

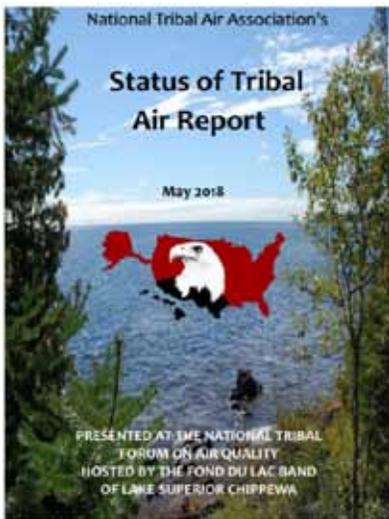


Susan Flensburg Recognized for her Years of Service

Environmental Program Manager Susan Flensburg was recognized for her years of service representing Alaska on the National Tribal Air Association (NTAA) Executive Committee. At the recent National Tribal Forum on Air Quality, Flensburg received recognition for her contributions as the long-standing alternate representative for Alaska. The NTAA is a Tribal membership organization that advances air quality management policies and programs consistent with the needs, interests, and unique legal status of federally recognized Tribes. Newly elected ANTHC Mary Mullen (Alaska representative) and Klawock Cooperative Association Ann Wyatt (Alaska alternate representative) will make a great team representing



NTAA Executive Committee Chair Wilfred J. Nabahe congratulates Flensburg.

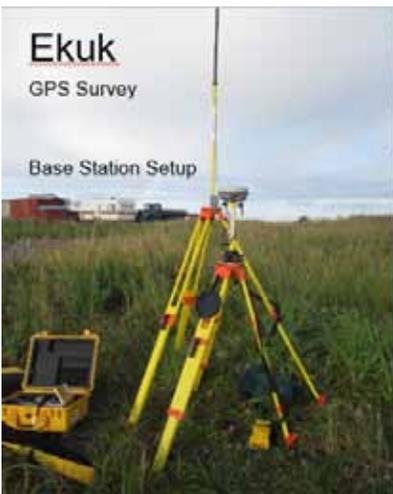


Alaska Tribes on the NTAA Executive Committee. To learn more about the NTAA and to access the recently released Status of Tribal Air Report that provides a national overview of Tribal Air Quality Programs and highlights several Alaska success stories, visit

www.ntaatribalair.org.

Working Together to Address Erosion and Flooding in Bristol Bay

was the focus of the presentation delivered by Ekuk Native Village Jennifer Poindexter and BBNA Susan Flensburg at the May 2018 National



Tribal Forum on Air Quality hosted by the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa. The interactive presentation covered the community based erosion and flooding pilot project in Bristol Bay, and generated considerable interest by participants attending the session. The National Tribal Forum on Air Quality is an annual conference that provides an opportunity to meet, exchange ideas, and discuss current policies, regulatory initiatives, and technical and outreach topics.

Economic Development

The Bristol Bay Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (BBCEDS) Steering Committee has recently approved the FY2018 Update of the BBCEDS. The BBCEDS is a five year regional plan updated every year by BBNA's Economic Development Coordinator and is overseen by a steering committee made up of sub-regional and private sector representatives. After a 30-day public comment period, the updated BBCEDS is now in its final draft and can be located on BBNA's website.

The BBCEDS is a tool to be used by public and private sectors to map out where we want to go, partner to streamline efforts, and locate outside funding. The steering committee set the following goals for the FY2017-FY2021 BBCEDS:

- **Fisheries Goal Statement:** Support development efforts within the fishing industry to promote the region's seafood and support existing fisheries opportunities in the region for the purpose of promoting local participation.
- **Workforce Goal Statement:** Collaborate as a region to strengthen Bristol Bay's work force through: education opportunities, promotion of small business, and combating substance abuse.
- **Transportation and Infrastructure Goal Statement:** Support Transportation and Infrastructure needs in the region to promote strong communities.
- **Energy Goal Statement:** Create long term energy security, support energy infrastructure development, and promote efficient use of existing energy-related resources within Bristol Bay.
- **Tourism Goal Statement:** Increase visitor-related opportunities; promote Bristol Bay as a destination for visitors; and capitalize on the sustainable attributes of the region.

