

Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak

February 2017 Newsletter

Tribal Administrator

Cam'ai Tribal Members:

I'd like to thank everyone who attended and participated in our annual meeting and elections. I would like to congratulate Frank Peterson Jr. for his re-election and appointment as Tribal Council Chair and Nina Gronn for being elected to a council seat.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank John Reft for all his years of service to the council. Johnny will continue to represent Sun'aq Tribe in committees and councils such Alaska Migratory Bird Co-Management Council, Kodiak/Aleutians Regional Advisory Committee, WildSource and as a Tribal Court Judge. On a personal note, I would like to thank Johnny for all his support and guidance.

The Sun'aq staff continues to advocate for issues pertaining to environment, education, ICWA, economic development and cultural related issues relevant to our members.

What issues are most important? As we learn more about the Navy and missile defense we are trying to do our best in keeping the most important issues at the top. It is going to take support from the council and membership. Protecting subsistence is our highest priority. One of the emerging issues are the Crayfish that are threatening the Buskin River. Crayfish are an invasive species that in other countries have severely impacted salmon and trout streams. This is an emerging issue that we will continue to monitor.

I look forward to hearing from our membership regarding any comments or concerns.

Best Regards,



J.J. Marsh, Tribal Administrator



**Executive
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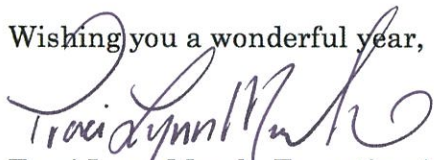
Cam'ai,

The Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak now has 1,786 tribal members and continues to grow every other month. The enrollment department has had 9 enrollment committee meetings this year with the council's second approval each month. Those committee members are Doreen Anderson, Alexandria Troxell, Sharon Wolkoff and I. The committee strives to meet on a monthly basis, sometimes it's every other month depending on an open schedule.

If you have had a name change due to marriage or the death of a loved one, please send a copy of the certification in order for us to keep our enrollment database current. This year we have 147 addresses in need of correction. We can use your help in our updating process if you know any of these members below, if you know of any please inform them.

Tribal ID cards and affidavits are available to members that live in or out of Kodiak. If you have any questions regarding enrollment or need a notary I can be reached at 907-486-4449 or emailed at execadmin@sunaq.org

Wishing you a wonderful year,



Traci Lynn Marsh, Executive Administrative Assistant/Enrollment Manager



Amber McGraw	Christina Magnusen	Kieva Lamb	Peter Longrich	Darla Sluder
April Jorgensen	Christine Pate	Arthur Berkseth	Robert Williams	Dennis Laurel
Beverly Sitton	Dana O'Neill	Malakai McMorro	Serenity Chya	Diana Apalone
Cameron Cozad	Daniel Smith	Margaret Mullan	Tanya Melton	Dorelyn Collins
Carey Torsen	David Morrison	Mary Morrison	Thomas Chouinard	Elaine Smiloff
Catherine Stallings	Eric Olsen	Micheal Eggemeyer	Timothy Turnipseed	Emil Noya
Cecili O'Sullivan	Joshua Jackman	Nicholas Longrich	William Apalone	Eric Wood
Chreyl Griffith	Kevin Skonberg	Nina Weatherly	Adam Hamilton	Fredrick Malutin
Cassandra Bravo	Charlene Welch	Charlene Stanton	Christina Kilborn	Jennifer Hoedel

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Jennifer McCarty	John Karabelnikoff	Katherine Alexanderoff	Lisa Alexanderoff	Lisa Wood
Laura Galliher	Lucas Arnick	Margie Thompson	Nicholas Reft	Nida Jarneke
Nina Every	Richard Freeman	Robert Chouinard	Sara Kuust	Sofia Chya
Sophia Polson	Stacy Keegan	Sue Webster	Thelma Larionoff	Valerie Pillans
William Lau	Zachary Bailor	Dennis Knagin	Kathy Lindjord	Priscilla Johnson
Sasha Resoff	Alberta Sherrett	Brian Jones	Douglas Lohse	Douglas Agnot
Gustav Skonberg	Hazel Malutin	Henry Stream	Howard Hansen	James Chapman
Tiffant Sagayo	Jenna Rudio	Katherine Olsen	Marie Griffin	Micheal Wood
Mikel Gilbert	Nick Sugak	Nicole McMorrow	Nikki Paulsen	Richard Anderson
Roger Gillette	Ronna Shaver	Scott Kuust	Scott Eggemeyer	Sharon Richardson
Sharon McDonald	Tanner Yakanak	Twila Mcknight	Tyler Zachgo	Varvara Manivong
Mark Jackson	Marsha Nichols	Sarah Bugni	Sashinka Evans	Violet Tunohun
Walter Bernhard	William Clark	Zaundria Jurado	Aaron Mitchell	Zachary Seaman
Andriana Stossmeister	Anthony Spanvic	Brian McDougal	Cheryll Reft	Carol Knauer
Glenn Hochmuth	Jamie Harris	Jennuekynn Johnson	Joshua Bailor	Josh Christiansen
Justine Briner	Laura Boskofsky	Michael Mitchell	Neil Malutin	Phoebe Oleksa
Raynette Donnelly	Richard Shuravloff	Richard Martinez	Robin Chya	Shawn Olsen
Sherrie Carlson	Steven Eeagleston	Tatiana Yakanak	Veja Showalter	Wayne Sargent
William Roberston	Wyatt Buck	Brett Larsen	Kathleen Pearson	Lisa Bruce
Raymond Johnson	Robert Neitzelt			

Tribal Housing Advocate

Cam'ai,

I am Janelle Barton, Sun'aq's Tribal Housing Advocate, I am available to assist you when applying for programs provided by Kodiak Island Housing Authority.

