

Native Village of Afognak

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Like our Facebook pages "Native Village of Afognak" and "Dig Afognak" to keep up to date with events!

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A F O G N A K
P E O P L E ' S
N E W S L E T T E R

Chair Letter



Cama'i Tribal Members,

I would like to start off by congratulating my fellow council members James Dunham and Malia Villegas who were re-elected this past September at NVA's Annual Meeting. I would also like to sincerely thank those of you who joined us for the virtual meeting. I appreciated the opportunity to connect with members near and far, familiar faces and new acquaintances. The COVID-19 pandemic has certainly changed our lives and a lot of things for the Native Village of Afognak, especially for the beloved Dig Afognak Camp. Although we held one very successful camp in July, the decision was made to shut down camp for the rest of the summer due to the influx of cases in the Kodiak Region. It turned out to be the right choice as local case counts increased significantly in the following weeks. Case counts have been diminishing and vaccinations are available to children so we are planning on hosting a full-fledged camp schedule this coming summer and are excited to resume the wonderful tradition of bringing our people together to learn and share our special history and culture. Please let us know if you have any questions about the upcoming camp season.

I would like to commend and thank the Afognak Native Corporation for conducting the Annual Afognak Native Corporation Golf Tournament fundraising event this summer. This year's tournament raised a record amount of money for the Native Village of Port Lions and the Native Village of Afognak, providing nearly \$49,000 for each Tribe, which will help NVA greatly with providing Dig Afognak Cultural Camp! Our Tribal Administrator and her Executive Assistant both attended and assisted ANC staff. They were very impressed with the logistics and the flow of the tournament, and found it fun and exciting to be a part of such a great event.

Last December NVA utilized CARES Act funding to offer a \$300 cash distribution to tribal members. We are now planning on distributing a variety of seafood to tribal members who have a current physical address and phone number on file. Please contact the office to make sure we have current contact information so that we can send you this wonderful package soon!

Staff is currently developing plans for providing cultural activity packets for kids and adults in the new year. Information will be available on the Native Village of Afognak Facebook page or by contacting the office. My fellow council members and I are always happy to hear from you so please feel free to reach out to share any comments or questions you may have about our tribe. We are grateful for all of you and wish you all a wonderful holiday season.

ATTENTION !

The Native Village of Afognak is looking for the current addresses of:

Call 907-486-6357 or email denise@afognak.org to update



Mullan, Nola Michelle
Michelle N. Mullan
Michelle L. Novotny
Roy E. Skinner III
Gilbert J. Mathis
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Sterling T. Hayden
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Barbara E. Palmer
James S. Pearson
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Alexandra W. Leslie
Susan A. Mathis
Viola L. Skinner

Valerie K. Benson
Frederick L Chouinard
Lucille R. Dulin
Myrtle A. Kelly
Jodi K. McDonald
Thomas G. Mathis
Althea D. Halmsteiner
Gordan C. McCormick
Jonathan Bruce Larsen
Caitlin Davis
Anthony C. Hoedel-Lukin
Ginger A. Murphy
Wayne D. Zampa

Air Quality Tips

Improve Indoor Air Quality in just a Few Ways



Check your Furniture:

Some furniture is made with toxic glues with harmful chemicals, lacquers and varnishes that hinder allergies and asthma. Some furniture is made with woods that have been treated with formaldehyde.



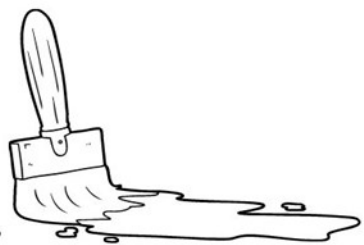
Go Fragrance Free:

Fragrances found in many common cleaning products can hinder those with asthma and allergies. Look for fragrance-free laundry soap, kitchen, and bathroom cleaners. Natural cleaners such as lemon, baking soda, and vinegar make your home sparkle.



Reconsider your Paint:

When purchasing paint look for paints that are labeled "Zero VOC" or "Low VOC" to cut down on harmful chemicals.

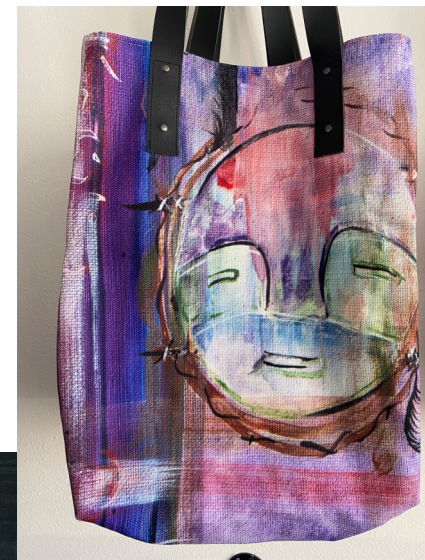


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ALUTIIQ BOUTIQUE

Native Village of Afognak has been using artwork by local artist, Hanna Sholl to create unique clothing and accessories to promote our Alutiiq culture and wear with pride! We have a variety of items in stock and online. You can shop in person, by phone, or visiting the link below

www.artofwhere.com/artists/native-village-of-afognak



NVA NEW HIRE



Hi my name is Sherry Eluska, my parents are the late Edward & Barbara (Panamaroff) Phillips, I was born in Kodiak, and raised in the village of Akhiok. My family and I moved here to Kodiak 4 1/2 years ago. I am married to Michael Eluska and we have 3 children, Christopher, Desiree & Kaylee. I was hired here at NVA back in July as the Office Coordinator, some of my duties include, answering phones, assisting with mailouts, filing etc. I previously worked as a Tribal Enrollment clerk in the village of Akhiok. I am looking forward to learning about Tribal Enrollment here at NVA. I sure enjoy working here at NVA, the staff and council members are amazing. If you ever have any questions or concerns about NVA, please do not hesitate to reach out to me, I will help you the best way I can. Thank you!