If your community or business is focused on one or more of the above goals you may want to think about participating in next year's CEDS (FY2019). BBNA's Economic Development Coordinator will be soliciting participation for this again in December 2018/January 2019. Four ways the BBCEDS will help your business or community: 1) create a plan for future needs, 2) look for funding (grants), 3) reduce redundancies, and 4) create partnerships.

For questions about the BBCEDS contact Kristina Andrew 907-842-6223 or 907-842-5257 ext. 323 or email krandrew@bbna.com

Commercial Building Energy Audit Program

The Commercial Building Energy Audit program is available to small businesses including lodges, restaurants, stores, office buildings, multi-family residences, and fishing vessels. Audit costs range in price depending on the type of audit, size of building, and complexity of systems. These energy audits will provide business owners with reports that show no cost, low cost, and medium cost options for improving a building's efficiency.

The Commercial Building Energy Audit program runs through September 2018 and covers communities throughout Bristol Bay.

Contact Jayne Bennett, Regional Energy Coordinator at 907-842-6224 or email jbennett@bbna.com.



Jim Fowler of Energy Audits of Alaska, and Gabe Dunham Commercial Fisherman & Alaska Sea Grant Marine Advisory Agent, list details of cost effective energy savings on 32' gillnetters.

BBNA's Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Program needs your help with a survey!

This survey will help define the TVR Priorities to provide services to Bristol Bay region!

Your input is critical to ensure the services are meaningful.

BBNA TVR is applying for a 5-year grant from Rehabilitation Service Administration.

Visit www.bbna.com to participate in the TVR Survey!



Brownfields

On March 23, the United States President signed into law the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 which included a Brownfield Utilization, Investment and Local Development Act (BUILD Act) component that has significantly increased EPA's Brownfield Program funding and expands/clarifies issues within the Brownfield Program. With this new and exciting bill, there will be some positive impacts that Alaska will notice. The BUILD Act implications are as follows:

1. Increases funding for Brownfield Program to:
 - a. \$200 million for EPA Competitive Brownfield grants (example: Assessment & Cleanup grants) through 2019-2023 compared to the previous \$80 million; and
 - b. Authorized appropriations for State Response Program Funding to stay at current level of \$50 million through 2023.
2. Adds language to provide liability relief for Alaska Native Villages and Native Corporations in respect to receiving/conveyed contaminated lands under ANSCA as long as they didn't cause or contribute to the condition of the contaminated lands.
3. Puts added incentives of prioritizing grant funding for remediation of waterfront brownfield sites and using green technology for brownfield sites when applying for competitive grants.
4. Expanded eligibility for nonprofits as a 501(c) (3) designation so they can apply for all EPA Competitive grants.
5. EPA Cleanup grants have increased funding from \$200,000 to \$500,000 (some projects can even have a higher increase) plus the act added multi-purpose grants up to \$1 million.
6. Plus much more!

Even though the BUILD Act has been passed, the above authorizations for funding will be dependent on government funds to be allocated to the Brownfield Program. For more information about the BUILD Act follow enter this link into a web browser <https://www.ksutab.org/education/webinars/details?id=308>. As always, if you have a question about the BUILD Act or a concern about a contaminated site in your community please contact CaSandra Johnson, Tribal Environmental Response Program Coordinator, by phone at 907-842-5257 or by email cjohnson@bbna.com.

Cultural Heritage Grant Opportunities for Bristol Bay Organizations



The BBNC Education Foundation is excited to share information about two grant programs to support cultural heritage programs throughout the Bristol Bay Region. Eligible organizations are encouraged to apply to either the **Cultural Heritage** Grant program or the **Native Place Names** Grant program.

▪The goal of the **Cultural Heritage** Grant program is to support organizations who are finding creative ways to promote, preserve and strengthen the cultural heritage of Bristol Bay. Cultural Heritage project activities may include (but are not limited to): culture camps; traditional food gathering and preparation; formal or informal instruction of skin sewing, basket making, carving or Native dancing; and using media to document our people, places and traditions.

▪The goal of the **Native Place Names** Grant program is to collect, preserve and increase access to information about Native place names for the people of Bristol Bay. Native Place Names project activities may include educational efforts to document Bristol Bay place names, stories, oral histories and pronunciation of place names.

