1. Assist with students at the school who have behavioral and mental health issues and/or drug and alcohol issues.
 2. Provide outpatient and aftercare drug and alcohol treatment.

Objective: Continue to practice faith and devotion to God.

- Individuals and families continue to support churches.
 1. Support church financially.
 2. Support priest and pastor and their families.
- People continue to come together in times of need.
 1. Collect money for the family in need.
 2. Assist in any way possible, see the family through.

Goal

Address social issues/concerns in the community.

Objective: Have a Wellness Conference in Koliganek.

- Start a Wellness Committee.
- Look at resources and find funding.
- Recognize our elders.
- Invite motivational speakers.
- Invite other Alaska Native Dance groups.

Objective: Address the issue/concern of having drug dealers and bootleggers in Koliganek.

- Have a community meeting, discuss how this is affecting us, our families, and our community.
- Come up with a plan on how to deal with issues of drugs and alcohol being sold in our community.
- Explore/learn more about Tribal courts.

CULTURE

Koliganek is a Yup'ik settlement. Most of the people in Koliganek are Yup'ik and there's also a Scandinavian influence. The first salmon fisherman in Nushagak Bay were Yup'ik and Scandinavian. A majority of the people in Koliganek are Nushagak Bay fisherman. So, we are not all 100% Yup'ik, but we are extremely proud of our Yup'ik heritage and we love our beautiful home and our rich traditional Yup'ik way of life.

Commercial salmon fishing is also a part of our culture. The commercial salmon fishery in Nushagak Bay started in 1884, when John W. Clark helped build the first cannery at Kanulik, just above Nushagak Point. Alaska Native people weren't allowed to commercial fish salmon until the early 1930's. Before that, they worked in the cannery processing salmon. Currently, 19 people in Koliganek own Bristol Bay salmon permits.

Goal

Maintain our rich Yup'ik Heritage.

Objective: Offer traditional Yup'ik activities.

- Native arts and crafts for all ages.
 1. Skin Sewing
 2. Carving
 3. Beading
 4. Sewing
 5. Knitting and Crocheting
 6. Carpentry, building sleds, dry racks, and such.
- Yup'ik dancing
 1. Make drums.
 2. Make apaallirtuq, there are different stories.
 3. Make kuspags, headdress for girls and women, and headdress for boys and men.
 4. Learn our Traditional Yup'ik songs and dances.
- Yup'ik language classes, not just at the school, but in the community.
- Community Subsistence Activities
- Culture Camp
 1. Gather resources, including volunteers.
 2. Apply for funding.
 3. Implement project.
- Create a recipe book with traditional and non-traditional recipes.
- Document and publish stories of our own Yup'ik people, Iilrayamiut.

EDUCATION

Koliganek School is part of the Southwest Region School District. 59, K-12 students were enrolled for the 2014-15 school year. Since the last Community Development Plan was completed in 2005, a lot has been accomplished. The new school is expected to be completed by June, 2015. A new school was high on the priority list on the last Community Development Plan. The old school had extremely poor air quality that severely affected the health of school aged children and Koliganek School employees. The people of Koliganek are grateful for the new school.

Other accomplishments include: improved access to technology, provide early childhood programs, offer college credit courses, hire local certified teachers and other supporting school staff, have regular Community School Committee meetings (public is always welcome to attend), and start a local Koliganek School Newsletter.

We also understand that many decisions about our children's education are made at regional and statewide levels. The relationship between the community and the school administration needs to be constantly maintained, to ensure that when staff turnover occurs, community concerns and priorities remain on the table. Koliganek has been fortunate to have maintained a fairly stable cadre of teachers and administrators, including the number of local people who are employed at the school. Nevertheless, local residents need to remain engaged and be a part of the decision making process.

Koliganek School had a 100% graduation rate for the last several years. We've never really had much trouble with kids dropping out of school. Although, there are a few who have not received their high school diplomas.



2015 Senior Class

Standing left to right; Maria Wyagon, Kayla Gumlickpuk, Charlene Larson, Aquila Kapatak, Salutatorian Melinda Merlino, Valedictorian Brenda Norbert, and Hattie Dull.



2015 8th Grade Promotion

Standing left to right; Alex Hansen, Jaden Ishnook, Natasha Hobson, and Samuel Moses.