Programs Available to Native American Applicants

Low Income Apartments KIHA owns and manages low-income apartments in Kodiak. Apartments are 1, 2, 3 and 4 bedroom unfurnished units. The rent is income-based and tenants pay electric. No pets are allowed.

Rental Assistance Program Participants are issued a rental housing voucher and select a rental unit on Kodiak Island. Rental assistance is based on income.

Student Rental Assistance Program Rental assistance is available to Native American students who are permanent residents of Kodiak and are or will be attending institutions of higher learning either in Alaska or outside Alaska. No minimum income required to qualify.

Life-Builders Program Life Builders is a transitional living program designed to provide young adults with the opportunity to pursue employment, education, vocational training, and life skills in a safe and healthy living environment.

Home Weatherization and Renovation Program provides repairs, upgrades, renovations and improvements to the homes of American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) homeowners where there are health, safety, and energy efficiency issues present. Weatherization improvements may consist of insulating, weather stripping and caulking, new doors, windows, heating systems, siding or roofing. Renovations can address accessibility improvements. KIHA staff works with the homeowner in determining the scope of work.

Kodiak Island Housing Authority's "HOME" Down Payment Assistance Loan Program

Most first-time homebuyers struggle to come up with the required down payment and closing costs, or they can't find a decent home in an affordable price range.

- 1) Primary applicant must be Native American and have a Certificate of Indian Blood
- 2) Must be able to pay at least 3% cash down payment toward the home purchase from own cash resources
- 3) Annual income must be considered Low or Very Low as determined annually by HUD
- 4) Must be 1st time home buyer (not owned a home or had home ownership interest within past 3 years)
- 5) Be able to obtain a first mortgage loan from an approved lending institution
- 6) Must be willing to sign documents that create a second mortgage loan with specific conditions and restrictions, including a recapture provision.

Alutiiq Heritage Educator/Dancers Coordinator



Alutiit'stun Niuwawik Language Nest

What is a language nest?

A language nest is an opportunity for children from birth to five years old to be immersed in Alutiiq language. A language nest provides a safe environment for young children to interact with speakers of the language through meaningful activities.

The goal of a language nest is not to “teach” children the language, but rather to create an environment where language can be acquired naturally, as infants acquire their first language. Children are cared for in a traditional, cultural way *in* the language.

A language nest is not a daycare or pre-school program — it is a *language immersion program*.

The Sun'aq Tribe will open an Alutiiq language nest on January 24th! We are now accepting enrollment in the program.

Mission Statement

Alutiit'stun Niuwawik Language nest serves young children to experience Alutiiq as a living language.

The language nest is funded by a grant from the Administration for Native Americans.

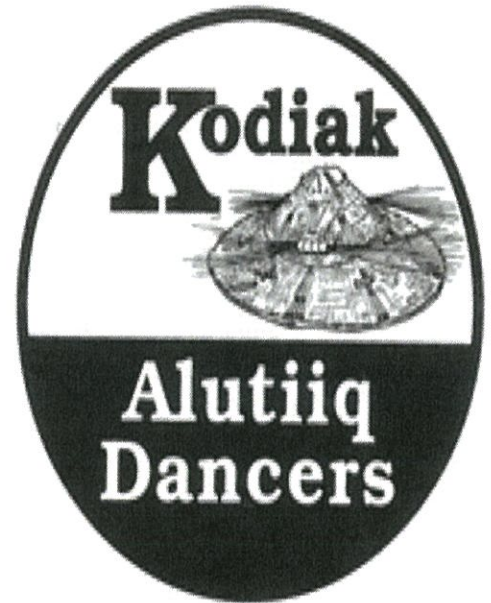
Kodiak Alutiiq Dancers

Most recently the dancers traveled to Cordova for their Sobriety Celebration. They participated in a number of cultural exchanges and honored Margaret Roberts for her years of dedication to the dance program, and cultural revitalization. The dancers that attended appreciated the diverse groups represented there and that the community celebrated the positive change that people have brought into their lives by choosing sobriety.

Alutiiq Heritage Educator report continued



Margaret Roberts dancing at Sobriety Celebration in Cordova, AK November 2016. Photo Credit: Lydia Olsen



Dancers at the Sobriety Celebration in Cordova, AK November 2016. Photo Credit: Lydia Olsen

Alutiiq Heritage Educator report continued

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Tuesday and Thursday mornings 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Class will meet regularly on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30 – 11:30. Students may be dropped off as early as 8:00 a.m. and must be picked up by 12:00 p.m. The language nest will run from 1/24 through 5/18

1/24 – Student and Family Welcome Night 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Welcome night gives little ones and caregivers an opportunity to explore the language nest space together. Care givers will have an opportunity to ask any questions, and little ones will be able to participate in their first activity.

2/21 International Mother Language Day – in session

International Mother Language Day is a worldwide annual observance to promote awareness of linguistic and cultural diversity, along with multilingualism.

3/13 – 3/17 Spring break – not in session

5/18 Last day of language nest

Family language learning opportunities:

- Family Language Night | family learning to get families and the community using Alutiit | Kodiak Public Library, Wednesday Nights 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- Language Club | Community learning, bring questions and be ready to learn | Sun'aq Tribe, Wednesday 12:00-1:00 p.m.
- Native Village of Afognak afterschool program | to get more information, see afognak.org or call 486-6357

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Alutiit'stun Niuwawik: *Questions & Answers*

2017

1. What is the target age?

Children ages four and five are welcome to be enrolled in the *Alutiit'stun Niuwawik*. Children of three years of age are welcome to attend with a care giver. However, the care giver will need to keep in mind that the *Alutiit'stun Niuwawik* is a language nest, meaning that Alutiiq should be the only language used. Therefore, care givers will need to strictly honor our policy of target language use. Similarly, care givers will be required to have full background checks prior to attending the language nest.

