



BBNA Forestry Projects

Frank Woods III, Forestry Program Manager

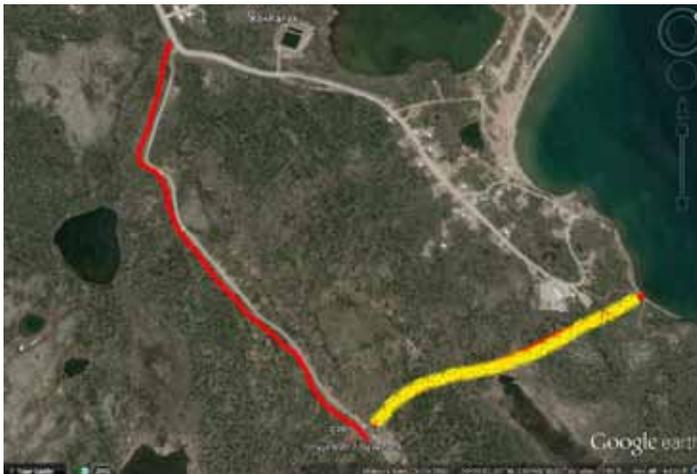
BBNA LMS/ Forestry is working on five projects under the Forest and Fire Management Plan. The projects include:

◆ BIA Forestry Thinning Forest Health and Development along with Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project (HFRP) around Native allotment Homes. With eight households total completed in 2018.



◆ Joint project HFRP, Forest Health Thinning, and Development along Aleknagik Lake Road with a 50ft firebreak around forested allotments.

◆ HFRP Fire Break Project in Kokhanok ongoing until spring of 2018, Fuel Break to protect the Village of Kokhanok town sites and allotments.



Aerial view of the Kokhanok Fire Break Project.

◆ Wood Harvest Monitoring: The Choggiung /BBNA Forestry wood harvest-monitoring program (wood patrol) started on Saturday, January 10, 2018.



◆ NRCS /USDA Services increased coordination with local landowners and villages by the FFMP like the Moose Habitat Enhancement Project, which increases moose browse by cutting old growth willow and other feed for moose.

BBNA LMS/Forestry had another Chainsaw Safety, Operation and Maintenance training in January of 2018 that trained seven people, six hired as forestry laborers to continue Hazardous Fuels Reduction (HFRP) and Forest Health and Development projects around the Dillingham and Aleknagik area.



BBNA Forestry laborers pictured from left: Marcques O'Connell, Stanley Small, Robert Norbert, and Quentin Backford.

For more information on BBNA's LMS/Forestry department, please contact Frank Woods III, Forestry Program Manager or Macaelin Flensburg, Project Coordinator at (907) 842-5257 or toll-free (800) 478-5257.



Natural Resources Department

Gayla Hoseth, Director of Natural Resources

The Natural Resources Department has been busy the last few months traveling within the region, the state, and across the US. Locally in Dillingham, BBNA teamed up with Tanana Chiefs Conference to offer a UAF Tribal Management Course for the introduction to the Board of Game. We had great participation and it was great to gather with fellow Alaskans and talk about the wildlife proposals for the Central/Southwest Region meetings and educate on the Board of Game process. Supporting each other throughout the State of Alaska brings us all together, and when we all come together, we have bonds and relationships that carry on into the future.



Board of Game Townhall meeting on proposal 148 for the use of a snowmachine to position caribou for unit 17.

Dillingham was happy to host the Alaska Department of Fish and Game – Central/Southwest Alaska Board of Game meeting from February 16-23, 2018 at the Dillingham High School/Middle School. Our community came together to make sure the Board of Game was welcomed and had the necessary accommodations to have the meeting in our region for the first time. A big thank you to everyone who played a part and role in making this meeting a success! It is awesome to have the Board of Game come onto our lands where our people have been harvesting for 1000s of years. When decision makers come to our area and see the vast beauty of Bristol Bay, we hope it will help them get a better understanding of our way of life and help to make the right decisions for our people. Most importantly, when the Board of Game holds their meetings in rural Alaska, it gives our people a chance engage in the public process and have their voices heard on our traditional ways of hunting. We have unwritten laws regarding our customary and traditional ways of life, trying to get these unwritten laws into the

regulations is not easy, and that is why it so important for people to get involved and start writing proposals so we can continue our traditions lawfully. Hold on to the stories and traditions passed onto us from our ancestors on how we harvest our fish and game. Continue to share your knowledge and your stories; this is what keeps us strong. The Board of Game is on a three-year meeting cycle and the next Board of Game meeting will be in 2021. You can review the Board of Game meeting on the state website at: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo&date=02-16-2018&meeting=dillingham>