Eligible organizations include Federally-recognized Bristol Bay tribes and traditional councils; Bristol Bay K-12 public schools and accredited post-secondary education institutions; and Bristol Bay nonprofit organizations certified as tax exempt under Section 501(c) (3) or 170(c) of the IRS Code and not classified as a private foundation under Section 509(a).

In general, supported projects are completed within one year. Typical grant awards through both programs range from \$1,000 to \$5,000. Complete guidelines and application forms are available on the BBNC Education Foundation website (bbncef.org) or by email request to bbncef@bbnc.net.

New for 2018: applications may be submitted at any time during the year. Eligible proposals are reviewed at quarterly Board meetings for the BBNC Education Foundation. Please allow 6-8 weeks for review. We recommend applicants plan activities and projects that take place 3-6 months from the date of submission.

At any time during the application process, you are welcome and encouraged to contact Ricardo Lopez, BBNC Education Foundation Program Officer at 907-265-7852 or email: rlopez@bbnc.net.

Bristol Bay Marine Mammal Council

“Let It Be” and “Who Can Hunt Marine Mammals” in Bristol Bay Marine Mammal Fact Sheet “Imarpiim Ungungsiita Nallungaikutait” May 2018

BBMMC

In 1995 the 31-member tribes of the Bristol Bay Native Association (BBNA) formed the Bristol Bay Marine Mammal Council (BBMMC). The membership of BBMMC consists of a representative selected by each Tribal/Village Council. A 7-member Executive Council conducts the business for the BBMMC members. The Council consists of one member from each of the 5 sub-regions of Bristol Bay and two at-large members, all of which are selected by a vote of villages within each sub-region.

BBMMC and Marine Mammals

The purpose of the BBMMC is to promote the conservation of marine mammal populations in the Bristol Bay marine ecosystem for subsistence use by tribal members. The Bristol Bay marine ecosystem represents an area of rich and varied biodiversity. To properly address current and future marine mammal issues in the Bristol Bay area, the BBMMC provides council members with a forum to express their needs and draw attention to their specific concerns.

BBMMC –Local Traditional Knowledge on Orphaned, Sick or Stranded Marine Mammals

The BBMMC Council, the Bristol Bay and the Alaska Peninsula Alaska Native tribal communities traditionally harvest marine mammals along coastal Alaskan communities mainly in early Spring, and Fall. Ice seals are harvested in the winter. When a hunter observes a baby seal, walrus, whale or other marine mammal swimming or hauling along the beach shoreline, the traditional Alaska Native advice is to leave the baby animal alone. The baby animal is not orphaned, instead the mother is feeding nearby. The mother animal feeds for several hours,



Photo by Sally Nukwak, Manokotak.

for two days or more at sea. After the mother marine mammal feeds out at sea, she usually returns to feed or nurse the baby seal, walrus, whale or other marine mammals. If a marine mammal hunter observes a sick seal, walrus, whale, sea otter or other marine mammal, they usually leave it alone and let Mother Nature take care of it. The Alaska Native elders and experienced marine mammal hunters let Mother Nature take care of a sick marine mammal, and do not hunt the animal. If a sick animal is caught and eaten, humans who eat edible animal parts may become ill. The recommendation of the BBMMC Council is to leave any baby seal, walrus, sea otter, whale or other marine mammals alone. This applies to sick animals observed, leave them alone! Call the local Village, Traditional, or Tribal Council in the village where the animal was observed (sick, stranded, or orphaned).

Marine Mammals in Bristol Bay Waters:

Cetuaq (Beluga Whale); *Ugenaq* (Steller sea lion); *nayiq* (harbor seal) –usually caught in Spring; Summer; Ice seals: *issuriq* (spotted seals)-usually caught in Fall/ Winter; *nayiq* (ringed seals) *maklak* (bearded seal); *asveq* (Pacific walrus); *mangayaaq* (porpoise); *Arviq* (killer whale or orca) *arraaq* (sea otters), and other marine mammals.

Who May Hunt Marine Mammals?