2. What will be taught?

The focus of instruction will be two-fold. First, students will be immersed in the Alutiiq language with a primary goal of developing Alutiiq language fluency. Second, instruction will work towards kindergarten preparedness so students will be able to transition to kindergarten smoothly.

3. Will my student be prepared for kindergarten?

Graduates of the *Alutiit'stun Niuwawik* will be prepared for kindergarten. Care givers must keep in mind that an immersion language Nest aims to prepare the student to function in the target language, and for the cognitive and social demands of kindergarten. In this way, immersion settings are additive to a child's education, not subtractive. Similar immersion pre-school environments have shown increased cognitive development, an increased sense of heritage and identity, strong community and social ties, developmental biliteracy and bilingualism, and understanding of culture through language, since culture cannot be separated from language.

4. Who will be teaching at the *Alutiit'stun Niuwawik*?

Michael Bach and Marya Halvorsen will be the two full-time teachers at the *Alutiit'stun Niuwawik*. The teachers will be supported by Alutiiq speaking Elders, and cultural presenters. Alutiiq speaking Elders will be invited to attend and support immersion. Cultural presenters will be invited to teach cultural skills, traditional games, and ways of being. All teachers, Alutiiq speaking Elders, and cultural presenters will be required to complete a background check before participation.

5. What else do I need to know?

As a caregiver, it is important to be aware that the burden of language learning cannot rest on the shoulders of your little one alone. Staff expect the Alutiiq language to not be confined to the time of pre-school, but trickle into the home, community, and play activities of *Alutiit'stun Niuwawik* students. Bringing the language home is an expectation. Family members (parents, care givers, cousins, siblings, etc.) will be required to attend community language learning activities to develop their fluency alongside

Alutiiq Heritage Educator report continued

the enrolled student. Requiring co-learning not only offers fluency development for families, but also displays to students that they are part of a language family and community.

6. What does it cost?

Enrolling a student in the *Alutiit'stun Niuwawik* will cost \$50.00 per semester. Semesters run September to December and January to May. There are two semesters a year, bringing the annual cost of enrollment to \$100.00.

7. What is the Language Nest schedule?

This year school will begin on January 24th, 2017 and will end on May 18th, 2017. Sessions will be held each Tuesday and Thursday. Class will run from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Participants may be dropped off no earlier than 8:00 a.m., and must be picked-up no later than 12:00 p.m. Next year the language nest will run three days a week, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, with two semesters. The language nest will be at the Afognak Native Corporation building on Near Island.

8. Where can I learn more?

Visit our Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/CommunityAlutiiqLanguageNight/>
Or, call Michael or Marya at 512-5995.



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Tribal Transportation



Kathy Drabek, BIA Roads/Ursin Cannery Program Manager

Ursin Property: In the spring of 2016, the Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak acquired the previously used cannery property from the late Norm Ursin. Sun'aq plans to move Kodiak WildSource to the property, with future development of a restaurant and a Cultural Arts & Transit Center. We are currently working with the University Of Alaska Anchorage Center for Economic Development to create a business plan and feasibility study, KPB Architects and DCI Engineering. The property purchased by SSun'aq Tribe of Kodiak earlier this year will undergo major renovation and construction prior to moving the Wildsource facilities. The property contains a dock, and 3 buildings (one of which has been demolished since STK purchased). Additionally, Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak has chosen to perform the necessary environmental work with assistance from DOWL Engineering. In March of 2017, Shelikof Street will officially be included in our Tribal Roads Inventory.



Sean Hales, Projects Administrative Assistant

Tribal Transportation Report Continued

The Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak will utilize former cannery property to design and construct a seafood processing facility, restaurant, and a cultural art gallery on an existing waterfront location recently purchased by the Tribe. The site is an abandoned cannery that will require some demolition work, dock and piling analysis and modification. The overall purpose is to create employment opportunities in the region, increase local value-added fish processing, and spur further re-development in the immediate vicinity of the facility. The gallery will be a venue for artists, dancers, etc. The focus includes, but is not limited to, artists representing the Alutiiq culture. We are attempting to finalize our order of a pre-engineered building to get Wildsource up and running as quickly as possible. There is dock and piling work that needs to occur before constructing the building so we are communicating as fast as we can with all parties involved to create a successful Phase 1. Please know that everyone is welcome to stop by the Sun'aq offices and discuss the project, Kathy Drabek and Sean Hales are your go-to guys.

Anton Larsen Bay Road Extension Project: The Anton Larsen Bay Road Extension Project, due to lack of forward progression, has been cancelled and funds are to be reallocated to the Ursin Cannery Project & Transit Center.



BIA Providers Conference: From November 28 through December 2nd, Kathy Drabek and Sean Hales attended the BIA Providers Conference in Anchorage. We spent the majority of our time at transportation-themed seminars, as well as some regarding funding opportunities. Overall, the BIA Providers Conference offered important, valuable information to take back to Sun'aq's Tribal Transportation Program.

Tribal Technical Assistance Program: In Mid-October, Sean Hales attended a

Grant Writing for Tribal Personnel course at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. The course provided valuable information for those interested in the grant-writing field, emphasizing Tribal Transportation in Alaska Native communities.