The community and leadership of Koliganek are concerned about the wellness, wellbeing of our community, especially for our youth. In the next 5 to 10 years we would like to focus on Wellness and Education. People want to see more activities and opportunities for our youth, prevention activities and programs. We believe that 'PREVENTION' is the key for the success of our children.

Goal

Maintain high standards of academic excellence.

Objective: Positive parent/guardian involvement with children and school.

- Parents/guardians involved with kids education.
 1. Attend student activities, presentations, and such.
 2. Encourage and support kids in their education and extra-curricular activities.
 3. Attend parent/teacher conferences.
- Make sure children come to school 'Ready to Learn.' Kids should -
 1. Be well rested.
 2. Eat a healthy breakfast.
 3. Be on time.
 4. Dress appropriately. Make sure kids have boots, ski pants, winter coat, hat and gloves during cold winter months.
 5. Have a good positive attitude.



*Sisters Kayla and Iftekia Gumlickpuk after playing a basketball game.
2013 Regional Tournament in Manokotak.*

Objective: Utilize sports and other extra-curricular student activities to help motivate and encourage kids to do well in school.

- Kids need to have good grades, attendance, and behavior to be eligible for any and all sports and other extra-curricular student activities, including open gym.
- A good source of pride, dedication, hard work, and determination that will definitely carry onto higher education and later, the workforce.
- Offer sports opportunities to younger children, not just jr. high and high school students. Start at the elementary school age level. Great way to keep our kids motivated at every age level.

Objective: The community would like to see our village have a Head Start Program. Although we do have a pre-school program, not all children ages 3 to 5 have an opportunity to attend.

- Call B.B.N.A. Head Start.
- Advocate and work towards having a Head Start Program in Koliganek.



*2015 Kindergarten Graduates
Gerasim Nelson and Kaden Herrmann.*

Objective: Offer opportunities for youth to attend career fairs, internships, and employment, training, and other higher education opportunities.

- Have a Career/Job Fair right here in Koliganek.
- Incorporate job shadowing into Summer Youth Employment Program through B.B.N.A.
- Provide opportunity for high school students to attend Career/Job Fair in Dillingham and/or Anchorage.

Objective: Teach cultural activities.

- Invite elders to work with students at the school.
 1. Yup'ik language
 2. Arts & Crafts
 3. Storytelling
 4. Native Dancing
- Revitalize Yup'ik language, teach Yup'ik.

Goal

Provide health and safety education.

Objective: Work with the Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation Environmental Health and Injury Prevention.

- Gun Safety
- Water Safety
- Survival

Objective: Teach health education.

- Tobacco, snuff and cigarettes
- Drugs and alcohol
- Teen pregnancy
- HIV and STD's
- Nutritionist, teach and encourage healthy eating habits.
- Implement the D.A.R.E. program.

Goal

Improve relationship between community and school administration and staff.

Objective: Good communication. People talk between the lines, about each other and about the school. People need to voice their opinions, not whisper.

- Continue to have monthly CSC Meetings and continue to open the public.
- When there's an issue, 1st thing, call parents.
- Take the time to listen, to the students, school staff, and parents.
- Be fair and honest with one another; includes students, school staff, and parents.

- Open door policy at the school.
 1. Invite and welcome parents/guardians, if they have concerns, ideas, or want to volunteer or help out at the school.
 2. Encourage open communication, feedback, and discussion.

Objective: Reduce high turnover of teachers at the school.

- Teachers commit to 2 years or more.
- Encourage teachers who are not from Koliganek to get involved with community.

INFRASTRUCTURE

New Koliganek Village Council operates and maintains all public services and facilities in Koliganek, except for Koliganek School, Koliganek Airport, the Bristol Bay Telephone Cooperative Inc. tower, and the GCI Tower.

Public Utilities

Water & Sewer

Piped Water & Sewer has existed in Koliganek since 1975. Larry Kayoukluk Sr. was responsible for installing the first water and sewer system. The water and sewer pipes were plastic, so there was an upgrade to metal piping in 1985. A lift station, sewer lagoon, and pump house were also built. At that time, Henry Shade led that project. Both projects were done thru Public Health Service, PHS. The pump house got a new filtering system in 2011 and all the plumbing in the pump house is expected to be changed this year.

Water & Sewer is owned and operated by New Koliganek Village Council. Residents that are connected to village water and sewer pay a monthly fee of \$20.00 and people that have only water pay \$10.00. The homes that have their own wells and septic systems do not pay any fees to the Village Council.

