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Chair Letter

Cama'i Tribal Members: Staff and Council have been very busy at the start of this new year. This includes holding our 2nd Annual Dig Afognak fundraising dinner and live auction as well as traveling to various conferences.

On February 25th, we hosted our 2nd Annual dinner and auction. Just like last year, this event was well attended, fun and raised a substantial amount of money for camp. With over 50 vendors donating and 188 tickets sold, we raised \$17,000 towards our 2017 season. We are excited about next year's event, so keep an eye out as the date gets finalized.

Council and staff regularly travel to conferences and events to stay current on items that are pertinent to our people and advocate on various priorities. Council member, Natasha Hayden and Tribal Administrator, Melissa Borton traveled to Washington D.C. in February to the National Congress of American Indians Executive Winter Council Session. This annual conference gave NVA an in-depth look at the incoming administration's priorities as they relate to Native American policy and appropriations. Since NVA relies heavily on federal funding, this is an important item to track.

In March, Council member, Malia Villegas and Tribal Administrator, Melissa Borton attended the RES2017, Reservation Economic Summit. This conference allowed participants to hear from successful tribal businesses. NVA is in the midst of identifying business opportunities in order to diversify our revenue sources. Attendance at tribal economic development conferences enables our leadership to understand best practices while fleshing out potential business opportunities.

And lastly, Tribal Administrator, Melissa Borton represents our Kodiak Island Tribes and Villages on the Alaska Federation of Natives Board of Directors as well as the Governor's Tribal Advisory Council. Both of these groups, enables her to stay on top of issues facing our people both statewide and nationally as well as advocate on our behalf. One of her current priorities is changing the Fish and Wildlife Service and National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration regulations for harvesting marine mammals. Current regulations limit harvesting for only coastal Alaska Natives with 1/4 blood quantum. If the regulation is left in tact, our region will soon find that we will have very few people allowed to harvest marine mammals.

Along with all of these important issues, staff is preparing for our 2017 Dig Afognak season. Registrations are being accepted as of April 1st. We look forward to seeing as many tribal members at camp this year as possible.





NVA'S DIG AFOGNAK

2017 CAMP SCHEDULE

...an Alutiiq cultural experience

Native Village of Afognak's (NVA's) camps offer different themes for the five camps listed below. Each camp offers Alutiiq cultural activities such as the Alutiiq language, art activities, subsistence, traditional beading or skin sewing, spending time with respected Elders, nature walks, healthy friendships, banyas and a newly installed rope course/zip line.

Traditional Harvesting & Earth Camp *Registration deadline June 7th* **June 14th – June 19th****

Participants will take part in Alutiiq subsistence activities with local Elders and adult mentors, harvesting, preparing, and preserving traditional foods. The harvesting and recycling activities are designed to teach youth to preserve and keep our lands clean for future generations. Youth will also learn about the environmental risks we face today and the importance of protecting our environment that can harm our natural resources. **Youth ages 9 through 14 are invited.** \$100 for NVA Tribal Members and Descendants/\$200 for non-members.

Dig Afognak's "Survivor Camp" *Registration deadline June 16th* **June 23rd – June 28th****

During Survivor Camp the youth will learn important wilderness survival techniques through fun outdoor activities, games and competitions. Some of what the participants may learn this week will be about gun safety and have the opportunity to shoot a rifle, learn to read a compass and a GPS, administer emergency first aide, practice using survival suits, experience eating MRE's, kayak safety, learn what sea creatures, seaweeds and plants are edible, and how to build shelters and fires. **Youth ages 10 through 14 are invited.** \$100 for NVA Tribal Members and Descendants/\$200 for non-members.

