



## Tourism and Small Business Workshop

The BBNA Economic Development Program hosted a tourism/small business workshop April 28, 29, and 30, 2014. Consistent with its goals and objectives, the Economic Development Program supports local, regional, and state efforts to provide small businesses in the region with support and technical assistance for community members.

15 students participated in the tourism/small business workshop. Representatives from Ekwok (4 students), New Stuyahok (3 students), Twin Hills (2 students), Pilot Point (1 student), Dillingham (3 students), Anchorage (2 students), successfully completed the course and earned 1.0 credit hours from the UAF-Bristol Bay Campus.

BBNA and its Economic Development Program collaborated with the UAF-Bristol Bay Campus, Icicle Seafoods, and Bristol Bay Native Corporation to provide for student support. Many thanks go to these agencies that provided student support for those that attended this three day workshop.

### Tourism Workshop Highlights Geotourism

Dr. Anthony Nakazawa provided students with Geotourism information. Geotourism focuses not only on the environment but also the diversity of cultural, historic, and scenic assets of Alaska. It also encourages businesses to sustain natural habitats, heritage sites, aesthetic appeal, and local culture that build on the area's rich cultural history. Geotourism also promotes sustainable practices that



Tourism and Small Business Workshop participants and presenters.

minimize pollution, waste, energy consumption, and water usage. Geotourism also encourages community involvement.

Students received in-depth information on how to start and sustain a Geotourism initiative, Geotourism approach, starting tips and invitations to participate in Geotourism.

Participants can also be involved in the Geotourism Charter meetings hosted by the Cooperative Extension Center.



Dr. Tony Nakazawa and Luki Akelkok, Sr. discuss tourism opportunities.

# Whitefish trends in Lake Clark and Iliamna Lake, Alaska

In the last three years the Bristol Bay Native Association, the Nondalton Tribal Council, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, and Lake Clark National Park and Preserve have been working on a collaborative whitefish project (Project #12-452). This project responds to two informational needs identified in the “Priority Information Needs” document by the Office of Subsistence Management and the Bristol Bay Regional Advisory Council. These are ‘patterns in whitefish harvest and use from Lake Clark communities,’ and the multi-regional priority information need to document ‘changes in subsistence fishery resources and uses in the context of climate change where relevant including but not limited to fishing season, species target, fishing locations, fish quality, harvest methods and means, and methods of preservation.’



Whitefish Dissection

Whitefish species are among the most important non-salmon fish in local subsistence harvests, but harvest of whitefish by local residents of Lake Clark have declined over the last several decades, for unknown reasons. The communities involved in this project are Nondalton, Port Alsworth,

Iliamna, Newhalen, Pedro Bay, and Igiugig. Partners traveled to the participating communities in 2013 and 2014 to conduct harvest surveys, key respondent interviews, and participant observation.

A part of the finished product for this study is a “Traditional and Western Whitefish Curriculum” for the Nondalton School’s Annual Culture Week. The goal of this curriculum is to highlight the importance of the students’ heritage and culture with a focus on traditional activities involving whitefish, provide activities that connect students to the natural environment by use of the outdoors for the classroom, and to promote sharing their knowledge of the Dena’ina culture with each other. This year’s culture week occurred April 28-May 2, 2014.



Nondalton Dance Group

The week started with the Nondalton Dance Group performing a welcome ceremony, Nondalton

Tribal Council President William Evanoff welcoming

the research team, and brief introductions and summaries of the week’s schedule.

Danielle Stickman (BBNA), Sarah Evans (ADF&G), Theodore Krieg (ADF&G), Cameron Welch (ADF&G), Fawn Silas (NTC), and Karen Evanoff (NPS) all taught a class during culture week. Pauline Hobson and Elders Gladys Evanoff and Mary Delkettie taught Dena’ina Language and Traditional Stories. Steve Hobson taught a traditional snare-making class and Dena’ina knowledge on trapping. Alan and Helen Dick worked with students to build three different types of traditional whitefish traps and made models of the whitefish traps with the students. Karen Evanoff along with Cameron Welch taught Traditional Dena’ina place names, western methods



Subsistence Sharing Game

of researching whitefish, and traditional tree of knowledge. Fawn Silas and Yvette Evanoff made family tree scrap books with the students. Theodore Krieg did two seminars on archeological work done around Lake



Students working on Traps

Clark. Sarah Evans and Danielle Stickman did a subsistence sharing game, whitefish dissection, acrylic whitefish prints, and tie-dyed shirts with the students.