Also just as exciting as the Board of Game is the Board of Fish. The ADF&G Bristol Bay Finfish Board of Fish meetings will be held in Dillingham on November 28-December 4, 2018. The Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Island/Chignik Finfish will be held February 21-27, 2019 in Anchorage, AK. The Statewide Supplemental Issues will be held March 8-11, 2019 in Anchorage, AK. **The deadline to submit proposals is APRIL 10, 2018.**

The Alaska Board of Fisheries (board) is accepting proposed changes to the subsistence, personal use, sport, guided sport, and commercial fishing regulations for the Bristol Bay, Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim, Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Islands/Bering Sea/Chignik, and Statewide finfish management areas. Finfish includes salmon, herring, trout, other freshwater finfishes, and groundfish, including Pacific cod, for consideration by the board in its 2018-19 meeting cycle. The board may also consider subsistence proposals for other topics (including 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 Tuesday, April 10, 2018, 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

The Natural Resources is happy to welcome Christopher Maines as our new Subsistence Outreach Specialist. Christopher started and hit the ground running on February 12, 2018. Christopher will be working on subsistence issues for fish and wildlife for both state and federal regulatory processes. Christopher will also be working on the BIA Subsistence projects, such as story telling documentation project, talking circles, subsistence mini-grants and scholarship opportunities. Here's more about Christopher is in own words. Welcome Christopher to the Natural Resources Team! My name is Christopher W. Maines and I am the new Subsistence Outreach Specialist for the BBNA Natural Resources Department.

My parents are Billy and Patricia Maines. My Grandparents are Bill and Martha Maines, and Andy and Kathleen Anderson. My wife Chelsea and I have a three-year-old son named Conlan.

I was born in Dillingham, Alaska in 1985. My father was in the radio station business, so my early years had me moving quite often living in places like Barrow, Ketchikan, and Wasilla before moving back to Dillingham in 1992. I graduated from Dillingham High School in 2004. In 2015 I graduated from Ashford University with a Bachelor of Arts in Cultural Anthropology and in 2017 I earned a Master of Arts in Applied Anthropology from the University of North Texas.

While continuing my education I have been employed with the Bristol Bay Native Association as a Tribal Clerk for the Curyung Tribal Council for the past nine years. In addition, I served as Curyung Tribal Council's Community Liaison for BBEDC, and volunteered as a Tribal Court Clerk.

As a boy, I experienced our subsistence lifestyle very early, picking berries with my grandmother, tying strings to hang salmon strips while the adults split fish, or moose hunting in the fall with my father and younger brother Craig. I was taught to appreciate the bountiful resources we have in Bristol Bay, to respect our wildlife, and to honor our elders and those who came before me. Though I have grown older, these values have stayed with me.



Christopher Maines, BBNA's new Subsistence Outreach Specialist.

Over the years, I have developed an increasing passion for helping people and a desire to protect our way of life here in Bristol Bay. I aim to serve the residents of Bristol Bay as an advocate for preserving their subsistence resources on a state and federal level, as well as educating residents on the regulatory process. I want to be able to show individuals the importance of our subsistence lifestyle on a personal, physical, and even spiritual level. I look forward to growing in this position and serving the people of our region for many years to come. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at BBNA, phone (907) 842-5257, toll-free (800) 478-5257 or email cmaines@bbna.com.

ANSEP Celebration

Cody Larson, Subsistence Fisheries Scientist

BBNA was recently recognized at a celebration of future leaders, sponsored by the Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program (ANSEP). The recognition was in response to the long-standing partnership BBNA has had with ANSEP teaching and training young leaders enrolled in sciences at the University of Alaska through internships.

This year's interns worked with researchers at the Fisheries Research Institute on Lake Aleknagik, where ecosystem monitoring techniques were learned through water sampling, sockeye salmon health assessments, and detecting genetic diversity of brown bears.