Other: The Seafood Consumption Study is behind us. The EPA has made tribal partnerships a priority and this proved a good thing for Sun'aq. I traveled with small teams to question tribal members in four outlying villages and Kodiak about their seafood consumption information. This was not an easy project, many a bump in the road, but I can tell you that we all felt like a worthy task was accomplished. We were only the second Alaskan tribe to have accomplished such a survey. EPA hovered over all that we did and for that I am extremely grateful. A special thanks to both Katherine Brown and Lon Kissinger of the Seattle EPA offices for their guidance and support throughout the project. **Questions?:** If you have any questions or concerns for the Tribal Transportation Program please feel free to contact us or visit the Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak offices. Kathy Drabek, Tribal Transportation Program Manager Sean Hales, Tribal Transportation Program Assistant



INDIAN CHILD WELFARE (ICWA) SERVICES

During the year 2016, Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), has had on average 15 active cases every month with over half of those being local cases. Most of the children have been placed in relative Foster Care.

Over the past year 4 of our children have been released from state custody and are back with their family.

Locally, I continue to work with Tribal families whose children have been removed or are at risk of being removed from the home.

Sun'aq supports the families by providing supervised visitation with their children at the Tribe, transportation to work, counseling appointments, court hearings, paper work for housing, clothing and food for the families and anything else we can do to support reunification of families.

As a Tribe, we are doing our best to make a difference for our children.

WHAT IS THE INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT (ICWA)

ICWA services are available for children who are enrolled or eligible to be enrolled in the Sun'aq Tribe. In order for a child to be eligible to be enrolled they need to be the descendant of an enrolled member or be an Alaska Native, or American Indian and not be enrolled in another Tribe (or willing to give up enrollment in another Tribe) who has and currently lives in Kodiak for the last year. However, if a child is currently involved in an ICWA matter, the Tribe of origin has the right to deny any request for disenrollment.

ICWA applies to children who are in state custody (Child in Need of Aid cases or CINA), from the moment they come into custody, until they are returned to their parent or adopted. ICWA can also apply to Step-parent adoptions and private party adoptions.

ICWA does not apply to custody cases between two parents (even if one parent is non-native). Although some reservation Tribes with Tribal court systems (Lower 48 Tribes) will become involved in Divorce or custody cases between parents, the Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak cannot become involved in a custody matter between two biological parents.

What does **ICWA** do for Tribal children? **ICWA** mandates a higher level of service for parents and children involved in **ICWA** matters under a clause in the act called "Active Efforts."

ICWA also provides placement preferences.

- Return to parents (native or non-native)
- An extended family member (native or non-native)
- A member of the child's Tribe
- A member of another Tribe
- A non-native foster placement
- A residential facility (least restrictive possible)

When a child's Tribe intervenes on behalf of a child in an **ICWA** case, the Tribe becomes a party to the case, just as the parents, the State Office of Children's Services, and the Guardian Ad Litem (GAL). The Tribe may be represented by an Attorney (same as the other parties) or be represented by a non-Attorney **ICWA** representative. The Tribe becomes entitled to all documents, reports, case notes, and letters regarding the case. The Tribe may participate in all meetings, court hearings, case plans and mediations. The Tribe can provide information regarding placement options and recommendations for placement and services.

If you have questions regarding **ICWA** please call Linda Resoff at 907-486-4449, to answer questions about **ICWA**.

FOSTER PARENTS ARE NEEDED!

As a foster parent, you are responsible for the temporary care of a child who has been placed outside his or her own home. During a time of disruption and change, a child needs a safe, stable, and nurturing environment. Children are mainly placed in foster care when it is determined that the child is unsafe or at high risk of maltreatment. Children living in foster care may be infants, toddlers, grade school, teenagers and may be a part of a group of brothers and sisters. They may be any ethnicity or race, and come from a variety of backgrounds, cultures, and families. A foster child is an individual as any other child, each with their own special personality, abilities, and interests.

Helping Alaskan Native children grow with a strong connection to their heritage is very important. Alaskan Native families who can share their cultures and traditions with children are needed here in Kodiak.

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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

“Child Abuse Prevention”

KVOK recorded a PSA for us, bringing awareness to the problem of child abuse. We were able to gain the help of youth, and so the Radio ad voiced by kids! It is running 3 times a day on KVOK/KRXX Radio, from April 12th-24th.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month:

Since April is Child Abuse Prevention month, we wanted to do something that would grab the attention of anyone who would listen. The Kodiak Area Native Association's Child Advocacy Center has seen 144 cases of child abuse and child sexual abuse since it opened its doors. To really grasp how many children this is, we wanted to do a display with 144 pairs of shoes; each pair representing a child who has survived abuse. We were able to set up our display along with a message, in hopes that people would stand up for children, and help defend them against abuse. This display was in cooperation with the Kodiak Arts Council, KWRCC, The Native Village of Afognak, KANA's Child Advocacy Center and The Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak.



“Put yourself in my shoes. You can walk away from abuse; I can’t.”

APPRECIATING GRANDPARENTS

SUN'AQ ICWA and KANA's ICWA programs joined together to have a Grandparent's appreciation dinner on March 11th at the Baptist Mission. We had 30 Grandparents attend. Dinner was provided by the chef that works for the Baptist Mission. It was a wonderful event.



SUN'AQ TRIBE WOMAN'S ADVOCATE

I would like to introduce you to our new Woman's Advocate **Natasha Lochman**. She was born and raised here in Kodiak. She is the daughter of Marvin and Pam Frost, the granddaughter of Thomas and Mary Frost. She is married to Alvin Lochman and they have two children, Joshua 19 and Alexa 11. She is very excited to be the Woman's Advocate here at Sun'aq . Natasha has a long background in child and family services. She had her own daycare for fifteen years and for the past two years worked at KANA with the Cama'i home visitor program. I am so happy to have Natasha here at Sun'aq and most importantly helping empower our women through support and resources.