Goal

Upgrade water and sewer system and extend water and sewer to all the homes.

Objective: Upgrade water and sewer system.

- Upgrade pump house.
 1. Redo plumbing, overhaul entire plumbing system in the pump house.

- Relocate main lift station and upgrade all the lift stations throughout the village.
- Build a new sewer lagoon.
- Change all the water and sewer pipes throughout the village. Install new ones to the homes that are not connected to the village water and sewer systems.

Objective: Extend water and sewer system to all the homes in Koliganek.

- Gust 'Bossy' Johnson needs water and sewer installed.
- Jimmy Olsen has bad water, the connection to the water needs to be properly installed and he needs a sewer system installed.
- All the homes above Kavelila Kapatak's house, 13 homes.

Electric

Electric power came to Koliganek in 1978 and the first electric service provider was Southwest Region School District. Before 1978 families had their own personal generators and colman lanterns were used to light homes. S.W.R.S.D. provided electricity until 1993. Since then, New Koliganek Village Council has owned and operated the local Electric Company and we now provide electricity to S.W.R.S.D., Koliganek School. Ed Willis installed new power lines throughout Koliganek in 1995.

There are 3 diesel generators that are the main and only source of electric generation in Koliganek. The diesel generators produce a lot of heat, so waste heat from the diesel generators provide heat to the Charlie H. Nelson Clinic and Koliganek School. Currently, the rate for electricity is \$0.50 per kilowatt hour, one of the lowest rates in the Bristol Bay Region. Power Cost Equalization, PCE is provided through the State of Alaska to assist in alleviating the high cost of electricity for all residents of Koliganek.

Koliganek recently upgraded the generators by purchasing one extra generator, bringing the number of diesel generators to 3.

The Village Council does not have an alternative energy plan at this time. The Village Council is considering developing an alternative energy plan.

Goal

Continue to effectively provide electricity to community.

Objective: Maintain current power source and provide highest level of electric service.

- Operate and maintain diesel generators. Keep electric generation operating

without too many electric surges and keep diesel generators from turning on and off.

- Install new street lights throughout the village and repair the ones that aren't functioning properly.
- Continue to provide Power Cost Equalization to all households.

Objective: Hire and train an electrician, a local resident of Koliganek. Also, if needed hire and train a lineman to assist electrician. Lineman should also be a local resident of Koliganek.

- Provide electrical service and repair.
- Inspect power lines throughout the village to see if any of the lines need to be repaired or replaced.

Objective: Invest in alternative energy sources, wind and solar energy.

- Study examples of wind and solar energy projects in other Alaskan villages.
- Figure out which will work effectively in Koliganek.
- Complete feasibility study.
 1. Look for funding for alternative energy and apply.

Fuel

New Koliganek Village Council owns and operates the local fuel company in Koliganek. The Village Council provides diesel oil to heat homes, gasoline for 4 wheelers, snow machines, automobiles, and outboards, and propane for cooking stoves and dryers. Construction companies, airport maintenance, Koliganek School, sports hunting and fishing guides, and surrounding villages also depend on New Koliganek Village Council for fuel.

The first tank farm was built in 1981. There were 3 - 10,000 gallon tanks that held 20,000 gallons of diesel oil and 10,000 gallons of gas. 100 lb., 24.5 gallon propane tanks were purchased individually. The last upgrade on the fuel tank farm was in 2009, when 5 - 35,000 gallon tanks, 3 - 6,000 gallon tanks, and an underground fuel service line from the bank at the beach to the tank farm was installed.

The cost of gas is \$5.75 a gallon, diesel oil is \$5.00 a gallon, and a 100 lb., 24.5 gallon propane tanks are \$230.00 each. Fuel is shipped to Koliganek by barge, once in the spring and once in the fall. Fuel is purchased from Vitus Marine.

Most of the bulk fuel storage areas are fenced and locked, except for the 3 - 6,000 gallon tanks and the propane. The community would like the 3 tanks and propane storage areas to be fenced and locked.



New tank farm.

Goal

Provide excellent fuel storage.

Objective: Fence and lock all fuel sources.

- Fence and lock 3 - 6,000 gallon tanks and all the propane tanks, full and empty propane tanks.



Propane storage area without fence.