We also started an intern exchange opportunity with Orutsararmiut Native Council, or ONC, based in Bethel. The Natural Resources Internship Program is one of the ways we are engaging the next generation of community leaders to develop the skills needed to become resource managers.



This group of ANSEP students participated in honoring ANSEP sponsors and partners with gifts and symbols of appreciation at the celebration in the Denaina Center this January. Photo courtesy of ANSEP-UAA.

Brownfields Program

CaSandera Johnson, Brownfields Coordinator

What is a Brownfield? A brownfield is piece of land that a community wants to redevelop or reuse but cannot because of the land may be contaminated or perceived to be contaminated by a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. Some examples of brownfield sites could include abandoned canneries, other abandoned buildings such as gas stations, abandoned tank farms, illegal dump sites, asbestos-filled buildings, gasoline or diesel spilled on a piece of property. Often, the perceived contamination on a property hinders redevelopment or reuse of the property. Through our brownfield assessment process, we can help your tribe gain better understanding of the property that can lead to it being returned to productive use for your community.

The goal of BBNA's Brownfields Program is to promote capacity building and economic opportunities created by remediation and redevelopment of contaminated sites in Bristol Bay. The Brownfields Program is provided to those Tribes/communities that choose to authorize BBNA to deliver services per BBNA's policies. As of now, BBNA has been authorized by twenty (20) tribes which are: Aleknagik, Chignik Bay, Chignik Lake, Clark's Point, Curyung, Egegik, Ekuk, Ekwook, Koliganek, Kokhanok, Levelock, Manokotak, Naknek, New Stuyahok, Nondalton, Perryville, Pilot Point, Togiak, Twin Hills, and Ugashik.

Through the history of the program, many activities have been completed by the brownfields staff to move tribes closer to remediation and redevelopment. Such activities are:

- establishing and enhancing inventory of potential brownfield sites and a public record of contaminated sites in the Bristol Bay Region
- conducting site visits and presentations to communities
- assisting tribes, DEC, and EPA with site-specific brownfield assessments
- providing outreach to communities about funding opportunities for environmental assessments and redevelopment projects
- providing outreach on upcoming trainings to increase regional capacity to address Brownfield sites within the Bristol Bay region
- networking tribes with key agencies to provide the most accurate and useful information on brownfield related issues

If you are interested in BBNA's Brownfields Program or have any concerns about contamination in your community, please contact CaSandera Johnson, Brownfields Coordinator, by phone (907)842-5257 or by email cjohnson@bbna.com. You can also get more information and related links at our website: <http://www.bbna.com/our-programs/natural-resources/brownfields-program/>

Marine Mammal Program

Helen Aderman, Marine Mammal Program Manager

Bristol Bay *Imarpiim Ungungsiit* Marine Conservation Project (2012-2018)

The *Imarpiim Ungungsiit* project is a collaborative research project between the Bristol Bay Native Association, three member tribes—the Traditional Village of Togiak, the Native Village of Port Heiden, and the Native Village of Chignik Lagoon, the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF), and The Alaska Sea Otter & Steller Sea Lion Commission, and the Ice Seal Committee. Our goal was to gain insight and understanding of the ways in which marine mammal ecology and harvesting patterns among hunters in three communities in southwestern Alaska have changed through time. A multi-species approach was chosen, including marine ecosystem habitat areas, all fish species, shellfish, kelp, herring on roe, waterfowl, land terrestrial species including moose, caribou, ducks, geese, fur bearing animals, as well as traditional

medicinal, and edible berries and plants. Methods included note taking and photographs during the in-depth traditional ecological knowledge interviews with maps documenting marine mammal habitat and traditional hunting locations. To build a timeline of marine mammal ecology and historical document files, we reviewed ship logs, old reports, boat and aerial surveys of marine mammal habitat, abundance, and distribution for contemporary snapshots of marine mammal ecology. Maps delineated areas important for marine conservation planning and regional subsistence priorities based on a synthesis of these multiple streams of data. The project initiated locally addressed concerns over the impacts of sea otters on the local environment. An additional goal was to build capacity for marine conservation in the Region.



Photo of Copper Island near Chignik Lagoon.