The advocate provides comprehensive victim advocacy support and outreach, developing expanded educational assistance to build assets that will help break the cycle of abuse. We provide increased housing support and assistance to sexual assault victims to establish a safe, violence-free life for themselves and their families.

We have developed a juvenile foster support system for teens ages 15-17 that are either emancipated or can obtain a parental release for support through this new system. The tribe has been involved in a community and school harassment awareness campaign that addresses sexual assault and domestic violence, as well as support for Alaskan native youth victims of bullying.

We can actively serve our enrolled members in these ways. I am proud of the way our small town looks out for one another, and I am blessed to be in a position to continue with this natural approach of assisting those people that might need help. It is an honor to serve our members and I look forward to continuing my goals for youth and victims. Here is a look at some of the Outreach and awareness activities we have done over the last year.

ADVOCACY PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

Public Service Announcement on KMXT for Teen Dating Violence:

Since the month of February is known nationally as "Teen Dating Violence" awareness month, the Sun'aq Tribe has joined KHS youth to make a PSA about Teen dating violence, and where to find local resources if our youth believed they may need support for this. It was a joint effort by our tribal victim's advocate and youth, to record a Public Service Announcement to be played over the Radio on

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KMXT 101.1 FM, throughout the whole month of February 2016. The youth loved participating and it meant a lot to them to be a part of this youth activity.

FLYER FOR TEEN DATING VIOLENCE 'Roles and Responsibilities'

Since the month of February is known nationally as "Teen Dating Violence" awareness month, the Sun'aq Tribe has provided to the Kodiak High School and Kodiak Middle School, a flyer about Teen dating violence. It has information on where to find local resources if our youth believed they may need support for this. The flyer has statistical information provided, resource information, and a very clear message about their positive role and responsibilities in any healthy relationships. We provided copies and posted the flyers within the KHS and KMS.

On February 26th, Sun'aq partnered with KANA and taught 9 youth how to assemble subsistence nets. The kids loved this and were able to go home with a net that they can use this summer. Matthew Kozak from KANA educated the students on the culture and history of set netting. We are hoping to have more events like this for our tribal members.

The Kodiak Island School District, Galley Table Storytelling and Sun'aq Tribe TYP have partnered to bring together a huge event on to teens that would get on stage and share a story on "perspective" for 7 minutes at the high school auditorium. This is like the Galley Tables Storytelling but focused on our youth in Kodiak. We had a catered event for the students afterwards. The teens were judged by a panel of five individual judges. The top three winners will be awarded prizes that various Kodiak businesses have donated. The Kodiak donated a three-credit course from Kodiak College for our first-place winner. In addition, all those who participate received a "swag bag" with goodies. The community was grateful with donations and everyone was happy to see our youth being involved in such a positive event like this.

COMMUNITY BAR OUTREACH "Sexual Assault Awareness"

These table top brochures and posters were distributed to bars and restaurants here in the downtown Kodiak area. We asked that these be placed in the restrooms of each establishment to remind people about the struggle and dangers of Sexual assault, not only for the victim but for the abuser as well. The brochure gave local statistics on sexual abuse for Kodiak and statewide, as well as gave clear instructions to a victim who may have been assaulted and who to contact. The posters were hung up in the male restrooms to remind men that consent is necessary. The poster says, "Just because she isn't saying no, doesn't mean she is saying yes." A reminder to men that sex without consent is sexual assault and a felony. The following local establishments agreed to place these awareness materials in their public restrooms.

- Kodiak Inn
- El Chicanos
- The Village bar
- Tony's Bar
- Henry's Restaurant
- The Kodiak Island Brewery
- The Tropics Lounge



MARCH FOR RESPECT

This was an extra special event this year. We had students visiting Kodiak from all over the state and they spent the afternoon with us! All that did turn out for this event were happy to contribute in our efforts to represent the woman in our community who have been victims of sexual assault, reminding everyone that 'RESPECT' is what we all deserve.



COFFEE OUTREACH

“Sexual Assault Awareness & Child Abuse Prevention”

In an attempt to reach everyone on this island for the betterment of abused woman and children, I enlisted the help of 3 different Coffee Shops here in town. We provided them the Blue and Teal ribbon awareness stickers, as well as an informative flyer to show.

With 3,000 stickers in hand, our partner coffee shops promised to place a sticker on each cup they sold, throughout the month of April. Thank you, Java Flats, Harborside, and Near Island Coffee shops for allowing us to place our stickers on your cups.

TALKING CIRCLE



‘Talking Circle’ Topic: *Character*

For this Talking circle, we are happy to report that we got to team up with Megan Ivanoff, our Tribal Youth Advocate, and we were also able to collaborate with KANA’s ‘Family Violence Prevention’ and provide a Pizza Dinner for those who participated! I can report that we did have 8 people show up to our circle. Our group was diverse; entertaining young and elder Alaskan Natives. I was so happy with the turn out, and the discussion was very deep and moving! We gave each person an opportunity to share and we touched on the importance of ‘character’ for a successful

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future. At the close of our event, many members said they would like to do this again, so we are very much looking forward to our next event.



Painting Feathers

Native Woman's "Woman's Wellness 2016"

Women's Wellness Retreat was held on August 12-14th at Camp Woody. 2016 was the largest group of women to date with over 70 participants! Sun'aq Tribe partnered with Kodiak Area Native Association as well as Kodiak Women's Resource and Crisis Center to put together this great event that creates a safe place for Kodiak women to come together. Sun'aq provided food, sweaters and personal hygiene supplies and art and craft materials. We are excited to keep this partnership going for many more years and provide wellness for all women in Kodiak.

Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence presentation:

Our Advocate, Penny Lampl, from KWRCC did a presentation on Domestic Violence in Alaska, and the importance of not blaming the victim of sexual assault. She showed a PowerPoint that Sarah had made, with the focus being on how to best support a victim of sexual assault, and what we can say to them to make them feel supported, and not judged. We talked about the various resources we provide, and went into detail about how our local woman's shelter can help with everything from emergency housing, to providing legal guidance when a woman needs support with reentering a healthy living environment. The presentation was well received and many ladies approached me afterwards to thank us for the valuable information.



'KHS and KMS Bullying Awareness Outreach':

Bullying is an unfortunate reality in schools everywhere. Students and even some adults do not know how to intervene in a situation where someone is being bullied. Our goal was to reach EVERY student with a common message for respect, and how to stop a potential act of bullying. We provided excellent videos to each class, silicone bracelets with the message 'Stand up and Speak out', and stickers with our message. Our tribe provided beautiful posters with simple and clear examples of bullying and instructions on how to deal with it, and they have been hung up in the Middle School for the entire month of October. The 'Be the Change' club or GSA club at the Kodiak High School was a very important part in our bullying outreach. The club painted posters with messages of respect and love message.

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We passed out bullying coloring books, bracelets and stickers to the Elementary schools.

In addition to our service, which provide youth with awareness materials, we also have our continuing, ***housing assistance program***.

As a part of our Social Services department, housing support assistance is available to sexual assault victims and their minor children who desire to establish a violence-free life for themselves and their families and require a safe environment after fleeing an abusive situation. Eligibility requirements for this program are that a victim be a member of the Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak, be 18 years of age or an emancipated minor, and must have experiences or be in danger of experiencing physical, sexual, or emotional abuse which makes her residence unsafe and forces her to flee. Please feel free to contact me, **Sun'aq's Victims Advocate**, with *any questions* about this program and how we may be able to help you make your living situation safer, for you and your family.

Please join our efforts to stop domestic violence and sexual crimes in Kodiak!

TRIBAL YOUTH PROGRAM

Class of 2016 – Sun'aq Tribe had 26 seniors that graduated from Kodiak High School on May 21st! With the help of the Indian Education Aid program at the high school, every Alaska Native student walked with a red sash that represented their culture and background. Congrats to our graduated seniors and best wishes to their next adventure!

Native Youth Olympics training is going very well; they have just started training again for the annual NYO competition. Last year we had 6 participants, 5 boys and 1 girl. They were very eager to learn all of the NYO events and extremely excited to participate in the Annual NYO competition in Anchorage that was held in April. Georgianna Spere is our NYO Coach along with.

The Kodiak Island School District, Galley Table Storytelling and Sun'aq Tribe TYP have partnered to bring together a huge event where 7-10 teenagers will get on stage and share a story on “perspective” for 7 minutes at the high school auditorium. This is like the Galley Tables Storytelling but focused on our youth in Kodiak. The high school clubs will be outside of the auditorium selling items to fundraise for their causes, we have contracted the NVA photo booth, and we are having a catered event for the students afterwards. This will be judged by a panel of five individual judges. The top three winners will be awarded prizes that various Kodiak businesses have donated. We have already received a three-credit course from Kodiak College for our first place winner. In addition, all those who participate will receive a “swag bag” with goodies. The community has been grateful with donations and everyone is happy to see our youth being involved in such a positive event like this.



Thomas Lance, Natural Resources



Kelly Krueger, Tribal Biologist

Navy agrees to eliminate use of explosive ordnance on Portlock

On July 6th, Sun'aq Tribe conducted a formal government to government consultation with the U.S. Navy and Alaskan Command. Four Kodiak-area Tribes were represented by their Tribal Council Members or Chairs, and Staff (Afognak, Ouzinkie, Sun'aq, and Tangirnaq) to demonstrate a common concern for our ocean resources and cultures. The Alutiiq Dancers gave a special presentation outside and lit the traditional seal oil lamp. The Tribes presented a list of requirements to the Navy and Alaskan Command. Alex Stone, the Lead Environmental Planner for the Pacific Fleet, said that the list would be incorporated into the GOA Northern Edge Final Supplemental Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (OEIS).

The Tribes reiterated the importance of the Navy to gather data on salmon migration and potential adverse impacts from training activities, and the Navy representatives took notes. Sun'aq Tribal Council Vice-Chair John Reft emphasized several times to Navy's Rear Admiral Korka how highly we valued the face-to-face interactions. As a result of this consultation, the U.S. Navy agreed to eliminate use of explosive ordnance on Portlock Bank, northeast of Kodiak Archipelago!

In August, Sun'aq Tribe submitted comments to the Navy regarding the Final

On December 6th, Alaskan Command returned to Kodiak. Col. Chris Reifel presented Northern Edge 17 updates to Tribal staff and Native Corporation representatives. The meeting lasted two hours with around 30 people in attendance. Later in the day, the Alaskan Command presented updates to the City Council.



Invasive Crayfish Captured in Buskin

During the 2016 field season, STK Natural Resources Department partnered with Kodiak Soil and Water Conservation District staff to learn more about invasive signal crayfish (*Pacifastacus leniusculus*) in Buskin Watershed. As a result of this partnership, 422 signal crayfish and 3 dead red swamp (*Procambarus clarkii*) crayfish were captured. Methods of capture included: dip net, electrofishing, snorkeling, hand capture, and trapping. Crayfish ranged in size from 0.4 inches (bottom photo) to 7.8 inches. Most specimens were captured in Buskin Lake outlet or in the southeast corner of Buskin Lake.