Afognak Shareholder Camp *Registration deadline June 30th* **July 7th – July 11th****

Afognak Native Corporation (ANC) is sponsoring this camp for ANC Shareholders. Participants are invited to take part in cultural activities such as skin sewing, Alutiiq language, visit with long lost friends, and reminisce while touring the old village of Afognak, if weather permits. Shareholders will have an opportunity to do their subsistence fishing. Shareholder eligibility requirements: Afognak Native Corporation Shareholders plus one guest (guest is defined as an immediate family member); Lineal Descendants of shareholders are allowed to attend as space is available. No shareholder under the age of 15 is able to attend without a responsible adult present at camp; the responsible adult still needs to meet the basic eligibility requirements. We will be holding the Afognak Peoples Picnic on Saturday the 8th at the old village, or camp (weather depending). \$100 Per Camper and \$50 for those wanting to go on charter boat just for the picnic.

Cauyaq "Music"/Language Camp *Registration deadline July 8th* **July 15th – July 20th****

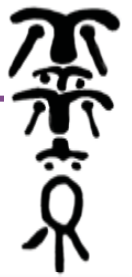
Youth participants will engage with Elders and culture bearers to learn traditional Alutiiq dance, music, songs, and more. Campers will have the opportunity to play traditional and other instruments and make dance regalia. Participants will apply what they have learned towards creating new and modern expressions that appeal to today's youth by participating in an evening of camp performances. **Youth ages 9 through 14 are invited.** \$100 for NVA Tribal Members and Descendants/\$200 for non-members.

Alumni Weekend *Registration deadline July 14th* **July 21st – July 23rd****

Former campers who have aged out of the camp program have the opportunity to return to the camp site and reconnect with Dig Afognak for adventure and reminisce about their past camp experiences. **Minimum age requirement of 18 and up.** \$100 for NVA Tribal Members and Descendants/\$200 for non-members.

The Native Village of Afognak (NVA) is a native tribal organization but registration is open to all native and non-native youth. Registration preference is offered to tribal membership and descendants prior to registration deadline. For more information regarding Dig Afognak Camps, please call the Native Village of Afognak at 486-6357 or email nancy@afognak.org, or kate@afognak.org.

****Due to the high participation requests please prioritize the camps you want to attend. Notice of cancellation must be received prior to the registration deadline in order to receive a registration refund.**



NVA Council & Staff would like to thank everyone who attended, donated and volunteered for our second annual Dig Afognak Dinner and Live auction. We had over 50 vendors donate an astonishing array of very nice auction items. At the event, we had a live and silent auction in which all items were purchased. There were 200 tickets available and 188 were sold. With the 2017 Dig Afognak season on the horizon, this dinner raised us over \$17,000.00!

Quyanaa to our Donors & Volunteers from the Dinner and Auction



Afognak Native Corporation
 Whale Pass Lodge
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In addition to all the dinner fundraiser donations we want to thank the following individuals for the cash donations

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ENVIRONMENTAL

Homemade Pest Traps Spring will be creeping in shortly and with it comes household pests such as fruit flies, flies and spiders. Below you will find some simple homemade traps to keep these pesky critters at bay!

Fruit Flies:

Pour vinegar into a wide-mouth jar and add a dash of dish soap. Shake vigorously. Fruit flies are attracted to the smell of vinegar, and the dish soap breaks down the surface tension of vinegar, causing the flies to drown.

Flies:

Homemade fly paper is easy! Cut a brown grocery bag into strips about two to three inches wide, punch a hole at one end and string some twine through it BEFORE you coat with the sticky mixture. In a saucepan mix ¼ cup sugar, ¼ honey or corn syrup and 2 tablespoons water on low heat, and stir until the mixture dissolves. Pour mixture into a shallow bowl and dip the paper strips on both sides until coated. You'll need to hang them to dry, so make sure there is something beneath the catch the drips. Once hung, the paper will eventually lose some of its stickiness, in which case it can be re-spritzed with sugar water.

Spiders:

Fill a spray bottle with water, and add about a half a teaspoon of dish soap and a teaspoon of strong smelling essential oil (lemon, lavender, tea tree, grapefruit or citronella) Spritz in common spider hangouts- behind bookshelves, under beds, etc. To keep the scent strong, spritz every other day.

INDOOR AIR QUALITY AND YOUR HOME

DID YOU KNOW?