Commonalities Between Chignik Lagoon and Port Heiden TEK Interviews

Sea otter populations are healthy or increasing; concern over impacts of sea otter to shellfish was expressed; it is more keenly felt in Port Heiden. Sea otters made into traditional handicraft are deeply valued in the cultural preservation. The loss of caribou hunting and subsistence is deeply felt in both communities. Commercial fishing is very important to both communities as this is one of the main livelihoods for winter survival. Chignik Lagoon is more affected by regulations stemming from species being listed under the Endangered Species Act.



John Jones, Sr., Co-Principal Investigator, Chignik Lagoon Sea Otter Project, and his grandson, Zachery J. McCormick.

Tuyuryak TEK Interviews

Every year, between August and September, the *makleet* (juvenile bearded seal) travel to freshwater rivers and creeks in Togiak Bay and the Cape Peirce/ Cape Newenham areas to feed. The *makleet* areas include: *Osviak* River, *Niugaaraq* River, *Matuagaq* River, *Quigmy* River, Togiak River, Gechiak Creek

(*Qissiange*), Negukthlik River (*Negeqliq*), Ungalikthluk River (*Ungalaqliq*), Slug River, *Unaluk* River, and the *Kinegnak* River. When there is an abundance of sea ice in March, the annual bearded seal pupping occurs within Togiak Bay shorelines. The Pacific walrus are moving from their traditional habitat areas-historical/current (Walrus Islands): PRIME HABITAT-*Qayassiq* (Round Island); Hagemeister Island; Crooked and Summit Islands.



Sea otters in Meshik Bay, near Port Heiden.

Overall Project Outcomes

Three tribal marine multi-species conservation project pamphlet of findings from Chignik Lagoon, Port Heiden, and Togiak showing research results; tribal mission, tribal vision, tribal concerns, and recommendations in working with regulatory agencies have been completed. This includes three technical reports as well. The completed Tribal Marine Multi-Species Conservation Plan will give the tribes more effective stewardship and control in managing their marine ecosystem habitat resources. A hearty *Quyana!* to the Chignik Lagoon Village Council, the Native Village of Port Heiden, and Togiak Traditional Council for your tireless dedication, tribal field research experts trained to independently conduct boat surveys of sea otters and bearded seals for your tribal subsistence resource database baseline.

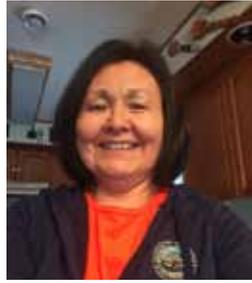
2018 Bristol Bay Harvest Data Collection

Bristol Bay Native Association, in partnership with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, will be conducting Bristol Bay Marine Mammal Harvest Data household surveys for harbor seals, and ice seals-bearded, spotted, and ringed seals in Aleknagik, Dillingham, Manokotak, Naknek, South Naknek, Togiak, and Twin Hills. On March 14, 2018, the Marine Mammal Harvest Local Research Assistants will begin a one-day training prior to conducting individual household subsistence harvest surveys of marine mammals.

BBNA Transportation Program



Dan Breeden, Director



Annie Fritze, Program Manager

Mission Statement:

Dedicated to developing safe and reliable public transportation and Infrastructure networks as well as highway safety and emergency preparedness programs within the Bristol Bay Region.

Department Statement of Purpose:

To Continue To Improve The Quality Of Life For Bristol Bay Region Tribes, By Developing Safe Reliable Roads And Trails, Public Transportation Systems, Infrastructure Development, Highway Safety Planning, And Emergency Preparedness Programs Together With The Most Local Economic Benefit Possible.

Direct areas for contribution:

- Continue to develop and implement the Tribal Transportation Program (TTP), as it was amended by Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act.
- Develop long range transportation plans (LRTP) that are consistent with cultural values while building sustainable communities.
- Defend, and when possible, advocate increasing maintenance funding for Tribal road inventory and develop engineering plans to build proposed roads.
- Develop, design, and construct roadways and trails consistent with long range transportation plans.
- Confirm that infrastructure and TTP facilities are safe and maintained, and document inadequacies for future development.
- Assure user safety through education and outreach.
- Provide transportation and emergency management technical assistance to Bristol Bay Region Tribes.
- Advocate at national, statewide, and local levels for transportation and infrastructure needs to assist in building resilient Bristol Bay communities.
- Assist Bristol Bay communities stay resilient by being prepared for hazards and threats.
- Explore transportation and emergency management economic, educational, and safety opportunities and develop projects in a manner to assure the maximum level of local native employment.
- Develop transportation safety and emergency

management programs that save lives, prevent injuries, and increase economic benefits through planning, maintenance, construction, education, research, and safety activities.