A total of 11.2 miles of stream were surveyed for signal crayfish during the 2016 field season. The Bureau of Indian Affairs Invasive Species Program funded this one year study. Sun'aq NR Department staff presented project findings at two conferences this fall, including the Alaska Invasive Species Conference in Fairbanks, and the BIA Providers Conference in Anchorage. Both presentations solicited much interest in invasive crayfish.

We applied for a new USFWS Tribal Wildlife Grant to learn about the diet, movement and distribution of signal crayfish within Buskin Lake. If funded, project work will begin in March 2017. Stay tuned!



Emperor Goose Season for 2017?

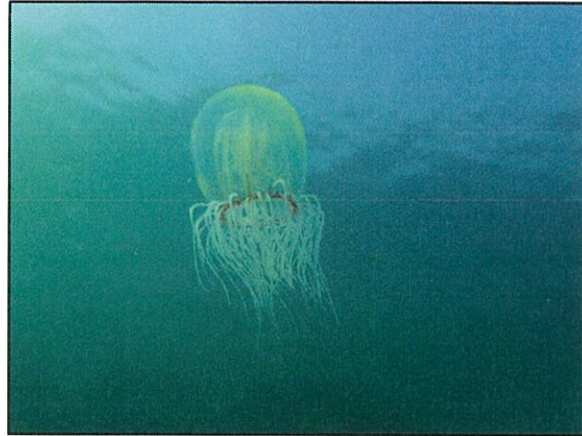


In late September, the Pacific Flyway Council took action to adopt the new Emperor Goose Management Plan proposed by the Alaska Migratory Bird Co-Management Council (AMBCC), which includes our local Kodiak AMBCC. The only step left in the process is for the ADF&G Board of Game to accept the proposed regulations for a traditional and customary Spring/Summer subsistence harvest. The Board of Game will meet on January 7-9 in Bethel, where AMBCC representatives will present the proposed regulations for an Emperor Goose harvest. If successful and the Board of Game approves the regulations, the Emperor Goose subsistence harvest will open on April 2, 2017.

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Buskin River Marine Zone Study (BRiMS) Fieldwork Update

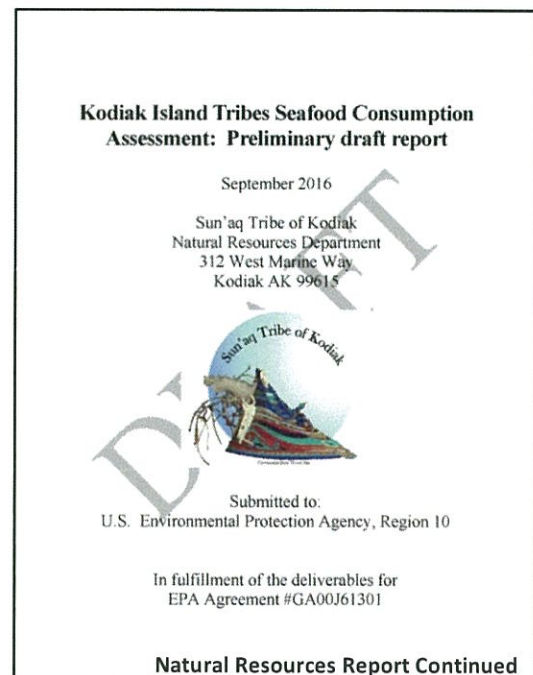
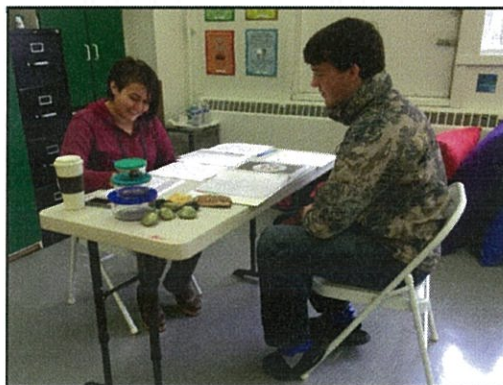
Sun'aq staff completed the first year of subtidal (right) and intertidal (bottom) species classification on the armor rock of the newly expanded Kodiak Airport. Many new species not categorized in the Kodiak Airport EIS were identified during these surveys, including red-eyed jellyfish (*Polyorchis pencillatus*). Staff will return next summer to complete the same transects and see if species composition has changed.



The salinity monitoring stations in front of Kodiak Airport and Buskin Beach were reinforced with additional anchors this summer. As of November 2016, four monitoring stations exist. NR Department staff visit the monitoring sites monthly to download data and perform any necessary maintenance.

