



Strengthening Community Planning & Grant Writing Skills in Bristol Bay

The Bristol Bay Native Association, Community Development Program partnered with the Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation (BBEDC), Southwest Alaska Vocation & Education Center (SAVEC) and The UAF-Bristol Bay Campus to provide a 1-credit Rural Development class entitled the Community Development Workshop. The class was a 3-day event held January 22-24, 2015 at the UAF Bristol Bay Campus in Dillingham. The purpose of this class was to strengthen community planning and grant writing skills in the Bristol Bay communities. The class had 28 participants from 15 communities in the Bristol Bay Region.

community planning process, building relationships with regional partners, tracking the outputs and impacts of the projects and evaluating the effectiveness of community planning. Sheila emphasized the importance of community planning and how community planning ties in with grant writing.



Instructor Sheila Selkregg giving a presentation at the Community Development Workshop.

The Grant Writing portion of the class gave an overview of the basic elements of a grant, importance of a grant proposal, identifying and working through RFP releases from State/Federal Private sources, importance of the budget, reporting grant outcomes and progress and the importance of creating an internal plan to sustain the project after funding is over. Meg showed participants where to look for grants and how often to look for grants.

The Community Development Workshop had other speakers during the class from local agencies and the State of Alaska to discuss the Bristol Bay Regional Vision Plan, the Bristol Bay Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) and other plans/projects happening or going to happen in the region.

The class had 2 sections over 3 days, the first half of the class covered Community Planning and the second half covered Grant Writing. The Community Planning portion of the class was instructed by Sheila Selkregg from Solutions: Sheila Selkregg Consulting. The Grant Writing portion of the class was instructed by Meg Loomis assisted by Lila Hobbs, both from Agnew:Beck Consulting. The instructors did a great job providing information and engaging participation. Participants asked many questions that pertained to their particular projects they were working on or projects they wanted to work on in their community.

The Community Planning portion of the class gave an overview of the basic elements of a community plan, how important it is to engage community participation in the



Participants and Instructors of the Community Development Workshop class.

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Community Development Workshop Continued-

BBNA Economic Development Program Manager, Annie Fritze, discussed aligning community plans with the Bristol Bay Regional Vision plan and CEDS. BBNA Tribal Energy Program Manager, Lawrence Sorensen discussed his program and the regional energy projects he is working on. BBEDC, Economic Development /Brokerage Director, Alice Ruby discussed the opportunities that BBEDC provides, such as grant writing assistance for special projects.

The Bristol Bay Housing Authority Executive Director, Brenda Akelkok discussed some of the upcoming projects the housing authority has for the region and expressed the importance of planning when developing housing in a community. BBNA's Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Development Director, Julie Baltar discussed her program and funding opportunities the program has and upcoming projects the department will be working on in the region. Ruth St. Amore from the State of Alaska, DCCED Division of Community and Regional Affairs, Municipal Lands Trustee Program was able to video conference into the class and talked about how to verify the status of lands in Municipal Land Trust (MLT) in a community, site control for development on MLT land, information on land uses on MLT land, and how important it was to know who owned land in the community when developing/expanding in a community. Ruth sent some community maps and BBNA Land management provided maps and participants were able to look at what land was available for development in their communities. Participants enjoyed looking at the aerial maps and seeing their entire community mapped out.



The participants received lots of information in 3 days on community planning and grant writing. Participants seized the opportunity to start networking with people within the region for future projects and funding opportunities. This was a great opportunity and we plan on providing this class again with a change in the length of the class.

Many thanks to the instructors for teaching the class, other presenters for taking the time to give a presentation, the partners for providing financial support for participants to attend this workshop and all staff members that helped make this event happen. The BBNA Community Development Program will be planning to have this class again in the future so, if you are interested in taking this class contact the Gwen Larson, Community Development Program Manager for more information by phone at 842-5257 or by email at glarson@bbna.com.

BBNA Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Development

The BBNA Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Development (BBNA DOTID) welcomes our new program assistant, Summar Olson. Summar is providing administrative support to the Department and is assisting with special projects.

DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Tribal Consultation – 25 CFR 170, Tribal Transportation Program Regulations

The consultation recently took place in Anchorage, on February 10, 2015. Members of BBNA staff were present and provided a significant number of verbal comments. We will be following up with written comments and will post these on the BBNA website www.bbna.com.