Update on Activities:

TTP Inventory:

Inventory defense for New Stuyahok, Ekwok, Twin Hills, Clark's Point, Ekuk, Portage Creek, and Pilot Point was extended until November 7, 2019. Draft inventories of all seven communities was completed for comments prior to the November 7, 2017 deadline. We will amend the packages after the final LRTPs are completed in March 2018.

Long Range Transportation Plans:

Draft LRTPs for New Stuyahok, Ekwok, Twin Hills, Clarks Point, Ekuk, Portage Creek, and Pilot Point were completed for the first round in October 2017. We scheduled public meetings to review the LRTPs with all seven tribes. We will be revising the final plans with a completion date in March 2018.

Transit Plan:

DOTID Program Manager Annie Fritze completed the draft Coordinated Transit Plan. Curyung Tribal Council, Aleknagik Traditional Council, and Ekuk Village Council, who are committed to planning for transit, sponsored the coordinated plan. The project was developed as a coordinated transit-human services transportation plan for the Bristol Bay Region of Alaska through a process that includes representatives from public, private, non-profit transportation services, human services providers, older adults, individuals with disabilities, and the general public. We held scheduled meetings with the three tribes February 8, 2018 for comments. Public thirty day comment period will follow the meeting.

Safety Plans:

We will be working on the development of Tribal Transportation Safety Plans for the 13 tribes: Clark's Point, Curyung, Egegik, Ekuk, Ekwok, Levelock, Nondalton, New Stuyahok, Pilot Point, Portage Creek, Port Heiden, Togiak, and Twin Hills in the Spring of 2018.

Transportation and Infrastructure Database:

We have completed a first draft database in December 2017. The database will store transportation and infrastructure needs for the Bristol Bay Region for readily accessible data for short turn around for funding opportunities.

This database is very preliminary and will require some time to discuss the content and layout. This work will begin after the LRTPs and inventory additions are completed in March 2018.

Transportation Planning and Program Project Development:

We have been working on projects that are under survey, design, completion, or the NEPA process. These include:

Clark's Point-Ekuk Road Project:

Currently working on the NEPA permitting process for this 100% design project. An MOU was signed between Ekuk Village Council and Clark's Point Village Council finalizing the alignment. The final alignment will require additional surveys and archeological data. The NEPA permitting has been ongoing since 2013. Due to the project's extended duration and design changes, the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) wetland permits must be revisited. A draft wetlands mitigation plan was submitted on June 14, 2016. Comments were received back from USACE on December 7, 2016. Due to the change in alignment of the Clark's Point-Ekuk road project, we will be revisiting the permit application process and submit a time extension request for the environmental assessment, and NEPA updates.



BBNC Education Foundation meeting, January 26, 2018.

New Stuyahok Land Fill Road Rehabilitation Project:

Final close out reports were reported in December 2017 as part of the Tribal Transportation keychain reporting requirements.

FEMA PDM PLANS:

We are still waiting to hear back from FEMA to start the new FY 2017 HTMP planning for all 31 tribes. Earlier this fall, we got notification approving the FEMA extension for FY 2013 grant. Extending the period of performance from September 30, 2017-September 30, 2019. DOTID Director prepared several scope of work changes for the FEMA FY 2013 grant extension. Once scope of work is approved, we will implement the grant requirements for FY 2013 grant extension.

To learn more about the BBNA Transportation Program, please contact Dan at (907) 842-6219 or email dbreedden@bbna.com, or Annie Fritze at (907) 842-6143 or email afritze@bbna.com. We are also able to answer most questions any Bristol Bay tribe may have regarding the Tribal Transportation Program (TTP).



Photo from the Ekuk planning meeting, February 2018.