This curriculum is to be finalized and hopefully distributed throughout Bristol Bay as an example for other schools. The three whitefish traps will be put on display at the Nondalton School. Chin’an to: Linda & Ron Richter (Teachers at Nondalton School), Elders of Nondalton, NTC, ADF&G, NPS, BBNA, all the parents who participated and helped throughout culture week, and a special Chin’an to all the students at Nondalton School for having such great attitudes and making 2014 Culture Week a success!



Whitefish Trap with Helen Dick



Finished Whitefish Trap

# Spring 2014 Herring Roe on Kelp Project

The BBNA Subsistence Harvest and Monitoring Program Department has had a busy Spring. The migratory birds have returned to our region and soon the salmon will arrive. Everyone is getting so excited for summer activities.

This past May, Gayla Hoseth (BBNA) traveled to Togiak, AK with Ted Krieg (ADF&G) and Sarah Evans (ADF&G Subsistence) for the herring roe on kelp project. The weather was beautiful and there were plenty of meluucuaq (herring roe on kelp) to harvest. They went out with a team of local Togiak residents including Clara Ann Martin, Jonathan Forsling, Teo Pauk, Jenny Pauk, Peter Lockuk, Helena Lockuk, Selena Lockuk, Brian Abraham, James Awolin and Emma Dock. They left in skiffs in the afternoon and enjoyed the majestic scenery and traveled around the islands. They visited



Photo courtesy of Sarah Evans.



Pictured: Jenny Pauk, Brian Abraham, Gayla Hoseth, Clara Ann Martin, and Ted Krieg. Photo courtesy of Gayla Hoseth.

the Stone Lady (An'gaqtar) as they waited for the tide to drop. Those who hiked up the bank brought the Stone Lady a gift and food, a traditional ritual. It was great to hear the history of the story and visit. After the visit to the Stone Lady, they arrived at the site to pick meluucuaq. The rocks were covered with herring roe on the kelp. Everyone was so excited and happy as this was the most covering of eggs local harvesters have seen in years. They filled up their containers quickly and everyone worked together to gather the kelp for subsistence use. Everyone was picking to share with family members in Togiak and beyond.

They had an adventurous day, filled with laughter and good times with great people. Moments like these are so treasured and it was so great for them to be a part

of gathering of meluucuaq with local residents. They returned to Togiak late in the evening and watched the sunset while on the water in Togiak Bay. The next day they shared meluucuaq with local residents and continued with the documentation of the project. We are all so blessed to live in such a beautiful place like Bristol Bay. This summer as you travel in our great land doing subsistence harvesting remember to embrace the beauty that surrounds us and cherish every day as a gift.

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game Board of Fish Cycle will be happening in 2015. If you would like to make any changes to the fishing regulations, the team here at BBNA is available to assist with writing proposals to be submitted to the Board of Fish. So as you are fishing either for subsistence or commercial, keep note of what

regulations worked for you and what didn't and where a change might better serve the people that use the resources in our area. You may contact Courtenay Gomez, Director of Natural Resources, or Gayla Hoseth, Subsistence Research Specialist at (907)842-5257. Have a safe and happy summer.



Pictured: Clara Ann Martin and Brian Abraham. Photo courtesy of Gayla Hoseth.

# Tourism and Small Business Workshop (Continued from front page)

## Birding Tourism Information

Local author and instructor, Joanne Nelson gave a presentation on birding tourism opportunities. She presented students with the annual spring class called the 'Migratory Birds of Cape Constantine' offered through the UAF Bristol Bay Campus. Joanne stated that a commercial birding tour could be created for this area and that the class could be used as a model for birding tourism opportunities.



Joanne Nelson speaking on Birding Tourism opportunities.

She recommended creating a web site and or brochure profiling Cape Constantine, with pictures of birds, marine mammals and land mammals that may be seen, hotel names, phone numbers and addresses, bed and

breakfasts, restaurants, and cost, including airfare to Dillingham.

Some key potential opportunities in Dillingham for tours are: Aleknagik, Kakanak Beach, Shannon's Pond, the Lily Pond, and the South End of the Dillingham Small Boat Harbor. Create walking tour map of Dillingham with a list of hotels, restaurants, museum, library, canneries, etc. Joanne stressed the importance of the "Leave No Trace Policy".

## National Parks and Refuges

Diane Chung, Superintendent of Katmai National Park and Preserve, Aniakchak National Monument



Diane Chung presenting information on tourism opportunities in the National Parks.

and Preserve and Alagnak Wild River presented students with a vast array of tourism opportunities in the National Parks. She provided students with an application for commercial use

and services for tourism activities, and statistical data and economic impacts the tourism industry can potentially create.

Michael O'Neil presented students with his proposal for a handicap accessible visitor center near Katmai and provided students with additional information re-

garding Geotourism opportunities in the area.