- Indoor air pollution is one of the top 5 environmental risks to public health
- Indoor air pollution can be 100x the amount of pollutants found in the air outside
- Outside pollution is carried by the wind and disperses over the air, but indoors it builds up and can be hazardous to your health
- Many substances inside your house can cause indoor air pollution.
- 30% of all buildings pose a serious health hazard due to indoor air pollution
- Asthma is a serious, sometime life threatening respiratory disease. Environmental asthma triggers are found around the home.

What you can do to improve indoor air quality

- Dust mites and mold love moisture. The key to control mold is to control moisture. Keeping humidity around 30%-50% helps keep them and other allergens under control.
- Test for radon. This colorless, odorless gas significantly raises the risk of lung cancer. Radon is a radioactive gas that comes from the natural decay of uranium found in nearly all soils. It typically moves up through the ground and into your home through cracks and holes in the foundation.
- Chemicals and allergens can accumulate in household dust for decades. By using a vacuum with a HEPA filter, you can reduce concentrations of lead in your home. You can also get rid of other toxins, like brominated fire-retardant chemicals (PBDEs) as well as allergens like pollen, pet dander and dust mites.



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Staff Spotlight



Cama'i, my name is Denise Malutin I am the program manager here at Native Village of Afognak.

I was born and raised in Kodiak, my parents are Roger and Susan Malutin of Kodiak, and I have a brother Neil Malutin who lives in Anchorage. My spouse, Chad Pruitt and I have two beautiful daughters, Rebecca and Mavis Pruitt. We are so proud to be their parents, they have given us two wonderful grandchildren Christopher and Sophia. My family is very important to me, they have always been there for me. I am grateful to have them in my life, I would not be who I am today without each of them.

After high school, I worked at Kodiak Tribal Council with Margaret Roberts, that's when I learned about the Kodiak Alutiiq Dancers. I learned many songs, dances and the meanings of them, and the importance of our culture. I am forever grateful to Margaret for her willingness to share the dances and songs with me. This is



a memory I will never forget.

I proceeded to work at the Afognak Native Corporation, as a receptionist, and as coordinator for log ships. The log ship guys worked hard and I'm glad to have been a part of it. I had wonderful mentors who taught me a lot about the history of Afognak and Dig Afognak. Working for ANC helped me understand more about the village and how important our Afognak people are.

In 1996 I started at Kodiak Area Native Association and was there for about 10 years. KANA was a great place to work. This was where I learned about Spirit camp, women's wellness, the VPSO program and the childcare assistance program. I learned about teaching youth, and all the hard work that goes into providing camps and women's wellness.

I've worked at NVA since 2006 surrounded by kids, culture, and family. I hold each one very close to my heart. As the program manager for our Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Program, and as a staff member for Dig Afognak. I am so grateful to work with a group that is hard working, happy and healthy and for a boss who is inspiring and constantly encourages her employees to do their very best. I truly believe in, and I am very passionate about NVA and what we stand for. Quyanna!



The answer to the last People of Afognak Photo is:
L to R: Jon Jon, Karen Marie Pestrikoff, Uncle Johnny Pestrikoff holding Richard Pestrikoff, Aunt Julia Knagin Pestrikoff in front of their old house in Afognak.

Arlene Nelson was the first to call in and answer correctly.

ATTENTION!

Native Village of Afognak is looking for old Afognak photo's. If you would like to share your photos please email them to talettha@afognak.org or mail a copy to 323 Carolyn St. Kodiak, Alaska 99615. Please include names of who is in the photos.

Thanks so much!



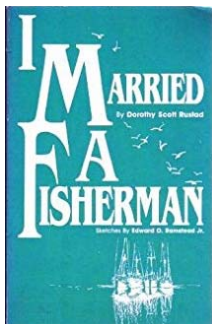
Nadia Mullan Alutiig Heritage Library Features

Here are a few books featured in our library. Visit our website at www.afognak.org to find more books!