Reauthorization Update: Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21)

MAP-21 will expire May 21, 2015. BBNA is participating in the national Tribal Transportation Unity Caucus (TTUC), as well as the Alaska Tribal Transportation Unity Caucus (AK TTUC), and the NCAI Transportation Taskforce. The TTUC held an impact week in Washington D.C. February 23 2015 to provide information to members of Congress and their staff. BBNA participated in these activities. The TTUC developed the Tribal Transportation Unity Act (TTUA) which requests Congress provide significant increases to the Tribal Transportation Programs and fund the High Priority Projects from the Highway Trust Funds as well as other improvements overall. We expect Congress to move on the reauthorization before the end of May. More information on the TTUC and the TTUA can be found at www.ttuc2015.com.

Tribal Transportation Program Coordinating Committee (TTPCC):

The last meeting of the TTPCC was in November 2014 in Washington, D.C. The next scheduled meeting was set for February 2015, but was postponed by the federal representatives. Notice of the next meeting is still pending.

Tribal Transportation Meetings:

The 13th Annual Alaska Tribal Transportation Symposium, March 31 – April 2, 2015 at the Westmark Hotel in Fairbanks. More information is available at www.attwg.org. This is an excellent meeting for Tribal Leaders, Managers/Administrators, and Transportation Staff.

FHWA Program Agreement:

BBNA is now working directly with Federal Highway Administration under a program agreement for the Tribal Transportation Program. We are very excited about this new method of contracting. We anticipate a higher level of technical assistance and speed in the receipt of advance payments. In the past under the Office of Self-Governance we anticipated payments for the fiscal year around June. Under this agreement with FHWA we have already received payments as Congress authorizes appropriations.



Photo of roads in Eku.

Projects/Grants:

BBNA has been working on administrative issues associated with our FEMA Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Planning Grant. At this time, we plan to roll out a series of Regional team, tribal council, and community public meetings beginning in April 2015. We will be posting notices on KDLG and to the individual villages through mailings as we move forward. At some villages we will also be using the same meetings to meet on the 2% Tribal Transportation Safety Project Grant.



Roads in Clark's Point.



Photo of road in Pilot Point.

Regional Transit Project:

BBNA's Program Assistant and Planner are calling the Tribal and City governments and working with them on our transit needs survey to help assess the interest to establish Bristol Bay Transit Systems. We are focusing our efforts under our current grant on developing a coordinated transit plan between the communities of Dillingham and Aleknagik.



Ekwok Klutuk Road

Tribal Transportation Program Project Development:

We have several projects that are under survey, design, or the NEPA process. These include:

Eku to Clarks Point Road at 95% design

Portage Creek Landfill Road, not yet 35% design

Ugashik River Road survey complete, NEPA process underway, beginning design before summer 2015.

Construction Projects:

We are in winter shutdown for Ekwok Klutuk Road. The Tribe has been working very hard in securing additional funds to complete the project.

The New Stuyahok Landfill Road Rehabilitation Project is also in winter shutdown. This is a project that the Tribe had contracted through the BIA under Title I if P.L. 93-638.

Maintenance:

We have maintenance agreements in place with Pilot Point and Twin Hills. We anticipate having additional agreements entered into this year for Eku, Clarks Point, Ekwok, and Portage Creek.

Emergency Preparedness:

BBNA is very active in providing information to tribal communities on how to be prepared for an emergency. We have posted and will be providing additional information



Roads in Twin Hills.

BBNA's website at www.bbna.com for your benefit.

To learn more about BBNA DOTID check us out on BBNA's website or please contact Julie Baltar, Director at jbaltar@bbna.com or (907) 842-6219.

BBNA's RX for healthier communities: Investing in nursing students Joclyn Reamey and Natasha Nielsen is good medicine

By Leona Long, UAF College of Rural and Community Development

As UAF Bristol Bay Campus nursing students, Joclyn Reamey and Natasha Nielsen studied human anatomy, chemistry, pharmacology and human development. However, their most important lesson on how to be a good nurse didn't come from a textbook.

During their clinical experiences, Joclyn and Natasha found they had a hometown advantage compared to nurses from outside Alaska. Whether they were making house calls administering immunizations to elders and babies in local villages or rotating throughout Kakanak Hospital departments, their Yup'ik culture helped them easily establish rapport with their patients.

"I don't always recognize my patients' name on the chart," says Reamey, whose patients often call her by her Yup'ik name. "I know them when I come into the patient's room. I know most of my patients better by their Yup'ik name than their English name."