Susanna Henry with the Togiak National Wildlife Refuge presented students with information and the many possibilities to promote tourism opportunities in the Refuge.

## Department of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development

### Division of Economic Development

Dru Garrson, Development Specialist II from the State of Alaska, provided detailed statistical information on the economic impacts of Bristol Bay's visitor industry. The visitor spending in this region is roughly 91 million dollars and visitors to Alaska spent an estimated 1.82 billion in the state. He also gave statistical information on the age of visitors who came to Alaska. Generally speaking, college graduates and graduate students spend a considerable time visiting Alaska. If we wanted to devise a marketing plan, this would be the age group to focus on.

Dru also provided the participants with a cultural tourism opportunity; he showed a video on the State's partnership with Cook Inlet Tribal Council to provide a greater understanding and appreciation of Alaska Native Culture. He noted that we can provide similar



Dru Garrson speaking on tourism around the state.

cultural tours here in Bristol Bay. Students were reminded that they can start small and have a big tourism goal for future planning.

Dru also presented students with the Microloan

Revolving Fund and the Rural Development Initiative Fund.

### Obtaining land use permits

Sabrina Savo, Deputy Director of Land Management Services at BBNA provided information on obtaining land use permits using maps as visual aids to instruct students on land ownership in this region. For additional land use information, she encouraged students to contact her for land use permitting information. Francisca Demoski (Yanez) from BBNC provided Land Management overview which consists of increased profitability and financial strength, be the economic voice for BBNC and the region, endorse a FISH FIRST Policy for land and resource management. She

also provided useful information on the ANCSA land programs deriving from the Alagnak, Meshik River, Nushagak Land Use Programs, and commercial land use permitting requirements guidelines.

Francisca also provided information on cultural preservation. She talked about the Native place names and related oral history of the region.

Scott Torrison from BBNC provided information about this region's tourism opportunity and the Mission Lodge experiences.

State of Alaska Fish and Game division provided information on sports guiding requirements.

### **Round table discussion**

The highlight of this workshop was listening to small business owners talk about how they started their businesses and what lessons were learned. Students heard from Luki Akelkok Sr. owner of Maaluq Lodge from Ekwok; JD Bennis, owner of the Board Room Bed and Breakfast; Peter Andrew, Ayungsi Tours; Todd Fritze, Fritze's Furs; and Kyle Belleque on his dog mushing tours.



Pictured: Luki Akelkok Sr., Peter Andrew, Todd Fritze, JD Bennis, and Kyle Belleque.

### **Comments from students:**

"The information was new with updated tourism and the speakers were knowledgeable. Good outlined agenda"

"It was very helpful information for those wanting to start a business and for those to improve on existing businesses. The information is very helpful, in the possibilities for starting tourism in our community".

"Lots of good information and ideas were discussed. Good knowledgeable speakers. Everybody involved is doing a great job partnering with other organizations to hold classes/seminars like this one. Keep it up!"

"Listening to the personal success stories was very inspirational and motivational. I did not expect it to be as rewarding as it was. The informal setting and tone of the class made it a very personable experience".

"I liked the ideas of opportunities that came up and the stories from the business owners".

## **Consultation on Disaster Declaration Process for Tribes**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is seeking input from tribes on important changes in procedures to request assistance and will be in Bristol Bay June 25 and 26, 2014 meeting with Tribal executives. President Obama signed into law the Sandy Recovery Improvement Act of 2013 (SRIA) January 29, 2013. The SRIA includes language that gives Tribes the option to directly request a Presidential emergency or major disaster declaration. Tribes may still elect to be part of a State's declaration request. In response to the new law, FEMA is developing tribal specific procedures to guide how FEMA will process and evaluate requests for assistance under the Stafford Act in response to the new law.

Bristol Bay Native Association-Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Development was asked by FEMA Alaska Tribal Liaison Ramona Van Cleve to assist in hosting face-to-face working sessions in Bristol Bay between FEMA representatives and Bristol Bay Region Tribal Executives. The meetings are scheduled for June 25, 2014 in Dillingham and June 26, 2014 in Naknek. Julie Baltar, Director of BBNA Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Development states "We know this is a poor time to be holding such important meetings, but time is very short for submitting comments." Comments on the first draft of the "Tribal Declarations Pilot Guidance" are due July 31, 2014.

Hard copies of the first draft of the "Tribal Declarations Pilot Guidance" and other important information are being sent out with invitations to the June Bristol Bay FEMA/Tribal Executives meetings. More information on the consultation on disaster declaration process for Tribes, along with the first draft of the "Tribal Declarations Pilot Guidance" and other important information can be found at [www.fema.gov/tribal-consultations](http://www.fema.gov/tribal-consultations).