Ekwok Klutuk Road Project:

Final close out reports was reported in December 2017 as part of the Tribal Transportation keychain reporting requirements.

New Economic Development Coordinator

Kristina D. Andrew is the new Economic Development Coordinator for BBNA and will be working on the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) document for the region. Kristina is from Dillingham, her parents are Peter Andrew Jr. (from New Stuyahok) and Lee Ann Andrew (from Wyoming). Her partner is Matthew L. Johnson from Naknek and they have a 1-year-old son, Kevin Owen.

Kristina has spent most of her life in the Bristol Bay region primarily Dillingham but also New Stuyahok and Naknek. She is a commercial drift fisher and a UAF-BB Campus Rural Development BA graduate. She has been working since she was 14, spent many years working in various retail/customer service jobs (most notably the Bristol Express), have been commercial fishing since 2010, two sessions working for Representative Bryce Edgmon, and joins us after working with grass roots efforts against the Pebble Project.

Feel free to contact Kristina at (907) 842-6223 or email krandrew@bbna.com.



Pictured from left: Kristina Andrew, Economic Development Coordinator, and M. Jayne Bennett, Regional Energy Coordinator.

2020 Census

BBNA is working with the 2020 Census Local Update of Census Addresses Operation (LUCA). LUCA is a voluntary decennial census operation. LUCA is the only opportunity prior to the 2020 Census for tribal, state, and local governments to review and update the U.S. Census Bureau's residential address list for their jurisdiction. The Census Bureau relies on a complete and accurate address list to reach every living quarters and associated population for inclusion in the census. The Census Address List Improvement Act of 1994 (Public Law 103-430) authorizes LUCA.

Regional Energy Coordinator

M. Jayne Bennett is the "New" Regional Energy Coordinator (REC), filling the position that has been vacant since last June.

Jayne has lived in Dillingham for many years, & some of you may remember her working for BBNA's Transportation Department last year where she helped coordinate the FEMA Training Workshop in King Salmon.

Collaborating with Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference (SWAMC), we are continuing to work on developing an Energy Network for the Southwest Alaska Region. This Network is funded by a grant SWAMC received from the Department of Energy - Office of Indian Energy to provide technical assistance to communities on their energy projects. This Energy Network grant is a continuation of the State Regional Energy Planning work that SWAMC and BBNA worked on in past years. We are continuing this work by developing an Energy Network with the tribes and communities of Bristol Bay, and providing training and technical assistance resources to help you implement your energy plans and projects.

If you have any comments, concerns, or any ideas on energy savings and/or efficiency in your community, don't hesitate to contact Jayne at (907) 842-6224, or email jbennett@bbna.com.



Why Participate in LUCA?

The accuracy and completeness of the address list is critical to the accuracy and completeness of the decennial census. Participating in LUCA can help ensure an accurate census for your community.

- Governments that participate in LUCA help ensure an accurate decennial census count for their communities.
- An accurate count helps the federal government annually allocate more than \$675 billion across 26 federal agencies for tribal, state, and local government programs and services.
- To help your community plan for future needs.

Community Service

Department

Bonnie Kropoff, Community Service Director

In November we welcomed new village-based staff: Sam Wassillie, Administrator – Levelock Village Council. Upcoming Events: The 2018 Presidents & Administrators Workshop will be held April 3-5 in Dillingham. The annual event provides a rare opportunity for central office staff to interact and work face-to-face with village-based Administrators and Tribal Leaders.

VPSO Program Updates

BBNA Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) Program hosted and coordinated the 2018 Statewide VPSO Annual Training with the State of Alaska, Department of Public Safety, Alaska State Troopers using USDOJ COPS Hiring and Equipment/ Training Grant funds. The 5-day training event was held at the State of Alaska Department of Corrections Training Facility in Palmer, Alaska from January 8th to 12th. Training topics included Crime Scene Processing, Ethics, Domestic Violence, Use of Force, Title 47, Juvenile Procedure, and Search & Seizure. BBNA VPSO 1st Sgt. Gust Tunguing, Jr., VPSO Sgt. Byron Wise, VPSO Cpl. Colby Alakayak, VPSO Cpl. Roger Wassillie and VPSO Joshua Wagner participated in the 2-day Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) Frontline Training January 24th & 25th sponsored by the BBNA Family Violence Prevention Program.



