



# Native Village of Afognak

To embrace, protect, develop, and enhance Alutiiq culture, protect our traditional use areas and encourage unity among the Alutiiq of the Kodiak Archipelago

## Request for Proposals

Charter Boats for Dig Afognak

**Requested by:** Native Village of Afognak

The Native Village of Afognak is seeking qualified individuals to transport equipment, supplies, staff, and participants (including youth & Elders) to and from the remote Dig Afognak camp site during the 2026 camp season. NVA intends to hire multiple charters for each camp, to assist with the transport of supplies and up to 60 guests over multiple trips.

**Proposal Due Date:** March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026, received by 5:00pm (late submissions are not considered)

**Proposal Submission Method:** Email, mail, or hand delivery

**Proposal Submission Address:**

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**Professional Services Contract Executed:** April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Project Start Date:** April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Project Completion Date:** August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026

### Project Description and Scope-of-Work:

Dig Afognak is a remote culture camp located on Afognak Island that operates from May-August. The Native Village of Afognak is seeking qualified individual(s) who meet the requirements to transport Dig Afognak staff and participants between Anton Larsen Bay dock and Dig Afognak during the 2026 Dig Afognak season. This will be accomplished through multiple trips by several captains. All youth passengers will be accompanied by a responsible adult chaperone. The contractor must be flexible in their schedule to meet the needs of the Tribe and tides.

Participants, staff, and supplies will need transport to or from Dig Afognak on the following dates. Those that will include large groups of people needing multiple trips are marked accordingly.

- April 16<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting
- April 28<sup>th</sup>
- May 1<sup>st</sup>
- May 14<sup>th</sup>
- May 19<sup>th</sup>
- June 6<sup>th</sup>
- June 12<sup>th</sup>
- June 15<sup>th</sup>

- June 19<sup>th</sup>
- June 23<sup>rd</sup>
- June 25<sup>th</sup>
- June 26<sup>th</sup> \*Multiple Trips required
- June 29<sup>th</sup> \* Antons pick up, drop off at camp @1PM and pick up from camp @5PM
- June 30<sup>th</sup> \*Multiple Trips required
- July 8<sup>th</sup>
- July 9<sup>th</sup> \*Multiple Trips required
- July 13<sup>th</sup> \*Multiple Trips required
- July 16<sup>th</sup>
- July 17<sup>th</sup> \*Multiple Trips required
- July 21<sup>st</sup> \*Multiple Trips required
- July 23<sup>rd</sup>
- July 24<sup>th</sup> \*Multiple Trips required
- July 28<sup>th</sup> \*Multiple Trips required
- July 30<sup>th</sup>
- July 31<sup>st</sup> \*Multiple Trips required
- August 1<sup>st</sup> \* See note about picnic
- August 4<sup>th</sup> \*Multiple Trips required
- August 7<sup>th</sup>
- August 10<sup>th</sup>
- August 1<sup>st</sup>, with picnic taking place between 2 and 4:30. The Afognak People's Picnic will include charters to the Afognak Village from Antons, Dig Afognak, and Port Lions, and return trips. This will include getting all campers and staff from Dig Afognak to the Village and back, which may be up to 60 individuals.
- Marine Debris Cleanup Initiative –The crew will be based at Dig Afognak for this duration and will need rides daily to the cleanup location, which may include the Afognak Village, Marka Bay, east side of Whale Island.
  - August 5<sup>th</sup>
  - August 6<sup>th</sup>
  - August 7<sup>th</sup>
  - August 8<sup>th</sup>
  - August 9<sup>th</sup>
  - August 10<sup>th</sup>

### **Who we are:**

The Native Village of Afognak is a federally recognized tribe, one of ten tribes in the Kodiak Archipelago and currently serves over 850 members. The people of the Native Village of Afognak are the descendants of the original Alutiiq inhabitants of the village of Ag'waneq which was located on the island of Afognak, three miles off the shore of Kodiak Island. The members of our tribe inhabited our ancestral village until the Great Earthquake and tsunami in 1964 in which the village was destroyed. A new community was constructed on the northeast coast of Kodiak Island, called Port Lions, and many residents of Afognak moved there permanently following the destruction of the original village. Many of our members reside in Port Lions, the city of Kodiak, as well as Anchorage and the lower 48. Today, the

Native Village of Afognak operates a cultural immersion camp during the summer months on Afognak Island.

**Proposal Requirements:**

- Provide proof of insurance
- Cost per charter and number of passengers allowed
  - Please specify if the captain is able to also haul freight and the rates for freight to camp and back.
- Description of the boat and equipment to be used for the project
- Copy of Captain's License
- Specify availability on the dates listed above
- Any other documentation that may be beneficial to the Tribe
- If chosen, a list of all subcontractors will be required within 5 working days of being selected as a contractor. Captain and subcontractors are required to pass a criminal background check.

**Draft Scoring Criteria:**

Proposals will be scored based on the following criteria. The scoring criteria are subject to change without notice at the discretion of the Tribe.

The following proposal components will be rated from 1-10 with 1 being the lowest:

- Years of experience
- Cost per trip
- Availability
- Knowledge of route/location
- Boat and equipment dependability
- Life jackets for all passengers
- Tribal members and/or Shareholders