Landfill

The landfill is also owned and operated by New Koliganek Village Council. The New Koliganek Village Council Environmental Program has a Solid Waste Management Plan. There are 2 Solid Waste Operators that provide service (pick up garbage and haul to the landfill) Monday thru Friday. The school, businesses, and other community buildings pay \$52.00 a month, residents pay \$12.00 a month, and elders pay \$7.00 a month. Fee collection started in 2013. Money generated from fee collection is used to pay the Solid Waste Operators. The landfill is open to the public. It is never locked, so it is an uncontrolled landfill.

The first landfill was right where Kavalila Kapatak Sr.'s built his house, at the top of the hill by Charlie Nalay Creek. That landfill was closed down in 1983 and a new landfill was built about ½ a mile west of the village on a Native Allotment. Charlie H. Nelson Sr. gave the village land to build a road and a landfill on his Native Allotment. A road, bridge, and landfill were built in 1983.

The location and the land is perfect. Since the wind mostly blows east to west and the soil is good, the location was just the right place to have a landfill. When trash is burning, the smoke, which is toxic and affects human health, doesn't blow into the village, but away from the village. There is clay soil under the landfill. Clay is good, since it helps keep toxins from seeping into the water aquifer.

The landfill reached maximum capacity by 2005 and a landfill extension and renovation was completed in 2006. The area where the second landfill was built was closed down and remediated and a new landfill was built right next to the old landfill. The current landfill is expected to last 10 to 15 years from now. The Village Council is purchasing a burn box this fall, 2015. The burn box will help extend the life of the current landfill. Pop cans, batteries, and electronics are all shipped out of Koliganek for proper disposal and recycling. The construction companies usually haul their solid waste out of Koliganek by barge.

There are a few concerns about the landfill. The Village Council is considering keeping the landfill closed part of the time, like on weekends and holidays, since there was a fire last fall. The bridge to the dump needs to an upgrade or might need to be replaced. The bridge cannot withstand the weight of the backhoe, which is used to cover trenches and dig new trenches.

Fire Station

There is a portable fire suppression unit stored in a van alongside the road, close to the pump house located on the west side of the village. There's only one fire hydrant near the Charlie H. Nelson Health Clinic and we do not have a fire truck or a place to store a fire truck.

There was a house fire several years ago and that home burned to the ground. Nothing was saved. The home was a total loss. There was a fire at the dump just before spring, 2015. There wasn't much snowfall and the conditions were extremely dry. We were able to stop the fire from spreading and extinguished the fire with the portable fire suppression unit.

Goal

Provide excellent fire response.

Objective: Provide necessary equipment and facilities for fire response.

- Install fire hydrants throughout the village.

- Purchase a fire truck and fire response equipment.
- Build a fire station that holds fire truck and fire response equipment.
- Continue to maintain and take care of the portable fire suppression unit for future use.

Transportation

Airport

For the first few years, after the relocation to the current site of Koliganek, there wasn't an airport. Geese landed in the water right in front of the village in the spring, summer, and fall and Ski Wheel 180 airplanes landed at the lake behind the village during the winter months. The old airport was built behind Koliganek School in 1968. The new airport was built in 1995. It is a 3,000 ft. X 75 ft. airport with an apron and lighting.

The airport is currently under construction. The airport upgrade is a federally funded project that will rehabilitate and extend the runway, upgrade the lighting, repair settlement and drainage issues, and upgrade the other airport structures. There will be a 500 foot extension to the runway, making it possible for cargo planes to land. The upgrade to the airport is much needed. The conditions are not good.

The State of Alaska contracts with a local resident that provides maintenance for the airport, apron, and road to the airport. The contract is renewed yearly and Nick Johnson Sr. provides maintenance for Koliganek Airport. He does snow and ice removal, keeps runway clear of big rocks, and checks for soft and hazardous areas on the runway. When Nick leaves Koliganek, he has on call airport maintenance support that are also local residents of Koliganek.

There are a lot of airlines that provide service to Koliganek. Grant Air provides mail, passenger, and freight service. The main passenger airlines between the villages and to and from Dillingham, which is the hub village in our area, are Shannon's Air, Mulchatna Air, and Grant Air. Bristol Bay Air and Van Air provide mostly charter service. Den'ina Air provides passenger service to and from Anchorage and Iliamna Lake villages. Den'ina Air also has freight service and grocery service direct from Anchorage. Air Supply Alaska does freight and grocery service out of Kenai.

Roads

When the village was first established, the main road was built. Homes were built right along the banks of the river and a road was built alongside the homes. A bridge

was built by Nicholia Tunguing's house. It was made with logs and plywood.