For two years, Joclyn and Nielsen juggled challenging academics and a rigorous skills laboratory and clinical practicum schedule. The path for becoming a nurse is known for being demanding.

"Coming from rural Alaska myself, I know firsthand the challenges that arise trying to make the transition into higher education," says Evon Peter, vice chancellor of rural, community and Native education at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, who grew up in Arctic Village. "As nurses, Joclyn and Natasha will be helping others in a way that symbolizes the values and way forward for our Native people in Bristol Bay and throughout Alaska."

The Bristol Bay Native Corporation shareholders credit their perseverance and drive to the constant support lavished on them by their patients, friends and family. "The support Joclyn and I received from the community encouraged us throughout the two years we were in school," says Natasha. "So many people told us how proud they were that we were becoming nurses. It motivated us to work harder."

"It was especially gratifying when our elders told us they were proud of us," adds Joclyn. "Nursing school is not always easy, but helping to improve the health of community was worth every discouraging moment. For me, one of the best parts of my journey to become a nurse was

caring for patients who knew me or my family."

The Bristol Bay Native Association is one of the BBC's most generous community partners. BBNA's financial contribution helped renovate the new UAF Bristol Bay Campus Applied Sciences Center. Formerly a NAPA Auto Parts store, the building was renovated into a laboratory and practicum teaching space for the Nursing, Rural Allied Health environmental Science and Sustainable Energy programs.

BBNA's bighearted scholarship funding also helped Joclyn and Natasha to achieve their educational goals.

"I am honored to be a graduate and a BBNA education scholarship recipient with a degree from the UAA Associates of Applied Science degree in Nursing," says Joclyn. "I am so thankful to this program and all the staff for their support and encouragement. The new lab/classroom was very helpful to have our own place to do videoconferences, practice skills, and even hold our clinical in such as the flu clinics. I look forward to serving my community as a nurse. Quyana!"

You will soon find Natasha and Joclyn at Kakanak Hospital. The health care facility has well-paying jobs waiting for them after they pass the state licensing exam.

For more information about Bristol Bay Campus's nursing program, contact Rebecca Coupchiak at 907-842-8362 or ribouker@alaska.edu or visit uaf.edu/bbc/programs/nursing/.



Natasha Nielsen and Joclyn Reamey

SAVEC Update on Classes

By

Adelheid Herrmann, Instructional Operations Manager

Net Hanging Class

Walking into the Construction lab at the Southwest Alaska Vocational and Education Center's (SAVEC) shop you would think you are in a net loft at a cannery. The Bristol Bay Campus partnered with SAVEC to provide a Net Hanging Class to the residents of the Bristol Bay Borough.

The Bristol Bay Campus hired Naknek resident Toni Hoiby, a local net hanger, as the instructor. Future net hanging and mending classes are planned for those interested throughout the region to participate. Net hangers are in great demand in Bristol Bay.



Olaf Hansen III at the Net Hanging Class.

Fur Skin Sewing Class

The Bristol Bay Campus (BBC) collaborated with SAVEC for a fur skin sewing class with students making fur hats.

Annette Wilson is now an adjunct professor with the University of Alaska, Fairbanks and is the instructor for the class. Annette is a talented fur sewing entrepreneur and her next BBC/SAVEC class being offered is sewing fur mittens.



Annette Wilson, Instructor of the Fur Skin Sewing Class.

Fisheries Business

Cooperative Efforts Underway in Bristol Bay

The Southwest Alaska Vocational and Education Center (SAVEC) has contracted with Izetta Chambers to examine the benefits of a Fisheries Business Cooperative for the Bristol Bay area's small 'mom and pop' seafood processors. Due to the high cost of doing business in rural Alaska, as well as the slim profit margins on seafood products, a fisheries business cooperative would enable Bristol Bay fish business entrepreneurs to leverage capacity and add-value to their products. A fisheries cooperative comprised of members of the direct marketing fishing community, as well as small fisheries businesses would provide a mechanism for augmenting the efforts of small businesses, direct market fishermen, seafood marketers, and logistic providers meeting the needs of these ambitious entrepreneurs.

If you are interested in processing, selling and marketing your own fish, now is the time to get involved. There are many benefits to working as a group such as reducing costs

by purchasing supplies together, examining potential markets and learning from and helping each other.