Tribally Enrolled Alaska Natives may hunt walrus, seals, whales, sea otters, and other marine mammals along coastal waters as long as there is no wanton waste. This means elders and experienced marine mammal hunters may take only what is needed and not be wasteful. Traditional ways of taking care of an animal harvested includes: butcher the animal properly, throw away or dispose of inedible animal parts in a proper and clean manner. Leave the area clean where the animal was caught; this shows respect to our Creator who provides for our needs, as well as respect for the land and the sea. Adhere to your local Alaskan traditional advice of hunting animals, proper butchering techniques, the proper way of disposing non-edible animal parts and related advice from elders and experienced hunters in your community.

Marine Mammal Protection Act

In 1972, Congress passed the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) to create a moratorium on the taking of marine mammals by U.S. citizens within the United States and its jurisdiction. Included in the MMPA is a Native exemption in Section 101(b) that provides for Alaska Native take of marine mammals

for subsistence purposes, including the creation of authentic handicrafts. Alaska Natives can harvest marine mammals so long as the take is in a non-wasteful manner. This provision has not changed since 1972.

The Endangered Species Act

Congress passed the Endangered Species Act (ESA) in 1973. This provides for the conservation of endangered and threatened species of fish, wildlife, and plants, and for other purposes. Alaska Natives can continue their traditional subsistence harvesting activities of marine mammals, because the ESA contains an exemption to continue our traditional marine mammal hunting activities.

Can We Hunt Marine Mammals Even If They Are Listed as Endangered, or Threatened?

Tribally Enrolled Alaska Natives can hunt marine mammals in coastal areas even if the U.S. Federal Government agencies have listed the subsistence harvested animals including walrus, seals, ice seals (ringed seal, bearded seal, spotted seal, and ribbon seal). The only regulated annual Alaska Native Fall walrus hunt is at Round Island, which is co-managed by the Qayassiq Walrus Commission, the Eskimo Walrus Commission, the Alaska Department of Fish & Game, and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

Important Terms:

Stranded Marine Mammal-This means, for example, a seal, walrus, beluga whale beached or stuck. For example, if the tide is out and muddy, the animal cannot get back to the water until high tide. If a stranded animal appears to be disoriented, sluggish, please call your local tribal council or the Bristol Bay Native Association Marine Mammal Program at 907-842-5257 ext. 340 or toll-free 1-800-478-5257, ext. 340.

Rehabilitation of Marine Mammals-This means, if a federal or state agency like the Alaska SeaLife Center is contacted, they will make arrangements to rehabilitate (take care of a sick animal) until it is well and ready to be released. Sometimes, the animal is released to a different location than from which it was originally picked up by these organizations.

BBMMC does not support Rehabilitation of Animals and Returning them back to the Wild

The Bristol Bay Marine Mammal Council (BBMMC) *does not support* any rehabilitation of marine mammals by organizations *unless it has been authorized by local tribal council in working with BBNA Marine Mammal Program staff*. The practice of transporting a sick

marine mammal from its local environment (Bristol Bay and the Alaska Peninsula); nursing it back to health in waters from the Gulf of Alaska and the Alaska Peninsula creates great potential risk of introducing diseases and/or parasites when the agency rehabilitated animal is released back into the wild Bristol Bay waters. Please do not call any of these organizations, such as the Alaska SeaLife Center without local tribal permission or tribal consultation!



Photo by Mickey Sharp, Twin Hills.

BBMMC Process- Contact Local Traditional or Village Council Before Doing Anything!

If you see any baby seals, walrus, whales, sea otters, and other marine mammals that may be sick, or stranded, please contact the local village community you observed the animal, or contact the Bristol Bay Native Association Marine Mammal Program at: toll-free 800-478-5257, ext. 340, or 907-842-5257, ext. 340. We also work closely with local Dillingham, state, and federal agencies: Alaska Department of Fish & Game Subsistence Division at 907-842-5925 or the Togiak National Wildlife Refuge at 907-842-1063. The appropriate protocol for the Bristol Bay Native Association Marine Mammal Program is to work directly with local Bristol Bay tribal communities, and only if they direct BBNA Marine Mammal Program staff to have appropriate organizations to take a sick or orphaned animal out of town, then we work with agencies. For further information, you can see the Bristol Bay Native Association (BBNA) website: www.bbna.com for the 31-federally recognized tribal councils serviced by BBNA.