Comments or feedback that you have on the first draft of the "Tribal Declarations Pilot Guidance" should go directly to FEMA before the July 31, 2014 deadline to the email [TribalConsultation@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:TribalConsultation@fema.dhs.gov) or by regular mail to:

Federal Emergency Management Agency  
Recovery Directorate c/o Jessica Stewart  
500 C Street SW, Room 422  
Washington, DC 20472

## BBNA Youth Employment Program (YEP)

Let's get ready for a busy summer. Last year's Youth Employment Program exploded with 58 youth from around the region turning in complete applications and finding meaningful employment. We look forward to doubling that number this year.

Youth fill out applications, provide resumes, and receive an interview - some, for the first time in their lives. Placements are sought within their fields of interest.

Youth may work with elders, as grounds keepers, office assistants, computer specialists, assistants to park rangers, gardening, and more.

In learning about responsible work habits, they are expected to show up to work on time, be respectful, keep busy, and fill out and turn in time sheets on time. They are paid \$7.75 an hour for up to 120 hours of work total.

The youth learn much about respect, confidentiality, helping others, and about themselves.

The communities benefit from extra sets of willing hands and the opportunity to see what these young leaders are capable of.

We are looking forward to working with communities and their youth.

Each year, the sessions are:

- June 1-July 15
- July 16-August 27
- October 1-May 31

Youth may only qualify for one session per fiscal year. Only complete applications will be processed.

Application deadlines are two weeks before the start of the session. Late applications may be applied to the next work session. YEP applications can be found on line at [www.bbna.com](http://www.bbna.com) or at your tribal council. Applications can also be faxed or emailed upon request.

We are seeking Worksites. Do you have a project or duties that can provide a youth a work opportunity? Contact Deanna Baier at (907) 842-2262 or toll-free (888) 285-2262, email [dbaier@bbna.com](mailto:dbaier@bbna.com).

We want to thank all the Worksites that provide work opportunities and supervision to our youth.

**Going to college? Looking for Scholarships?  
Trially enrolled in a Bristol Bay Community?**

**Apply for Fall Funding with BBNA  
Workforce Development by  
July 25, 2014.**

## Disaster Mitigation for Tribal Governments

Two BBNA staff members, Annie Fritze (BBNA Department of Planning and Program Development Economic Development Program Manager) and Brenda Kerr (BBNA Department of Transportation & Infrastructure Development Planner) will participate in the course "Mitigation for Tribal Governments" at the National Emergency Management Training Center in Emmitsburg, Maryland this spring. They hope to learn more about hazard mitigation planning requirements and identifying hazard mitigation opportunities so BBNA can assist Bristol Bay Tribes as they identify hazards, target projects and activities to help prevent future disaster losses, and seek funding to implement hazard mitigation projects and activities in Bristol Bay communities. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provided travel and lodging for this course.

## Phase II-Advisory Group, Outreach & Project Identification

BBNA has been leading a regional energy planning project in partnership with the Alaska Energy Authority and the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference (SWAMC). The first phase is complete and documents can be found at <http://bristolbayenergy.org/>. The goal of the project is to identify local, sub-regional and regional energy projects that can reduce the long term cost of power, dependence on fossil fuels, and improve existing energy systems. In phase one, we collected information at the community level on renewables, efficiency and conservation, fossil fuels, infrastructure, demand, project economics and financing. We also created resource maps for biomass, geothermal, hydroelectric, ocean/river, solar and wind potential in the region. The information has been presented at a number of regional conferences. The next phase will include the formation of an advisory group, public outreach and project identification. If you are interested in participating on the advisory group, please call Melody Nibeck, BBNA Tribal Energy Program Manager at (907) 842-6224. Thank you!

Questions? Call Nicole Krause, Education Case Worker II-III BBNA Workforce Development  
(907) 842-2262 toll free (888) 285-2262  
Fax (907) 842-3498

# BBNA Child Count and Child Care Assistance Program

BBNA Child Count is underway. Child care funding depends on this Count. Every year the Department of Administration for Families and Children (ACF) request Certified Child Counts from each community in Bristol Bay to determine BBNA's Child Care Development program funding levels which provides child care services to Tribes/villages. Several tribes have submitted their counts and declarations. If your tribe has not submitted a child count and declaration for your community, please encourage them to do so before June 15. Child care services can be available to tribally enrolled income eligible parents or guardians for children under the age of 13, or for children up to the age of 19 if severely disabled and incapable of self-care. Verification of disability is required.