Izetta will be helping ten small 'mom and pop' seafood processors with their business plans. In addition, on April 20th – 22nd, Izetta will be teaching the Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) and Sanitation Class required for the successful operation of a fish-processing business in the U.S. seafood industry. Izetta's contact information is: Phone: (520) 488-9814 and E-mail: izetta.chambers@gmail.com.



Izetta Chambers

Upcoming Classes

SAVEC is partnering with BBNA, BBEDC and the Bristol Bay Campus to provide the following classes for spring semester:

March Classes include: Hazwoper, Water Treatment and Distribution, Basic Welding, and Marine Refrigeration – Refrigerated Seawater (RSW). April Classes



include: 100 T Masters license, Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP), and Fiberglass Repair. May classes include: Forklift Driver Training, OSHA 10, Rigger/Signal for Mobile Crane Operation, RSW – Troubleshooting and Repair, and a Drill Conductor Class. CPR/First Aid will be offered periodically throughout the spring semester. These trainings offer a unique opportunity to train for jobs in the fishing, seafood, maritime trades and industry support sectors. For more information about upcoming classes and to register please call SAVEC at (907) 246-4600.

BBNA's Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Program

Its mission is to assist individuals with disabilities to obtain and maintain employment.

The program empowers eligible applicants with disabilities to become self-sufficient and independent.

Must be enrolled in a Federally Recognized Tribe.

Vocational Rehabilitation is a set of services designed to assist individuals with disabilities to become employed.

Contact:

BBNA Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Services

P.O. Box 310 Dillingham, Alaska 99576

Phone: 907-842-2262

Natural Resources Department

The Natural Resources Department has been busy working with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and local Advisory Committee regarding the Board of Game proposals and preparing for the upcoming Board of Fish meetings scheduled for later in the year and beginning of next year. If you have any questions regarding the recent Board of Game meetings or would like assistance with a Board of Fisheries proposal or to understand the process, please contact the Natural Resources department at 842-5257 and talk with Courtenay Carty ccarty@bbna.com or Gayla Hoeseth ghoseth@bbna.com. BBNA participates in all of the ADF&G Advisory Committee (AC) meetings in the Bristol Bay area.

Current regulations regarding Subsistence, Hunting & Trapping, Commercial Fishing and Sport Fishing can be found online at: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=regulations.main> or you can pick up a copy at your local ADF&G office.

Some educational background of Regulations and Board Process might be helpful to understand the process:

Alaska's process for enacting fish and wildlife regulations is an outstanding example of an open public process. The structure ensures that a wide range of needs and values are addressed through a high level of public involvement and scrutiny. In addition, the administrative framework helps ensure that pressures from specific interest groups do not influence the departments' job to sustainably manage fish and wildlife.



Sam Cotten, Commissioner of ADF&G with the UAF BB Campus - Views in Environmental Studies: Public Policy and the Legislative Process class.

•**Commissioner** (Sam Cotten) - The commissioner is the principal executive for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game; responsible for the protection, management, conservation, and restoration of Alaska's fish and game resources.

•**Board of Game** - The Board of Game (BOG) is responsible for considering and adopting regulations to allocate resources between user groups; establish wildlife conserva-

tion areas, hunting seasons, bag limits, harvest means and methods; and establish disposal or propagation programs. The enabling statute for the BOG is AS 16.05.255.

•**Board of Fisheries** - The Board of Fisheries (BOF) is responsible for considering and adopting regulations to allocate resources between user groups; establish fish reserves and conservation areas, fishing seasons, quotas, and bag limits size restrictions, means and methods, habitat protection, stock enhancement; and to develop commercial, subsistence, sport and personal use fisheries. The enabling statute for the BOF is AS 16.05.251.

•**Joint Boards** - The BOF and BOG meet jointly at the call of the commissioner or to resolve issues and consider matters such as nonsubsistence use areas, the advisory committee system, and recommendations for commissioner appointment. Statutes describing the joint boards and the subsistence law include AS 16.05.258 and AS 16.05.315. Regulations enacted by the joint boards are found in the Alaska Administrative Code (AAC), Title 5, Chapters 96 and 99.

•**Advisory Committees** - Advisory Committees are "grass roots" volunteer groups that are a local voice for recommendations on management of Alaska's fish and wildlife resources. There are 84 state advisory committees tasked to meet, write proposals, provide formal comments, and testify at board meetings. The enabling statute for the AC system is AS 16.05.260. Regulations governing the ACs are found in the Alaska Administrative Code (AAC), Title 5, Chapters 96 – 97.