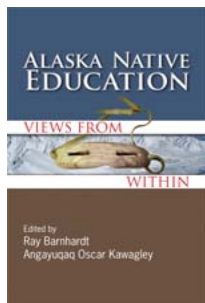
Cool Green Stuff: As fun to look at as it is to use, *Cool Green Stuff* features a gallery of environmentally friendly fashions, jewelry, bags, gadgets, home décor, and other one-of-a-kind products that were designed and produced to make the world a cooler and greener place. Inspired by the latest report of “cool hunters” – A new breed of trend watchers who travel the physical and virtual world in search of cutting-edge design – these products will amaze and tempt you. From a wine-bottle hanging lamp to floral bracelets made of vintage fabric, this collection showcases the imagination and innovation of leading designers at work around the world today. Some of the designs in *Cool Green Stuff* meet our environmental challenges head on, actually saving energy, water, and waste; others aim to tread lightly on our delicate planet. Each product is coupled with an explanation of its environmental significance, the material used to create it, and its website* so you can buy it. Best of all, when you start using the internet sites to kickstart your own search for cool green stuff, a new, eco-chic world will open up to you.



I Married A Fisherman: Why does a fisherman go down to the sea in a small boat, to fight wind and waves and tide from dawn to dusk in weather more often foul than fair? Because he likes to fish. It's as simple as that. Norman Rustad was a husky, independent Norski, born to be a fisherman, and he earned a good living for his family. Dorothy Scott, a city-bred biology teacher, had other plans for the future until she and Norman met, in Petersburg, Alaska. She was an occasional fisherman until their three sons grew up and she was free to become first mate on their troller *Nordot*. Though never fully at ease with the awesome powers of the sea, she loved its beauty and mystery, she had faith in her Norski, and she prayed a lot. This is the warmly human story of a successful partnership in the dangerous, demanding but rewarding enterprise that was commercial salmon-trolling in Southeast Alaskan waters. Ed Ramstead, the illustrator, knows those waters too. He was born and reared at Point Agassiz, near Petersburg.



Alaska Native Education Views from Within: Alaska Native People have a long history of addressing their educational needs with purposes and practices of their own making. Over the past 100 years however, with the influx of outsiders and the decimation of whole communities brought on by disease and epidemics, responsibility for education has shifted to the imported structure and mandates of schools. Having endured numerous variations in the form and substance of formal education, Native people continue to find the Western system of schooling wanting in meeting their educational needs. The authors of the essays contained in this volume seek to identify the limitations of the existing system of education and offer alternative views that point toward the reevaluation of local knowledge and ways of knowing, with an emphasis on bending old and new practices that address the contemporary needs of Alaska Native people, and in doing so, benefit all people.



All available Q Books on the iTunes App Store



First Fish



Little Bear



Kayak



Uksumuuq!



Kiagumuuq!



Weasel

If you type in “Afognak” in the app store it will come up with everything that is available from us. Apps will work only on the iPad and iPad mini, but not an iPhone.

History of the Native Village of Afognak

"After much discussion, they held a vote on whether to rebuild Afognak or relocate the village to a new place. ...it was a very close vote; 18 for relocating, 17 for rebuilding the village."

~Excerpt taken from "A Case Study of the Relocation of Afognak Village to Port Lions" by Sarah L. Lukin



"Once the people chose the site of their new village, they were faced with the momentous task of building a village from the ground up. Some chose to relocate to Port Lions and still others chose to move to Kodiak and other communities, ***forever altering the composition of the village residents.*** "

At one time the Village of Afognak was a prosperous community with approximately 190 residents at the time of the 1964 earthquake and tsunami.

On March 27, 1964, the Great Alaska Earthquake and Tsunami was a defining moment for the residents of the Afognak village. The earthquake, a magnitude of 9.2 on the Richter scale and lasting for four minutes, was the largest earthquake ever recorded in North America.

Of an estimated 38 structures in the village, 23 were either extensively damaged or destroyed. Many structures, including the grocery store and

community hall, were floated from their foundations and washed as much as a half a mile inland.

The people of Afognak not only mourned the death of a few of its residents who were returning from Kodiak on their fishing boat but the loss of their village and life as they had known it.

The community found the strength to survive by relying upon each other as their traditional values had taught them. They united and supported one another as they sought solutions to the devastation they faced.