Bristol Bay Reentry Program

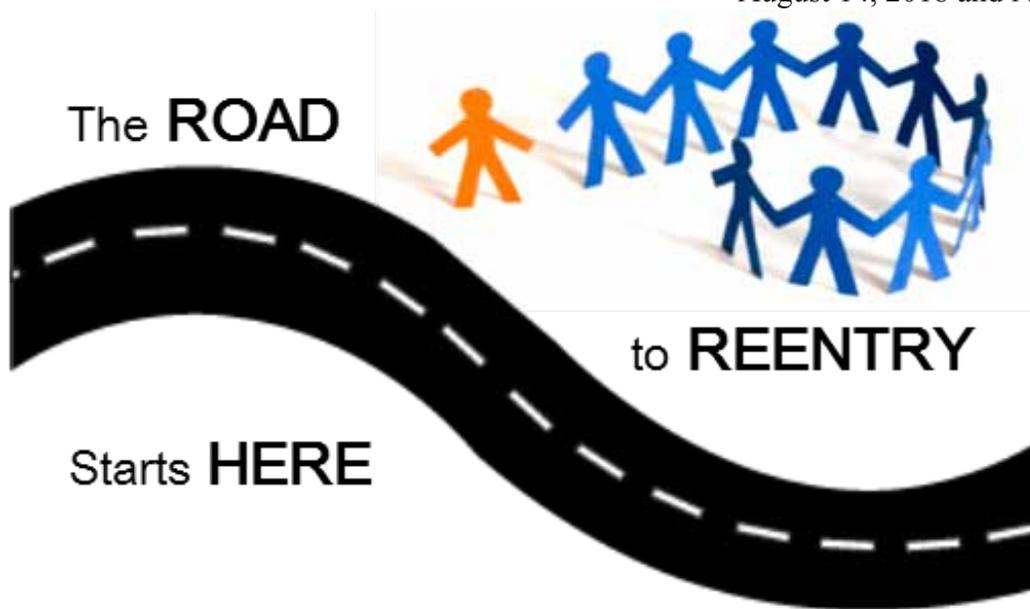
The Bristol Bay Reentry Task Force finalized the Bristol Bay Comprehensive Reentry Plan in January 2018. The Bristol Bay Reentry Task Force is a team of individual members comprised of staff from various regional and state service providers, tribes, and former Offenders. The members provided recommendations to needed reentry services to ensure reentrant needs are met in the strategic plan. The US Dept. of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance 2012 CTAS Grant, closed this past December and has provided primary support for the development of the Bristol Bay Reentry Task Force.

BBNA Community Services Department received another grant from the State of Alaska, the Reducing Recidivism grant which laid the foundation for the Bristol Bay Reentry program and comprehensive reentry plan. The State of Alaska is working with all Reentry Coalitions in Alaska and the Bristol Bay Reentry Task Force to standardize a system for returning citizens/reentrants ensuring reentrants receive the help they need to integrate back into their communities and resulting reducing recidivism in Alaska.



offenders who need multiple support services or who would not have housing upon release and (b) high-risk misdemeanants. The program duration is limited to 3 months pre-release and 6 month post-release case management services. The Case Worker links reentrants to needed services and works with Reentrants to develop a plan for self-sufficiency. Participation in the program is voluntary.

The Bristol Bay Reentry Task Force holds quarterly teleconference meetings. The next meetings will be August 14, 2018 and November 13, 2018 in Dillingham at the BBNA main office boardroom and for those not in Dillingham, teleconference is an option. Please contact the office for the teleconference information. The Bristol Bay Reentry Task Force welcomes input, new members, and is interested in receiving success stories from returning citizens from our region. If you would like to share your success story, provide input, become a Bristol Bay Reentry Task Force member or learn more about the Bristol



BBNA's Bristol Bay Reentry Program is now able to provide case management and supportive services to eligible returning citizens in the Bristol Bay Region. Nicole Krause is the new Case Worker for the Reentry Program as of September 2017. The target population for the *Bristol Bay Reentry Program* are individuals who have served over 30 days in a correctional facility or within 90 days of release from a correctional facility or have been released in the past 6 months. Eligible applicants include: (a) medium to high-risk felony

Bay Reentry Task Force or Bristol Bay Reentry Program, please contact Program Manager, Gwen Larson or Case Worker, Nicole Krause by phone: (907) 842-5257 or toll-free 1-800-478-5257, or email: glarson@bbna.com or nkrause@bbna.com. We also have information posted on the BBNA website about the Bristol Bay Reentry Program and Bristol Bay Reentry Task Force you can go to: <https://www.bbna.com/bristol-bay-reentry-program/>.