Since we are in a Board of Fish cycle, here is information highlighting what the Board of Fish responsibilities are:

The Alaska Board of Fisheries consists of seven members serving three-year terms. Members are appointed by the governor and confirmed by the legislature. Members are appointed on the basis of interest in public affairs, good judgment, knowledge, and ability in the field of action of the board, with a view to providing diversity of interest and points of view in the membership (see Alaska Statute 16.05.221). The current board members are: Tom Klumberton, John Jensen, Fritz Johnson, Orville Huntington and Sue Jeffery. Currently there is one vacant seat and this will be filled when the legislature approves the candidate appointed by the governor.

The Board of Fisheries' main role is to conserve and develop the fishery resources of the state. This involves setting seasons, bag limits, methods and means for the state's subsistence, commercial, sport, guided sport, and personal use fisheries, and it also involves setting policy and direction for the management of the state's fishery resources. The board is charged with making allocative decisions, and the department is responsible for management based on those decisions.

The board meeting cycle is three years long. The Meetings generally occur from October through March. The Board of Fisheries meets four to six times per year in communities around the state to consider proposed changes to fisheries regulations around the state. The board uses the biological and socioeconomic information provided by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, public comment received from people inside and outside of the state, and guidance from the Alaska Department of Public Safety and Alaska Department of Law when creating regulations that are sound and enforceable. We are in a board of fish cycle and the meeting is scheduled for November 30-December 7, 2015 in Anchorage, AK. The previous meeting was held in Naknek, AK in December 2012.

Board of Fisheries Authority:

The Board of Fisheries is established under Alaska Statute 16.05.221 for the purposes of the conservation and development of the fisheries resources of the state. The Board of Fisheries has the authority to adopt regulations described in AS 16.05.251 including: establishing open and closed seasons and areas for taking fish; setting quotas, bag limits, harvest levels and limitations for taking fish; and establishing the methods and means for the taking of fish. The regulations the Board of Fisheries has authority over are 5 AAC Chapters 1- 77.

These meetings are very engaged and organized for the public to be involved in our resources management. Get involved in the public process and let your voice be heard at your local advisory committee. Advisory Committees (AC) are the local “grass roots” groups that meet to discuss fishing and wildlife issues and to provide recommendations to the Board of Fish and Board of Game. There are 84 committees throughout the state each with expertise in a particular local area. Our regional coordinator is Taryn O’Connor-Brito Phone: (907) 842-5142 Fax: (907) 842-5514. For the Bristol Bay Region we have 5 committees focusing on both fishing and game management issues:

The Nushagak Advisory Committee represents the communities Dillingham, Aleknagik, Togiak, Manokotak, Clarks Point, Koliganek, New Stuyahok, Ekwook, and Portage Creek with 13 community designated and two undesignated seats. The Nushagak AC is located on the Westside of Bristol Bay in Game Management Unit 17.

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The Naknek/Kvichak Advisory Committee represents the communities of King Salmon, Naknek, South Naknek, and Levelock with 15 undesignated seats. The Naknek/Kvichak AC is located on the Eastside of Bristol Bay within Game Management Unit 9.