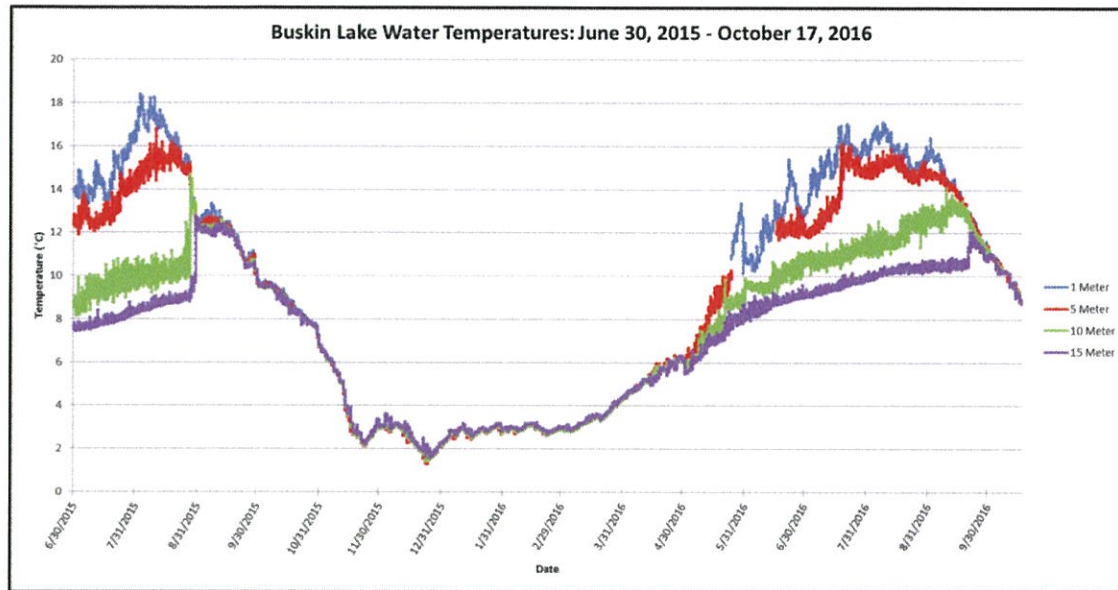
Kodiak Island Tribes Seafood Consumption

On September 30th, Sun'aq Tribe sent the preliminary draft report of the Kodiak Island Tribes Seafood Consumption Assessment to the Environmental Protection Agency. Sun'aq Tribe is thankful for the support and generous funding by EPA, and assistance from the many contributors along the way. The final report version will be completed by March 31, 2017.



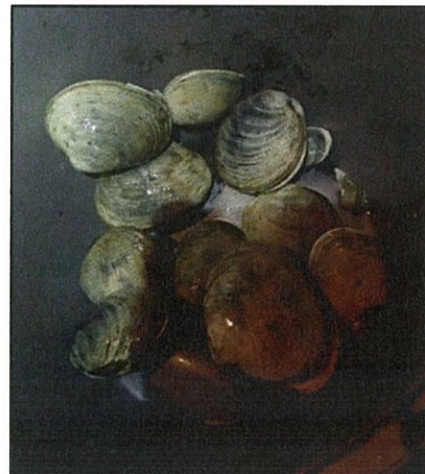
Salmon Stream Temperature Monitoring Continues

Sun'aq continued to monitor ten sites along the Kodiak Road System during 2016. In collaboration with USFWS – Kodiak National Refuge, ADF&G, and Kodiak Regional Aquaculture Association, data loggers continually monitor stream temperature at 27 streams and 25 lakes on the Kodiak Archipelago. Of those, Sun'aq monitors the temperature of seven streams and three lakes. The sites are visited monthly from May - October by Sun'aq staff, where the data is downloaded and brought back to the office for compilation.



Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning (PSP) Sampling

The NR Department has partnered with Alaska Sea Grant Marine Advisory Program for a community-based PSP testing of subsistence and recreational shellfish on Kodiak Island. Each month, staff collect 12 butter clams from a sampling site on Near Island identified by STK Tribal members as a customary harvest site. These clams are then shucked and processed at the Kodiak Seafood and Marine Science Center. The clam meat is then sent to North Carolina for analysis and PSP toxin presence/absence. This project started in October 2016 and will run for three years. Volunteer clam digging help would be appreciated! Contact Tom or Kelly at 486-4449.



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Tribal Youth Internship Positions - Starting May 2017!

In May 2016, Sun'aq was awarded a one-year grant from the BIA to incorporate Tribal youth into natural resource management on Kodiak Island. After posting the job descriptions in several different places (Sun'aq website, Facebook, Alaska Job Placement, Texas A&M Fisheries/Wildlife Job Board) for three weeks, we were unable to find any qualified applicants. We were given an extension (through September 2017) for the project, and are going to start advertising the job announcements again in January 2017.

Three positions will be available (Fisheries Intern, Natural Resources Intern, and Wildlife Intern). The internships will be 12 weeks in duration, with approximate start date of May 15 and end date of August 15. The Fisheries Intern will be placed with KRAA for the field season and the Wildlife Intern will be placed with ADF&G. The Natural Resources Intern will rotate between Sun'aq, ADF&G, KRAA, KSWCD, and Sea Grant.

For more information, contact Tom or Kelly at 486-4449, or visit our website (www.sunaq.org).



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12	13 Dance Practice @ Sun'aq 5:00-6:30pm	14 Valentine's Day	15 Cultural Orientation @ the College 4:00-5:00pm	16	17	18
19	20 Presidents' Day	21 Foraker Training at Sun'aq Tribal Hall 8:30am-4:00pm	22 Subsistence Community Potluck 6:00-9:00pm at Kodiak Seafood and Marine Science Center. Foraker Training	23 Foraker Training at Sun'aq Tribal Hall 8:30am-4:00pm	24 Kodiak Regional Spring AMBCC Meeting 12-3pm at Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak- Large Conference Room. Foraker Training	25 Dig Afognak Fundraiser and live auction at Elks Lodge 6:00-11:00pm
26	27 Monthly Tribal Council Meeting at Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak Large Conference Room 5:30pm	28 Dance club at the Tribe 5:00-6:00pm.		Chirikof Repatriation blessing of Remains at the Alutiiq Museum Basement Hallway 6:00Pm 02/23/2017		

March 2017 Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak Events						
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