Five State-funded VPSO positions are currently filled (1) Roving Dillingham based VPSO and (1) VPSO each based in Koliganek, New Stuyahok, Pilot Point, and Togiak. Recruitment continues for the following communities: Aleknagik, Chignik Bay, Clarks Point, Egegik, Iliamna/ Newhalen, Levelock, Manokotak, Nondalton, and Port Heiden. For information on how to open VPSO recruitment for your community, contact Carla Akelkok, VPSO Program Manager, find contact information below.

Individuals interested in applying for a VPSO position can learn about job qualifications and requirements and can download copies of the job description, eligibility form and employment application from the BBNA website: <http://www.bbna.com/bbna-employment/>

Employment information is also available by calling (907)842-5257 / toll-free 1-800-478-5257 or emailing: Carla Akelkok, VPSO Program Manager at cakelkok@bbna.com or Olga Kropoff, Personnel Manager at okropoff@bbna.com

Additional information about the VPSO Program is available on the State of Alaska Department of Safety VPSO website: <http://dps.alaska.gov/ast/vpsol/>.

PRIMARY ELECTION

August 21, 2018

Deadline for voters to register to vote or update an existing registration July 22, 2018 - 30 DAYS PRIOR TO ELECTION DAY

GENERAL ELECTION

November 6, 2018

Deadline for voters to register to vote or update an existing registration – 30 days prior to election day is October 7, 2018

Alaska Democratic Party, Alaska Libertarian Party and Alaskan Independence Party
Candidate with Ballot Measures ballot - any registered voter may vote this ballot;

Alaska Republican Party Candidate with Ballot Measures ballot - voters registered as Republican, Nonpartisan or Undeclared may vote this ballot; and

The Ballot Measures Only ballot - any registered voter may vote this ballot.

The political party affiliation listed on a voter's registration record 30 days prior to the election determines which primary ballot type a voter is eligible to vote.

Bristol Bay Region

State Representatives seats (2-yr. terms)
House District 37

Bristol Bay is covered by:

Region IV Election Office
P.O. Box 577
Nome, Alaska 99762-0577
(907) 443-5285 Voice
(907) 443-2973 Fax

REMINDER: YOU MUST BE REGISTERED TO VOTE 30 DAYS BEFORE ANY ELECTIONS

FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO:

www.elections.alaska.gov or call BBNA at 1-800-478-5257 ask for DeeDee Bennis, Voter Registrar, or see any registrar in your area.

Register
to VOTE

#MeToo

Kyrstin Arellano, AmeriCorps Resilient Alaska Youth Member 2018

Due in part to increasing incidents of sexual assault and sexual harassment across the country, the #MeToo movement, created by social activist Tarana Burke, went viral recently, as a way for survivors to connect with one another, and to demonstrate the magnitude of the problem of sexual assault and harassment in this country. The phrase was coined by Burke, and was made popular when it was shared on social media site Twitter by actress Alyssa Milano around noon on October 15, 2017. The phrase was used by more than 4.7 million people in 12 million posts in the first 24 hours. Twitter reported that 45% of its users in the United States had a friend who had posted using the term.

As #MeToo made its way across millions of social media pages, conversation started about what sexual assault and harassment is, who is involved, what is appropriate conduct, and what is not. People discovered that they had friends and family members who had experienced sexual assault or harassment, and it became clear that this was not as uncommon as we may have thought. It also started conversations about awareness, treatment, and prevention.

In an effort to reduce the rate of sexual violence in Bristol Bay, the Curyung Tribal Council, along with partners including the 4-H Program and AmeriCorps, seeks to increase protective factors among youth in our region. In the last two years, 274 Bristol Bay youth have signed up for and benefited from organized clubs and activities in 10 different communities. Uncounted numbers of youth and families have participated in community events such as Children's Fairs, Family Olympics, Science Nights, Elder and Youth Celebrations, and more. Nineteen different clubs/activities have met regularly, providing positive activities for youth. Forty adult leaders provide positive, safe, and educational opportunities for youth. In addition, youth ages 0 to 18 in the Dillingham area are provided meals after school at no cost, which contributes to increased ability to learn, and sense of being cared for by the community. In 2017, 3377 meals were served in after school programs in Dillingham. As we continue to work toward a world in which movements like #MeToo are not needed, the Curyung Tribe, along with partners in the community, works toward prevention, and support of youth.