Natural Resources Department

Summer has arrived in Bristol Bay! The season of gathering has begun. The Natural Resources Department wishes all of you a great summer and a bountiful harvest this season. Here's some highlighted information for the upcoming months:

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers invites you to participate in the Pebble Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process. Pebble Limited Partnership proposes to develop the Pebble copper-gold-molybdenum porphyry deposit (Pebble Deposit) as an open-pit mine, with associated infrastructure, in southwest Alaska, approximately 17 miles west/northwest of the villages of Iliamna, Newhalen, and Nondalton. A 188-mile natural gas pipeline from the Kenai Peninsula across Cook Inlet to the Mine Site is proposed as the energy source for the mine. The Transportation Corridor includes an 18-mile crossing of Lake Iliamna and an Amakdedori Port facility on the western shore of Cook Inlet. The proposed mine requires many federal and state permits. The EIS provides the basis for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and other federal agencies to evaluate federal permit applications.

Your input can make a real difference in understanding:

- Issues and concerns that should be addressed in the EIS.
- The way in which land and resources might be affected by the project.
- Ideas on alternatives and ways to minimize impacts.

VISIT:

<https://pebbleprojecteis.com/publiccomments/new> for more information.

THE COMMENT DEADLINE IS: June 29, 2018.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY:

The Natural Resource Department is currently offering a scholarship opportunity for Bristol Bay Tribal Members planning to enroll or currently enrolled in the fields of Natural Resources, Environmental Sciences, Social Sciences, Wildlife Biology, Fisheries Management or other related fields. There are three \$2000.00 scholarships available. The application is available at BBNA or can be downloaded from the BBNA website at <https://www.bbna.com/wp-content/uploads/NRD-Scholarship.pdf> the **deadline to apply is June 30th, 2018.**

CLEAN UP THIS MESH!

This summer, an abandoned net recovery and recycling campaign is being introduced to communities region-wide. This project will use local experts in teaching net hanging workshops, and create settings where local knowledge, advice and fishing insight can be shared, all while developing valuable skills.

While conscientious and responsible handling and storage of salmon gill nets is the norm among subsistence users, nets can and do find their way un-tethered into the rivers and streams that make up various watersheds in Bristol Bay. Workshops will be held in 10 hub communities, during which attendees will learn how to properly dispose of used web, and how to repair and hang new subsistence nets. Attendees will bring their collected nets to the workshop. Any useable cork and lead lines will be removed for reuse. The remaining web will serve as credit to receive a subsistence net kit. The kit will include materials to construct a new subsistence net, using recycled components from the collected nets. Workshop attendees that do not contribute collected abandoned nets will be encouraged to attend the workshop and receive a kit for a small fee. BBNA's Natural Resource Dept. is distributing knives and net bags to recover and recycle abandoned and displaced gillnets. Bring in an abandoned net, and get signed up to hang a new subsistence net at a workshop this fall. New net materials will be provided free to those who bring in abandoned gear. Help your community in keeping our land and waters clean, learn a valuable skill, and get a new net, net bag, knife and hanging supplies!

Participants can sign-up at your Tribal Council office. For more Information Call Cody Larson at BBNA today! Email clarson@bbna.com or call 907-842-5257.





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Bristol Bay Calendar Events

Event/Location	Date	Contact Information
BBNA Audit, Finance & Executive Committee Location: Dillingham	August 30 & 31, 2018	BBNA (907)842-5257 or (800)478-5257 Ask for DeeDee Bennis
BBNA Full Board Meeting Location: Dillingham	September 26 - 28, 2018	BBNA (907)842-5257 or (800)478-5257 Ask for DeeDee Bennis

To see more community events go to BBNA's interactive Community Calendar at www.brownbearsw.com/cal/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 to benefit the Tribes and the Native people of Bristol Bay.

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