Child care may be requested so parents/guardians can work, go to school, attend training and during subsistence activities. Child care assistance requires income re-certification every 6 months to review income eligibility. All child care providers must pass background clearance checks.

If Tribes/Villages and individuals elect not to participate in BBNA's Annual Child Count and do not provide a certified child count within the established timeline above, members of the community may not be eligible to receive child care assistance during the funding period the count was not submitted to BBNA.

For those Tribes who do send in their Child Counts, BBNA provides financial assistance for child care for families and technical support for providers who qualify for the BBNA Child Care Program.

To qualify, parents must be working, attending an approved training / education or participating in a verifiable substance activity. Parents must also establish a financial need. Parents may qualify for full or partial funding.

Providers must pass a background check, have a current TB test, and have a State Business License. Providers receive home visits, information and materials and the opportunity for further education and training. A Child Care Providers Conference is held in the fall, focusing on child care and child development. Providers needing to update their CPR certification can do so at this time. The Providers Conference is supported and funded by BBNA.

The BBNA Child Care Program continues to develop and grow. In the past year our numbers have risen dramatically. Our providers list currently boasts 21 approved providers. Three of these providers are licensed by the State, raising to a higher level of care and receiving a higher amount of pay.

These 21 providers are serving 26 families from around the Bristol Bay area with direct support to 50 children.

Elizabeth Wassillie, case worker with the Child Care Program, visited several villages this year providing home visits, information and materials to families and providers.

Child care rates for approved providers are:

0-1 year old .... \$5.00 hour / \$40 day

1-4 year old.....\$4.50 hour/ \$36.00 day

4-12 year old...\$4.00 hour/ \$32.00 day

State Licensed Child Care Providers can choose a higher rate of pay. They can choose a monthly rate, daily rate or hourly rate.

Contact Deanna at (907) 842-2262 or (888) 285-2262 for more information on this program or if you would like to become an Approved Provider.



Dillingham High School students had a Food drive to win a pizza party for their class.

These cans will be sent around Bristol bay to serve the food bank clients.

Senior Class of 2014.....132

Junior Class of 2015.....458

Sophomore Class of 2016.....165

Freshman Class of 2017.....447

Total cans donated.....1202

Thank you to all Classes for participating!



DHS Class of 2015, winners of this year's Food Drive.

# Southwest Alaska Vocational and Education Center (SAVEC)

## AVTEC Fast Track Nautical Skills Class

The Southwest Alaska Vocational and Education Center (SAVEC) located in Southwest Alaska on the King Salmon Air Force Base served as a premier location for Alaska's Vocational and Technology Center's (AVTEC) Fast Track Nautical Skills Pilot Project, held April 28 — May 2, 2014. Captain Loretto Jones from Juneau was contracted through AVTEC to teach the class.

The classroom was perfect for instruction with Internet Access and Smart Board for PowerPoint presentations of AVTEC and maritime job opportunities. The SAVEC staff insured quality delivery and provided immersion suits and PFDs for water safety training. We had fifteen students from North and South Naknek, King Salmon, Levelock, Togiak, and Twin Hills. All completed the class with excellent grades and three applied for the AVTEC/ Crowley Able Body Seaman scholarship.

By working with Bristol Bay Campus, SAVEC students received one college credit for their training. The Bristol Bay Borough Pool provided a Water Safety Instructor on the deck. The Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation (BBEDC) provided the funding. One of the students, Stephen Jones, who is an instructor with AMSEA and certified by the Coast Guard co-taught immersion suit safety. Captain Jones was in the pool because several students were inexperienced in the water. The pool staff and SAVEC supplied the students with float coats, exposure suits, additional immersion suits, and a variety of PFDs. In addition, the class had hands on training with Crowley in Naknek. Assistant Port Engineer John Stelzer provided a brief training for students: small engine maintenance, aluminum vs. zinc anodes, how to use a needle gun, and the importance of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). The USCG Commander of the 17th



Students and Instructor speak to John Stelzer of Crowley in Naknek.

District Commander James Houck provided a local chart of Naknek and Togiak so students could learn the features of a chart and the location of several fishery boundaries.

The class ranged in age from young people in their 20's to elders in their 60's. One elder mentioned that in addition to the instructor inspiring him, the class has made him more aware of his surroundings, boosted his self-esteem, and helped him land a job for the early summer months.