5 Ways To See Better

Gail Sorensen, Vocational Rehabilitation Project Manager

It is important to make the best use of your remaining vision with the following 5 vision enhancement techniques. A vision enhancement technique is a way to alter your environment in order to see better.

1. Contrast: A person is more likely to see an object if it contrasts in color to its background. For example: A white mug on a black cafeteria tray or a white plate on a black placemat. Take a look around your home and consider how you could make items contrast to their environment. You could simply place a white, yellow or red strip of electrical tape around a telephone or remote control so it contrasts in colour to the coffee table or night stand.

2. Color: Determine the colors you are able to see best and use these colors to your advantage. For example, you could place a brightly-colored orange plastic key identification ring on your house key or place a yellow bin in your freezer to contain poultry products and a red bin for meat products.

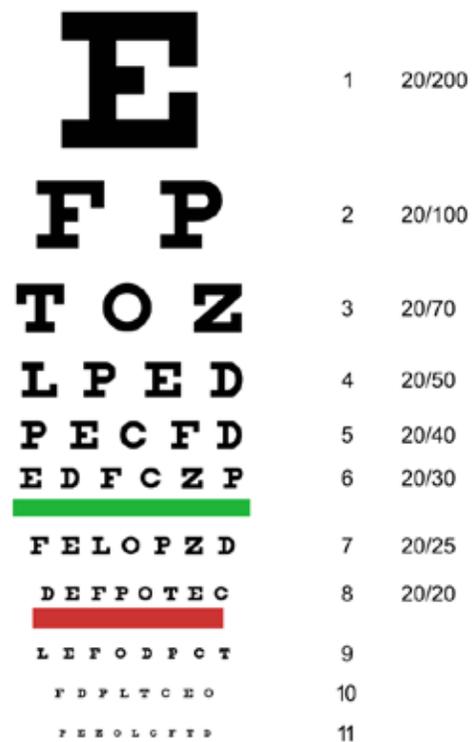
3. Lighting: Experiment with different light sources (e.g. incandescent, fluorescent, halogen, LED, full-spectrum or natural daylight). Everybody reacts differently to light. Find the type of light that works best for you. In addition, experiment with the placement of the light. This is made easier with a task lamp that has a flexible gooseneck. Years ago, it was believed that the light should be positioned over the shoulder, in a way that prevents glare and shadowing. But, further research indicates that the light should be coming from somewhere in front of your body, below the level of your eyes, and about 15-20 centimetres (6-8 inches) away from the target or the object being illuminated.

4. Figure-Ground: Imagine that you place a pen on a floral-patterned table-cloth. There is a good chance that you will not see the pen because it blends into the pattern. Clutter has the same effect as a patterned surface. You are more likely to see an object if it is placed on a solid-colored surface or a surface that is clutter-free. A table-cloth of a medium tone might allow you to see both light and dark objects. You don't necessarily have to replace your treasured heirloom table cloth or quilted bedspread; just don't put things on it that you expect to find later! You may like to have a tray or basket on your bedroom dresser or kitchen counter to place loose objects in until you have time to put the items back where they belong.

5. Eccentric viewing: Many people with remaining functional vision will have a certain portion of sight that is better than the rest. Experiment to determine your best area of vision. Hold a small object in front of your face and try turning your eyes or shifting your head to look out the four corners of your sight. Some people will have better central vision and others have better peripheral vision. Find that area of best vision and then train yourself to use it. It might seem awkward at first if you have your head turned slightly to the left when pouring a cup of coffee, but it could make a big difference!

If you have some remaining sight, these five tips to enhance vision could be everything you need to see better!

If you would like to learn additional tips for everyday activities like meal preparation (e.g. pouring, measuring, chopping vegetables), clothing colour identification, plugging-in appliances, threading a needle, or applying make-up, please contact Vision Loss Rehabilitation Canada, a CNIB organization, at 1-800-563-2642.





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BBNA Full Board Meeting Location: Dillingham	September 26-28, 2018	BBNA (907)842-5257 or (800)478-5257 Ask for DeeDee Bennis

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