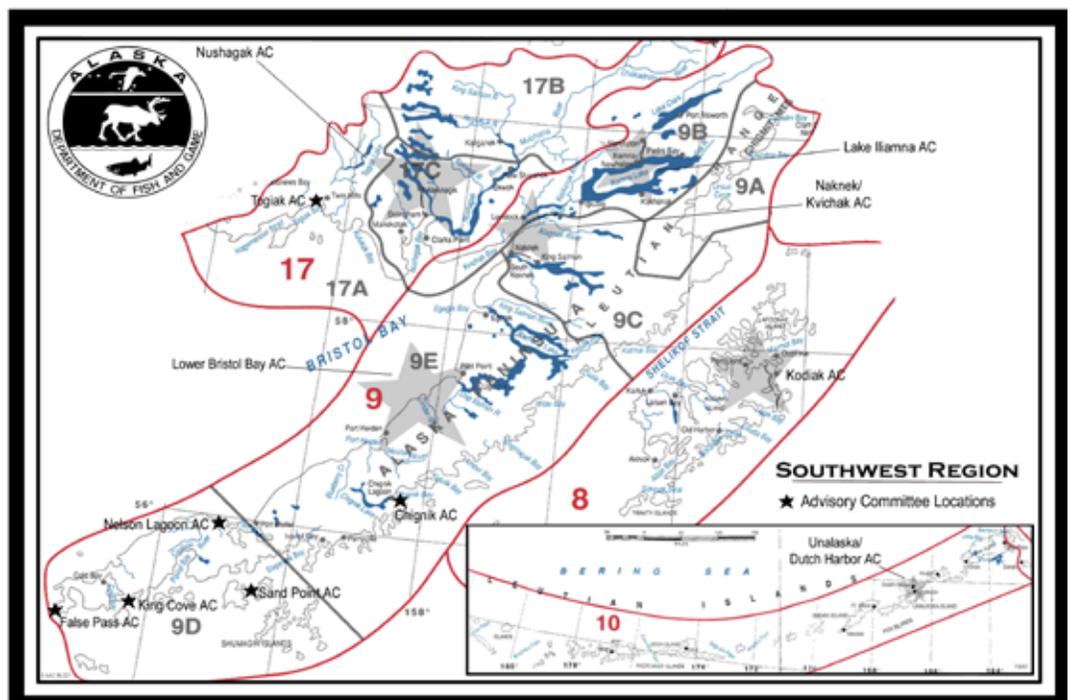
The Lake Iliamna Advisory Committee represents the communities of Iliamna, Igiugig, Kokhanok, Nondalton, Pedro Bay, Newhalen, and Port Alsworth with nine community designated seats and six undesignated. The Lake Iliamna AC is located North of Bristol Bay in Game Management Unit 9B.

The Lower Bristol Bay Advisory Committee represents the communities of Egegik, Pilot Point, Ugashik, and Port Heiden with seven community designated seats and eight undesignated seats. The Lower Bristol Bay AC is located on the Eastside of Bristol Bay in Game Management Unit 9E.

The Chignik Advisory Committee represents the communities of Chignik Lake, Chignik Lagoon, Chignik Bay, Perryville and Ivanof Bay, each community hold three designated seats. The Chignik AC is located on the Northern Eastside of the Alaska Peninsula in Game Management Unit 9E.

Advisory Committee authorities:

As authorized by Alaska Statute 16.05.260 which originally passed in 1959, the Joint Board of Fisheries and Game has established 84 Advisory Committees for the purpose of providing a local forum for the collection and expression of opinions and recommendations on matters related to the management of fish and wildlife resources. The regulations governing the advisory committee are 5 AAC Chapter 96 and 97.



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Meetings are always open to the public and are generally attended by department staff and members of the public who can offer background information on agenda topics. Advisory Committees are intended to provide a local forum on fish and wildlife issues. Their purpose as established by the Joint Boards of Fisheries and Game includes: •Developing regulatory proposals •Evaluating regulatory proposals and making recommendations to the appropriate board •Providing a local forum for fish and wildlife conservation and use, including matters relating to habitat •Consulting with individuals, organizations, and agencies.

A quorum must be established before a committee can conduct business. A quorum is a majority of the actual committee membership. Meetings are posted online and advertised on KDLG radio station. BBNA has meeting information as well and you can always give us a call to find out when your next local AC meeting is scheduled.

The ADF&G website is a great resource to learn more information about the local advisory committees. You can also be added to an email subscription list to receive information. You can select information on a meeting in your local area and receive electronic copies of proposal books, public notices for meetings, calls for proposals, and notices of regulatory changes. Check it out today at:

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=process.emailsubscription>

Mark your calendars:

BRISTOL BAY FINFISH MEETING November 30-December 7, 2015 in Anchorage, AK at the Egan Convention Center. ALASKA PENINSULA/ALEUTIAN ISLAND/CHIGNIK FINFISH February 23-March 3, 2016 in Anchorage, AK.

Here's the recent information regarding the CALL FOR PROPOSALS from the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

BBNA will be working closely with area residents during the Board of Fish cycle. Please contact us for more information and we look forward to working with some of you throughout the year.

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Alaska Board of Fisheries

THE ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES CALLS FOR PROPOSED CHANGES

IN THE SUBSISTENCE, PERSONAL USE, SPORT, GUIDED SPORT, AND COMMERCIAL FISHING REGULATIONS FOR BRISTOL BAY FINFISH, ARCTIC / YUKON / KUSKOKWIM FINFISH, ALASKA PENINSULA / ALEUTIAN ISLANDS / CHIGNIK FINFISH, and

STATEWIDE FINFISH GENERAL PROVISIONS.