Old airport is now a road.



Bridge by Nicholia Tunguing's old house.

There are approximately 4 miles of roads throughout Koliganek. There is a 2 ½ mile road that goes from the airport down to the 'end'. The road was built in 1993 and used to transport gravel from the end to the airport. Local people use the road mostly in July, August, and September for berry picking.

New Koliganek Village Council maintains the roads throughout the village, except for Koliganek Airport and roads surrounding Koliganek School. The Village Council did an upgrade on the existing roads from 2006 thru 2008. Every year potholes, erosion, and runoff during spring and when there's a lot of rain are the only concerns at this time.

Goal

Maintain all existing roads throughout entire village.

Objective: Keep roads clear of snow and brush.

- Plow roads when there's heavy snowfall.
- Cut brush alongside roads (when there's thick brush it's difficult to see if anyone is walking or riding around the corner).

Objective: Remove potholes throughout the village.

- Fill potholes with gravel in the spring and fall.

Objective: Maintain roads where there's a lot of runoff and erosion.

- Road across the creek has lot of runoff and erosion and needs repair.
- Roads at all 3 bridges also have a lot of runoff and need repair.
- Complete a feasibility study on all 3 bridges.
 1. Look for funding to repair or build new bridges and apply.
 2. Upgrade or repair bridges that need an upgrade or need to be replaced.

There are no roads connecting Koliganek to any other community in Alaska. We would like to keep it that way. We do not want to disturb the fish and wildlife and want to keep the tundra, which is the filter for the Nushagak River and the home for all the freshwater fish, salmon, and utilized by a number of wild game animals, clear of roads and any other type of development.

There are tripods between Koliganek and New Stuyahok that were installed in 1995 for winter travel and for safety reasons. B.B.N.A. provided the funding for the project. It's been 20 years and the tripods have kept many people safe when traveling between the villages.

Skiffs, fishing boats, and barges use the beaches for parking, loading, and off-loading. The beach below the Village Council is where barges park, load, and off-load. Families park their skiffs along the beach that are closer to their homes and fisherman haul their boats up at the dog yard during the off-season.

Public Facilities

Community Buildings

In the past, we had an old Village Council office that was used as a public meeting and gathering place, Post Office, and health clinic. A lot has changed since then.

The administrative offices for New Koliganek Village Council, United States Post Office, and a small gathering and meeting place are all at the Anton Johnson Community Building. We've outgrown that community building years ago, but because of good maintenance we continue to utilize the building.

The Environmental Program, Children Services, and Community Planning offices are located at the old clinic. Health care is provided at the Charlie H. Nelson Health Clinic. Public Safety has a V.P.S.O. office building with a holding cell. There is a youth center, but last winter there was a water leak and the flooring had to be removed. The youth center is currently closed until repairs to the water pipe system and floor have been made. There are janitors that clean the Anton Johnson Community building, old clinic, Charlie H. Nelson Health Clinic, and V.P.S.O. building and maintenance is provided by on-call Village Council employees.

There is an old shop right next to the bulk fuel facility where heavy equipment and other vehicles can be repaired. The old shop was heated at one time, but isn't anymore. There is also a building on the old airport where the solid waste truck is stored and another building at the airport that stores the airport grader.

Currently, we do not have a senior center or senior housing. We take full responsibility for caring for and providing for all of our elders. Each family works together to ensure that their elderly parents have everything they need.



Elders, left to right, Effteikia Ishnook, Gust Tunguing Sr., Katherine Tunguing, Tatiana Kapatak, Oxcenia McCarr, and Patsy Nelson. Spring, 2013

Goal

Provide adequate facilities for all public services.

Objective: Maintain all the existing community buildings.

- Provide janitor services for all community buildings.
- Provide maintenance for all community buildings.

Objective: Build new Tribal Community Hall and Tribal Offices.

➤ Tribal Community Hall

1. Need a larger area for community events and activities.
 - a) Village Council, Village Corporation, and all public meetings.
 - b) Dances, potlucks, wedding receptions, and such.
 - c) Youth, family, and elder activities.
 - d) For Native dance practice and performances.
 - e) Safety classes.
2. Community wants a kitchen for potlucks and cooking classes.
3. Provide an area for a snack shop.