After much discussion, the residents of the village held a vote on whether or not to rebuild or relocate Afognak. The vote was very close, 18 for relocating and 17 for rebuilding. This vote was the deciding factor that forever altered the composition of the village residents.

It was an emotionally difficult time for the residents to leave their home and as a result some people chose not to move to the new village of Port Lions, but chose to move throughout Kodiak Island, the State of Alaska and the Lower 48.

For more detail on the history and relocation of Afognak read the in-depth study of the relocation of the Afognak Village to Port Lions that was compiled and completed by Sarah Lukin in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the Degree of Master of Arts in Rural Development.



In 1998, the Afognak Native Corporation Board of Directors re-constituted the Native Village of Afognak (NVA). They felt that there were a significant number of people who had not relocated to Port Lions, which results in a loss of connection to cultural identity for those who had moved off-island.

In the first resolution of NVA, dated May 1, 1998, the interim Tribal Council Chairman, Gene Sundberg, stated that they wished to reestablish NVA to preserve the culture and heritage of the members of the Native Village of Afognak.

The Interim Council started the process of re-constitution by setting framework for the Tribe. This included writing the constitution, submitting to the

Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) as an Indian Reorganization Act (IRA) Tribe, writing ordinances and initiating the first contract with BIA. In 1993, Ada Deer gave Tribes in Alaska federal recognition. This declaration is what appropriated tribal funding for all federally recognized Tribes in Alaska.

In addition the interim Council determined their base roll membership to be the original shareholders of the Natives of Afognak, Inc., prior to the merger with the Port Lions Corporation. There were 398 original shareholders at that time and all of them automatically became NVA's base roll membership.

Today, NVA has grown to a membership of 644 members.



What NVA has to offer

NVA has built programs that benefit our tribal members and enhance the Kodiak community, while working towards unifying the Native community island-wide.

Dig Afognak - since 1998, NVA has operated a cultural immersion camp located near our traditional village. Today, 4 weeks of camp are offered that works to build a strong cultural foundation for our youth and give them tools necessary to make positive life choices.

Educational Programs - NVA offers several educational programs including: environmental; Alutiiq language; kindergarten preparation; Alutiiq dancers program and an afterschool program. In addition, we offer a higher education scholarship to tribal members through the Koniag Educational Foundation.

Resources - NVA houses a public resource library in our office that showcases Alutiiq, Alaska Native and American Indian history as well as Afognak genealogy.

Governance - In addition maintaining membership, we offer Indian Child Welfare Services and continually advocate on behalf of the needs of our people and our community.



Enrollment to NVA

NVA maintains three tribal member rolls: base roll, descendency roll and the supplemental roll.

Base Roll: Original shareholders of the Natives of Afognak, Inc, prior to the merger with the Port Lions Corporation.

Descendency Roll: Lineal descendant of a base roll member.

Supplemental Roll: A person of Native descent with a direct lineal tie to the village of Afognak.

Enrollment applications are available at www.afognak.org; please direct all enrollment questions to Nina Gronn at (907) 486-6357 or nina@afognak.org.



9 TIPS FOR LIVING WITH LESS PLASTIC



1 Bring your own shopping bag



2 Carry a reusable water bottle



3 Bring your own cup



4 Pack your lunch in reusable containers



5 Say no to disposable straws & cutlery



6 Skip the plastic produce bags



7 Slow down and dine in



8 Store leftovers in glass jars



9 Share these tips with your friends

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Aq'wanermiut Liitut Scholarship

Atagua to Kristy Carpenter, recipient of the Native Village of Afognak Aq'wanermiut Liitut scholarship! Kristy is studying Computer Science and Molecular Biology at MIT, and is an Alutiiq language learner who fosters strong connections to community. Congratulations Kristy!

The next Aq'wanermiut Liitut Scholarship deadline is June 1, 2017, for more information please see Koniag Education Foundations website. www.koniageducation.org





New Staff

Cama'it! My name is Lynda "Saqaingatak" Lorenson, and I am happy to have returned to the Native Village of Afognak as of February 1st as the Grants Manager. If I seem familiar it is because I have worked for NVA before as the Alutiiq Language Curriculum Coordinator from 2012-2015.