PROPOSAL DEADLINE – 5:00 p.m. FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2015

The Alaska Board of Fisheries (board) is accepting proposed changes to the subsistence, personal use, sport, guided sport, and commercial fishing regulations for

Bristol Bay finfish, Arctic / Yukon / Kuskokwim finfish; Alaska Peninsula / Aleutian Islands / **Chignik finfish**, and **Statewide finfish** general provisions for consideration by the board in its 2015–16 meeting cycle. “Statewide finfish” refers to regulatory proposals applicable to statewide and general provisions. Finfish includes salmon, herring, trout, other freshwater finfishes, and groundfish, including Pacific cod. The board may also consider subsistence proposals for other areas under the subsistence proposal policy, 5 AAC 96.615, if proposals are submitted within this deadline and the board determines they meet the criteria in either 5 AAC 96.615(a)(1) or (2). To ensure the proposal book is finished in advance of the board meetings, the board sets 5:00 p.m., Friday, April 10, 2015, as the proposal deadline.

Proposals may be submitted online, email, mail or fax at:

Online:

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.forms>

Email: dfg.bof.comments@alaska.gov (Adobe PDF documents only)

Mail:

ADF&G, Boards Support Section

P.O. Box 115526

Juneau, AK 99811-5526

Fax: (907) 465-6094

Proposals must be received by 5:00 p.m. Friday, April 10, 2015 at the Boards Support Section office in Juneau. A postmark is NOT sufficient for timely receipt.

The National Consortia of Administrators for Native American Rehabilitation Recognized and Awarded, Fannie Neketa, Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor the Staff of the Year Award. Fannie was awarded for:

- ◆ Meeting deadlines to ensure the program is able to meet goals outlined in the grant proposal.
- ◆ Providing culturally appropriate services.
- ◆ Showing personal improvement by furthering her education and/or training.
- ◆ Having a new or innovative idea to increase successful outcomes.
- ◆ Setting goals and accomplishing them throughout the year.

Congratulations Fannie!



Brownfields Program

The BBNA Brownfields Program has had a busy first quarter!

CaSandra Johnson, Tribal Environmental Response Program (TERP) Coordinator has been helping New Stuyahok in filling out a DEC Brownfields Assessment or Cleanup Grant for the old contaminated BIA school property and doing research for BBNA Land Management Services to assist in attaining other funds clean up a native allotment which is contaminated with an abandoned landfill.

Other major activities include updating the Public Record and attending trainings and conferences, most recently Alaska Forum on the Environment. On January 31st we submitted our initial funding request to continue our Brownfields program into the next fiscal year.

Upcoming plans for the Brownfields Program are to prepare and plan for upcoming village travel in May, update our inventory with ten new sites, as well as doing research to compile funding opportunities for reuse and redevelopment projects.

We will continue to assist communities with technical support on contamination issues in your village. If any of our communities know of any potential areas of contamination and have redevelopment plans for the area, please contact TERP Coordinator, CaSandra Johnson, by email cjohnson@bbna.com or phone (907) 842-6248.



Alaska Forum on the Environment break session highlighting community participation in oil spill response.

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BBNA VPSO Program Highlights for January/February/March 2015

DPS approved BBNA VPSO Program to coordinate and repair the Recall on the 2013 VPSO Police Interceptor Vehicles

BBNA contracted with Mincher Automotive to do the recall work replacing the parts and complete the (9) of the (10) remaining vehicles in the surrounding communities. We hope to be done with the project on or before 02/27/15.

2013 USDOJ COPS- Boat, Outboard Motor, and Trailer Packages - (14) of the (15) packages have been shipped out by barge services during the Fall of 2014. The Chignik Bay Package will be shipped out Spring 2015 with Alaska Logistics.

DPS provided an Amendment in the FY'15 Grant Contract executed between DPS and BBNA

Three new sub-sections in the Scope of Work, Responsibilities of Corporation, Minimum Physical Hiring Requirements, Background Investigation, and Armed VPSO Standards will become part of the contract, as signed by the authorized representatives of the Parties. The new standard under this contract will require newly hired VPSO's to meet a minimum physical fitness standard of the 35th Percentile on the Cooper Aerobic Standards. The VPSO must meet this standard at the time of being offered a position with the Corporation and prior to attending Alaska Law Enforcement Training (ALET) academy.