## Heavy Equipment Operation and Construction Careers

The Heavy Equipment Operation and Construction Careers class offered from May 5th-9th, 2014 allowed 11 students from the Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation (BBEDC) service area the opportunity to explore career and occupations in heavy equipment via 4 different Simlog Simulators (wheel loader, dozer, hydraulic excavator and off highway truck) followed by actual hands on equipment with Caterpil-



Instructor Gerry Andrews giving tips to Robert Blunka on the forklift.

lar (wheel loader, dozer, hydraulic excavator, tractor loader backhoe, and tele-boom forklift). Students worked on their proficiency on the simulators and then did hands on training with the actual equipment. In addition, they developed knowledge in grade checking, heavy equipment systems (engines, powertrains, hydraulic, electric, and pneumatic) and they practiced preventive maintenance.

Gerald "Gerry" Andrews has a long history in workforce development and provided the instruction for the class using simulators. The simulators were provided by the Alaska Construction Academy and the Construction Education Foundation in Anchorage.

Additional Classes held at SAVEC this spring semester were: CPR/First Aid, Hazwoper Refresher and 40 hour, 3 Flagger classes, Excel, and Grant writing. SAVEC also participated in the Business of Fish in

Naknek, on April 26th, 2014 sponsored by BBEDC. In conjunction with the Business of Fish, Adelheid Herrmann taught a three day class titled ‘Bristol Bay Fisheries: Harvesting, Processing and Marketing’ through the UAF Bristol Bay Campus. SAVEC will offer a mobile crane operator certification exam and hands-on training August 18, 2014 funded for residents of the BBEDC service area. This class is for experienced crane operators needing NCCCO Crane Operator Certification. Instruction includes: OSHA Mobile Crane regulations and standards, mobile crane load charts with written and practical exam preparation.

On May 29th and 30th and June 5th & 6th SAVEC, in partnership with the Alaska Marine Safety Education Association (AMSEA), will offer a Fishing Vessel Drill Conductor Training Course that is free for commercial fishermen. For all others the cost is \$175.00. This course meets the US Coast Guard requirements for fishing vessels.

SAVEC has a partnership with BBNA on the Bristol Bay Rural Jobs Accelerator grant and plans on working more with small ‘mom and pop’ processors this fall and examining the idea of business cooperatives. Please check with SAVEC at (907) 246-4600 for additional classes in the fall.

## Child Abuse Awareness

With April being Child Abuse Awareness Month, on April 4, 2014 the Bristol Bay Native Association joined Alaska Children’s Trust in wearing blue to raise awareness of Child Abuse.

### Check list of what children need to know how to do

- ✓ To be Safe
- ✓ To protect their own bodies
- ✓ To say, “NO”
- ✓ To get help against bullies
- ✓ To tell
- ✓ To be believed
- ✓ To not keep secrets
- ✓ To not accept bribes
- ✓ To refuse touches
- ✓ To never play in deserted or dark places
- ✓ To not talk to strangers
- ✓ To break rules to protect themselves
- ✓ To always walk in confident manner
- ✓ To trust their own judgment if things don’t seem right

### Check list of what parents need to know how to do

- ✓ To listen to children
- ✓ To give children the power of information
- ✓ To recognize from behavioral indicators when children have problems and need help
- ✓ To find community resources to help their children when it is needed
- ✓ To supervise their children – they rarely lie about abuse of any type
- ✓ To discuss all topics of personal safety in a matter-of-fact way
- ✓ To choose appropriate caregivers for their child
- ✓ To build their child’s self-esteem with lots of Love, Praise and Attention

### To make a Report of Harm call 1-855-352-8934

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## Go Blue Day April 4, 2014



Miss Angeli's Head Start Class



Miss Pink's Head Start Class

# Go Blue Day April 4, 2014



Mrs. Kate's Head Start Class



Infant/Toddler Learning Center



Bristol Bay Native Association Staff on Go Blue Day



BBNA Family Resource Center, Head Start Staff & Family Services Staff

General Assistance (GA) helps individuals get back on their feet between jobs. It provides a small benefit to be used for eligible tribal members for essential needs - food, clothing, shelter, and utilities. Qualified individuals must actively seek paid or volunteer work opportunities.

Volunteering benefits individuals by providing experience and training, and developing work site contacts with potential employers.

Communities benefit by the extra labor performed by the individual.

Work sites are needed for adult volunteer/paid opportunities. If you know of a work opportunity for an adult in your area, please contact Deanna Baier at (907) 842-2262 or toll-free (888) 285-2262.