➤ Tribal Offices

1. Nice to have all Tribal employees, located in one central office.
 - a) Helps keep Tribe united and working together.
 - b) Able to coordinate services.
- Save money by having all Tribal employees in one, new office that provides efficient heat and electricity, rather than having 3 or 4 Tribal office buildings that need constant maintenance and repair.

Objective: Build a new cemetery.

- Find a location for a new cemetery.
- If needed, build a road for access to the cemetery.

Heavy Equipment

The Village Council has heavy equipment that is used for building infrastructure, roads and public buildings, and also provides service and maintenance for all the public roads, public buildings and utility services. The heavy equipment is also leased out to construction companies.

The Village Council owns, operates, and maintains heavy equipment. The 930 loader was just purchased.

- 850 dozer
- 350 dozer
- 844 loader
- 930 loader
- 415 backhoe

Goal

Provide heavy equipment to meet all the basic needs in the village.

Objective: Maintain all existing and new heavy equipment.

- Provide service and maintenance for heavy equipment.

Objective: Purchase new heavy equipment to ensure that needs are met within community.

Vehicles and Boat

The Village Council provides a utility vehicle that is built for public safety. The interior has a holding area for safety reasons and also has sirens for emergency response. The V.P.S.O. uses an 18 foot Lund with a 70 hp. outboard for search and rescue and patrolling the river. There's also 2, 4 wheelers (Honda Ranchers) and a snow machine (Ski-doo) that is used for search and rescue and village patrol.

The water and sewer operator uses a solid waste haul vehicle to pump, store, and deliver waste to the sewer lagoon from the lift stations and individual septic systems.

The gas man uses his own 4 wheeler to go to and from the gas station, but he uses an old fuel delivery truck to deliver fuel to homes, public building, and businesses. The old fuel delivery truck needs a lot of repair, especially the brakes.

The health aides do not have a first response vehicle at this time. Currently, they are using their own vehicles to respond to emergencies. We also do not have a fire response vehicle.

The solid waste operators use a 4 wheeler with a cart designed for hauling solid waste in Alaska and a snow machine with a sled, also designed for hauling solid waste in Alaska.

Goal

Ensure that all public services transportation needs are met.

Objective: Provide necessary vehicles for all public services.

- Purchase new vehicles.
 1. Fuel delivery truck
 2. First response vehicle

3. Solid waste snow machine

Objective: Maintain all public service vehicles, 4 wheelers, snow machine, skiff, and outboard.

- Periodically check and service when needed.
- Make sure public service providers inform Village Council when there is an issue or problem with the vehicle, 4 wheeler, snow machine, skiff, or outboard that they utilize.

COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA SERVICE PROVIDERS

Telephone, Cell, and Internet Service

Bristol Bay Telephone Cooperative Inc. started providing local and long distance telephone service to Koliganek in 1985. Before that there was one telephone located at M & H Variety Store. Whenever someone got a phone call, the store clerk would call them on the VHF and that person or family would run over to the store for their phone call. When someone made a telephone call, they would get their time and charges after the call from the operator and pay the store clerk.

A lot has changed since then. Telecommunications have expanded tremendously over the last 8 years. B.B.T.C. built a microwave cell phone tower behind the Village Council generators. They offer local and long distance telephone service, cellular service, and internet service. B.B.T.C. is stationed in King Salmon and a resident of Koliganek is on the Board of Directors. They provide lifeline service through the landline or cellular telephones.

Another cell phone tower is located at the old airport. It was built in 2009 by GCI. GCI also offers long distance and cellular service in Koliganek. GCI also provides lifeline service.

Television and Newspaper

Television first came to Koliganek in 1983. A dish was installed right next to the Village Council. It was Ratnet and we had 1 channel. A bunch of kids were playing bat ball on the main road. The people who installed the dish announced, "You have t.v." and all the kids ran home to watch t.v. Later the station became ARCS, but the receiver needs repair and hasn't worked for several years.

Most families now use DISH. Many have purchased satellites, receivers, cable, remotes, and such from Anchorage DISH service providers. We install, maintain, and repair our own DISH satellite systems. DISH also provides Anchorage channels which is really very nice.

The local newspaper is The Bristol Bay Times/The Dutch Harbor Fisherman. The Bristol Bay Times was started in Dillingham, was sold a few times and now is owned and published by Alaska Media. Alaska Media purchased the newspaper in 2012. The newspaper was The Bristol Bay Times, but changed to The Bristol Bay Times/The Dutch Harbor Fisherman in 2013.