Lynda, Ashlee, Jason
Bryan & Nicholas

My family is from Afognak Island, my paternal grandfather is Rudolph Lorenson and my father is Gene Lorenson. My husband Jason and I have three wonderful kids: Bryan

9, Nicholas 6 and Ashlee 2. We enjoy all the outdoor adventures the island has to offer. I look forward to once again working with the tribe and the wonderful people that work here. Quyanaa!

ANNOUNCEMENT!

DIG AFOGNAK ZIP LINE



The newly installed zip line at Dig Afognak has certain requirements and recommendations that we wanted all camp attendees to be aware of.

Age Requirements: Participant must be at least 7 years old and fit appropriately into harness.

Weight Limits: Minimum 60 lbs Maximum: 280 lbs

Height Requirements: Minimum 3'6" Maximum 7'

SPOIL YOUR GARDEN ROTTEN WITH HOMEMADE COMPOST



WHAT IS COMPOST?

A great way to recycle unwanted organic materials and turn

HOW DOES COMPOST WORK?



Microbes thrive on the heat, moisture and oxygen in your compost pile and work hard eating and reproducing. Which turns the

WHAT YOU NEED:

3 foot cubed pile on ground or in container

1 part fresh green material

2 parts brown materials

Oxygen & Water



COMPOSTING BASICS:

PUT IT IN!

Dry browns: (carbon)

- Dead leaves
- Hay and straw
- Wood shavings
- Wood ash
- All paper, shredded
- Natural fibers such as wool and cotton

Fresh Greens: (nitrogen)

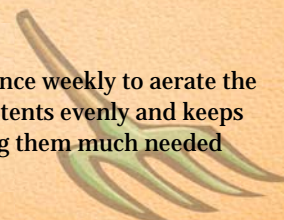
- Kitchen veggies and fruit scraps
- Nutshells, eggshells, corncobs
- Yard scraps, grass clippings, weeds
- Pet hair
- Dirt and dust from dustpan or vacuum

LEAVE IT OUT!

- Meat and bones
- Dairy products
- Diseased plants
- Oily and fatty food
- Manure from carnivores

STIR IT UP!

Turn and mix the compost once weekly to aerate the pile. This distributes the contents evenly and keeps the microbes happy by giving them much needed oxygen



WATER IT!

Add just enough water so the compost feels like a moist sponge. Too much or too little water will slow the process.



Tribal Member Contact Information



NVA needs updated addresses for the following Tribal Members, give us a call if you have any information . Quayanaa!

Michelle Novotny	Kristjan Olsen	Frederick Chouinard	Mary Blankenship
Roy Skinner III	Christopher Clark	Lucille Dulin	Garret Schmidt
Gilbert Mathis	Barbara Palmer	Jerzee Hall	Gordan McCormick
Martin Palmer	Debra Mullan	Myrtle Kelley	Izair Chute
Nicole Charters	Alexandra Leslie	Jodi McDonald	Jalani King
Dorrie Wamser	Robert Chouinard	Thomas Mathis	Valerie King
Jill Ware	Susan Mathis	Ellsworth Warner	Nathan Alexander
Carmella Buchanan	Viola Skinner	Robert Halmsteiner	Carol Valley
Theresa Etheridge	Valerie Benson	Althea Halmsteiner	Maximus Harris

People of Afognak Photo



Can you identify the person featured in this photo? If you can, email your answer to taletha@afognak.org.
If you are the first to answer correctly, you will receive a prize.

Native Village of Afognak

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Afognak" and "Dig Afognak" to keep up
to date with events !*



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Special Announcements

The NVA office will be closed for the following dates:

Monday, May 29, 2017 in observance of Memorial Day

Tuesday, July 4, 2017 in observance of Independence Day

Friday, August 11, 2017 in observance of NVA Constitution Day

Monday, September 5, 2017 in observance of Labor Day

Save the Date for NVA's Annual Meeting & Tribal Election

September 23, 2017 at Afognak Native Corporation,
300 Alimaq Drive, Kodiak, AK 99615