Cama'i Members,

My name is Yvonne Mullan and I recently began employment at the Native Village of Afognak as the Grants & Program Manager. My father is Wayne Lukin of Port Lions and I am the granddaughter of the late Afonie & Zenida Lukin of Afognak. I previously served as the Tribal Administrator for the Native Village of Port Lions for nearly 5 years. My skills and experience is overall Tribal Government, grants & contracts management, administrative and management as well as a deep love and passion for the Alutiiq culture & crafts. My goal in serving you is to enhance current and future programs by seeking additional funding sources and provide high-level support to your Program Managers. I look forward to serving you. Please feel free to reach out to me at manager@afognak.org to provide feedback on our current programs and suggestions on potential programs/services you would like to see incorporated. Quyanaa!



Cama'i, my name is Sarah Miles. I am the daughter of Sharon Wolkoff and the late Mike Miles Sr. My grandparents are the late Helen and Dudie Wolkoff. I was born and raised here in Kodiak along with my 3 siblings: Angela, Amanda and Michael. In 2010 I began working at KANA as a Certified Medical Assistant, though I loved working in the medical field, after 8 1/2 years I found myself wanting to explore my options outside of healthcare. In July 2021 I was hired on at NVA as an expeditor/receptionist, while working in these positions I found interest in hydroponics and was offered the position as a hydroponic intern. I look forward to working with the team and seeing the hydroponic farm grow.

My name is Ralph A. Christiansen. My mother is Mary B. Christiansen, and my father is the late Jerry D. Christiansen. I grew up in Old Harbor and moved to Kodiak in 2014 where I have worked as a laborer and painter and most recently maintenance and hydroponics intern here at NVA. I am enjoying the positions I am in and hope to continue learning more about hydroponics.

AIR QUALITY

Unscramble the letters to spell the words correctly

LETTER MIX-UP!



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Announcements!

Native Village of Afognak will be closed the following dates:

- Thursday and Friday December 23-24, 2021 in observance of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day
- Friday December 31st in observance of New Year's Day

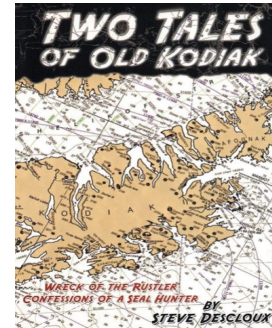
2022 **TENATIVE DIG AFOGNAK CAMP DATES:**

Koniag Camp:	June 24 - June 29
Harvesting/Survivor Camp:	July 13 - July 18
Music/Language Camp:	July 22 - July 27
Shareholder Camp:	August 3 - August 8

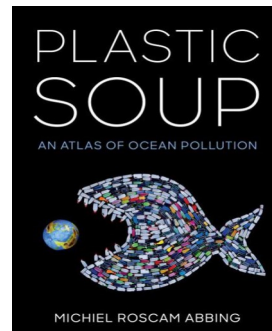


PetersonPlus is an Alaskan Native Family owned, direct to customer seafood company based in Kodiak, Alaska. We are 5th generation commercial fishermen who harvest, process and ship our seafood all over the United States. We package in the ways of true Alaska Natives and prepare it like we have for years for the long winter months. We vacuum seal all our seafood for individual use in smaller, more manageable portions to use whenever you feel like having a taste of Alaska. Our specialty is in salmon, halibut, cod and smoked salmon with the highest possible quality available on the market. We are your trusted source for true, wild Alaskan seafood available year-round! **CALL 907-486-6357 OR EMAIL tribe@afognak.org TO MAKE SURE NVA HAS YOUR PHYSICAL ADDRESS TO RECEIVE A BOX.**

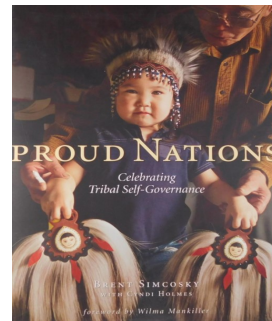
Nadia Mullan Alutiq Heritage Library Features



Let this author take you back with a couple memories to an earlier, wilder Kodiak, Alaska when the seafood industry was booming and the town never went to sleep, when trappers were popular and often sold most of their prime furs to the locals and tourists, when the churches and the bars ran neck and neck in number and the congregation was always greatest in the latter.



Plastics have transformed every aspect of our lives. Yet the very properties that make them attractive--they are cheap to make, light, and durable--spell disaster when trash makes its way into the environment. *Plastic Soup: An Atlas of Ocean Pollution* is a beautifully-illustrated survey of the plastics clogging our seas, their impacts on wildlife and people around the world, and inspirational initiatives designed to tackle the problem. With striking photography and graphics, *Plastic Soup* brings plastic pollution to brilliant life for readers.



Proud Nations: Celebrating Tribal Self-Governance is a compilation of stories that illustrate the success of tribes becoming self-sufficient, self-determining and self-governing nations in today's society. Through a tribally driven congressional initiative titled Tribal Self-Governance, the doors have been further opened for tribes to exercise their fundamental sovereign rights and authorities with minimal federal government involvement.

OLD AFOGNAK PHOTO

Do you know who this is? The first person to call us at **907-486-6357** with the correct name will win one of our new logo hoodies in the color/size