# Community Development

## Program

After the implementation of the FY 2013 Tribal Grant Writer Advancement Program Demonstration Project, a new Community Development Program was formed in the Program Development Department to extend on those elements of the Grant Writer Program that are best aligned with and supportive of the work tribes are doing in Bristol Bay communities. The Grant Writer Program, envisioned by BBNA Leadership as a test bed for community-based grant writing capacity development, was implemented in coordination with participating Tribal Councils and project supporters including the BBNA Community Services Department, BBNA Workforce Development, and regional agencies including BBAHC, BBEDC, and SWAMC, among others. Program staff is now focusing on the next phase – a community-focused planning program. Tribal participants included Manokotak Village Council, Aleknagik Traditional Council, and Ekuk Village Council. The last employed Tribal Grant Writer, Ferdinand Sharp of Manokotak, was focused on applying for HUD ICDBG funding for a community facility.

BBNA's new Community Development Program, staffed by Ralph Andrew, is in the final stages of design and will serve the same goal of improving community resilience by supporting tribes' efforts to document and advance their vision, plans, and priorities. The program will continue building partnerships with tribes and service providers whose mission supports self-determined community development. The FY 2014/15 program goals are: Promote culturally appropriate community development to advance tribe's efforts to strengthen their social, cultural, environmental, and economic well-being; Support tribe's efforts to build sustainable communities through the provision of capacity-building training and support.

Looking ahead to FY 2015, the program aims to announce a planning grant for tribes that will support community-led planning by funding 4-month employment of a locally-based Community Planning Specialist. Four to six competitive grants for roughly \$20,000 will be awarded based on available funding. Community Planning Specialists will update or develop a written community plan under the direction of her/his respective Tribal Council. BBNA will coordinate an introductory Planning workshop and provide basic Support for tribe's Community Planning Specialists. Expect BBNA funding announcement June 2014 and implementation October 1, 2014. Tanana Chiefs

Conference (TCC) operates a capacity-building program that served as inspiration for BBNA's planned program. TCC's program includes additional elements including a grant writer role – a component BBNA will explore adding in fiscal year 2015.

Look for an announcement soon for the BBNA Community Planning Workshop scheduled tentatively for early September 2014. The workshop will be interactive and will include presentations on topics including "Balancing the social, economic and environment dimensions of plans & projects" and "Aligning a local plan with regional plans and the Bristol Bay Regional Vision".

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## New Alaska Legal Services Attorney

Shannon Walker is the new Alaska Legal Services attorney taking over for Tina Reigh who left ALSC in March, 2014, when she was appointed to become a Magistrate Judge in Dillingham. Shannon comes to Dillingham from San Francisco, California where she was a housing, immigration, and domestic violence attorney. Before that Shannon practiced law in Seattle, Washington as a school and youth law lawyer for TeamChild and as a public defender. For help with legal problems including Consumer Law, Domestic Violence, Elder Advocacy, Family Law, Health Care, Housing, Public Benefits, Alaska Native Law, or protections and benefits for Veterans, please contact Shannon Walker, Alaska Legal Services Corporation, at (907) 842-1452 or toll-free (888) 391-1475. Her office is located in BBNA's main office building in Dillingham. Welcome to Bristol Bay, Shannon!



Shannon Walker, Alaska Legal Services Attorney

# Community Services

## Department

In the beginning of 2014, New Stuyahok Traditional Council adopted an authorizing resolution to return all of its BIA Contract Programs to the BBNA Compact. This action followed a recommendation made by the Tribal Members at their Annual Meeting/Elections. Returning the Compact programs allows the Tribe and BBNA to again offer other program services to benefit the Tribal Members. This brings the number to 21 of Tribal communities fully participating in BBNA's Compact.

The 2014 President's and Administrator's Workshop, April 22 - 24 included updates from the Bristol Bay Housing Authority on its federal and state housing programs. The United Tribes of Bristol Bay (UTBB) was organized as a Tribal subdivision as authorized by member Tribes. UTBB's work does not supplant or duplicate the work of other regional organizations. BBNA Departments gave program updates/reports on Workforce Development; Family Services; Planning; Tribal Transportation; Land Management Services, and the Village Public Safety Officer Program. Community Services Department focused on the Federal DOI/Office of Self-Governance Compact – Pass-through Policy for Tribal Government Services Programs and Johnson O'Malley Education Program. CSD reviewed with participants the Memorandum of Agreement for the Village-based Administrator position.

As well, Family Services and the Alaska Office of Children Services held a community café to assist the state develop its 5-year plan for interacting on Indian Child Welfare Act cases. The facilitator for the discussions was Panu Lucier of Crane Song Consulting. To promote thoughts and encourage good discussions the following questions for the groups that affect families and child in need of aid situations:

1. How do we continue to strengthen our partnership with OCS to ensure the safety, permanency and well-being of children in our communities?
2. What do child protection workers (OCS) need to know to better understand and work with families in my community?
3. In what ways can OCS help children who are placed in non-native foster or adoptive homes maintain connections to their culture?
4. How can my community build on the collective knowledge, customs and values of our subsistence way of life to strengthen families and prevent entry into the foster care system?
5. What can we learn from this conversation about connecting our cultural values to create strong families?