Public Radio

The local public radio station is KDLG, broadcasting on 670 AM, which is located in Dillingham. KDLG has been providing service to Koliganek since 1975.

LEADERSHIP

New Koliganek Village Council is the governing entity in Koliganek. A lot has change throughout the years, since the village was first settled in 1964. We didn't have a Village Council or a Village Corporation. All the homes, caches, sheds, steam baths, dry racks, and smoke houses were all built out of logs harvested from the land. There was no water and sewer, electricity, telephones, grocery stores, airport, landfill, and such.

Many families went downriver to commercial fish and work in the canneries in the spring and returned in the fall. Men trapped for fur during the winter and sold their furs during Beaver Round Up in Dillingham. Our people continue to commercial fish and trap. We also continue to hunt, fish, and gather on the lands and waters of our ancestors, providing for our families.

It was a different life back then. Now we have community buildings, a new health clinic, a new school, all sorts of different types of technology, and much more. We have highly trained and highly qualified administrators, V.P.S.O's, health aides, environmental staff, certified teachers and teacher aides, and so forth.

Although a lot has changed over the years, we remain the same in regards to our faith and devotion to God, our rich traditional Yup'ik heritage, and our high standards for education and a strong economy. We continue to care for our people, our village, and our environment.

We have the same values that our leaders and elders had when they first settled. Our values have been passed down from generation to generation for thousands of years.

We are a strong, hard-working, and determined people. We will continue to live our traditional Yup'ik lifestyle on the lands and waters of our ancestors and we will continue to maintain and build our local economy and infrastructure, solidifying and strengthening our Tribe, New Koliaanek Village Council, for many more generations.

The existing leadership has been serving the Native people of Koliganek for the last 20 to 30 years. A lot has been accomplished throughout the years. Most of the New Koliganek Village Council board members also serve on the Koliganek Natives Limited, our village corporation, board of directors.

Koliganek Natives Limited is a founding member of Nunamta Aulukestai, *Caretakers of Our Land*, which is a consortium of village corporations. The New Koliganek Village Council Environmental Program staff and leadership are a part of the Nushagak – Mulchatna Watershed Council. The Village Council is also a member of United Tribes of Bristol Bay.

Koliganek is a part of *Bristol Bay Native Association*, the regional non-profit, the *Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation*, the regional health care provider, the *Bristol Bay Native Corporation*, the regional for-profit Native Corporation, and the *Bristol Bay Housing Authority*, the regional housing provider.

Although we have a number of commercial salmon permit holders and many residents that work in the commercial salmon fishing industry, we are not a part of the CDQ, Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation. Community members would like to see our community become a part of B.B.E.D.C. or at least get assistance with vessel upgrades. We do receive assistance with purchasing commercial salmon permits. We are very thankful for B.B.E.D.C.'s assistance. 2 residents purchased commercial salmon fishing permits this last year.

The existing leadership are very active in the community and have served the people of Koliganek in a number of different ways, including participating and serving at the regional level.

We are not too concerned about the next generations of leaders. Our people are strong willed, strong minded, and determined to make a difference in a variety of ways. It is our hope that our people will continue on in Koliganek for many more generations.

Goal

Maintain strong leadership, secure funding, and build capacity.

Objective: Make sure New Koliganek Village Council stays organized and accounts for all projects and programs.

- Maintain organizational structure.
- Continue audits.
- Continue monthly and annual meetings.
- Excellent communication at the village, regional, and state levels.
- Fairness and equality for all residents in all matters pertaining to and regarding public services.

Objective: Continue to obtain funding for projects and programs.

- Get assistance from regional and state organizations to secure funding.
- Complete projects and programs.
 1. Fulfill all reporting requirements.
 2. Implement and close out grants.
- Document successful projects and programs.
 1. Share with community, regional and state entities, and funders.

Objective: Build capacity.

- Provide opportunities to attend training and conferences.
 1. Project management.
 2. Grant writing.
 3. BIA Provider's Conference
 4. Alaska Federation of Natives Conference

Goal

Encourage, support, and recognize youth and others for achievements.

Objective: Provide support to Tribal members who attend vocational school and college.

- Continue to award \$500.00 scholarships to Tribal members who are enrolled in vocational school or college.

Objective: Recognize youth and others for their achievements.

