



*This newsletter discusses the Bristol Bay Native Association Transportation and Infrastructure Department's Tribal Hazard Pre-Mitigation Plan for your Tribal Council. This newsletter has been prepared to inform interested agencies, stakeholders, and the public about the project and to solicit comments. This newsletter and the draft mitigation plan can also be viewed on the BBNA's website at [www.bbna.com](http://www.bbna.com)*

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Bristol Bay Native Association was awarded a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant to develop Tribal Hazard Mitigation Plans (THMP's) for twenty (20) tribes in the Bristol Bay Region. On behalf of the twenty tribes, BBNA contracted Bristol Engineering Services Company, LLC (Bristol) to prepare your THMP.

The THMP identifies all natural hazards that affect the community, including earthquake, flood/erosion, severe weather, and wildland/tundra fire hazards, etc. The plan identifies the people and facilities potentially at risk and ways to mitigate damage from future hazard impacts. The public participation and planning process is documented as part of this project.

#### **Why Do We Need A Hazard Mitigation Plan?**

A FEMA approved and community adopted THMP enables your Tribal council's eligibility to apply for funding through state and federal mitigation grant programs.

The purpose of hazard mitigation is to reduce potential losses from future disasters. The intent of mitigation planning is to maintain a process that leads to hazard mitigation actions. This THMP identifies the natural hazards that affect the Tribal communities, identifies actions to reduce losses from those hazards, and develops long-term strategies to reduce the impacts of future events on people, property, and the environment, and establishes a coordinated process to implement the plan.

The THMP establishes goals and objectives and associated actions to reduce and mitigate the threat of natural hazards to life, property, infrastructure, economic stability and emergency response capabilities in the Tribal communities while encouraging the protection and restoration of cultural and natural resources.

#### **We Need Your Help**

We are excited to announce that the draft THMP for the Togiak Tribal Council is available at the Tribal office for public review and comment.

This plan is also available on BBNA's web page at [www.bbna.com](http://www.bbna.com) for public comment. The goal is to receive comments, identify key issues or concerns and improve ideas for mitigation. When the draft plan is complete, the results will be presented to the community before submitting to FEMA for their preliminary approval and returned back to the Tribal Council for formal adoption.

Public comments should be received no later than **June 24, 2019**

Comments can be made via email, fax, or phone to Danielle Dance, Bristol Engineering Services Company, LLC at: [ddance@bristol-companies.com](mailto:ddance@bristol-companies.com), (907)563-0013 or by fax at (907)563-6713.

#### **Public Participation**

Public involvement is important to the planning process of the THMP. This meets the requirements of 44 CFR 201.7(c)(1)(i).

The purpose of this newsletter is to encourage public involvement as a continuous effort throughout the project. The goal is to receive comments, identify key issues or concerns, and improve mitigation ideas from all stakeholders in your community.

We encourage you to take an active part in preparing the Tribal Hazard Mitigation Plan development effort. The purpose of this newsletter is to keep you informed and to allow you every opportunity to voice your opinion regarding these important projects.

***If you have any questions, comments or requests for more information, please contact:***

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