# Tribal Justice Programs

Community Services Department partnered with the UAF Bristol Bay Campus to hold a Tribal Code Development (TM113) and Tribal Community & Restorative Justice (TM118) classes in early May. Instructors included David Voluck, Tribal Court Judge for three different Alaska Tribes; Lauren Van Schilfgaarde, Tribal Law Specialist with the Tribal Law & Policy Institute; Alex Clegborn, Jurisdictional Liaison, Northern California Intertribal Court System; and Kimberly Martus, Tribal Justice Program Manager, Bristol Bay Native Association.

Tribal Management 113, the instructors and participants reviewed: a) the Tribal Justice Occupational Endorsement certificate; b) accessing local regional training funds through BBNA/WFD and BBEDC to continue justice educational opportunities; c) Essential Elements of Tribal Code & Ordinance Development; d) Relationship Between Tribal Codes & Asserting Jurisdiction; e) Northern California Intertribal Court System and Intergovernmental Agreements; f) Types of Intertribal Courts in the US & Alaska; g) Court Establishment Code; h) Envisioning & Forming Intertribal Court System for Bristol Bay Tribes.

Tribal Management 118 included interactive discussions on: a) Indigenous Justice & Tribal Courts – Justice Circles and Kake Circle Peacemaking; b) Restorative Justice & State of Alaska Courts and Agencies; c) Therapeutic Justice and Healing to Wellness Courts; d) Referring and Screening Participants for Healing to Wellness Courts; e) Role of the Wellness Court Team and Interagency Cooperation; f) Sub regional Caucus.

41 individuals registered and participated in the classes. The discussions were open and interactive. Achieving stable Tribal Justice Programs remains important to the residents and Bristol Bay communities.



Participants and instructors of the Tribal Justice classes held in early May.

PRIMARY ELECTION — August 19, 2014

- Deadline for voters to register to vote or update an existing registration – [July 20, 2014](#)

GENERAL ELECTION — November 4, 2014

- Deadline for voters to register to vote or update an existing registration – [Oct. 5, 2014](#)

Who we will be voting for:

- ◆ Alaska U.S. Senator (6-year term)
- ◆ Alaska U.S. Representative (2-year term)
- ◆ Alaska Governor
- ◆ Alaska Lieutenant Governor

**Bristol Bay Region State Senator seats are open (4-yr. terms)**  
**Senate District R (HD 36)**  
**State Representatives seats (2-yr. terms)**  
**House District 36**  
**House District 37**

Ballot Measures – in the Primary August 19, 2014

✓ [State of Alaska](#) > [Lt. Governor](#) > Full Press Release **Initiatives Move to  
General Election Ballot**

April 21, 2014, Juneau, AK – Because the Alaska State Legislature has extended its regular session, the three citizen initiatives originally slated to appear on the August 19 primary election ballot will now be on the November 4 general election ballot, Lt. Governor Mead Treadwell said today.

The three citizen initiatives are:

12BBAY, “An Act providing for protection of Bristol Bay wild salmon and waters within or flowing into the existing 1972 Bristol Bay Fisheries Reserve”;

13PSUM, “An Act to tax and regulate the production, sale, and use of marijuana”;

13MINW, “An Act increasing the Alaska minimum wage to \$8.75 per hour effective January 1, 2015, \$9.75 per hour effective January 1, 2016 and thereafter adjusted annually for inflation.”

Barring the passage of substantially similar legislation, all three initiatives will be on the general election ballot. As required by law for initiatives, the lieutenant governor’s office will convene public hearings in each of the four judicial districts at least 30 days before the election.

- 13SB21, the referendum to recall last session’s oil and gas tax legislation, will still appear on the August 19 primary election ballot as Proposition 1.

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

MORE INFORMATION GO TO: [www.elections.alaska.gov](http://www.elections.alaska.gov) or call BBNA 1-800-478-5257 DeeDee Bennis, Voter Registrar, or see any registrar in your area.



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### Bristol Bay Calendar Events

| Event/Location   | Date                  | Contact Information  |
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| BBNA Executive Committee Meeting<br>Location: Dillingham | August 8, 2014        | BBNA (907) 842-5257 or 1-800-478-5257<br>Ask for DeeDee Bennis |
| BBNA Full Board Meeting<br>Location: Dillingham          | September 18-19, 2014 | BBNA (907) 842-5257 or 1-800-478-5257<br>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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