The standards are a minimum of 27 sit-ups and 25 pushups in one minute, and run 1.5 miles in 15:12 minutes. The standards will be verified through a proctored physical fitness test coordinated by the VPSO Program Manager.

Certified VPSO's hired before January 1, 2015 are not required to meet the above physical fitness standard.

Non-certified VPSO hired before January 1, 2015 must meet the 1.14.1 physical fitness standard.

To hire a VPSO under this contract, this VPSO Program Manager will provide to the Statewide VPSO Training Coordinator or designee the background and medical forms as designated by the Department for all VPSO applicants. These documents will be used by the Alaska State Troopers to verify the physical fitness of the applicant and perform a fingerprint-based background investigation as required under 13AAC 96.090(a) & (b).

The Corporation will ensure, with the cooperation of the Department, VPSO who will be armed will adhere to the qualifications and training standards in the Approved VPSO Standard Operating Procedures.



Firearms Training-

- (a) A village public safety officer may not, except in an emergency, carry a firearm in the performance of the officer's duties until the officer has successfully completed a basic firearms training program that is certified by the Alaska Police Standards Council or substantially similar training as determined by the department.
- (b) In determining the successful completion of basic firearms training, the department may consider prior training and experience that is substantially similar to the training required under (a) of this section.

VPSO's attending Alaska Law Enforcement Training:

BBNA currently has (1) VPSO attending the ALET Training, 02/22/15 - 06/05/15, Manokotak VPSO William Yates II, in Sitka, Alaska.

For the Arming Training:

BBNA has no VPSO's attending this training between 03/15/15 - 04/03/15. Sitka, Alaska. The next training scheduled is in the Fall 2015.

For more information on the VPSO Program, please contact Carla Akelkok, VPSO Program Manager at (907) 842-5257, ext. 435.

Marine Mammals Pictures in Harvest Project

BBNA Marine Mammal Program



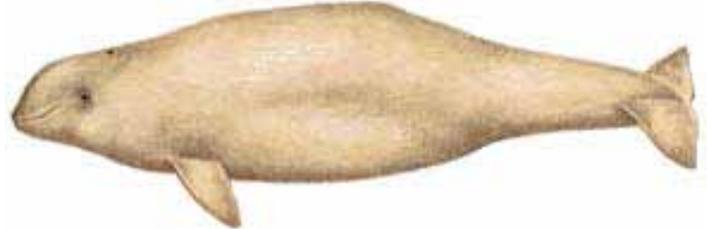
Nayiq (Spotted Seal)



Issuriq (Harbor Seal)



Maklak (Bearded Seal)



Cetuaq (Beluga Whale)



Nayiq (Ringed Seal)

Hunters can voluntarily complete marine mammal harvest survey forms and send them back to the BBNA Marine Mammal Program via mail or fax. The completed marine mammal harvest surveys are confidential but are reported to federal and state agencies in Alaska Native Organization Marine Mammal meetings for community or regional reports. The BBNA Marine Mammal Program has marine mammal harvest survey forms for: harbor seals (issuriq-mainly harvested in spring-late Fall), spotted seals (nayiq-ice associated seals harvested in late Fall to early Spring), bearded seals (maklak-ice associated seals harvested in late Fall to early Spring), ringed seals (nayiq-ice associated seal harvested in late Fall to early Spring), beluga whales (belugas-harvested year-round if open ice, otherwise harvest in early Spring to late Fall).

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Bristol Bay Calendar Events

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| BBNA Executive Committee Meeting Location: Dillingham | June 5, 2015 | BBNA (907) 842-5257 or 1-800-478-5257 Ask for DeeDee Bennis |
| BBNA Executive Committee Meeting Location: Dillingham | August 7, 2015 | BBNA (907) 842-5257 or 1-800-478-5257 Ask for DeeDee Bennis |
| BBNA Full Board Meeting Location: Dillingham | September 16-18, 2015 | BBNA (907) 842-5257 or 1-800-478-5257 Ask for DeeDee Bennis |

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

The Mission of BBNA is to maintain and promote a strong regional organization supported by the Tribes of Bristol Bay to serve as a unified voice to provide social, economic, cultural, educational opportunities and initiatives for the benefit of the Tribes and the Native people of Bristol Bay.

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