- Showcase at the Village Council.
 1. School kids.
 - a) Academics
 - b) School attendance
 - c) Sports
 - d) Other activities school kids might be involved in.
 2. Recognize people who successfully complete vocational school or graduate from Kindergarten, 8th grade promotion, high school, vocational school, and college.
 3. Recognize New Koliganek Village Council employees for their service.
 4. Recognize other Tribal members for their accomplishments, people who live in Koliganek and out of town.
 5. Highlight successful Village Council programs, projects, and activities.

Goal

Become a part of Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation, the regional CDQ, or get more assistance from B.B.E.D.C. for commercial salmon fishing permit holders and/or boat owners.

Objective: Contact B.B.E.D.C. and learn more about how our village can become a part of B.B.E.D.C. or how permit holders and/or boat owners can receive assistance, primarily for vessel upgrades.

SPECIAL THANKS, HONOR, AND RECOGNITION

Leaders and Elders

Nicholia and Palascovia Tunguing	Anton and Sophie Johnson
Charlie and Sarah Nelson Sr.	Andrew and Annie Larson
Mary Larson	Evan and Okalina Wassillie
Blunka and Mary Ishnook Sr.	Elia and Efftekia Ishnook Sr.
Blunka and Anuska Petla	Pete and Natalia Petla Sr.
Bobby and Annie McCarr Sr.	Evan and Oxcenia McCarr Sr.
Gregory and Peducia Snowball Sr.	Gust and Katherine Tunguing Sr.
Gust and Matrona Johnson Sr.	Simeon and Palascovia Johnson
Kavilila and Minnie Dora Kapatak Sr.	Gregory and Tatiana Kapatak Sr.
Sergie Wassillie	George and Patsy Nelson Sr.
Yako Tunguing	Charlie and Alma Nolay

Neighboring Villages

Special thanks and honor to the people of New Stuyahok and Ekwok for your support for our community and our families throughout the years. The villages of New Stuyahok and Ekwok are our partners in a variety of political issues and our partners in life.

We always gather to celebrate Easter and Christmas, Slovic. We gather in times of celebration and tragedy. We continue to gather at winter carnivals and sports events. Our appreciation and love for one another, our faith and devotion to God, our beautiful home along the Nushagak River, abundant natural resources, and rich Yup'ik heritage have kept us strong and united as a people, *Upriver People*.

APPENDICES

Joint Village Council and Corporation Resolution

Household Survey Questions

Sources

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Joint Village Council and Corporation Resolution

New Koliganek Village Council
P.O. Box 5057
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Resolution 2015-10

Title: Koliganek Community Development Plan

Whereas: the New Koliganek Village Council and Koliganek Natives Limited are the governing bodies for the residents, that each entity represents and is fully authorized to act in behalf of the residents that each entity represents and

Whereas: NKVC has a five member board, KNL also has a five member board, that are the elected officials empowered to act for and on behalf of its members and shareholders in adopting resolutions and

Whereas: this resolution shall give notice that these entity^s shall approve and support the Koliganek Community Development Plan for the residents of Koliganek and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NKVC and KNL adopt the Koliganek Community Development Plan and commit to working together with residents, employees, regional entities and funding agencies to accomplish goals and maintain high standards for the future of our village and our people

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that by the president's signature s this resolution was duly considered and adopted at their respective meetings of NKVC and KNL and was passed by a majority vote.



President, New Koliganek Village Council

7-30-2015

Date



President, Koliganek Natives Limited

7-30-2015

Date

Household Survey Questions

1. What do you enjoy most about living in Koliganek?
2. What do you think we can do to improve our community?
3. What is the biggest concern facing our community? Why is it a concern? What do you think we can do to resolve the issue/problem?
4. What subsistence activities do you and your family participate in? What do you harvest from the land and waters surrounding our village? What percentage of your food comes from subsistence?
5. How many people live in your home? Do you own or rent? Is there sufficient space for everyone in your household? Is your home adequate to live in? If not, what improvements would you like done on your home?
6. What do you think we need to improve in regards to Search & Rescue, Fire Response, and Medical Emergency Response?
7. What type of extra-curricular activities would you like to see youth (school age kids) involved in? Examples might be Native Dancing, Future Teachers of Alaska, and other student clubs. These clubs include supervision and possibly fundraising. Other ideas: Math & Science Camps, Internships, Sports Camps (Volleyball & Basketball), and Safety Classes, Gun & Water Safety.
8. What are some common transportation safety issues/concerns that you might have?
9. Do you have any environmental concerns?

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